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1. Yes, I own multiple rods
2. Yes, I have a few same size/weight
3. Which one/ones do I use the most?

I am very picky with my rod/reel balance when looking at new rods/reels. I am addicted to 9ft 5wts and I own a few rods under 3 ounces and I had a very hard time finding reels that were heavy enough so the balance wasn't too tip heavy. I have found that a reel that weighs about 5.5 ounces before line and backing balances a 9ft 5wt rod just about perfect.

I always balance on the spot my thumb usually rests on the cork. I read that is where you should balance them too when I was in H.S. and I have stuck to it. Works for me.

Very few new reels weigh enough to balance modern rods, IMO, but I think you have to sacrifice perfect balance if you want to match a high end rod with a high end reel. That is because high end reels are way too light.

I have either sold my rods/reels that didn't balance well or I have swapped reels/rods to make them balance better. Because I NEVER used them once I found the balance that I liked.

To sum it up: IMO what you said makes perfect sense.