



FLY FISHERS
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Fly Fishing Introduction



What is A Fly ?

“An imitation of a fish food item, traditionally very light and made of hair, feathers and thread tied to a hook.”



Wikipedia

“...artificial flies are an imitation of natural food sources which fly fishers present to their target species of fish while fly fishing. Artificial flies are constructed by fly tying, in which furs, feathers, thread or any of very many other materials are tied onto a fish hook.

Artificial flies may be constructed to represent all manner of potential freshwater and saltwater fish prey to include aquatic and terrestrial insects, crustaceans, worms, baitfish, vegetation, flesh, spawn, small reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds, etc. ...

There are thousands of artificial fly patterns, many of them with descriptive and often idiosyncratic names.”

Lightweight

Can be Made to Float

Can be Skittered or
Skated or Dance



Can Be Made Very Small



Can be Neutrally Buoyant

'Suspend' in Water



Can Be Made to Sink



Can Move at Rest



Can Swim Erratically

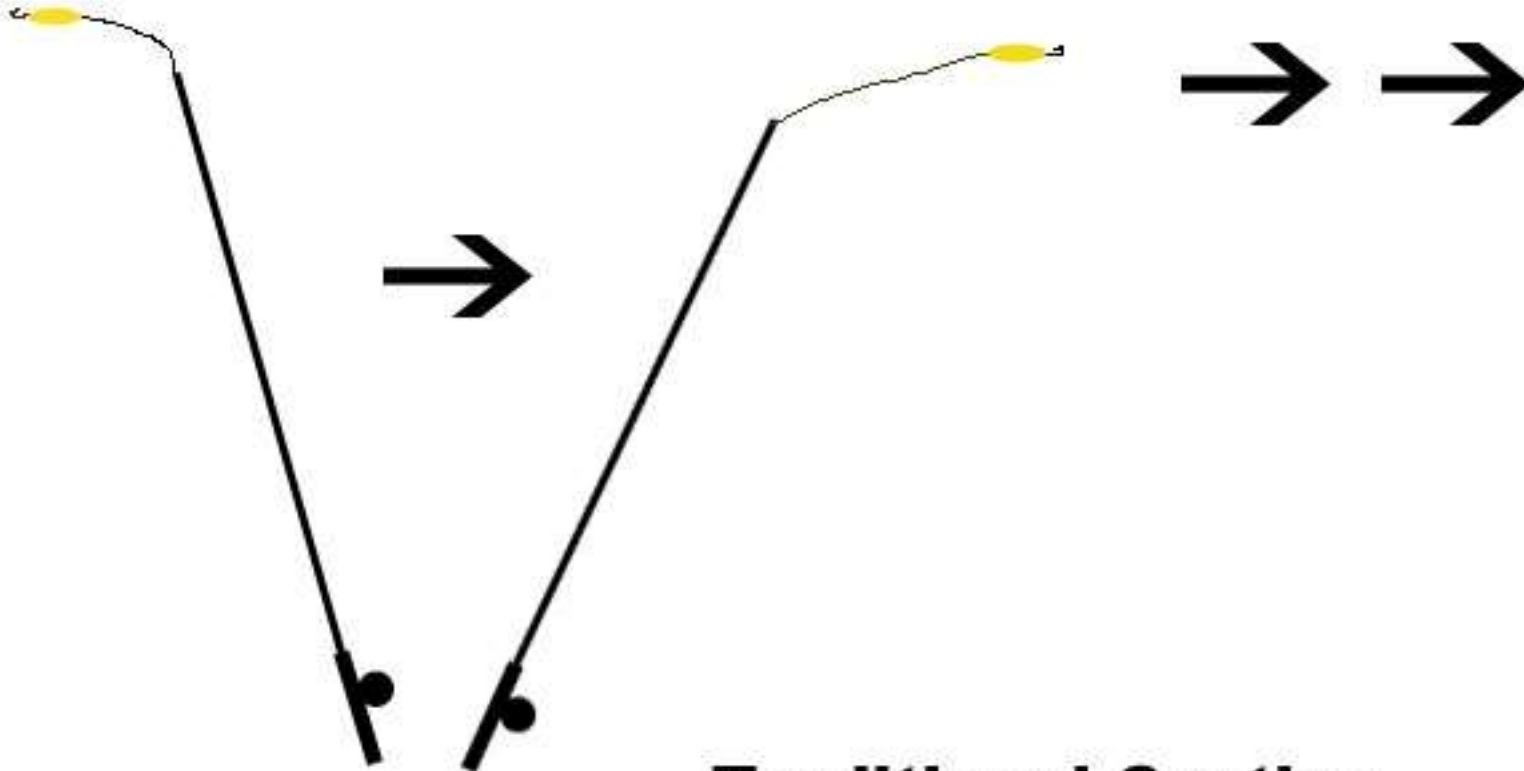


Weight of Fly Line, not the Fly, Makes the Cast

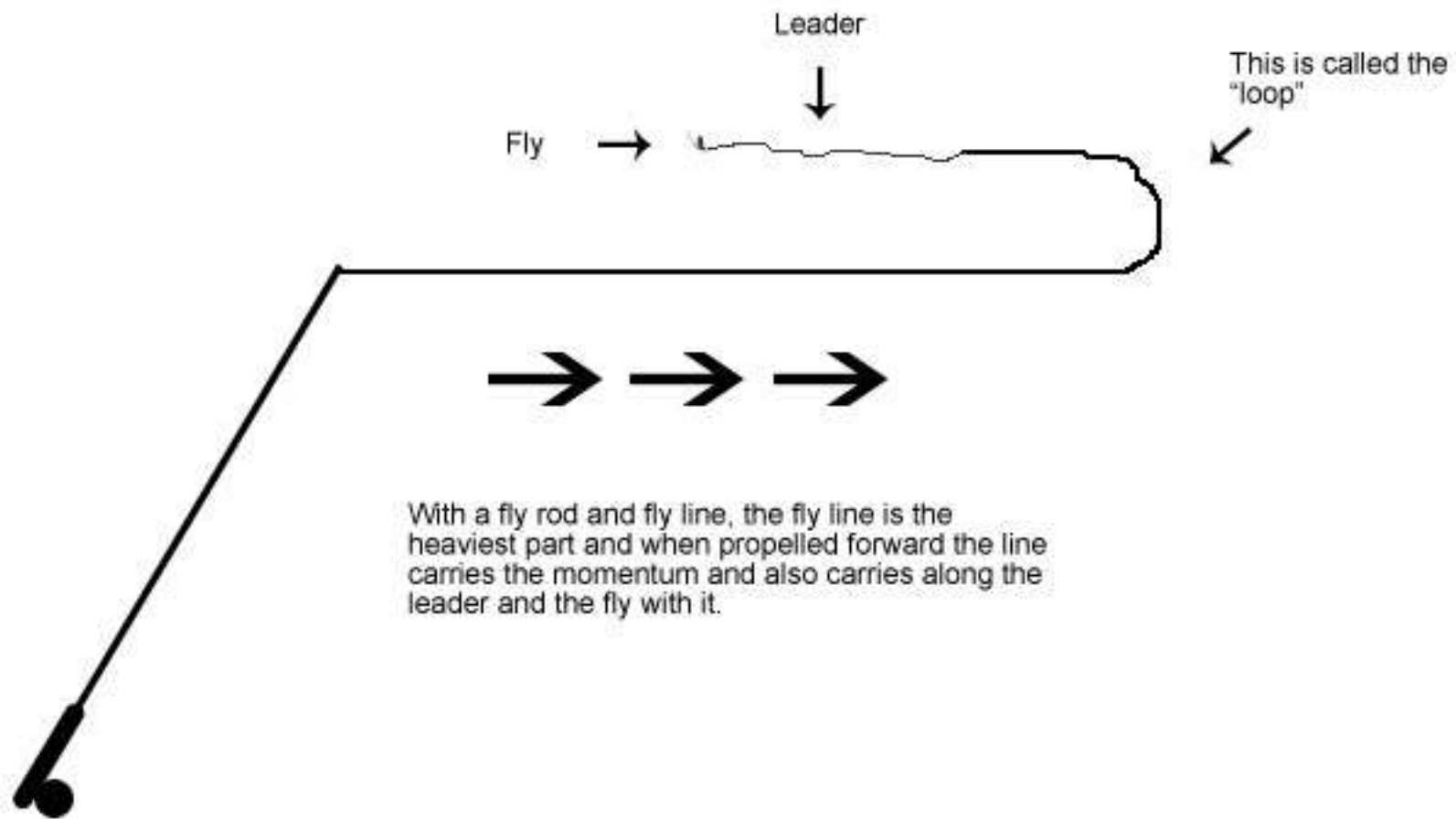


Lure is pulled back-wards with it being the heaviest part.

Lure is propelled forward. Being the heaviest part, the lure pulls the line behind it and flies through the air to the water.



Traditional Casting



With a fly rod and fly line, the fly line is the heaviest part and when propelled forward the line carries the momentum and also carries along the leader and the fly with it.

Fly Casting

**Many People Were Introduced to
Fly Fishing Through This**

We had to show it!



Keep It Simple

Fly

A hook with stuff tied to it.

