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The great thing about fly fishing is there is something for everyone. There are those who also enjoy the gear aspect. As gfen mentioned I would stick with the every odd or even rule of thumb. I am currently selling a very nice 5wt because it does not add much to the 4 and 6wt by the same rod maker that I have (Some would disagree and that is okay). Now that being said, I am saving up for a 3wt. The difference is the 3wt will be a 6'6" rod for close brush in small stream work. It is something my 4wt could do but at 8' I could seem myself getting frustrated plus the two rods are made by a different maker so I can enjoy the differences in that aspect.

I think what gfen is trying to say is that sometimes we get so wrapped up in the gear that we diminish the act of actually getting out and fishing. Heck some even say it is not even about the fishing but just getting out. The first fly rod I built is an ugly looking stick but when I am out on the water I totally forget about it.

My goal is to have 5 fly rods. A 3wt for close small streams, a 4wt, 6wt and 8wt and finally another fly rod for when I have guest and the rest of the time I can spend on fishing.