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Re: Smallmouth Rod

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Dear Fredrick,

I guess the first question you need to ask is will you be fishing the Susquehanna in the future, or do you have plans to try saltwater, or a lot of largemouth fishing?

If you know you won't be fishing larger rivers or salt then you can probably get by just fine with a 6 weight. As a compromise, you may want to look at a 7 weight. It's not so much a matter of sizing your rod to the fish you plan to catch as it is making sure you can cast the size range of flies you want to use under all conditions. It will be more versatile if you find yourself fishing weedy bass lakes for example.

I can say without question that if do you plan on fishing the Susquehanna much you will appreciate an 8 weight. The river is 1/2 mile wide or more and it is windy more often than not.

You didn't mention a budget, and you didn't mention a preferred rod action so I will just say that might want to look at some of the rods from TFO and St. Croix. Both companies offer a variety of rods in sizes 6, 7, and 8 in prices ranging from \$ 100.00 to \$ 200.00 with excellent warranties. The Sage Launch series is also under \$ 200.00, and I am sure there are many others.

Hope this helps.

Regards,  
Tim Murphy 😊