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Well, I can describe what I'd look for, personally.

10-11 ft 7 wt. Good backbone but a soft tip. A moderate-fast action will do.

Frankly, I simply wouldn't spend my life savings on a rod for Erie. Even if you fish there often. It's just not needed, and might actually be worse. There aren't overly long casts or anything like that. Get something reasonable, like mid-level. Thinkin St. Croix, Redington, etc. Maybe even entry level Sage, Loomis, or Orvis. But the super high priced stuff from those lines, in a 7 wt, is gonna be overly fast. You don't want overly fast!

If you wanna spend a lot of money and want something that might actually make a difference, then spend it on the reel. That's opposite most trout fishing situations. But a good large arbor, with stopping power, and a silky smooth drag, which can function in a variety of temps and even with a little bit of sand can be an advantage. Unlike a fancy rod, the reel actually will, over the long run, catch you a few fish that you would have otherwise lost.

Otherwise, spend your money on gas, a car that can handle some snow, and warm waders/clothes.