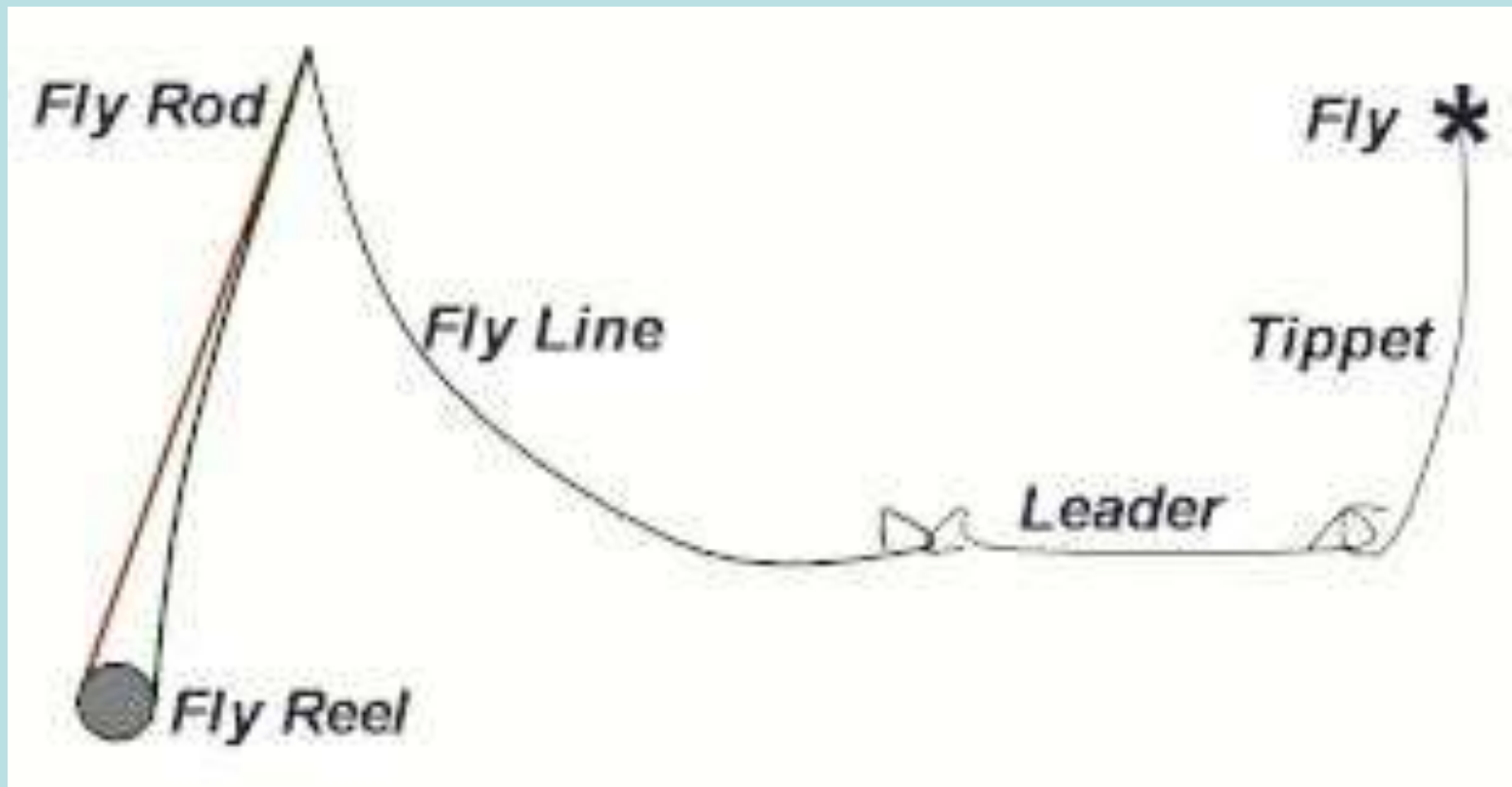
Fly Casting

Line gives casting inertia, not the weight of the lure.

Fly fishing

2 above combined to give great fun.

Components



Components



Fly Line & Rod Weight

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14



Delicate Presentations
Smaller Flies

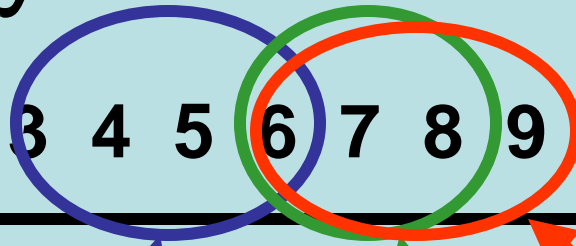


