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First, a 14 is not a small fly. It's not huge either, about average. A 14 is a tweener between 4x and 5x tippet, with even somewhat cloudy water I'd have 4x on, with brown water 3x. Use as big as you can get away with.

I tried to figure out a proper formula but it doesn't work quite right. Generally 10-16 = 3x to 5x depending on conditions, 18-20 = 5x or 6x, 22-26 = 6x, and I don't fish anything much smaller than a 26, but if you're using a size 30 or something I could see 7x becoming useful. Also on steelhead I try not to go below 3x on any size fly, but I have used 4x before.

I always add length to the tippet before going down in size. As others said, its drag, not the trout's ability to see the line (they see all line, don't fool yourself). While the guys at the fly shop may be knowledgeable, they should be ashamed of themselves to recommend such fine tippets. They do the same in TCO here in Reading, and anything thinner than 6x is absolutely ridiculous on the Tully even in trico time.