

DROP-SHOT RIGS



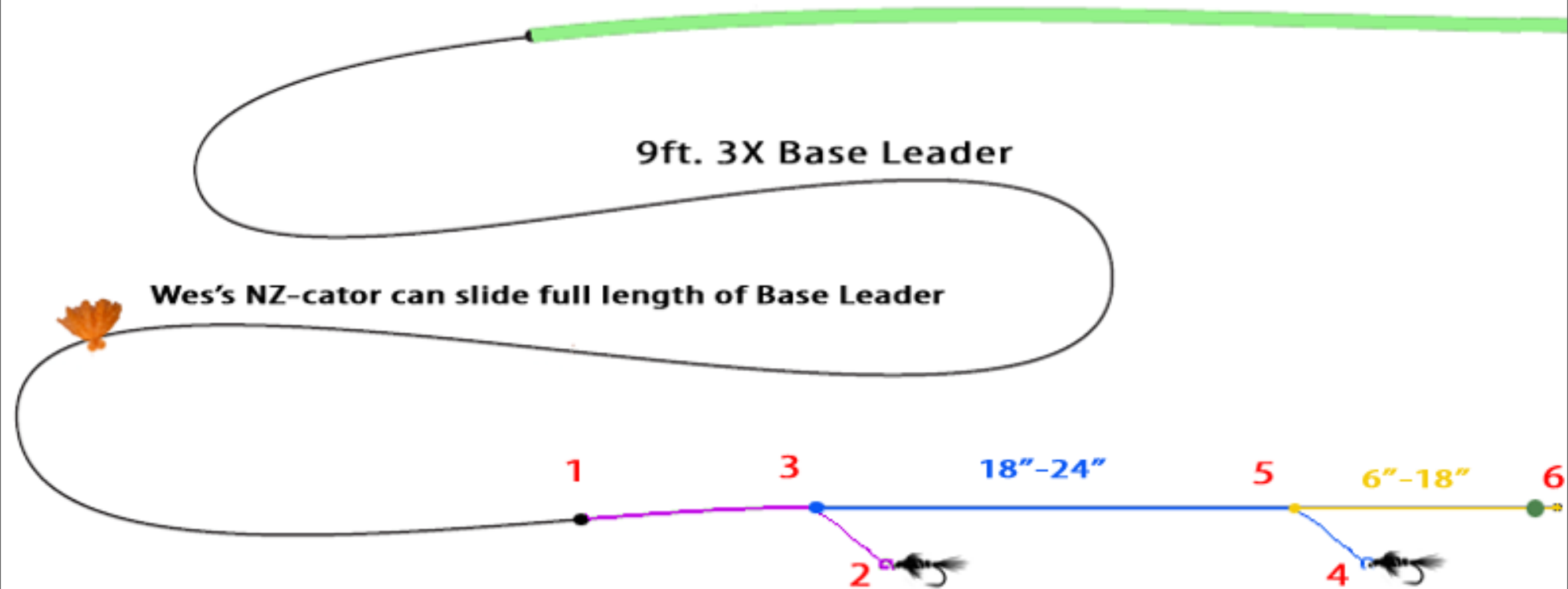
Terrific small fly
solution for
Stillwater and River
Nymph and
Chironomid Rigs –
As inspired by
Walt Cole of
Redding, CA



Why Drop-Shot Rigs?

