

WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

Spring 1980 Newsletter

TROUT STAMP REVENUES TOP \$350,000 IN 1979

MADISON, WI--Preliminary tabulations indicate that Wisconsin trout stamp sales in 1979 produced more than \$352,000 in revenue, according to Stan Kmiotek, Bureau of Fish Management in the DNR.

Funds generated from the sale of the stamps is used for trout stream habitat improvement only on publicly owned or publicly controlled lands. Any money left over at the end of a year is carried over to the following year for future projects.

As of January 1st of this year, trout stream habitat improvements funded by trout stamp funds had been completed on 23.1 miles of stream. A summary of the projects, along with trout stream habitat improvements funded from other sources follows. Under the project status column, a project marked "accomp." indicates that work on that project is still in progress and also shows the number of miles on which work had been completed as of the first of this year.

TROUT HABITAT PROJECT STATUS

JANUARY 1980

<u>NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>ALLOTMENT MADE</u>	<u>DATE PROJECT INITIATED</u>	<u>PROJECT STATUS MILES</u>
	Big Roche-Cri		Brush Removal	\$ 1,330	4/11/78	YACC 0.5 complete
	Big Roche-Cri		Instream devices	18,486	4/11/78	Trout Stamp 1.0 accomp.
	Engle Creek Spgs.		Restore spring pond	1,210	12/7/79	Trout Stamp New
	Hickey Creek		Fencing, riprap, et	16,455	3/6/79	ORAP Funds 1.0 accomp.
	Turtle Creek		Fencing	3,620	12/19/79	Trout Stamp New
6.	Yellow River		Brushing & ½ logs	2,740	10/15/77	Trout Stamp 1.2 complete
7	Yellow River		Fencing	2,240	12/9/79	ORAP Funds New
	Yellow River		Instream devices	108,867	1/12/80	Trout Stamp New
9.	White River		Instream devices	39,400	4/4/78	Trout Stamp 0.4 accomp.
0.	Bark River		Brushing	4,500	5/24/79	Trout Stamp 1.0 accomp.
1.	Dogtown Creek		Instream devices	4,180	10/12/77	ORAP Funds 0.3 complete
	Duncan Creek		Fencing	5,420	7/25/79	ORAP Funds 1.4 complete
	Elk Creek		Instream	55,400	4/27/79	Trout Stamp 1.1 accomp.
	Hinkson Creek		Brushing	2,200	5/13/79	ORAP Funds 0.14 complete

PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	COUNTY	TYPE OF WORK	ALLOTMENT MADE	DATE PROJECT INITIATED	FUNDS	PROJECT STATUS	MILES
15.	Rowan Creek	Columbia	Instream devices	30,988	3/9/78	Trout Stamp	1.0 complete	
16.	Rowan Creek	Columbia	Fencing	1,900	4/11/79	Trout Stamp	0.2 complete	
17.	Black Earth	Dane	Maintenance	8,538	4/14/78	ORAP Funds	complete	
18.	Garfoot Creek	Dane	Intensive instream	23,660	10/21/77	Trout Stamp	1.0 complete	
19.	Vermont Creek	Dane	Instream	22,800	10/5/79	Trout Stamp	New	
20.	Mt. Vernon	Dane	Bank cover & maintenance	12,085	9/22/78	Trout Stamp	New	
21.	Little Brule	Douglas	Brush & riprapping	2,000	5/25/79	Trout Stamp	1.0 complete	
22.	Florence, Marinette Oconto	Florence	Beaver Dam Removal	13,300	9/10/79	ORAP Funds	254 inactive dams removed	
23.	Le Page Creek	Florence	Brushing	200	10/24/77	ORAP Funds	.25 complete	
24.	La Montagne	Florence	Instream devices	33,821	11/30/79	Trout Stamp	New	
25.	Gilbert Spgs.	Forest	Fencing	700	12/14/79	Trout Stamp	New	
26.	Big Green River	Grant	Riprap bank cover	58,260	1/12/80	Trout Stamp	New	
27.	Blue River	Grant	Bank riprap	90,000	1/19/79	ORAP Funds	2.8 complete	
28.	Castle Rock	Grant	Riprap	5,300	10/20/79	ORAP Funds	New	
29.	Doc-Smith & Castle Rock	Grant	Bank riprap	14,967	1/25/79	ORAP Funds	0.8 complete	
30.	Conley-Smith	Iowa	Cattle crossing	1,500	10/4/78	ORAP Funds	completed	
31.	Trout Creek	Iowa	Half-logs	800	12/11/78	ORAP Funds	1.5 complete	
32.	No. Branch Beef	Jackson	Fencing	2,850	9/28/78	ORAP Funds	0.2 complete	
33.	N. Br. Trempealeau R.	Jackson	Instream devices	24,000	10/9/78	Trout Stamp	1.2 complete	
34.	S. Br. Beef	Jackson	Fencing	4,600	10/23/76	ORAP Funds	0.67 complete	
35.	Palmer Creek	Kenosha	Brush removal	720	11/22/77	ORAP Funds	1.0 accomp.	
36.	Bohemian Valley	La Crosse	Intensive instream	9,200	9/30/77	Trout Stamp	2.0 accomp.	
37.	Lovett's Creek	LaFayette	Riprap bank	23,500	12/5/79	Trout Stamp	New	
38.	Evergreen Springs	Langlade	Spring pond dredging	17,000	6/8/78	ORAP & D-J	1.0 acres comp.	
39.	Evergreen River	Langlade	Fencing	625	10/9/79	ORAP Funds	New	
40.	Hunting River	Langlade	Instream devices	22,560	6/13/78	Trout Stamp	0.8 accomp.	
41.	Prairie River	Lincoln	Instream	10,425	4/11/78	Trout Stamp	1.0 complete	
42.	Millhome Creek	Manitowoc	Pond dredging	1,206	6/5/78	ORAP Funds	Dredgin - comp.	
43.	Plover River	Marathon	Riprap	533	5/5/79	ORAP Funds	0.25 complete	
44.	Eagle Creek	Marinette	½ logs	1,800	10/12/77	ORAP Funds	0.3 accomp.	
45.	Beaver Dam Removal	Marinette	See #22					
46.	Big Creek	Monroe	Maintenance	1,300	1/12/80	ORAP Funds	New	
47.	Rullands Coulee	Monroe	Fencing	5,500	9/22/79	ORAP Funds	0.1 accomp.	
48.	First So. Br. Oconto River	Oconto	Instream & bank cover	14,480	11/21/78	Trout Stamp	New	
49.	Beaver Dam Removal	Oconto	See #22					
50.	S. Branch Oconto	Oconto	½ logs	2,200	3/10/78	ORAP Funds	0.7 complete	
51.	Clam River	Polk	½ logs	4,140	4/14/78	Trout Stamp	0.42 accomp.	
