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Plumbardo,

The rod in the picture is a Cabela's LST 11' 3" 3 piece. I bought it about four years ago and it works well for me. I had a coupon that gave \$20 off a \$150 purchase. It is a parabolic action and I like that for steelhead as the rod flexes well from the tip to about the start of the butt section - it protects light tippetts as I sometimes go to 5X in low and clear water. It is also a great high stick rod and not so heavy that I can't use it one handed all day long. The only drawback, for me, is that it will not fit into my Subaru wagon and I have to separate one of the sections and when I do that the flies almost always get tangled on my other rod or my buddy's rod.

That particular rod is no longer being made but they have a new, upgraded, model with a fancier fore and aft grip selling for around \$220. Cabela's is now running a sale like the one I had - get \$20 off purchases of \$150 or more.

There is a 10' 6" #5 and a 11' #7 that are four piece rods but the 11' 3" #6 is still a three piece rod. For the Erie creeks a #6 is plenty of rod - believe me I can land any fish that is swimming in those streams but on the Salmon River, the Cattaragus, or some of the bigger Ohio rivers I'd go with the 11' #7.

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