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I've been fishing a 6 wt with a floating line lately, but I also use a 7 wt. I fish a 9' 2x leader. You may want to get an extra spool and a floating line. For flies, I suggest streamers (clousers, buggers, sculpins), crayfish (have big ones and small ones), and poppers. Some guys like large nymphs like the hellgramites discussed above, but I don't use them often.

Use an active retrieve with streamers, vary it until you figure out with the fish want that day. Crayfish can be dead drifted like a nymph or bounced accross the bottom. Poppers should be cast to structure. Plop them down, give one pop and let it drift for a few seconds before you pop it again. The strike often comes durring that pause after the first pop. If there are pan fish present add a nymph as a dropper for some bonus fun. Another way to fish the popper that is often effctive for me is to strip the popper in such a way that it dives under the water and swims a foot or so then stop and it will rise back to the surface, wait for a few seconds and repeat. The strike will often come durring the pause.

Good luck!