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pat raises a good point about the reel and line... if you use a two weight rod such as the 7'3" echo carbon, you'll need a light reel such as a 2.2 oz forbes magnesium (ebay \$80) and a 3w line. this gear cant and probably shouldnt be used with big water, big fish, big flies, or in big wind. but you just dont run into a big brown trout on a small highly tannic PA brookie stream while fishing dries -- I never have.

On a small tannic brookie stream, there is no need for long casts, and hiking and casting with a long rod does not work as well. As long as you bring the fish in in the same quick manner, it is probably easier on the fish to use a lighter weight rod that will give a bit when you set the hook. I bring in fish just as fast with a 2w as a 5w, but it is fun to have the rod bend and feel the fish more. Scale the gear to the size of the stream and the size of the fish. I fish without barbs, and as some guys here have seen, I bring 'em in and let 'em go quickly, sometimes too fast for the guy I am fishing with to get a fish picture. I want to minimize harm to fish. However PA small tannic stream brookies are just not strong enough to extend the fish fight time with a 2w.

Everyone fishes in the way that makes sense to them, and I acknowledge that using lightweight gear has its limitations on casting weight, making long casts, and only being good for truly small streams. But I havent heard anyone on this thread say that they have fished really small PA brookie streams using dry flies with a 7'6" 4-5W and a 7' 2w, and that the 2w was not really more FUN.