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I've been fishing a little tailwater up here in NY for 17 or so years. I've tried rods from 3-5 wt with WF and DT lines. I've developed a taste for shorter whippy 3 wt rods that don't deminish 6" native fish, lend themselves to creative casting, and protect 7 or 8x tippets from the 14-16" fish that i have the pleasure of meeting on occassion. I find that DT line tends to load up the rods better at shorter distances allowing for easier and more accurate shorter distance casting and more manageable roll casting. Now recently I aquired a 7' 3wt hardy marksman rod that is quite light and needs a very light reel to balance out. The featherweight reel is about the only reasonably priced reel i found thats light enough, though it won't fit a DT3 and much more than 5' of 12 lb dacron. So I cut the DT3 in half and put on some backing to help ease memory issues. I never gave a second thought to my casting distance being limited to 40 feet or so untill I was out on stream and making about the longest cast I'd ever need to make on this stream and happened to glance down at the reel. Not a lot of line left there. It won't ever be a problem on this stream or most of the other tail waters in lower ny though I'm bound to screw up and take it out on a bigger stream some day and I'm hoping when that does happen I'll just be able to laugh about it. I suppose I can see cutting of a DT in half as a specialty tactic for small streams and light rods. Can't really say that i'd recommend it for a 5 weight and probably not even a 4wt.