



WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

MARCH, 1982 Quarterly Report

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Upcoming Scheduled Events

- March 13 - Fox Valley Chapter Banquet, Appleton
20 - State Council Meeting (see announcement below)
26 - Ojibseau Chapter Banquet, Eau Claire
27 - Green Bay Chapter Banquet, Green Bay
- April 3 - Northwoods Chapter Banquet, Rhinelander
21 - Antigo Chapter Banquet, Antigo
24 - Fencing Project, Oconto R., Green Bay Chapter
- June 12 - Wing dam, bank cover work, Oconto R., GB. Chapter
- Aug 26-28- National TU Convention, Oshkosh
- Sept 18 - Fall Scatter Planting - Wolf River, Wolf R. Chapter

Chapter Monthly Meetings

- Green Bay - 1st Thursday, 8:00 PM, Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
Southern - 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Pig's Ear Restaurant, Madison
Ojibseau - 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Anchor Inn, Hallie
Fox Valley- 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM, Forester Club, Appleton

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: March 20th, 1982
Location: MacKenzie Environmental Center, Poynette, WI
Time: 10:15 a.m. - ??

Call in advance if you wish to stay overnight and fish the next day. Call Tom Flesch (608-635-2552) for fishing information and details on lodging.

T.U. - THE ACTION ORGANIZATION

1981 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Antigo Chapter

Thanks to the efforts of project chairman Jim Schewe, the Antigo chapter has completed an ambitious half-log project on the Eau Claire River. Two-Hundred half-logs were set in place on a one and one-half mile stretch of stream. Well over 400 man-hours were expended over the two-year project which involved approximately 43 people and cost nearly \$2500.

This project was a new experience for Antigo because they were dealing with private riparian owners. Jim Schewe had to contact each property owner and obtain easements before work could be started. Necessary permits and agreements also had to be obtained and approved by DNR.

As usual, cooperation and support was received from Area Fish Manager Max Johnson and other DNR personnel.

Landowners along the project site gave excellent cooperation in allowing access to the river, storing materials, and several of them even offered a helping hand in working on the project.

Also helping on this project was Antigo Boy Scout Troup 444 who worked hard and had a lot of fun. Additional support and cooperation came from Langlade County UW extension agents and Langlade County Board of Supervisors.

The project is proving to be very successful. Max Johnson and his crew shocked the section of river containing the half-logs and already trout are turning up in impressive numbers.

In 1981 the Antigo Chapter held its first annual fund raising banquet and it was a huge success. 351 meals were served and last minute requests for tickets proved the chapter could have sold another fifty tickets easily.

Fox Valley Chapter

For the Fox Valley Chapter, sponsoring an annual fishing outing for handicapped kids is indeed a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Fishing from wheelchairs, crutches, and leg braces, thirteen youngsters caught over 100 rainbow and brook trout measuring up to seventeen inches in size. After fishing, the chapter provided a lunch of hamburgers, brats, beans, chips and cake. Channel 5, Green Bay, provided TV coverage.

Our summer fishing outing was almost rained out; however, a local establishment at Richford provided a dry place to cook and tip a few. Some members ventured forth into the rain to sample the fishing and were not disappointed as the fish were as hungry as some of the TU members.

Plans for 1982 include a membership drive meeting in February, the Channel 11 Sports Show March 13th, and our annual outing with the handicapped kids in April.



Max Johnson drives half-log as Chapter President Dennis Orgeman looks on.

Green Bay Chapter

Since this time last year the Green Bay Chapter has doubled its membership to finally break the 100 mark! Increased membership was given number one priority by our Board of Directors. Through a variety of efforts this goal has been achieved and membership continues to grow as we plan our 1982 banquet - March 27th.

Stream improvement during the summer of 1981 saw the members contribute over 150 man-hours of labor on major stream projects.

The most extensive project this year was on the 1st South Branch of the Oconto River near Mountain. Here a total of 130 man-hours were expended constructing wing-dams and bank cover.

This project, when complete, will have revitalized one mile of stream. Major costs for the project were funded by trout stamp funds. The Oconto River project is a joint effort sponsored by DNR, Nicolet National Forest, Oconto County, and Trout Unlimited.

Our last work day on the Oconto River brought together members from the Green Bay, Antigo, and Fox Valley Chapters. It was enjoyable working with members from other chapters and we look forward to more inter-chapter outings in the future.

