



WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

FALL 1978 NEWSLETTER

STATE COUNCIL MEETING - SUMMER

The main order of business for the July 29th meeting was the election of national director and Council officers and the appointing of committee chairmen. The results of the election are as follows:

National Directors

Ron Koshoshek - Eau Claire and Tom Sopkovich - Milwaukee

Chairman

Tom Sopkovich

Vice Chairman

Jim Kalkofen - Antigo

Treasurer

Bob Heim - Green Bay

Secretary

Tom Flesch - Madison

The following committee chairmen were appointed:

Membership

Roy McDonald - Madison and Craig Harbort - Madison

Fund Raising

Ron Ahner - Madison and Nash Williams - Madison

Legal

Verlin Peckman - Madison

Water Resources Mgt.

Arling Erickson - Poysippi

The other major item on the agenda was the proposed Iron River Federal Lake Trout Hatchery. Mr. Hemphill led the Fish and Wildlife Service presentation which stressed engineering drawings of the proposed hatchery and photos of a hatchery in Michigan. What Mr. Hemphill and his staff didn't address was the total environmental effect the hatchery would have on the Middle and Schacte Creeks, the streams affected by the proposed hatchery.

This area was addressed by the Wisconsin DNR personnel headed by Jim Addis the head of DNR Fish Management. In short the DNR made the Fish and Wildlife Service aware that until several environmental questions were satisfactorily answered the DNR was unlikely to give its approval for the hatchery. At this point these questions remain unanswered.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING - FALL

The Fall State Council Meeting will be held on November 4 at Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River. The short business meeting will begin at 10:30 AM. Following the lunch break we will have the opportunity to listen to a representative of the mining division of Exxon USA discuss the most current plans for mining in Northern Wisconsin. This should be most interesting as the potential of environmental degradation is considerable if the mining is not done in such a way as to greatly reduce and/or eliminate pollution from such an operation.

Please bear in mind that the Eagle River area has great deer (bow) and grouse hunting. Therefore, we have a great opportunity to get in some hunting this weekend if so desired.

To help those who wish to come in early on Friday night and/or stay Saturday night there will be comfortable lodging available at Trees For Tomorrow for just \$8.00 per person per night in their dorms. If you are interested in lodging please contact Tony Pudlo at Trees For Tomorrow, P.O. Box 609, Eagle River, Wis. 54521 or phone (715) 479-6456.

These meetings are open to ALL members of Trout Unlimited so please come for this enjoyable meeting.

NATIONAL MEETING

The National meeting was held in Asheville, N.C. on August 10 - 12. It was an enjoyable meeting for several reasons. T.U. nationally has healed its wounds after the difficulties which occurred at the Bozeman meeting last year. We are now a much stronger unified voice for conservation. Fiscally T.U. is on sound footing. The only problem which arose here was that the publications committee was projected as being about \$7,200 over budget due to a short fall in advertizing revenues. This deficit was made up by unrestricted revenues from the T.U. Beam Bottles, the T.U. Prints and the Franklin Mint Silver Strike. As further assurance of the fiscal stability National will be sending out our second rebate for 1978 in the near future.

The Annual Membership meeting passed the two proposed bylaws changes as well as elected national directors at large. One director elected was Phil Orth of Milwaukee which brings to three the number of at large directors from Wisconsin. The other two being Bob Worth of Stevens Point and Nash Williams of Madison.

The annual meeting for 1979 will be held in Seattle, Washington.