52.	Poncho Creek	Portage	½ logs	500	6/7/79	Trout Stamp	0.6 complete	
53.	Spur Lake Spgs.	Price	Spring pond dredging	15,000	8/28/78	ORAP & D-J	1.3 acre comp.	
54.	Devil's Creek	Rusk	Fencing	6,529	3/3/78	ORAP Funds	2.3 complete	
55.	S. Fork of Main	Rusk	Fencing	13,478	10/4/77	Trout Stamp	1.5 complete	
56.	S. Fork of Main	Rusk	Instream devices	13,250	3/19/79	Trout Stamp	0.75 complete	
57.	Ten Mile Spgs.	Rusk	Spring pond dredging	15,000	2/23/79	ORAP & D-J	New	
58.	Weirgor	Rusk	Fencing	768	8/12/78	ORAP Funds	1.1 complete	
59.	Kinnickinnic	St. Croix	½ logs	13,200	2/21/78	Trout Stamp	3.3 complete	
60.	Kinnickinnic	St. Croix	Brush control	8,000	4/12/78	ORAP Funds	0.3 accomp.	
61.	Eddy Creek	Sawyer	Instream	\$ 20,000	4/26/79	Trout Stamp	New	
62.	Long Creek	Sawyer	Remove fallen trees	775	11/8/77	ORAP Funds	.25 complete	
63.	Price Creek	Sawyer	Remove fallen trees	2,325	11/9/77	ORAP Funds	-- complete	
64.	Embarrass River	Shawano	Instream work	23,440	1/4/79	Trout Stamp	0.4 accomp.	
65.	Wilson Creek	Shawano	Deflectors	2,350	9/8/79	ORAP Funds	0.4 accomp.	
66.	Nichols Creek	Sheboygan	Intensive instream	13,970	1/2/80	Trout Stamp	New	
67.	So. Br. Beef River	Trempealeau	Fencing	7,910	10/23/78	ORAP Funds	New	
68.	Billings Creek	Vernon	Instream devices	16,500	1/14/80	Trout Stamp	New	
69.	Bishops Branch	Vernon	Instream devices	5,500	1/14/80	Trout Stamp	New	
70.	Hornsby Creek	Vernon	Instream devices	10,000	1/14/80	Trout Stamp	New	
71.	Spring Coulee	Vernon	Fencing	2,000	9/22/79	ORAP Funds	New	
72.	Spring Coulee	Vernon	Riprap	3,000	9/22/79	County Aids	0.2 complete	
73.	Timber Coulee	Vernon	Intensive instream	25,000	9/30/77	Trout Stamp	2.0 accomp.	
74.	Timber Coulee	Vernon/LaCrosse	Instream devices	30,000	1/14/80	Trout Stamp	New	
75.	Goodyear Spgs.	Vilas	Spring pond dredging	19,000	8/10/79	ORAP & D-J	New	
76.	Plum Creek	Vilas	Instream devices	8,245	5/20/79	Trout Stamp	0.25 Accomp.	
77.	Beaver Book	Washburn	Intensive instream	15,900	12/14/79	Trout Stamp	New	
78.	McKenzie Creek	Washburn	Brushing & ½ logs	5,452	4/24/79	Trout Stamp	0.1 complete	
79.	Sawyer Creek	Washburn	Maintenance	11,700	9/16/78	ORAP Funds	0.3 complete	
30.	Sawyer Creek	Washburn	Instream	6,150	10/12/77	ORAP Funds	.25 accomp.	
31.	S. Fork Bean	Washburn	Instream	3,130	10/12/77	ORAP Funds	0.4 accomp.	
32.	Mack	Waupaca	Brushing	4,950	9/26/78	ORAP Funds	0.9 complete	
33.	Nace Creek	Waupaca	Instream & brush remov.	28,370	2/2/79	Trout Stamp	New	
84.	Spaulding Creek	Waupaca	Intensive instream	27,300	5/28/77	Trout Stamp	0.4 complete	
35.	Bower Creek	Waushara	Fencing	3,218	2/19/79	ORAP Funds	0.5 complete	
36.	Cedar Creek Spgs.	Waushara	Spring pond dredging	14,500	4/21/78	ORAP & D-J	1.3 acre comp.	
37.	S. Br. Wedde	Waushara	Fencing	1,205	10/16/79	ORAP Funds	0.13 complete	
38.	Upper Pine	Waushara	Fencing	2,435	11/26/79	ORAP Funds	New	
89.	W. Br. White	Waushara	Fencing	613	3/1/79	ORAP Funds	New	
90.	W. Br. White	Waushara	Instream devices	17,450	6/22/79	Trout Stamp	New	