In early August, chapter members traveled to Florence County for a days work on LaMontagne Creek. While this project is not as extensive as the Oconto River project, the work was every bit as strenuous and the benefits of our efforts should be realized come spring.

A major project for the Green Bay Chapter this past year has been to expand Trout Unlimited visibility and membership throughout the N.E. Wisc. area.

We've obtained a bulk mailing permit which has enabled the chapter to distribute many more newsletters to interested persons and potential members.

A slide presentation of chapter activities was assembled and the chapter has provided programs for a variety of sportsmans' groups and service clubs. One such program resulted in a contribution of \$200 toward the beaver video from the Brown County Conservation Alliance. Additional programs are scheduled for films and presentations.

An exhibit depicting chapter activities and trout fishing paraphernalia was displayed at the People's Marine Bank.

In early February the Green Bay Chapter sponsored a "Trout Fishing Winter Hobby and Fun Night". (Con't)



Green Bay TU'ers construct bank cover on Oconto R.

The event was open to the public and widely publicized. Over 150 people attended and enjoyed demonstrations of net building, rod making, fly tying, fish taxidermy, and trout cookery to name a few. Several slide presentations covered fishing outings and stream improvement projects. The evening was concluded with the showing of "The Way of a Trout". Twenty new members joined the ranks of TU that evening.

The chapter continues its work on area resource issues. Bob Haglund is currently investigating a proposal for a small hydro-electric dam on the Oconto River at Pulcifer.

The Chapter Board of Directors has met with representatives from Wisc. Public Service Corp. and efforts are underway to improve the quality of the fly-fishing stretch on the Peshtigo River.

The acid-water pollution problem affecting the Brule River in Florence County continues and Tom Mertens has been meeting with representatives from Hanna Mining, Michigan DNR, Mich. Tech. University and local sportsmen to formulate a resolve to this problem.

A stream monitoring program is being formulated by Jim Gallt to maintain records and collect data on various conditions of the Oconto and Peshtigo Rivers.

Northwoods Chapter

In and around the Rhinelander area, an area hardest hit by the affects of beaver dams, the Northwoods Chapter continues its battle to protect north country brook trout streams.

Chapter crews have cleared the remains of 30 inactive dams along with brushing and cleaning debris from the stream bed to return these Class I trout waters to their free flowing state.

Working with DNR and Forest Service personnel in Nicolet Nat'l Forest, Northwoods members have completed their half-log project on Deerskin Creek.

The year 1981 was another busy one for the Ojibseau Chapter, headquartered in the Eau Claire-Chippewa Falls area.

Approximately 70 people attended our annual banquet. Our main speaker was Jim Addis who spoke on the future of trout and trout fishing in Wisc. Additional banquet activities included movies, auctions, a raffle and the presentation of awards to area individuals, businesses and governmental units who were deemed by the Chapter to deserve recognition for their service to the cold-water resource.

Our winter fly-tying clinic was attended by 20 people who learned rudimentary and advanced tying methods and enhanced our treasury about \$200.

In addition to regular chapter meetings, we sponsored a fly fishing clinic on Duncan Creek and chapter outings to the Rush and Namekagon Rivers. These outings were popular with those members who attended and we plan more this year.

Our stream improvement activities were concentrated on our Operation Restore project on Elk Creek. More than 20 work sessions were held and lots of rock was moved, as well as stream clearance and bank improvement work. We plan on continuing our improvement work this year, as well as placing half-logs in the stream. We hope to complete the three-year project by fall, 1982.

Primary resource issues we have been involved in are a proposed dam on Bridge Creek in Augusta, a Class II stream and a proposed storm sewer discharge into Lowes Creek, another Class II stream, by the City of Eau Claire.

After a complete USGS study of the Augusta dam proposal, it appears that our opposition, in conjunction with that of DNR, will remain. It appears doubtful that the City will proceed with their plans.

We have joined with the Wisc. Public Intervenor and the Lowes Creek Watershed Protection Association to oppose the storm sewer project and have joined in petitioning the DNR for a hearing on the issue.

Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Southern Wisconsin Chapter completed work on a 2000 foot section of Rocky Run Creek (class II) in Columbia County. TU members installed half-logs and brush bundles and raked 40 cubic yards of coarse gravel into a spawning bed which was used by several big trout this past fall. Fencing was done along a small feeder creek which produces brook trout for the project area.

