

TROUT TALK

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President's Report

At the May meeting, the 16 or so of us present had a nice discussion about fishing local streams. It was very informative and entertaining, and is acceptable perhaps once a year.

I must repeat myself and stress the importance of having programs at our meetings. We are in great need of an Entertainment Chairman. We have nine meetings a year, where we strive to have an informative program that hopefully appeals to the greater portion of our members. There are over 500 of you out there that must have a suggestion, an opinion. Is there *One* who has the interest and desire to put their energies into this area? Please step forward.

For those of you who want to help on the local streams this Summer, **Chuck Godfrey** will be giving us dates and locations at the June meeting.

You can sign up to work our booth at the Erie County Fair at the meeting as well. Dates are 8/8-8/18. There are many shifts open; 10am-4pm, and 4pm-10pm, and 5pm-10pm on the 8th.

Something worth mentioning here- Nestles (Deer Park, Nestles, Poland Spring, etc.) is planning bottling plants in Pulaski, St Johnsville (Herkimer), and in the Catskills. They promise jobs in rural communities, then proceed to remove huge amounts of ground water that supply drinking water and adequate flows in local streams. The NYS Council is keeping up with this issue, and we'll keep you informed on future developments. At over \$10/gallon, is this what any of us need to be consuming? I refer you all to Professor **Robert Glennon's** book, "Water Follies", for further information.

Come to the June 26th meeting, the last one before September. **Jim Markham** of the Lake Erie Fisheries Unit will speak to us regarding an "Update on our Lake Erie Salmonid Fishery". Bring a friend. Get a free ticket for raffle prizes. Take part in the 50-50 split! Enjoy a reasonably priced libation. Pick up your raffle tickets for the gift certificates from five local establishments. If you come at 6pm to tie flies, bring olive thread. If you tie at home, we can sell as many flies as you'd care to donate.

Dee Maciejewski, President

Whispering Pines Fish Farm

POND STOCKING

Trout, Bass, Perch, Minnows

Grass Carp, Koi, Crayfish

496-7440

WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 7:30 pm at the **Donovan American Legion Post**, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. **Jim Markham** of the Lake Erie Fisheries Unit will speak to us regarding an "Update on our Lake Erie Salmonid Fishery."

Fly Tying will start at 6PM Please bring olive thread.

Paul Maciejewski Honored for Commitment to TU

Life member **Paul Maciejewski** was again recognized for his leadership in conservation efforts in Trout Unlimited. In April, he was inducted into The **New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame**, joining a select group of men and women who have made significant achievements in preserving our natural resources and outdoor heritage. The NYSHOF is currently located in Gander Mountain, in Utica, New York. **Congratulations Paul!**

New Website for Region 9

Region 9 Fisheries has their own web page on the DEC website now with a bunch of info for the Region's fishing opportunities, trout and otherwise. To get there either type in: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/reg9fish or at www.dec.state.ny.us/ website type in "Region 9 fisheries" in the search section and click on "Fishing in Western NY".

Fishing Partner Connection

We are starting a new column for those looking for a fishing partner: **Fishing Buddy Wanted**. If you'd like to share your day on the water with someone, e-mail Editor **Vince Tobia @ vtobia@aol.com**. He will put your contact info in the newsletter. To get in touch with your partner, contact them directly. Include your name, telephone #, and e-mail address.

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Fly Tying, Festivals & County Fair Dates

The Fish and Wildlife Festival was very Informative and T.U. received a lot of notice. Thanks to **Greg Waield**, and **my wife Linda** for helping with our booth. We managed to tie 6 dozen assorted sucker spawn for T.U. and earned \$49.00 for the club.

Erie County Fair dates are Aug. 8th to 18th 2007. Shifts are August 8th from 5pm to 10pm. and the rest of the days shifts will be early--10am to 4pm. Late shift 4pm to 10pm. My wife and I will take care of setup and close. If you are able to work a shift or two please let me know at June meeting if not sure leave your number and I will call as the time nears. I will provide parking and admission passes for volunteers. Please contact me at 826-4178. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Flytying at June meeting starts at 6pm--bring olive thread.

Len Bigaj.

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full page	\$160	\$600
half page	\$80	\$300
1/4 page	\$40	\$150
1/8 page	\$20	\$75

Highway Clean-up

Jim Barry, Dave Labiak (a nonmember who is a friend of mine), and I conducted a highway cleanup of our Adopt-a-Highway section on 5/20, collecting 10 bags of garbage. Thanks to Jim and Dave for the help.

Chuck Godfrey

Summer Stream Projects

We will be conducting a **trimming project** on the "no-kill" section of the Wiscoy this summer. We will definitely work on this project on Saturday, July 21, meeting at the Hillside bridge at 9am, and will trim both up and downstream. We are tentatively scheduling another work party for this section on Saturday, July 28, at 9am, which will be utilized only if there is still work to be done after the work party on 7/21. How much we need to do (if anything) that day will mostly depend on how many volunteers we get for the 21st. We will supply water and lunch each day we work. If you can make it, **please let Chuck Godfrey know** at steelheader@cheekcentfcu.net, 675-0057 - home, or 440-6995 - cell.

