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JakesLeakyWaders definately hit a lot of good points, but one thing I'd like to add is everything is dependant on preference. I personally started on a 9ft 5wt but now almost 100% of the time fish a 7'6" 3wt, It provides good action is the common pa streams, although at times it can feel a bit undersized.

Another very important aspect to rod choice is HOW do you fish, I carry my rod and aimlessly follow streams for miles at times, the 9ft just couldn't cut it, I can't even tell you how many times it got caught up, hung up, snagged you name it, it at some point was hooked on it. The smaller rods are a very large amount more manageable when hiking and walking in the woods.

I have caught some rather large trout on my 3wt, even a large amount of smallmouth, but it isn't easy. If you enjoy the fighting aspect of fishing, i'd personally recommend a 3/4 weight package for the majority of PA stream fishing.