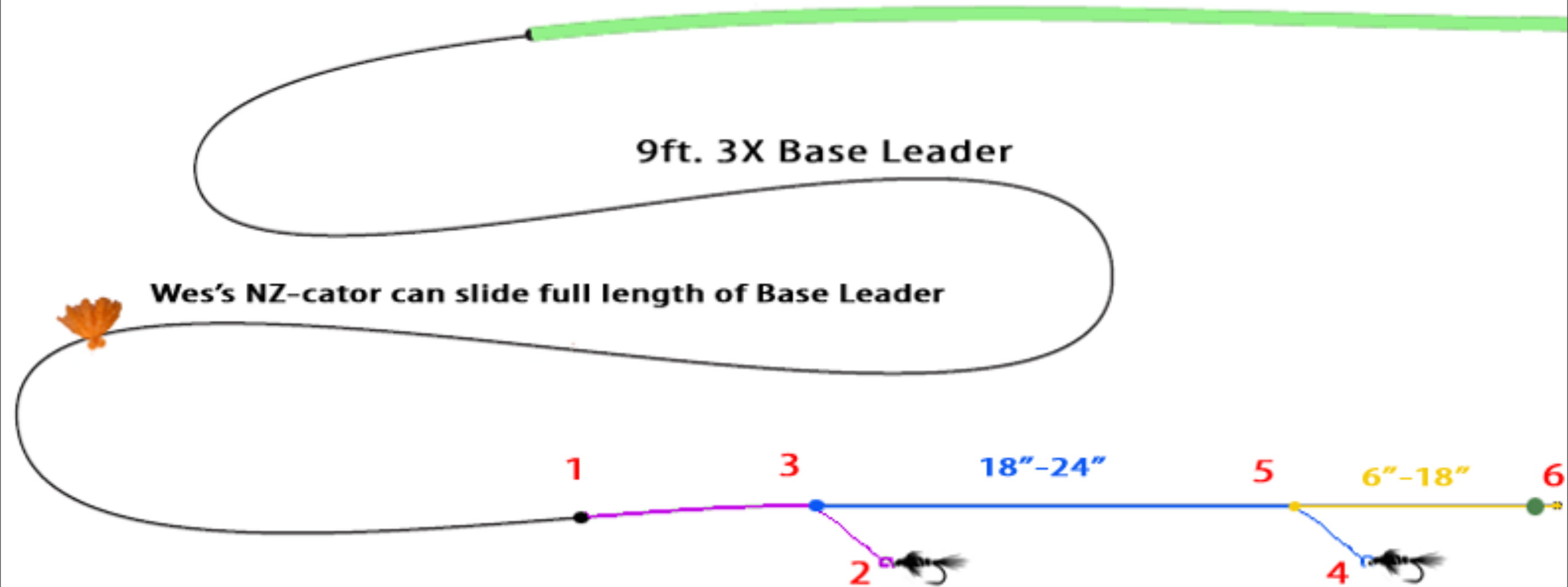
- 1: Sinks small flies quickly
- 2: Flies can be tied w/o beads or weight for maximum movement
- 3: Extreme sensitivity to takes
- 4: Prevents loss of flies
- 5: Useful for both Stillwater and River fishing.

Drop-Shot Nymph/Chironomid Rig (as inspired by Walt Cole, Redding CA)



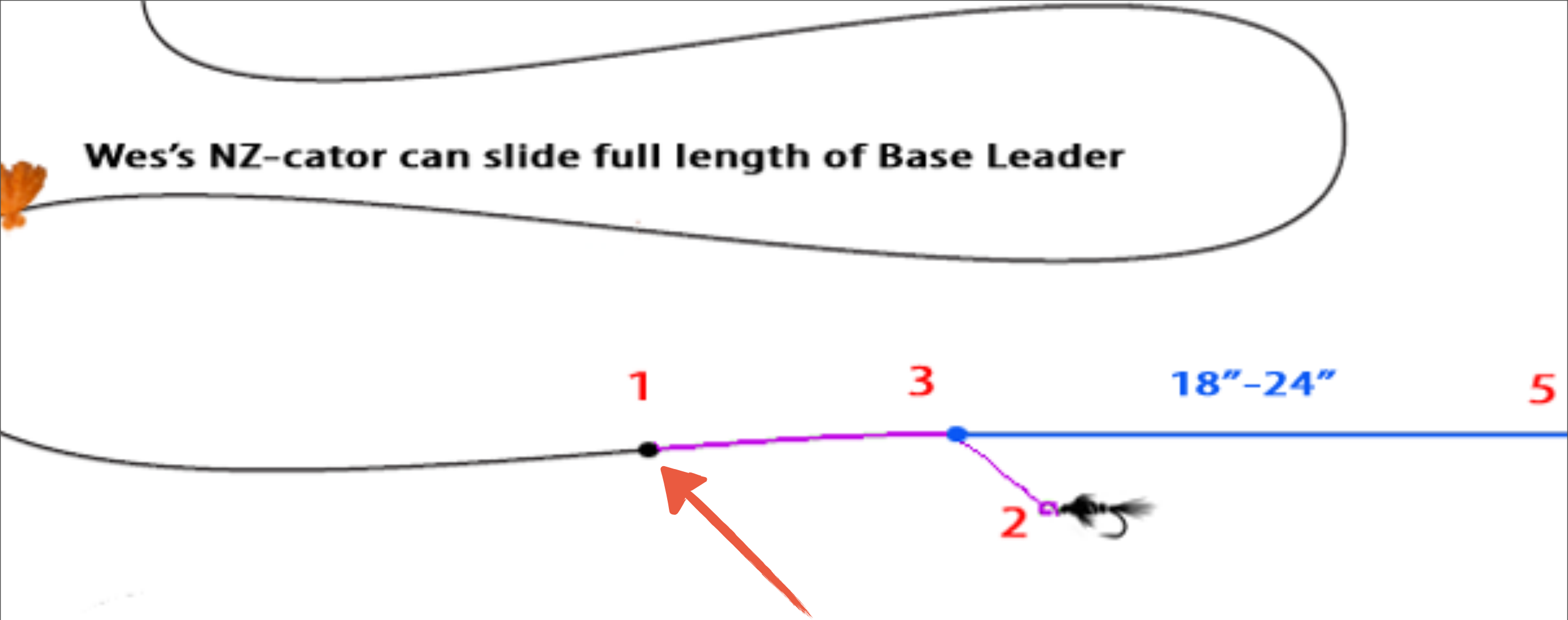
Start with 9 ft. 3X Base Leader attached to fly line

