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Re: Optimizing my tight line rig

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Quote:

dwa111 wrote:

- 3-4 in of the other tag end with a overhand knot to hold my weight

This sounds like you are drop shotting. If so you can have far more distance between your bottom dropper and the weight. I often have 10" or longer tag end for my weight. You can really dial in where in the water column you want your flies by doing this, just as you would change the position of your top dropper to adjust where it fishes.

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I end up going through a lot of 4x tippet with snags & running out of tag end due to changing/losing flies. I ended up pre-tying the setup and storing them in my pack so I don't have retie the entire things on the river.

There are several ways to reduce the need for complete rebuilds of the bottom of your leader. Tippet rings, dropper loops, and tying sliding droppers to the main line above the existing dropper knots are all ways to add droppers without totally re-rigging. Also the droppers should be one size smaller of material than your main line so that when they do snag, they break off first and you don't lose the risk losing the rest of your rig.

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Is this a good setup? Can it be optimized? Is it correct to have my heavier fly on top or should it be the bottom fly?

~~You almost always want your heaviest fly as the bottom or point fly, even in a drop shot set up. Especially if you have a long distance between the flies. (You mention 2')~~ Doing it that way still gets strikes, no doubt, but you reintroduce the strike detection shortcomings of conventional shot/indicator rigs by having a lighter fly trailing behind. Putting a significantly heavier fly up higher than than the lighter fly will make it harder to stay in contact with the bottom fly unless the additional split shot outweighs both. Even then it can be problematic.

IMO, if you are doing a drop shot set up, the shot should make up the bulk of the weight on your rig. At least it should be more than either of the flies. It just makes for an easier rig to cast and fish. Additionally, with this set up, you can always make light flies sink less or more by adjusting weight.