The Chapter was cited by the Natural Resources Board for the efforts toward resource enhancement and protection.

While the affects of habitat restoration are indeed beneficial to the trout populations, the impacts of increased fishing pressure due to publicity and improved access are also being studied.

The impacts of increased fishing pressure can work against the purpose of improving habitat and the Southern Wisconsin Chapter is encouraging its members to consider this area a catch-and-release area to lessen the affects of increased fishing pressure.

For the past two winters, Southern Wisconsin Chapter has sponsored free fly-tying classes in Madison and outlying communities. With sixteen instrutors, about 75 students have participated in the program each year. Students supply basic tools and the chapter provides materials funded from a memorial fund established by a deceased member. Funds for materials are supplemented by fly raffles at monthly meetings and a raffle of a drawing donated by an artist-fisherman. Newspaper, TV, and radio publicity brings many new people to these classes, and eventually into the ranks of Trout Unlimited.

Membership increased 40% for So. Wisconsin Chapter in 1981 to a handsome number of 250 members.

Numerous legislative hearings were attended by members of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter, including those on wetlands preservation and municipal and town bridge construction rules. A very graphic and effective slide presentation showing serious erosion and siltation at several bridge and culvert construction sites was made.

During 1981 the chapter undertook the arduous task of updating and reorganizing its chapter bylaws; including deliniating the responsibilities of twelve committees.

Southern Wisconsin continues its educational function by offering and showing its copy of "The Way of A Trout" to school and youth groups.

Plans for 1982 include an awards banquet, a young-peoples' night at a monthly meeting, and a few group fishing trips to area streams with experienced guides and instructors.

Stream project work, which proceeded during the past two mild winters, has ground to a halt this year but will continue if and when the streams ever thaw out.

Our membership goal for 1982 is a 20% increase to 300 members. Needless to say, managing a group this size, with a 13 member board and sometimes 80 at a general meeting, presents some problems and challenges.



40 yards of gravel were spread on Rocky Run Creek to create a spawning area for trout.

