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I have never used switch/spey rods but I saw a very interesting show on flyfishing profiles yesterday. They were at a lodge on the thompson [sp] river in BC. fishing for steelhead. The spey rods are the rage there and all were using them.

As it happens I spent 30 years in Montana where Streamer fishing big rivers was my "thing".

I wade fished.

9 ft. 8wt. for the Missouri.

9 ft. 7 wt. for yellowstone

9 ft. 6wt. smaller rivers -Madison etc.

I used shooting heads with amnesia running line[20pd.mono]on larger rivers.

seemed to me there was a lot more effort with the spey than double haul but one thing stood out-the talker mentioned mid water was their target area-I fished hispeed,hi d sinking lines to fish down to 8 or 9 ft.-so I wonder how well spey/switch[think they are the same] rods are with deep sinking lines?

humorous thing on the show was-

even though it's ALL catch and release the fly fishermen want to ban the bait fishermen.

Reason: bait fishermen average 7 hookups a day,fly fishermen 2 so they claim baiters are stressing the spawning stock three times as much.Couldn't be jealousy ,could it? Nah.