If you do not presently get emails from Chuck about highway cleanups and/or stream projects, please contact Chuck via email in order to get on his list. If you don't have email, call him and he will add you to his phone list.

Additionally, we may be doing some work on **Spooner Brook and/or Oatka** during the summer. That is still to be determined by the landowners, DEC, and SWCD.

There will be a **highway cleanup** on Sunday, July 29th for anyone who can make it. We will meet at 10am at the junction of Rte's 78 and 20A, just east of East Aurora. Water will be provided. The cleanup normally seems to take about 2 hours, no matter how many volunteers we get.

Thanks **Chuck Godfrey**

DEC Adopts Final Regulations to Help Prevent Spread of VHS to Additional New York Waters

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis today announced the adoption of final regulations to help prevent the spread of the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) to additional waters in the state. The final regulations, which took effect on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, replace previously enacted emergency regulations. The new regulations reflect changes incorporated as a result of public comments regarding limits on the possession, sale, transfer, taking and release of certain bait fish and other live fish species to be placed in New York waters. VHS is a fish pathogen and does not pose any threat to public health.

DEC has adopted regulations that:

- Limit the personal use of bait fish to the same water body from which they were collected. Overland transport of personally collected bait fish in a motorized vehicle is prohibited. Also, bait fish can be taken from a water body's tributaries upstream of the first impassable barrier for use on such water body. (This rule does not pertain to bait fish collected in the Marine District for use in the Marine District.)
- Limit the use of commercially collected and sold bait fish to the same water body from which they were collected. Overland transport of commercially collected bait fish in a motorized vehicle is prohibited. (This rule does not pertain to bait fish collected in the Marine District for use in the Marine District.)
- Require that bait fish offered for sale by wholesalers, for use on waterbodies other than the waterbody from which they were collected, are certified as free of specified fish pathogens and are accompanied by a fish health inspection report. Bait fish sold at retail, for use on waterbodies other than the waterbody from which they were

collected, must also be certified as free of specified fish pathogens. In addition, the retail seller must provide the purchaser with a dated receipt of the transaction, which must be retained by the purchaser while in possession of the bait fish. Anglers will have 7 days from the date of purchase to use the bait fish. (This restriction does not apply to bait fish collected in the Marine and Coastal District for use in the Marine and Coastal District.)

- Clarify where marine bait fish may be transported. Bait fish caught in the Marine District to be used in the Marine District or bait fish imported into New York for use in the Marine District may be transported overland only within the following counties: Queens, Kings, Richmond, New York, Suffolk, Nassau, Bronx, Rockland and Westchester.
- Allow dead bait fish packaged for commercial purposes, and preserved by methods other than by freezing, only to be sold and used wherever it is legal to use bait fish. Specific package labeling requirements are included in the regulations.
- Require that all live fish, destined for release into the waters of the state, or imported for release into the waters of the state, be inspected by certified professionals and be certified to be free of certain fish pathogens. The release of any live fish into the waters of the state is prohibited unless the fish have been determined to be free of the pathogens listed below, and documented by a fish health inspection report issued within the previous 12 months. For all species of freshwater fish, a fish health inspection report shall certify that the fish are free of VHS and Spring Viremia of Carp Virus, as well as certify the presence or absence of: Furunculosis, Enteric Red Mouth, and Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis Virus (IPN). In addition, for salmon and trout (Salmonidae), a fish health inspection report shall certify that they are free of Whirling Disease and Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHN), as well as certify the presence or absence of Bacterial Kidney Disease. The fish health inspection reports must be on a standard form supplied by the DEC, must be issued by an independent qualified inspector, conform with specific testing methods and procedures, and be filed with DEC.
- Allow live fish, other than bait fish, caught from the non-New York portion of an interstate or international water body to be transported on the water and released into the New York portion of the water body. This provision allows for catch and release tournaments to occur on those bodies of water.

In addition to the above, there are existing regulations that continue to be in place that identify waters where anglers are allowed to use bait fish and waters where the commercial collection of bait fish is permitted.

For more information on VHS, visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/25328.html

2007 WNYTU Fundraiser

Help out our local chapter raise \$ for local stream projects

Gift Certificate Prizes

Oak Orchard Fly Shop \$150

Buffalo Outfitters Fly Shop \$150

Orvis Corporate Store \$150

Gander Mountain \$100

Dick's Sporting Goods \$100

Drawing to be held on October 30, 2007 at the WNYTU general meeting

Winners will have their choice of gift certificates

Tickets are \$5 each, or three for \$10

Only 600 tickets will be sold.

For tickets send donation to Len Bigaj, 58 Balen Drive, Lackawanna NY 14218 or call 826-4178