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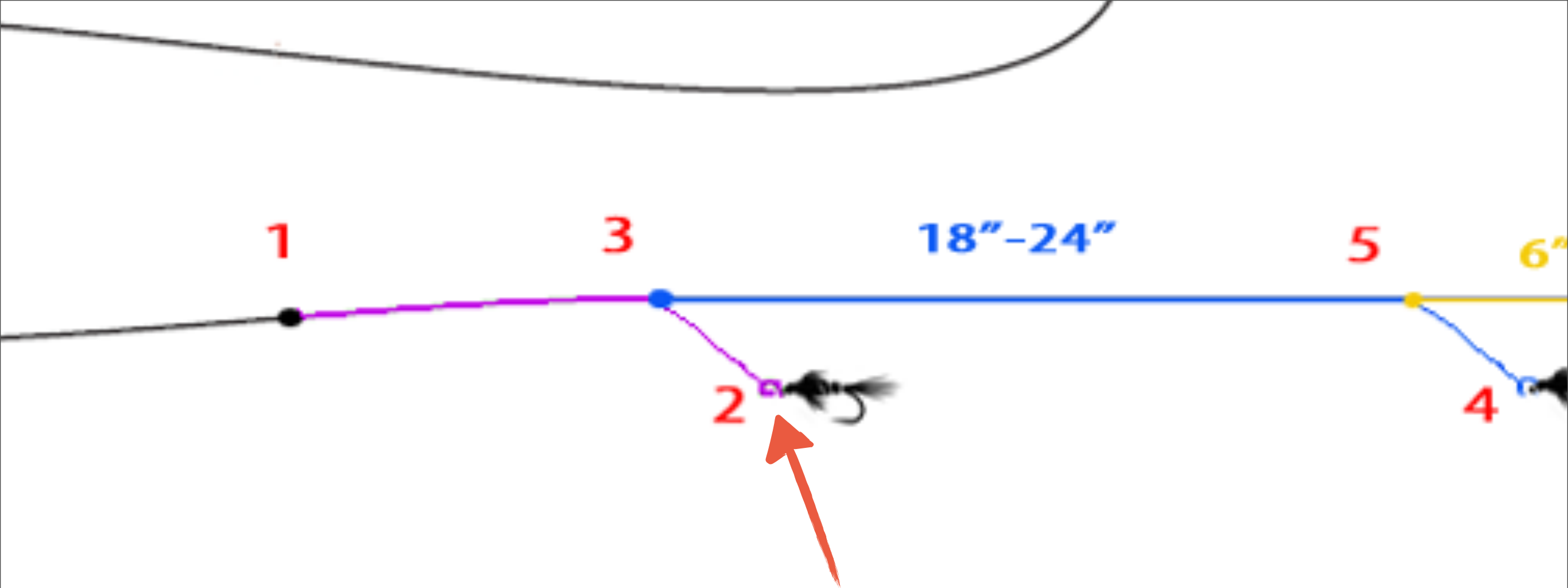


Attach Wes's NZ-cator in Color Desired
Indicator can slide snugly for full length of leader
to adjust depth of flies.

