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In my opinion I am happy with my switch rods.

I use is a lighter 5/6 wt. model for swinging flies on streams and nymphing. It is a very light rod and i can overhead or spey cast with it. The longer length allows for longer mends, easier line control and it length gives an advantage when speycast.

Also even though, you can speycast any rod of any length, with the right line, a longer rod does have an advantages in placing an anchor and getting a long line out.

My second rod is a 6/7 wt. that i use with a single hand Outbound line to cast bass bugs, streamer, divers and clouser minnows for bass, panfish and other warmwater fish. I have cast this line from my kayak, canoe and on the bank. I started using a switch rod for throwing the big stuff for bass, because double hauling all day get tiring. Now with a my switch rod i just put a second hand on the rod and gain the energy from both hands on the rod, instead of gaining the energy from one hand on the line.

I change up lines to a AFS 6/7 for situations that require speycasting. I have used speycasting on warmwater fish with this rod with out a problem.

As far as accuracy or sight fishing and pounding banks, if you use a line on a switch rod design for overhead work or even a scandi/shooting head system is it not a problem at all.

Just my experience with my switch rod, hope it helps.

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