Trout Unlimited projects mean better fishing for you.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BUREAU OF FISH MANAGEMENT
TROUT HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME	COUNTY	TYPE OF WORK	FUNDS USED*	ALLOTMENT MADE	YEAR		PROJECT COMPLETED	PROJECT STATUS
					PROJECT SUBMITTED	WORK COMPLETED		
Big Roche-a-Cri Cr.	Adams	Brushing	YACC	\$ 1,330	1978	0.5 mi.	Finished	
Big Roche-a-Cri Cr.	Adams	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	18,486	1978	1.0 mi.	Underway	
Engle Creek Spgs	Barron	Restoration	Trout Stamp	1,210	1979	0	New	
Hickey Cr.	Barron	Fencing, riprap	ORAP Funds	16,455	1979	1.0 mi.	Underway	
Turtle Cr.	Barron	Fencing	Trout Stamp	3,620	1979	0	New	
Yellow R.	Barron	Brushing, half-logs	Trout Stamp	2,740	1977	1.2 mi.	Finished	
Yellow R.	Barron	Fencing	ORAP Funds	2,240	1979	0	New	
Yellow R.	Barron	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	108,867	1980	0.6 mi.	Underway	
White R.	Bayfield	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	39,400	1978	0.6 mi.	Underway	
Bark R.	Bayfield	Brushing	Trout Stamp	4,500	1979	1.4 mi.	Underway	
Dogtown Cr.	Burnett	In-stream devices	ORAP Funds	4,180	1977	0.3 mi.	Finished	
Duncan Cr.	Chippewa	Fencing	ORAP Funds	5,420	1979	1.4 mi.	Finished	
Elk Cr.	Chippewa	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	65,400	1979	1.1 mi.	Underway	
Hinkson Cr.	Columbia	Brushing	ORAP Funds	2,200	1979	0.1 mi.	Finished	
Rowan Cr.	Columbia	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	30,988	1978	1.38 mi.	Underway	
Rowan Cr.	Columbia	Fencing	Trout Stamp	1,900	1979	0.2 mi.	Finished	
Rocky Run	Columbia	Brushing	Coop Project	2.3 man months	1980	0.23 mi.	Underway	
Black Earth Cr.	Dane	Maintenance	ORAP Funds	8,538	1978	0.2 mi.	Finished	
Garfoot Cr.	Dane	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	23,660	1977	1.0 mi.	Finished	
Vermont Cr.	Dane	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	22,800	1979	0.5 mi.	Underway	
Mt. Vernon Cr.	Dane	Bank cover, maint.	Trout Stamp	12,085	1978	2 mi.	Underway	
Little Brule R.	Douglas	Brushing, riprap	Trout Stamp	2,000	1979	1.0 mi.	Finished	
Upper Brule R.	Douglas	Brushing, riprap	Trout Stamp	7,150	1980	0.4 mi.	Underway	
Various Trout Streams	Florence	Beaver dam removal	ORAP Funds	13,300	1979	457	Underway	
	Oconto					inactive		
	Marinette					dams removed		
Le Page Cr.	Florence	Brushing	ORAP Funds	200	1977	0.2 mi.	Finished	
La Montagne Cr.	Florence	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	33,821	1979	0.6 mi.	Underway	
Big Green R.	Grant	Riprap, bank cover	Trout Stamp	58,260	1980	1.2 mi.	Finished	
Blue R.	Grant	Riprap	ORAP Funds	90,000	1979	2.8 mi.	Finished	
Castle Rock Cr.	Grant	Riprap	ORAP Funds	5,300	1979	0.6 mi.	Finished	
Doc-Smith & Castle Rock Cr.	Grant	Riprap	ORAP Funds	14,967	1979	0.8 mi.	Finished	
Conley-Smith Cr.	Iowa	Cattle crossing	ORAP Funds	1,500	1978	2 built	Finished	
Trout Cr.	Iowa	Half-logs	ORAP Funds	800	1978	1.5 mi.	Finished	
No. Branch Beef R.	Jackson	Brushing	Trout Stamp	7,100	1980	1.0 mi.	Finished	
No. Branch Beef R.	Jackson	Fencing	ORAP Funds	2,850	1978	0.2 mi.	Finished	
Stockwell Creek	Jackson	Fencing	Trout Stamp	2,300	1980	0.5 mi.	Finished	
N. Br. Trempealeau R.	Jackson	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	24,000	1978	1.2 mi.	Finished	
S. Br. Beef R.	Jackson	Fencing	ORAP Funds	4,600	1976	0.6 mi.	Finished	
Trib. to Stockwell Cr. 12-6	Jackson	Brushing	Trout Stamp	3,021	1980	0.3 mi.	Finished	
Palmer Cr.	Kenosha	Brushing	ORAP Funds	720	1977	1.0 mi.	Underway	
Bohemian Valley Cr.	La Crosse	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	9,200	1977	2.0 mi.	Underway	
Lovett's Cr.	Lafayette	Riprap	Trout Stamp	23,500	1979	0	New	
Evergreen Springs	Langlade	Dredging	ORAP & D-J	17,000	1978	1.0 mi.	Finished	
Evergreen R.	Langlade	Fencing	ORAP Funds	625	1979	0	New	
Hunting R.	Langlade	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	22,560	1978	1.3 mi.	Finished	
Prairie R.	Lincoln	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	10,425	1978	1.0 mi.	Finished	
Millhome Springs	Manitowoc	Dredging	ORAP Funds	1,206	1978	0.3 ac.	Finished	
Freeman Cr.	Marathon	Fencing	ORAP Funds	800	1980	0.3 mi.	New	
Plover R.	Marathon	Riprap	ORAP Funds	533	1979	0.3 mi.	Finished	
Eagle Cr.	Marinette	Half-logs	ORAP Funds	1,800	1977	0.3 mi.	Finished	
Big Cr.	Monroe	Maintenance	ORAP Funds	1,300	1980	0	New	
Rullands Coulee Cr.	Monroe	Fencing	ORAP Funds	5,500	1979	0.1 mi.	Underway	