Needed to Cast
Big Flies



Fly Line & Rod Weight

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Trout



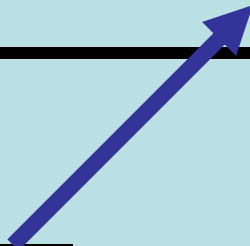
Bass



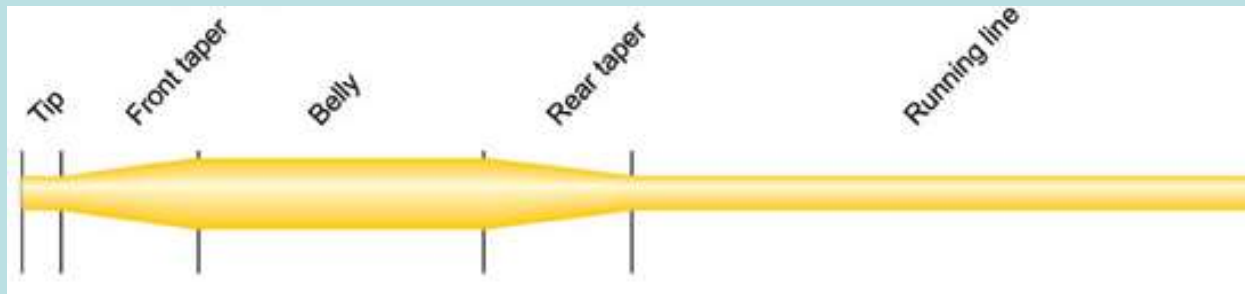
Salmon/Steelhead

Fly Line & Rod Weight

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Weight of First 30 foot Used to Characterize Line Size



