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Re: Hookset: how do I get tiny flies to reliably take?

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I'm sure that you guys are generally right on multiple counts. Some of these fish were definitely making last second refusals, as I clearly saw one do exactly that. It hit the water surface hard, but far enough off of the fly that it was clearly a last-second rejection and not a miss. Gotta think that others were doing the same thing, but were hared to judge. Conversely, it was hilarious to see the fry-sized fish come grab on a size 14 renegade and swim off with it, clearly unable to take it in their mouths fully, let alone get hooked.

However, one of the hits that I failed to make a set on was very clearly sipped in by a nice-sized (about 13") brown maybe 10 yards away. With polarized sunglasses on, I could see him clear as day. After he took the fly and held it, I counted one-one-thousand, two-one-thousand and then tried to set, but pulled it right out of is mouth and he never took another shot after that. What pcray said for #1 and #2 definitely rings a bell. I am a converted bass fisherman who is definitely guilty of occasionally setting flies like I'm trying to drive a 3/0 bass hook into a heavy-lipped largemouth. I also am not used to worrying about the direction of the set as much. In hindsight and with what he posted, I'm fairly certain that I was paying very little attention to the direction I was setting.