First So. Br.	Oconto	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	14,480	1978	0	New
Oconto R.	Oconto	Half-logs	Coop Project	--	1979	0.5 mi.	Finished
S. Branch Oconto R.	Oconto	Half-logs	ORAP Funds	2,200	1978	0.7 mi.	Finished
S. Branch Oconto R.	Oconto	Bank cover	Trout Stamp	14,480	1980	0	New
First So. Br. Oconto R.	Oconto	Half-logs	Trout Stamp	4,140	1978	0.4 mi.	Underway
Clam R.	Polk	Half-logs, brushing	Trout Stamp	600	1979	0.6 mi.	Finished
Poncho Cr.	Portage	In-stream devices	Coop-Forest Service --	--	1980	1.5 mi.	Underway
Foulds Cr.	Price	Dredging	ORAP & D-J	15,000	1978	1.3 ac.	Finished
Spur Lake Spgs.	Price	Riprap	Trout Stamp	46,000	1981	--	New
Willow River	Richland	Fencing	ORAP Funds	6,529	1978	2.3 mi.	Finished
Devil's Cr.	Rusk	Fencing	Trout Stamp	13,478	1977	3.5 mi.	Finished
S. Fork of Main Cr.	Rusk	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	13,250	1979	1.8 mi.	Underway
S. Fork of Main Cr.	Rusk	Dredging	ORAP & D-J	15,000	1979	0	New
Ten Mile Spgs.	Rusk	Fencing	ORAP Funds	768	1978	1.1 mi.	Finished
Weirgor Cr.	Rusk	Half-logs	Trout Stamp	13,200	1978	3.8 mi.	Finished
Kinnickinnic R.	St. Croix	Brushing	ORAP Funds	8,000	1978	1.0 mi.	Underway
Kinnickinnic R.	St. Croix	Brushing and	Trout Stamp	20,000	1979	0.5	Underway
Eddy Cr.	Sawyer	in-stream devices					
Long Cr.	Sawyer	Remove fallen trees	ORAP Funds	775	1977	0.5 mi.	Finished
Price Cr.	Sawyer	Remove fallen trees	ORAP Funds	2,325	1977	0.3 mi.	Finished
Embarrass R. N. Br.	Shawano	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	23,440	1979	0.4 mi.	Underway
Embarrass R. Middle Br.	Shawano	In-stream devices	Coop Project	--	1979	0.3 mi.	Underway
Wilson Cr.	Shawano	Deflectors	Orap Funds	2,350	1979	0.7 mi.	Underway
Nichols Cr.	Sheboygan	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	13,970	1980	0.8 mi.	Underway
So. Br. Beef R.	Trempealeau	Fencing	ORAP Funds	7,910	1978	0	New
Billings Cr.	Vernon	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	16,500	1980	0	New
Bishops Branch	Vernon	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	5,500	1980	0	New
Hornsby Cr.	Vernon	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	10,000	1980	0	New
Spring Coulee Cr.	Vernon	Fencing	ORAP Funds	2,000	1979	0	New
Spring Coulee Cr.	Vernon	Riprap	County Aids	3,000	1979	0.2 mi.	Finished
Timber Coulee Cr.	Vernon	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	25,000	1977	2.0 mi.	Underway
Timber Coulee Cr.	Vernon	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	30,000	1980	0	New
	La Crosse						
Goodyear Spgs.	Vilas	Dredging	ORAP & D-J	19,000	1981	0	New
Plum Cr.	Vilas	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	8,245	1979	0.3 mi.	Finished
Plum Cr.	Vilas	Half-logs	Trout Stamp	1,000	1980	0.75 mi.	Underway
Beaver Br.	Washburn	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	15,900	1979	0.3 mi.	Underway
McKenzie Cr.	Washburn	Brushing, half-logs	Trout Stamp	5,452	1979	0.5 mi.	Underway
Sawyer Cr.	Washburn	Maintenance	ORAP Funds	11,700	1978	0.3 mi.	Finished
Sawyer Cr.	Washburn	In-stream devices	ORA 6,150	1977	0.3 mi.	Underway	
S. Fork Bean Br.	Washburn	In-stream devices	ORAP Funds	3,130	1977	0.4 mi.	Underway
Mack Cr.	Waupaca	Brushing	ORAP Funds	4,950	1978	0.9 mi.	Underway
Nace Cr.	Waupaca	In-stream devices, brushing	Trout Stamp	28,370	1979	1.3 mi.	Underway
Spaulding Cr.	Waupaca	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	27,300	1977	0.4 mi.	Finished
Bowers Cr.	Waushara	Fencing	ORAP Funds	3,218	1979	1.0 mi.	Finished
Cedar Cr. Spgs.	Waushara	Dredging	ORAP & D-J	14,500	1978	1.3 ac.	Finished
S. Br. Wedge Cr.	Waushara	Fencing	ORAP Funds	1,205	1979	0.3 mi.	Finished
Upper Pine R.	Waushara	Fencing	ORAP Funds	2,435	1979	0.5 mi.	Underway
W. Br. White R.	Waushara	In-stream devices	Trout Stamp	17,450	1979	0.3 mi.	Underway
W. Br. White R.	Waushara	Fencing	ORAP Funds	613	1979	0	New