T. U. BEAVER COMMITTEE ACTIONS

by Jim Kalkofen

When the Wisconsin Council of Trout Unlimited learned about the serious damage beaver are causing on Wisconsin's trout streams and spring holes, they immediately formed a committee to look into the situation. As with all organizations, the person who brings up an issue is named chairman, and Jim Kalkofen from Antigo has been very active as Chairman of the Beaver Committee.

A November, 1979, seminar in Antigo involved D.N.R. fish managers, fisheries bureau chiefs, outdoor writers, T.U. Council members and others. The problems were veatured in a slide presentation, with Tom Thuemler, Max Johnson and Duke Andrews, fish managers, explaining the destruction taking place on trout waters. They agreed, "Beaver problems are the most serious statewide trout management problem and the currently practiced control efforts are inadequate and inefficient." A tour was also conducted. The beaver committee made several recommendations, and several suggestions have since been adopted.

One of the key recommendations which came from the November meeting was a recommendation to open beaver trapping season earlier. Specifically, the committee recommended it be opened concurrently with muskrat and mink season. Trappers could then work open water for beaver. Through the efforts of the committee, a question will appear on the Conservation Congress hearing questionnaire regarding the early season. It's mandatory every T.U. member support this proposal. Trappers can then effectively utilize the resource while bringing the beaver over-population down to a manageable level.

Another recommendation from the beaver committee was to allow contract trapping. Even though head fisheries personnel said contract trapping would be permitted, it took beaver committee efforts via legislators to bring together the D.N.R. fish, game and law enforcement personnel and establish contract trapping guidelines. Beginning with open water this year, contract trapping will become a reality. Fish managers can then direct trappers to problem waters. The trapper will keep the pelts and there will be no money paid for this control effort. The Beaver Committee has written letters and

kept the D.N.R. officials, Conservation Congress members, Natural Resources Board, legislators and others informed of committee actions.

The committee has also worked with Tom Pero, Editor of Trout magazine, and a special four-page story will appear in the summer issue. Similar stories have appeared in most of the state's major dailies, Wisconsin Sportsman, and other publications. Much of the information gathered and disseminated by the Beaver Committee has been utilized by writers and we're currently working on stories for major outdoor publications.

The Beaver Committee and Wisconsin T.U. opposed Senate Bill 288, which would have forced beaver control units off trout streams and put them to work where beaver are causing road, culvert, and bridge problems. The bill died in committee. After learning about a beaver research project in Marinette, Oconto and Florence counties, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited went on record supporting the project and a letter was sent to the D.N.R. Secretary, Anthony Earl, stating our position.

Currently, the Beaver Committee is actively pursuing a video-movie presentation outlining the beaver problem. The program is written and funding is being sought. By informing as many people as possible with the facts, T.U. is working to solve the beaver problem.

Northwoods Banquet

Date: April 12, 1980
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Rhinelander Cafe & Pub
Price: \$11.00

The banquet is limited to 250 people with numerous raffle and door prizes. The raffle tickets are selling for \$1.00 with a 17 ft. gramman canoe, handmade bamboo fly rod, graphite rod, to name just a few items to be given away.

The Northwoods Chapter will be using the proceeds from their banquet to do project work in the Nicolet National Forest specifically on the Deerskin River and Noisy Creek.



Madison, WI - The Natural Resources Board, at its January meeting, adopted a resolution in support of legislation which would require deposits on beverage containers in the state and would further improve Wisconsin's anti-littering laws.

A copy of the resolution, which is included here, has been forwarded to the Governor and to members of the Wisconsin Legislature.

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, littering is a continuing serious problem which is costly to government and wasteful of resources; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionate amount of litter is composed of beverage containers; and

WHEREAS, normal enforcement efforts appear to have little effect on the prevalence of the problem; and

WHEREAS, the potential for resolving much of the litter problem is available by attaching a value to cans and bottles; and

WHEREAS, the public as a whole is distressed by the prevalence of littering and wishes to see action to resolve the problem; and

WHEREAS, the opponents of beverage container deposits have not offered any constructive and workable alternatives; and

WHEREAS, other states have been highly successful with litter control by requiring deposits on cans and bottles; and

WHEREAS, members of the Wisconsin Legislature commendably have drafted and submitted legislation that would initiate a deposit system and improve the anti-littering laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natural Resources Board assembled this 23rd day of January in Madison, Wisconsin, endorses the principle of requiring deposits on beverage containers and urges immediate action by the Legislature during this session to adopt such legislation or, in the alternative, to submit such a proposal to the electorate of the November, 1980, general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor, all legislators and the news media.

NATURAL RESOURCES WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Poynette, WI - High school students interested in the outdoors, natural resources, conservation, ecology, environmental education or related fields have an opportunity to explore career possibilities at two, week-long workshops sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources (D.N.R.) this summer.

