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As they said, rod weight doesn't directly effect how heavy of a fish you can catch (appreciably!).

Rod weight corresponds to line weight- again, any fly line is going to tackle most any trout without much trouble. However, lines in a certain weight category work better for certain leaders and tippetts (have I lost you yet?).

It's leaders and tippet that limit the trout you can safely pull in. If you are just starting, don't use tippet lighter than 5X (as in 6x, 7x, etc).

Start out with a 9' 5wt rod. 5 wt fly line on that rod. 5X leader and 5x tippet on that set up. You will be able to tackle any reasonable trout with that (0-5lbs) as long as your knots are good. You can catch larger with that same set up, but it takes more skillful play.