



Figure 12-10. The C.O.D. Pick-up involves sweeping the rod until it points just to the upcurrent side of the target area (T) and then making an elliptical backcast. Very much like a Single Spey.

In some cases, it may be awkward to sweep the line a great distance around your body in order to pick it up. In those instances, techniques like the Circular Cast are best employed.

C.O.D. PICK-UP MODULE SUMMARY (SM)

A combination of a Tension Cast and a Linear Pick-up. The rod (and thus the line) is swept from one direction to another, ultimately being lifted into a backcast.

Wiggle Pick-up Module (SM)

This is just what it sounds like. As you pick up the line, you wiggle the rod tip back and forth (Figure 12-11). The wiggles need not be several feet across; wiggles a few inches to a foot or so in width will do the trick in most cases. The purpose of the Wiggle Pick-up is to help clear the line from vertically-oriented vegetation like grass or bulrushes. Often, when picking the line up through such obstructions, the line hangs up under a bent-