"Hands-on" activities in forestry, fire control, fish and wildlife management, and environmental protection are planned for the "Natural Resources Workshop for High School Students" (formerly known as Girls'/Boys' Conservation Camp). Additional areas of learning include law enforcement, environmental education and parks and recreation.

Last year enthusiastic students battled a grass fire, thinned and pruned pines, hiked trails at Devil's Lake State Park, conducted bird surveys and nest searches at the Horicon Wildlife Refuge, and did stream improvement studies, while meeting students from all over Wisconsin with similar interests.

The workshops will be held at the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center, near Poynette, about 25 miles north of Madison. Session I (girls) will be held June 15-21 and Session II (boys) will be held June 22-28, 1980.

Students from Wisconsin, currently enrolled in grades 9-12 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$100. Some scholarships are available through the courtesy of local conservation clubs, and other organizations concerned for the environment.

For more information on the workshop, applications, and scholarship requests, please write to the Natural Resources Workshop for High School Students, MacKenzie Environmental Center, Department of Natural Resources, Poynette, WI 53955, or phone the Center at 608-635-7311 or 608-635-4498. Apply before May 15th.

GET A GOOD GRIP

When fresh and new, the cork handle of a fishing rod has a smooth, warm, skid-free feel to it. Several seasons of use are apt to coat the handle with a sticky gumbo of fish slime and grit. Scrub the cork with moistened kitchen cleanser to make the handle look and feel like new again.

Rape Of The River

By Guy Germano

Real fishin' days are here again,
String up the ol' cane pole;
Add bobber, sinker, brand new hook,
Head for that boyhood hole.

Alas, the stream we loved so well,
Which yielded bream and trout,
Has changed its course, is nearly dry,
Floats scum from source to mouth.

'Tis blighted and surrounded by
Industrial subdivision,
With boxcars, shacks, and factories
Astigmatizing vision.

I admit that I'm old fashioned,
Still like grubs and worms for bait,
Still use the lazy method----
Just sit, and think, and wait.

Oh, it's saddening and disheartening
To observe a dying stream
By industrial refuse tortured,
Poison all its trout and bream.

'Though we favor growth and "progress,"
It is every sportsman's duty
To challenge stream pollution
And the rape of natural beauty.

ACID RAIN CONFERENCE

Time and Place: 9:00 A.M. to
4:00 P.M., April 19 - Wisconsin Center -
Madison, Wisconsin.

The A.M. session will include four
speakers covering the present state of
knowledge of acid rain sources, amounts
and impacts on aquatic and terrestrial
ecosystems. The noon speaker will be
Senator Gaylord Nelson and the assistant
secretary of agriculture. The afternoon
will consist of a panel discussing policy
issues relative to controlling acid emis-
sions. Stan York of PSC, William Keepers
of Wisconsin Power and Light, Robert
Mortini or Tony Earl of DNR, Don Woodruff
of Wisconsin Bureau of Tourism, A Sierra
Club representative and an attorney with
the Environmental Defense Fund will be
on the panel.

Preregistration is strongly encour-
aged as space may be limited.

Send Name, Address, and Phone Number
plus eight dollars to:

PESTICIDES - PANACEA OR POISON

A One Day Colloquium Sponsored By The
College of Natural Resources
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin-Extension
April 11, 1980

While the use of pesticides for
plant protection has increased and become
an accepted practice in recent years,
concern about the impacts of these chem-
icals on human health and the environment
has also grown. At present, there are at
least three different views concerning
the use of pesticides: a) farmers cannot
afford to stop using pesticides because
of the economic losses they would suffer
from uncontrolled insects and disease, b)
the use of these chemicals can cause ad-
verse impacts on human health, wildlife
and other components of the environment,
and c) pesticides should be used as part
of a systematic approach called integra-
ted pest management.

This program will examine these and
other viewpoints and will present the
most current knowledge of these areas.
You are invited to attend this informa-
tive and timely program.

LOCATION: Wisconsin Room, Univer-
sity Center, University of Wisconsin-
Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481

For more information contact:
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Wisconsin Center
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For further information, call either
Byron Shaw at UW-Stevens Point, 715-346-
3331 or Lowell Klesig, UW-EX-Madison,
608-262-3634.

