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Stag - Yeah, 7'6 would be about the standard for a Brookie rod I think. And would still be big enough to be used on slightly bigger, but still "small" streams...up to the size of Valley or so.

Brookie streams usually fish best in late Spring/early Summer but this is mostly a product of good flows, and warming but still fairly cool temps. When the water is up and off color (but not blown out) they will fish their best. In the Summer watch out for temps...try not to fish if the water is much over 65. Often the day after a good rain/cold front is the time to fish in the Summer...but be quick about it as flows will fall quickly too and be back to low and clear in a day or two, or less sometimes. Brookies can get tough and very spooky in low clear water. That said, there is no season per se...I've caught them year round, and actually most of my bigger ones have been caught in the Winter. Try going subsurface with small Buggers or big, buggy looking nymphs in Winter.

Brookies spawn in October for the most part in PA. Just watch out for areas of clean gravel (redds) where the fish may have spawned. They're usually in fairly shallow water, often on the edges or tailouts of pools. Just don't step there or fish over any paired up fish and you should be fine.