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An 18" smallie is about 8 years old. Smallies are slower growing and longer lived than trout so the big ones can be tough to catch.

In my local creek I have taken one approach that works, but takes lots of time. The big smallies near me rest most of the time but take occasional lunges into the shallows to grab some minnows and smaller fish. When they are chasing minnows they are suckers for streamers or pencil poppers. Of course the problem is that you have to be there when it happens. This involves time scouting to get their feeding patterns and then making sure you are regularly around at feeding time. I don't know any shortcuts to consistently getting the larger stream bass, but being there when they attack the shallows does work.

Same for carp. I can only catch carp on flies when they are mudding or feeding. Therefore, first step is to figure out when and where they feed. No substitute for time on the water.