The Dingell-Johnson Bill: More Bucks for Sport Fisheries

by Jim Belsey

It's a reasonably good bet that the vast majority of the 58 million Americans who fished in 1978 are not aware that they paid a 10% manufacturer's excise tax on most of their tackle. But if they did know it, and were aware of what the money does for fisheries, they would surely be delighted that they ponied up.

It all started in 1950 with passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, popularly known by its sponsors' names, the Dingell-Johnson Act, which placed a Federal Tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial lures. The funds are apportioned to states up to a 3 for 1, federal state, matching basis, the amount each can receive determined by its fishing license sales and total area. Less than 7% of the fund goes for administrative purposes.

In December 1979 Congressman John Breaux, who chairs the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, introduced legislation to expand D/J funding by including fishing line, tackle boxes, and other accessories under the 10% tax and adding a 3% tax to fishing boats under 25', their motors, and boat trailers. A similar measure had been placed in the Senate hopper earlier. It is estimated, the ballpark figures, that the bill would nearly quadruple the dollars made available annually from about 25 million to 100 million.

D/J monies, of course, must be used for fisheries restoration, development, enhancement, and research.

The proposed expansion of the Dingell/Johnson fund will establish a proper equity of burden among those who benefit from its results. In effect, it withdraws a subsidy that the boating industry has enjoyed for 29 years from D/J funds spent on such projects as the construction of 328 new fishing lakes, the development of 2818 access and boat launching sites and the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres of lakes and streams.

The Dingell/Johnson expansion bill not only will be of enormous benefit to sport-fishing nationwide, but without it, we can expect continuing deterioration.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 19, 1980

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Arling Erickson Home
Fountain Valley Nursery
2 miles south of Poysippi on
Hwy 49

Rumor has it that Arling will allow fishing - so bring your equipment.

Legislative Report by Verlin Peckham

During the past session the legislators who helped introduce two or more of the following five bills, which T.U. opposed, are listed below.

1. Abolish Public Intervenor
2. Abolish Trout Stamp
3. Governor Appoint DNR Board
4. Redefine Navigable Waters
5. Divert Water from Trout Streams

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bills</u>
Merdt	12	Mequon	2-4-5
Klicka	22	Wauwatosa	2-4-5
Donahue	35	Merrill	2-3
Conradt	41	Shiocton	1-2-4-5
Porter	43	Burlington	1-2-5
Tregoning	51	Shullsburg	2-5
Bradley	57	Oshkosh	4-5
Hopkins	67	Chippewa Falls	2-5
Gagin	68	Eau Claire	3-4
Kedrowski	74	Washburn	2-3
Thompson	79	Elroy	2-4-5
Laatsch	80	Arlington	4-5
Snyder	84	Oconomowoc	4-5
Omernick	86	Wittenberg	1-2-3-4-5
Schmidt	87	Biramwood	1-2-4
Matty	88	Crivitz	2-5

An update of legislation will appear in the next quarterly after the legislature adjourns. T.U. is not a political organization. The State Council believes members should know how their representatives vote on issues relating to water quality.

MINUTES - WINTER, 1980, STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Tom Sopkovich.

Minutes of the Fall Meeting approved as printed in the State Newsletter

Treasurer's Report - Bob Heim

Checking - \$1,640.96
C.D. 500.00

Committee Reports:

- Water Resource - Bills AB 1002-1003 and 1069 need the attention of T.U. Verlin Peckham, State Legal Counsel, said all 3 bills were dead.
- Membership - No report.
- Fund Raising - We still have 200 buttons for sale @ \$.50 to any Chapters that need them. This is an easy way to raise project money - Contact Tom Sopkovich.
- Legal - Verlin Peckham made an in-depth study on who voted against the bills T.U. was in favor of and recommended that we contact our local representatives and explain our views to them.
- * Motion - C. Byrnes - Copy of V. Peckham report should be sent on a 1st class mailing to all our State T.U. membership.
- * Motion withdrew after discussion. Tom Flesch pointed out that all Chapter presidents should be on the circulation of the DNR Legislative Report. Verlin Peckham will handle with Kris Visser, Legislative Liaison of the D.N.R.
- * State Council of T.U. directed our legal council every spring to write a report in our State Newsletter showing who voted for and against Bills of interest to T.U.
- * Motion made and seconded that an emergency 1st class mailing be authorized by the executive committee of the State Council of T.U. whenever they feel it is necessary to react quickly on a legislative bill. Motion approved 11-3.
- Dr. Jack Heaton and Jana Suchy made a 11 minute video tape movie of "The Little Plover River Project" to demonstrate how we could use this type of tool to assist our beaver crisis.
- * Motion made and seconded that the State Council of T.U. make a video tape program to educate the public on the beaver problem in Wisconsin - as soon as funding is available.