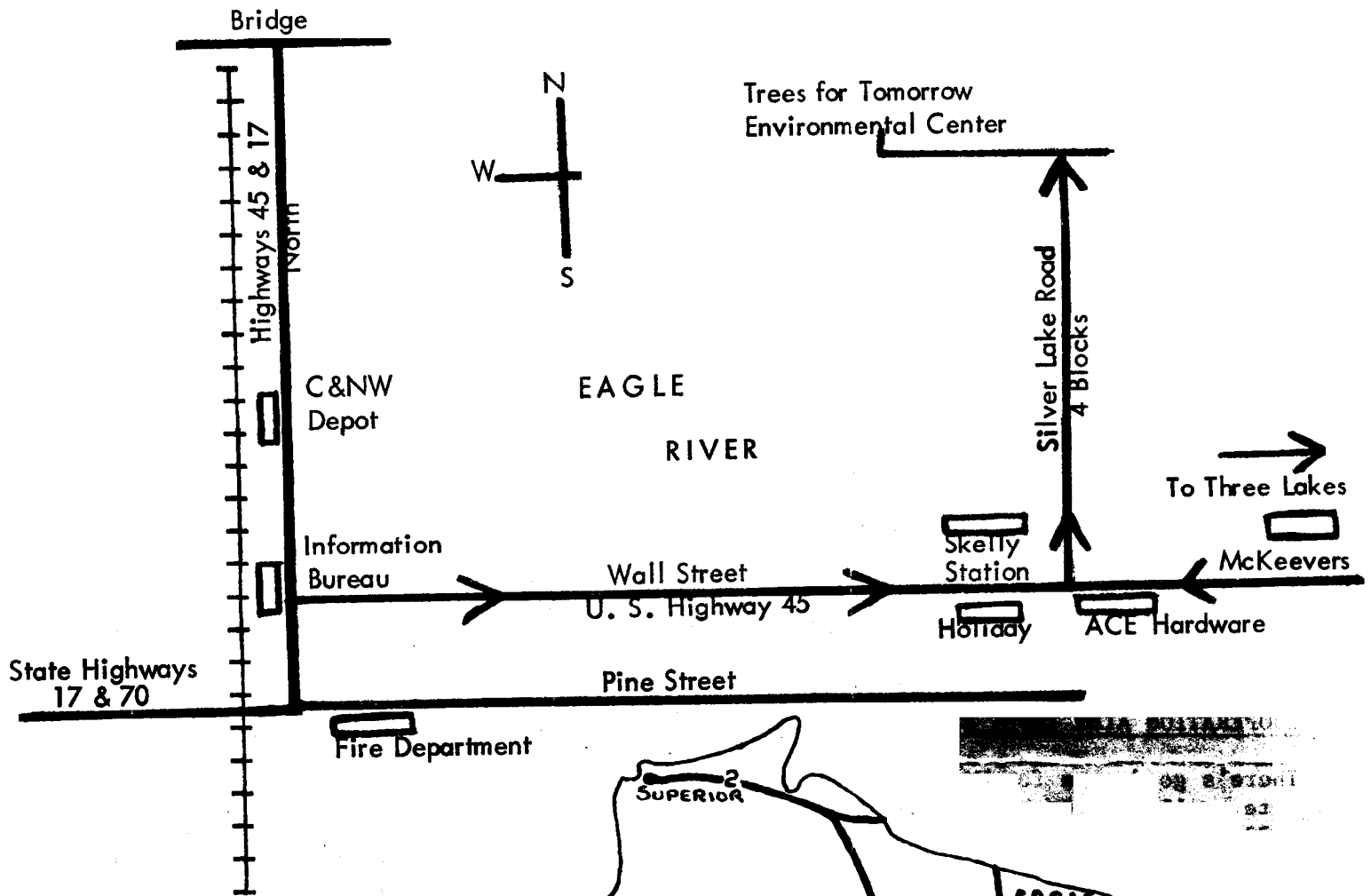
CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Please add my name to your circulation of all newsletters and quarterly reports. If at any time you would like announcements of projects, banquets, etc. in the State newsletter, please let me know.

