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If this is Erie steel only, I'll second the notion of the 10 ft 7 wt being the go to. Also that this is one instance where having a good reel with a powerful and smooth drag is really important. How the rod casts? Not nearly as important. These are not large streams, even Elk. Nor are they brushy. Casting is easy. The name of the game is being able to get a good drag free drift (10 footer helps there), then being able to land the fish.

Thus, having a soft tip is a big plus to protect tippets, while still having some backbone, and a good reel. Beyond that it's just experience.

If you have thoughts of expanding to NY salmon, you could opt for an 8 wt to try and cover both bases. And in NY or Ohio, bigger rivers do exist, so castability of the rod comes into play more.