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delta_dog wrote:

It's a hard habit to break but don't set the hook until you feel the fish and when you do set the hook try using a LOW sweeping strip set. Don't be afraid to use the resistance of the water to aid in the hook set. Think of it like a lever if that makes sense.

Good answer - wait till you feel the fish.

Are you sure they were bass hitting your popper? They may have been fallfish or sunfish and they tend to miss the hook more. You might try a smaller popper but I wouldn't go too small. I've had problems with larger SMBs (12"+) taking poppers very deep so I tend to stay with poppers that are at least about 2" long with a head about the size of a thumbnail. Smaller bass will still nail poppers this size - they'll actually hit much larger poppers - and this smaller size sometimes hooks a few more of the smaller guys.