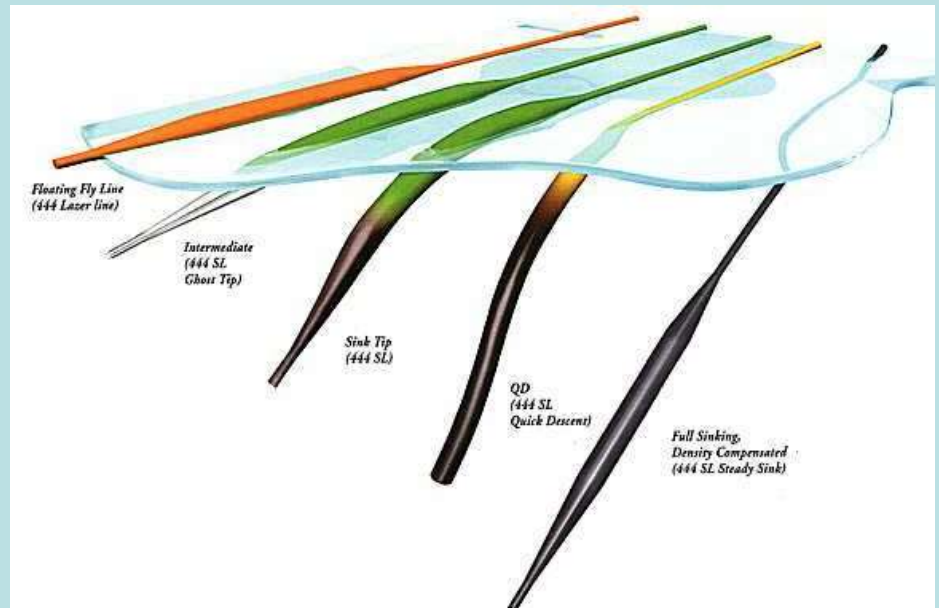
AFTMA standard fly line weights
(grains per first 30 feet (9.1 m) of line)

Designation	Weight (grains)
3wt	100
4wt	120
5wt	140
6wt	160
7wt	185
8wt	210
9wt	240
10wt	280



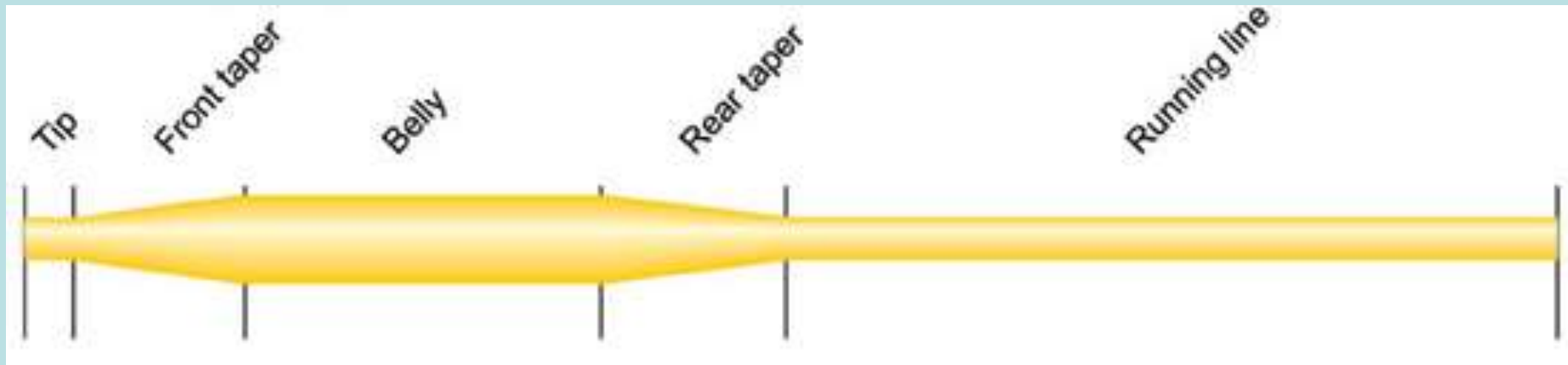
Fly Lines Come in Variety of Tapers

Come in Floating & Various Sink Rates



Keep It Simple Recommendation

WF-Floating Lines



Two to Get Started:
5 or 6 Wt Trout & Pond Fishing,
8 Wt Bass, Salmon, Steelhead

Fly Rods Come in Many Types and Lengths



Bamboo, Fiberglass,
Graphite, Boron



From Slow to Fast
Actions

Keep It Simple

Match Rod to Line Weight
8.5 to 9 foot rod
Medium to Medium Fast Action



Many rods in 150\$ class are excellent casting and fishing rods.

Fly Reels - Single Action

Big Reels for Big Fish & Bigger Line Weights

Large Arbors = Faster Retrieve





\$50-100 Reels
Most Adequate Quality.



