

Gear Test

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Hi All,

I've purchased three Skagit heads for my single handed rods, 4wt, 6 wt and 8 wt. These rods are all Sage Z- axis 10 foot long. The heads are by OPST (Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics) (opskagit.com). As my rods are all 10 feet long, I got the following weights of lines;

- 200 grains for the 4 wt,
- 250 grains for the 6 wt and
- 300 grains for the 8 wt.

The 200 and 250 grain lines are 13.5 feet long and the 300 grain is 15 feet long. These lengths are kept short so that the ratio of the head and sink tips are approximately three times the length of the rod as per recommendations. Check out the following page at <http://www.opskagit.com/commando-heads.html>

Yesterday, I went to Puntledge Park to test the 4 wt as I intend to go and fish Cutties in the river. The water was roaring and level with the trail. No beach whatsoever. I cast almost all the Spey casts that I know and can say that this set-up is awesome. As I was only there for a short time, I will send a longer report once I've fished with this system. I might go to the Quinsam today as the weather is not bad.

Cheers,
Norm