*YACC: Young Adult Conservation Corps
ORAP: Outdoor Recreation Action Program
D-J : Dingell-Johnson (Federal Excise Tax Funds)
Trout Stamp: Special Wisconsin License
County Aids: Section 23.09(12) Statutes (County-State cost share management projects).

The Wisconsin Trout Stamp generates approximately \$400,000 each year. These funds are earmarked for inland trout habitat improvement only. Money left over at the end of the year remains in the trout stamp account and is carried over to the following year.

“Support Quality Trout Fishing”

Richard "Dick" Hemp

by Mitch Bent



The conservation ethic, a vital force in the historical development of Wisconsin, has given us the likes of Aldo Leopold, Harley MacKenzie, and Ernie Swift, leaders of the environmental movement in its early days. And certain to rank with these legends is Richard "Dick" Hemp of Mosinee, member of the Natural Resources Board and TU member of the Central Wisconsin Chapter.

While Hemp's vocation included owning and publishing two newspapers and serving as the appointed postmaster of Mosinee till 1972, his avocation has always been the cause of conservation. Over the past 35 years, he has served as Chairman of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, president and executive vice-president of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, and as the Wisconsin representative to the National Wildlife Federation. In 1978, he was appointed by former governor Martin Schreiber to the Natural Resources Board, the governing body of the DNR.

While disputes over handling solid and hazardous wastes have been the most vexing problems he's faced during his time on the Board, Dick always keeps tabs on issues regarding the coldwater resource, saying "The push for increased use of hydroelectricity (i.e., more dams on rivers), the rapid growth of second homes along trout streams, and the overpopulation of beavers are negatively impacting the trout waters in the state. On the positive side, I think many of the streams flowing through agricultural areas are in better shape now than they were years ago. There aren't as many cattle in the streams now; farm specialization has led to that."

Dick sees Trout Unlimited as a positive force for protecting the trout fishery in the state, and he warns TU to be vigilant of the goings-on in Madison. "Every session of the Legislature sees someone trying to weaken the definition of navigable waters," he states. "If that ever happens, many of our small, coldwater creeks will be left unprotected."

Changes loom ahead in the format for trout fishing in Wisconsin, according to Hemp. "Zoning the state may help ease pressure on waters near large human population centers. And I think the Board

will be receptive to reduced creel limits in order to enhance quality trout fishing. I personally don't feel comfortable with the large bag limits for fish and game. It gives a false sense of values to the outdoor experience."

Dick's own trout angling began while he was a youngster, dunking worms in local creeks. He became a "purist" fly fisherman on his first trip to the Prairie River in 1932, but he is always quick to say, "I don't regard the fly angler as being any better than other fishermen. It takes as much, if not more, skill to properly fish a worm as it does a fly. To be honest, the reason I quit using worms is because I am too damn lazy to go out and dig 'em up!"

Hemp's services to conservation have not gone unnoticed. The Milwaukee County Conservation Alliance cited him as "Wisconsin's Outstanding Conservationist" in 1950, and both the Waukesha County Conservation Alliance and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Izaak Walton League similarly cited him in 1969. The year 1969 also saw Dick receive the American Motors Conservation Award for being one of the top 10 non-professional conservationists in the United States. In 1978, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation named him "Conservationist of the Year" for his long dedication to conservation.

