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Re: Old South Bend bamboo fly rod

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gfen wrote:

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jeremymcon wrote:

I'm thinking maybe the 7 weight line I put on it was a little heavy for the rod.

Its a South Bend Model 47, their "bass taper" rod. Its a big, heavy affair meant to throw big chunky lures to bass and other large fish. Believe it or not, but people fished for bass back in the '30s and '40s, too, even before Ranger jetboats.

Just because now the only people who use bamboo rods use dainty affairs and cast them to discerning sprung creek trouts doesn't mean that was always the case; at one point bamboo was the standard rod material.

I cannot imagine a 10" trout felt much more exciting than it would on any other, significantly lighter line weight (and likely as stiff) rod, matter of fact I can't imagine it felt like much of anything or bent the rod at all. It wasn't designed for what you did.

Take it bass fishing, and throw poppers on it, like it was intended to be used.

Yea I do need to go find some bass. I don't have much experience with bass though, and am really not sure of a good spot, so first tried fishing a streamer on a farm pond, then went to the trout stream next to the farm pond and caught a trout.

The reason I was thinking it maybe needed a 6 weight line instead of 7 is that it felt like the rod had trouble casting the heavy line. Of course I don't really know what casting a 7 weight bamboo rod should feel like, so that was just a thought.