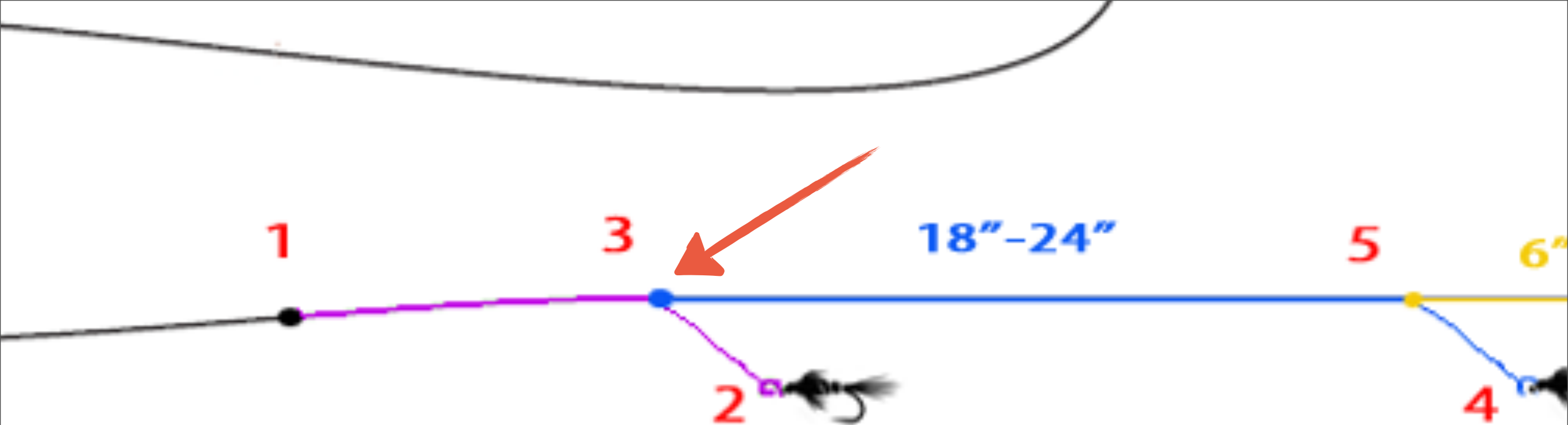
Wes's NZ-cator can slide full length of Base Leader