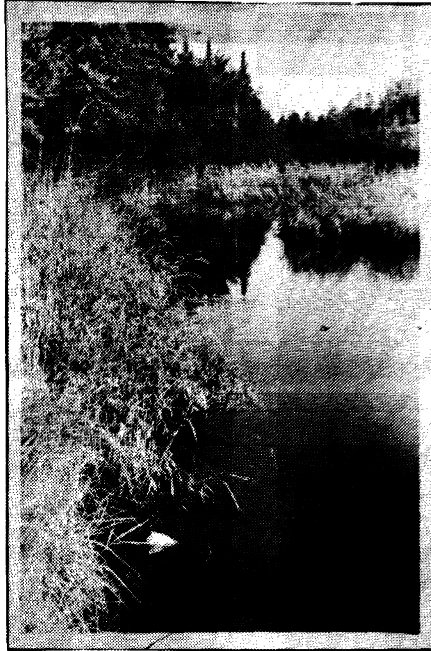
At age 73, Dick is still active in many aspects of conservation besides DNR Board meetings. "I always enjoy attending the state council TU meetings," he says. "I never fail to learn something." He then adds with a wry chuckle, "A friend of mine asked me to join the Mosinee Senior Citizen Club. I told him to ask me in another ten years; I'm too young for that. As long I have my health, I intend to seek as many new ideas as I can find." Wisconsin and Trout Unlimited can be thankful for that attitude.

PLOVER RIVER

The Plover River is the largest and most popular trout stream in Marathon County, and is ranked as one of the top trout streams in north central Wisconsin. Fed by numerous springs and spring ponds, the Plover's water quality is excellent. The stream flows into and out of the fishery area in eastern Marathon County, about 20 miles east of Wausau, and then into Portage County where it is impounded successively by Dana, Van Order, Jordan, and McDill Ponds before it joins the Wisconsin River at the Village of Whiting. The stretch of river north of County Trunk "N" in Marathon County is considered class I trout water; between "N" and highway 153, the river is rated as class II.

In 1951, the Plover River from "N" upstream to its headwaters was proposed to the Wisconsin Conservation Commission as a demonstration watershed project. Initially, work was centered on fencing pastured areas adjacent to the stream and restoring cover by planting trees and shrubs. In 1956, various types of instream habitat devices were built in the area approximately one mile up-and down-stream from CTH "Z". In-stream structures also exist just upstream from CTH "N". The most recent work on the Plover occurred in 1973-74 when $3/8$ mile of wing deflector-boom cover and half logs were installed. Two inter-connecting state-owned spring ponds, Spiegel and Totten, were dredged in 1964 and 1973, respectively.

Future improvement projects on the Plover depend upon additional acquisition of land along the river. These projects include brushing and wing deflector-boom cover construction on five segments totalling over 10,900 feet. One spring pond is still scheduled for dredging, once the necessary property is acquired. To date, 53% of the Plover River Fishery Area is owned by DNR, and efforts continue by the department to acquire acreage within the project boundaries from willing sellers.



