# The Guide's Fly

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Tube - Brass Eumer Tube w/ clear hook holding tubing
Thread - 3/0 Black
Body- Color of Eumer Brass Tube
Tail/Wing - 2-3” Rabbit zonker strip w/Flashabou on each side
Hackle Collar - (2) Rooster saddle hackles
Cone- Eumer Monster Cone (size to match stream conditions)
Hook - Daiichi X510 or Mustad 60500 BLN #4-8

This Zonker Leech patterns is very effective for migratory steelhead and resident smallmouth bass anywhere in North America! This scaled-down version works equally as well compared to its larger conventionally tied cousin! Try fishing this weighted tube along the bottom with a floating fly line and a 9 ft. leader or try using a sink tip line and a short 3-4 ft. leader in faster currents too!

Zonker style tube flies and spey rod applications go hand-in-hand!  A down and across casting approach will allow enough time for your TF to sink and drift along the bottom where these sought after gamefish can be found!  Flourocarbon leader material is a must in clear water conditions!

You'll find some sort of leech pattern in every fly fisher's box but don't be afraid to present them to large trophy trout, northern pike, walleye and even the lonely common carp too! Here's a few more color combo's to try….White/Hot Pink, Olive/Fl. Orange and Black/Chartreuse.

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