- Motion approved unanimously.
- * Motion made and seconded that a video tape program committee be appointed.
Committee: Jim Kalkofen
Clint Byrnes
Jack Heaton
Tom Sopkovich
Ron Koshoshek

Motion approved unanimously.

- * Motion made by Bob Heim that the State Council of T.U. use \$500.00 from its treasury to make the educational beaver program.
Motion withdrew.
- * Motion made by Ron Koshoshek that the State Council of T.U. provide \$1,750.00 for the beaver educational program.
Motion passed unanimously.
- Central Wi. and Northwoods Chapters offered to donate \$200.00 each for the beaver program upon approval of their Board of Directors.
- Beaver Dam Removal - Stan Kmiotek D.N.R. Policy - No removal of active beaver dams during the winter. No trout stamp money is to be used for dam removal. Districts can use their own funds to remove active dams but no funds for development work can be used.
- Tom Sopkovich announced the meeting of the National Board of T.U. on March 21, 22, 23 at the O'Hara Hilton in Chicago. March 21 will be a "Leadership Seminar" with the National Board Meeting on March 22 and 23.
- Tom Sopkovich expressed the desire of our National organization to get involved locally with HR-6144 The Black Bass Act.
- * Motion made that the Sec. of Wi. State Council write a letter to all our Congressmen stating the State Council's position on HR-6144 which is in favor of HR-6144 and to include our Steelhead Fishery.
- * Motion passed unanimously.

SOUTHERN WI. CHAPTER COMMENT -

- Clint Brynes and Verlin Peckham spoke for the Board of Directors of the So. Wi. Chapter expressing a great concern about letters which have recently been written which dictated Council policy. They reminded everyone concerned that only authorized members of the Executive Council should be speaking for the Council on policy matters and only after a vote of the State Council.

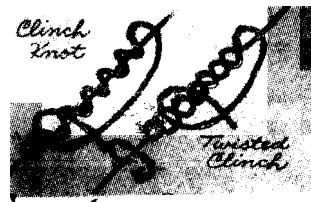
MINUTES

- Beaver Problem - Jim Kalkofen gave the State Council an update on the beaver problem in Northern Wi.
- * Motion made that the video committee as an additional duty apply from our National Project Fund for matching funds to remove beaver dams to improve the cold water resource in Wisconsin.
- Motion passed 11-3 - Southern Wi. Chapter and the State Secretary voted against the motion because of the publicity generated from removing active dams during the winter.
- * Motion - Bob Heim - that the State Council go on record in favor of the pilot-research project in the Lake Michigan District on beaver control - Letters to be written by T. Sopkovich.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- * Motion made that the State Council go on record opposing SB-488 (D.N.R. removing Beaver Dams) in its present form date 1/2/80. Jim Kalkofen is to discuss revisions of the bill with Sen. Krueger.
- Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - 1980 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Tom Sopkovich - to be discussed at the Spring State Council meeting. Each Chapter president is to bring along their respective goals and objectives.
 - * Motion made to oppose S.B. 515 and Verlin Peckham to appear and voice the position of the State Council.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - * Motion made to support NR-345 - Mitch Bent to voice the position of the State Council.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - * Motion - State Council support present system of Trout Stream Classification. No second.
 - Spring State Council Meeting - Apr. 19 at Fountain Valley Nursery - Arling Erickson home.
 - Winter Season - Slide Presentation - Roger Kerr and Gene VanDyke.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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