KNOT#1- Leader to Tippet using knot of choice

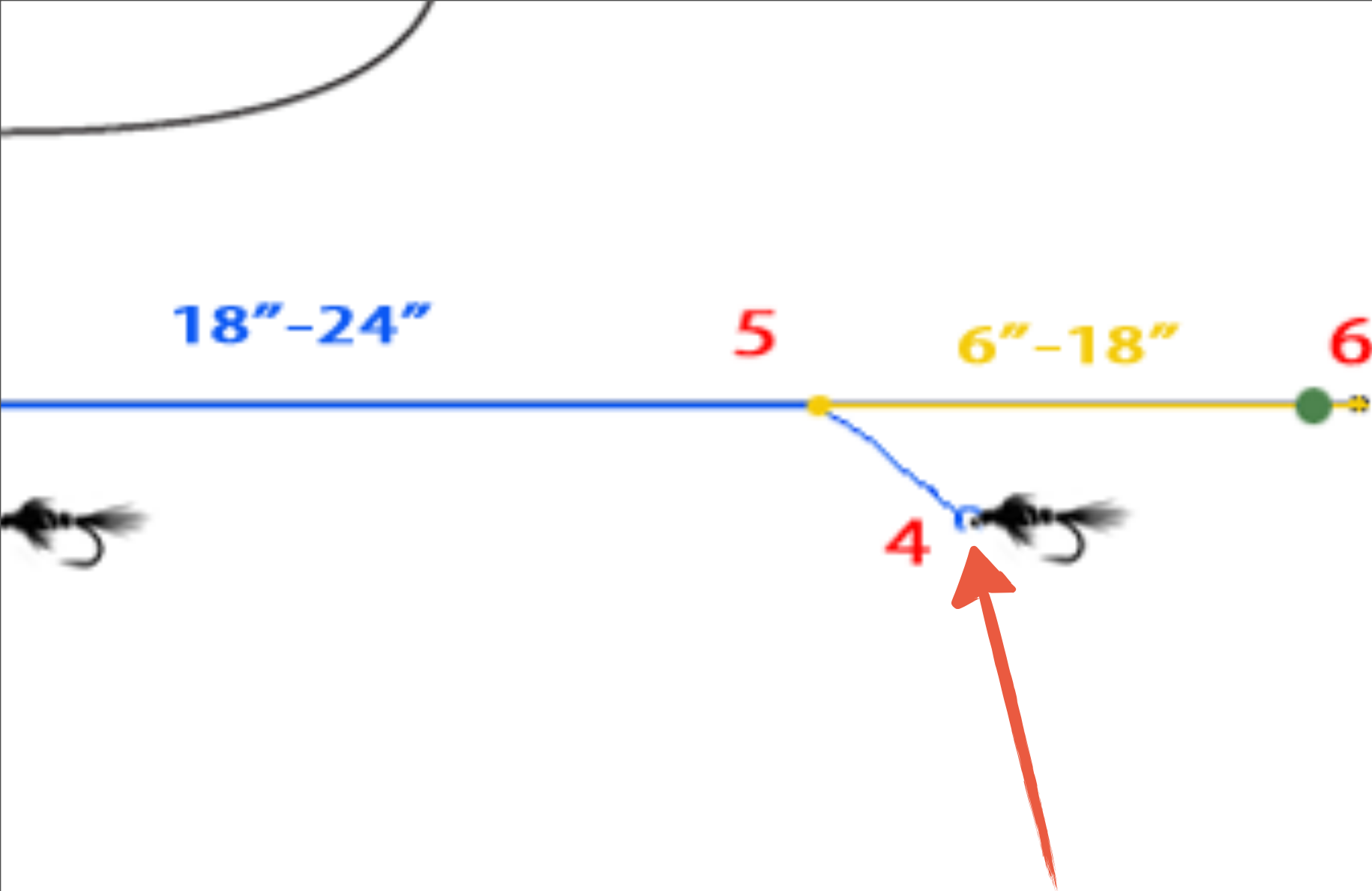


KNOT#2- Non-slip Loop Knot, or open Uni-Knot coated with Loon Knotsense or thin UV-activated Resin.

