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Hey Guys,

I am wondering what weight of fly rod you guys are using while targeting river smallies. I recently broke my 8wt (stupid me) and am looking to replace it. I purchased an 8wt when I lived in MO because we would fish farm ponds of big large mouth.

I do not know if I want to replace it with another 8wt. The reason is it seems like the size of fish I have been catching has been going down. I am not fishing a high quality smallmouth stream (Neshaminy Creek), but keep telling myself one day I will take a trip out to the Lancaster area, or somewhere else that has some quality fish.

My current rod line-up is a 7'6" 3/4wt and a 9' 5wt. I fear that the 5wt might be a little undergunned for some of the flies I throw to smallies.

You think I could get away with a 5wt for fishing streams for smallies? At the moment the fish I am catching range from 10-12inches. I am wanting to get a kayak to fish the Delaware because I have yet to find a decent area to wade near my house.

I guess the advantage of an 8wt is it opens the door to hitting other species of fish that a 5wt could not handle on the Delaware, or even just messing around at the shore.

what do you fish with for smallmouth??