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Re: Getting it to the bottom ....
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Stagger,

There's no easy fix because it will vary from riff to riff or from one side of a run to the other side...if you really want to nymph properly. I'm not a big nympher and am a bit lazy when doing it....but still catch fish.

I put on my flies / weight and use my indi to counter the weight and keep me from hanging up too much. If I hang up constantly, I'll trim the leader 3"-6" and try again. I won't remove weight because I still want them sinking quickly. If I don't hit bottom in several casts, I'll raise the indi.

1 - 1 1/2 the water depth? No clue. I look at the water and guess.

Real heavy water might rewire more weight. The angle you fish will also impact how deep the flies will be able to get.....straight upstream vs up and across vs down and across. The tension or lack of line tension will determine how deep the flies can get. Someone else mentioned tuck cast which drives the flies in first and helps get them drop faster.

I use very little weight and still lose a lot of flies to the river bottom. I just think thrres a bunch of variables that make answering you question difficult. A little on stream time with a vet might be more help than 20 posts....just a thought. If I wasn't 90 minutes away, I'd be first volunteer.