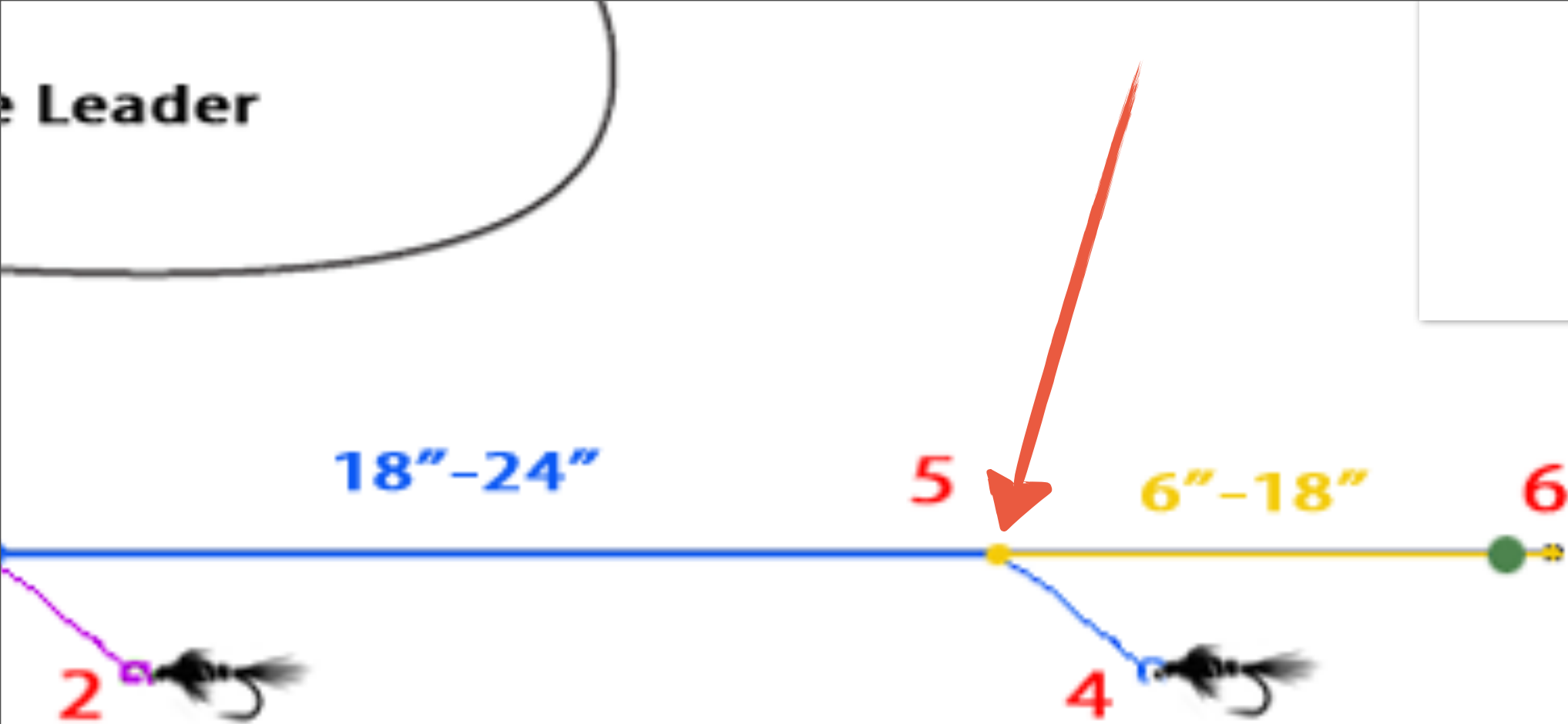


KNOT#3- Uni-Knot from tippet used for second fly.
Tippet (shown as blue in this illustration)
is 5X or 6X depending on fly and fishery.

Note: Uni-Knot is a secure slip knot that allows the fly dropper length (the purple line in this photo) to be adjusted. Also, the Uni-Knot allows the top fly to be changed easily without shortening the dropper.



