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Smallies are my main target; and it really comes down to the rod and line combo. I fish a 9'-6" 5wt Sage Z-Axis. It is a fast action rod with a ton of back bone. It handles most anything you'll ever throw for smallies. That being said pairing up a good line is the other part of the equation. I highly recommend Rio's coldwater Clouser. It has a heavy front taper the loads the rod fast, and makes a size 2 deer hair popper feel like casting a size 6 hopper. I've experimented with a lot of other lines to date, and this is the best all around. This set-up is effective at 10' or 80'; it's all up to your casting ability. I do use my 8wt from time to time on the occasion that I know I will be hooking up with larger than average fish, but these are truly special moments and places. Lastly; a good leader recipe makes a big difference as well, and Lefty Kreh has plenty of info out there on that subject.