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It seems like long rods are underused on warmwater stretches of our local rivers. When you look at very old instructional manuals on fishing rivers from the last century two-handers were the norm. I suppose they fell out of use because one handed rods got better; however, with improving technology and construction methods it seems they're coming back and folks are using them for the ancient purpose. If you look at books and illustrations of Philadelphia "black bass" fishing in the early 1800s you see a lot of top hatted dandies lifting lunkers with spey-style rods.

"The Book of the Black Bass" which is now in the public domain and available on google books is full of stories of two-handed bass fishing in the us.