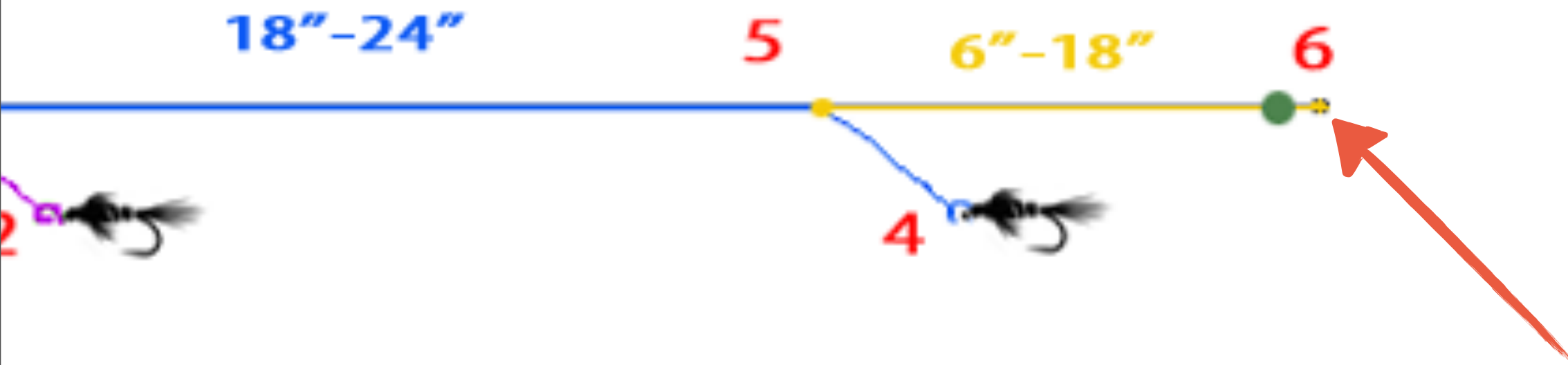
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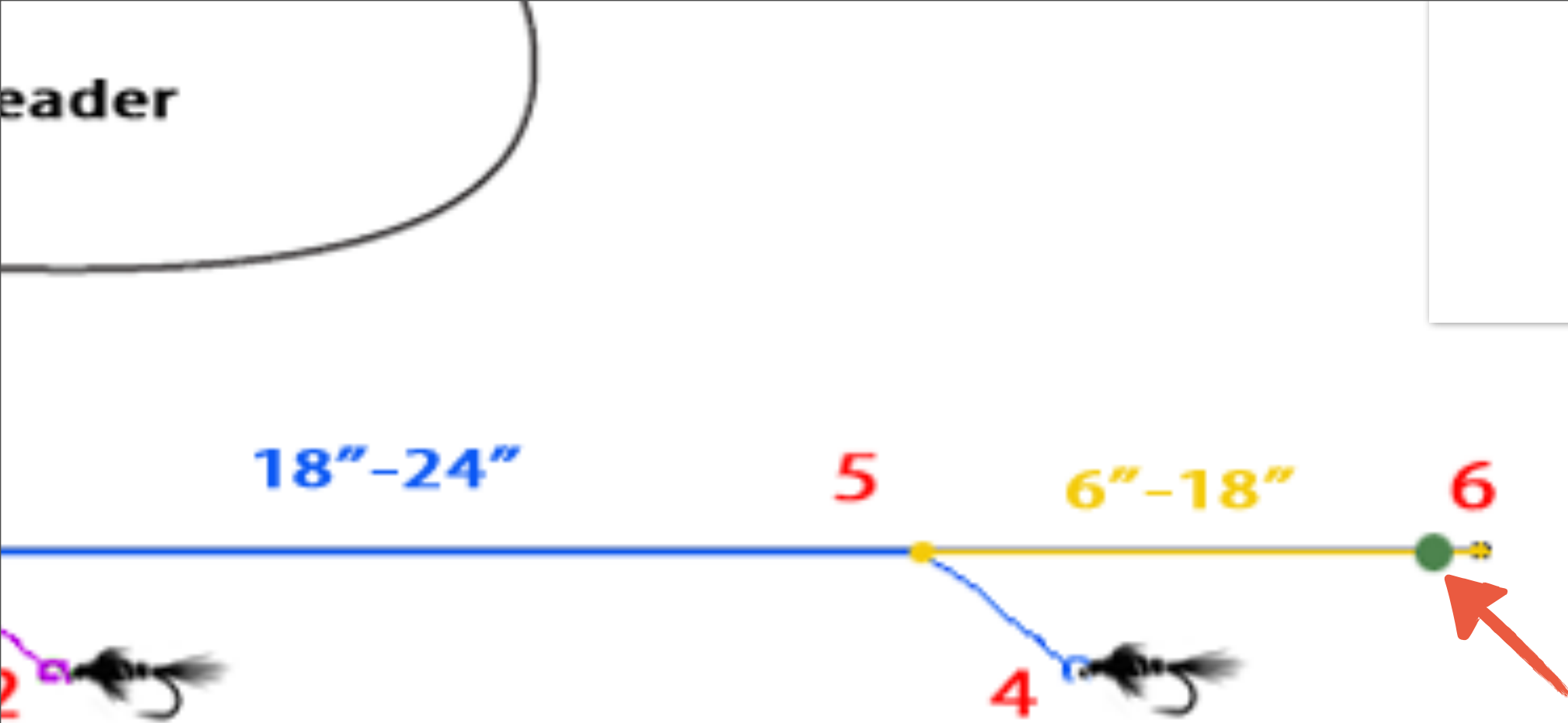
KNOT#5- Uni-Knot from tippet (shown as gold in this illustration) used for split shot attachment.

Tippet is 1X lighter than used for the bottom fly tippet.
Snags will break off the split shot instead of the flies.

leader



KNOT#6- Some overhand knots used to keep split shot from sliding off the tippet used.



Split Shot – Use a large enough shot to keep the leader and tippet taut, so that takes are seen immediately at the indicator. Preferred starter shot is #4 to #6, about .12 gram. In comparison, this size is also about the diameter of a standard 2.3mm bead.

How to tie the Uni-Knot (Duncan Loop)

View the animation at:

www.animatedknots.com/uniknot/

Note: You may desire a different knot in place of the Uni-Knot. Use the slip knot or non-closing loop knot of your choice.

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