More Expensive
Smooth Drag & Lighter
Well Made

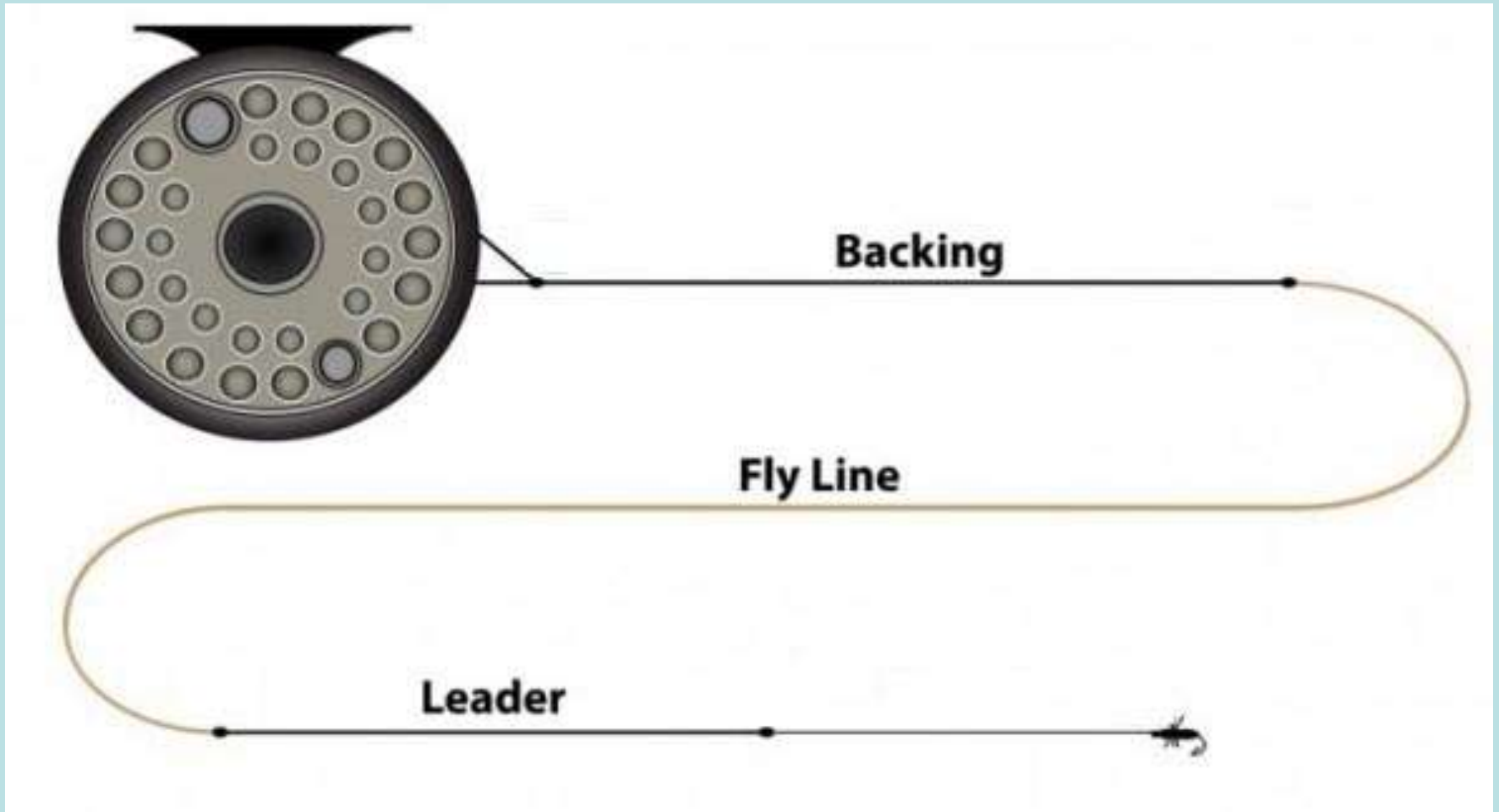
Keep It Simple

Smaller Fish
Trout & Bass
Inexpensive Fine

Big Fish
Salmon/Steelhead/Saltwater
Get Best Drag you Can Afford

Large Arbor
Fastest Retrieve -
Minimizes Line Curl

Line Components



Let's Cast!