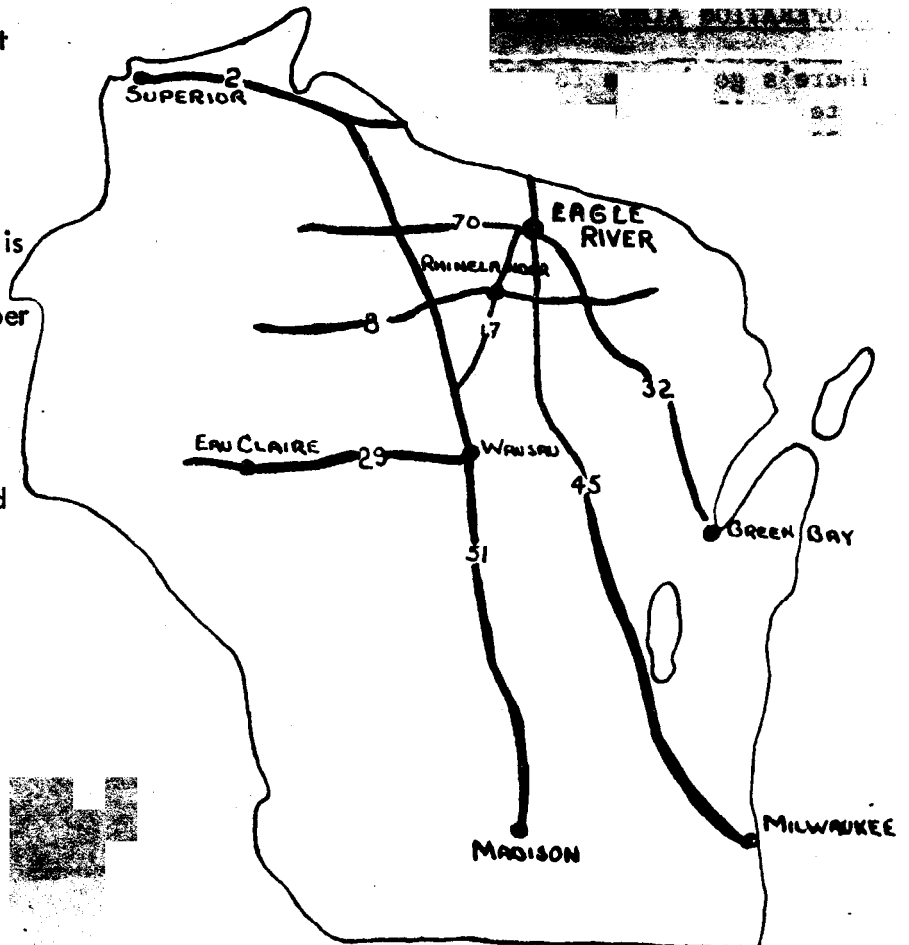
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TREES FOR TOMORROW ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER LOCATION MAP

The Center is located on the outskirts of Eagle River, on the bank of the famous Eagle Chain of Lakes



Trees for Tomorrow Environmental Center is a non-profit organization open to public membership. Founded in 1944 by the paper and power industries to reforest northern Wisconsin, it has since evolved to its present role as an innovator in resource education. Year around programs are offered in ecology, to help our urbanized society understand the outdoor natural environment. In addition to ecology, lifetime outdoor skills are taught such as cross-country skiing, angling, canoeing, backpacking, orienteering, and wilderness survival to provide people with the skills needed to explore the out-of-dors.



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TO IMPROVE EDDY CREEK

At the direction of the Natural Resources Board, DNR personnel in the Northwest District will begin a trout stream improvement project for Eddy Creek near Couderay. The stream improvement plan will increase the carrying capacity of Eddy Creek - a Class I trout stream - enabling natural reproduction of trout to occur. Although the Board voted against dam reconstruction, area legislators and Sawyer County residents supported reconstruction. Board members indicated they understood local sentiment, but the importance of the trout stream and costs of reconstruction caused rejection of the dam. Trout Unlimited supported the Board and DNR. Instream habitat improvement which will include boom covers, wing deflectors and half logs is scheduled for early summer of 1979. According to Frank Pratt, DNR fish manager at Hayward, details of the project are still being worked out. He notes that Bob Hunt, DNR cold water fish researcher and a nationally recognized authority on trout habitat improvement techniques, is working with local DNR fish managers on the project.

TROUT STAMP SALES NEAR \$300,000-MARK

As of Sept. 1, trout stamp receipts totalled \$295,923.90, according to Stan Kmietek, DNR trout specialist. Although the 1978 general trout fishing season ends Sept. 30 and almost all trout anglers will have purchased their stamps by this time, Kmietek said that license agents have not yet sent all stamp revenue to Madison and the total should easily reach the \$300,000-mark, which is close to the original estimate. To date, 16 trout stream habitat improvement projects, totalling \$225,597.00, have been approved, Kmietek said.

COOPERATION AIDS TROUT STREAMS

There's good news for Wisconsin trout because of the cooperation among DNR fish managers, water pollution technicians and sewage treatment grant personnel. The DNR's new list of 1979 funding priorities for sewage treatment systems has taken into account the special water quality standards trout streams require. Environmental specialists give special weight to these systems, helping insure more prompt water quality funding to preserve or enhance this important fish resource. It's just another example of more effective resource management through a team approach that calls on the skills of professionals in the traditional conservation field and emerging area of environmental protection.

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