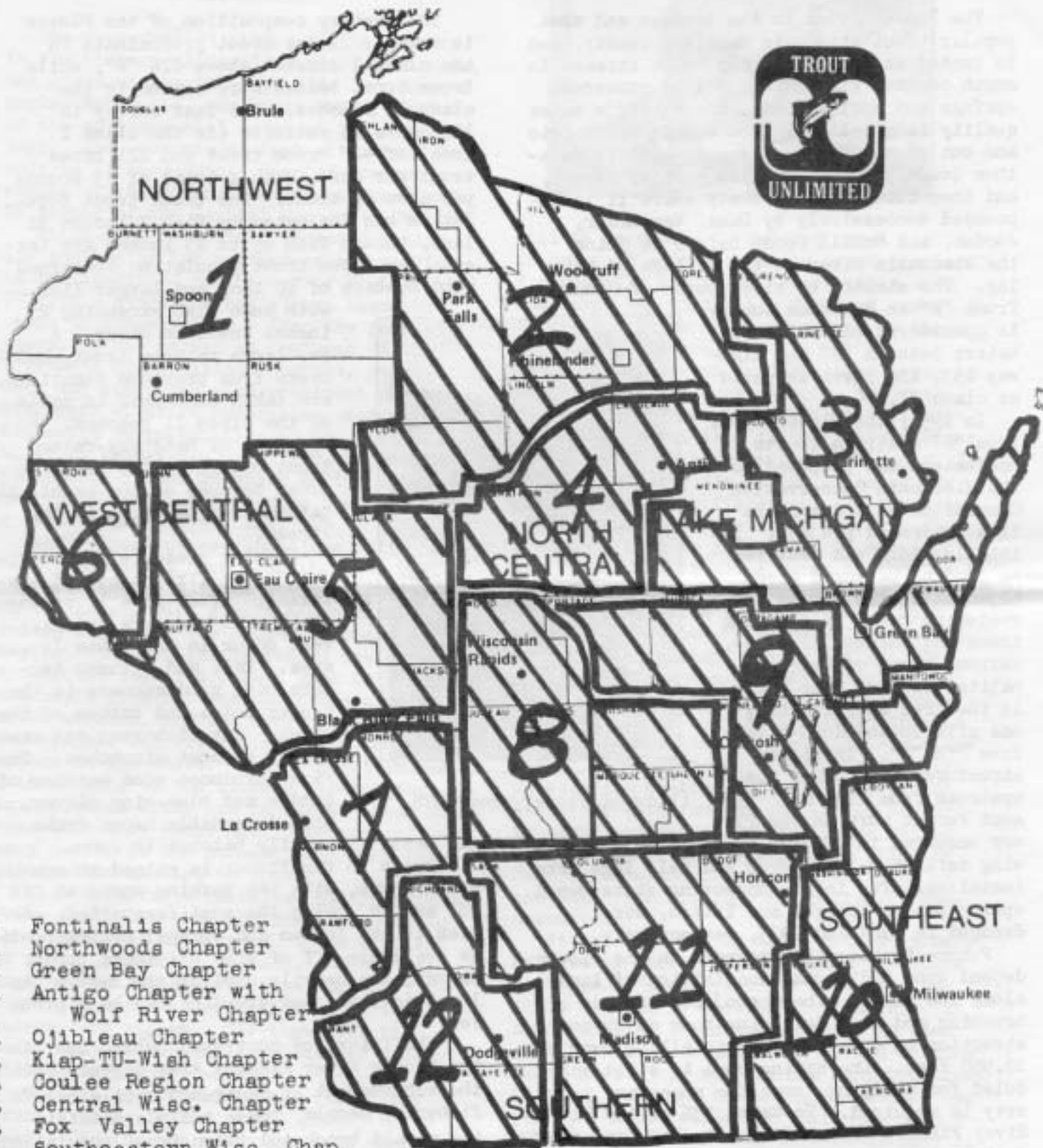
(View of Plover above CTH "Z")

The fishery composition of the Plover is varied. Brook trout predominate in the class I stretch above CTH "N", while brown trout become more common in the class II reaches. The last survey in 1975 gave an estimate (in the class I area) of 427 brook trout and 221 brown trout per acre, with a total of 95 pounds per acre of trout. The brook trout population was dominated by fish 7 inches or less, though fish up to 15 inches are taken. The brown trout population contained good numbers of 10 inch and larger fish, with some fish exceeding 25 inches known to occur. A few large rainbow trout, holdovers from previous plantings, are taken each year in parts of the class II reaches. No stocking of hatchery-raised trout occurs in the class I areas because of the excellent natural reproduction in the stream.

Fishing pressure is heavy during the first month of the season. After June 1, essentially all pressure and harvest occur in the class I area. Bait and spinner anglers have good success in the deeper holes and oxbows of the river. Fly fishermen can cast easily on most stretches. The river produces good hatches of caddis and blue-wing olives, plus dependable brown drake and hexagenia mayfly hatches in June.

Access to the Plover is gained at numerous spots, with the parking spots at CTH "Z" and "N" being the most frequented. Access to the Totten and Spiegel spring ponds is available off of CTH "Z"; these ponds, though, are heavily used in the season by local anglers, and crowding can be a problem.

The future of continued public use of the Plover River Fishery Area depends upon the achievement of management goals by DNR fisheries people. These include maintaining a fall brook and brown trout population of 90 pounds per acre and a harvest of an average of 0.7 legal trout per man hour of fishing.



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T.U. MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

As we begin this new year, Trout Unlimited is again sponsoring a membership contest for the purpose of increasing our ranks. In 1981, TU grew nationally by 27% (Wisconsin grew 24%). We wish to continue that excellent growth rate.

The membership contest has two parts. For any chapter that exceeds a 20% net increase in membership between Feb. 1 and May 31, TU National will rebate \$5 for every net \$15 membership sold. TU National also will be offering prizes for each individual who recruits two or more members in that same time period. All active TU members will receive a recruitment booklet in late February describing the program. The booklet will contain tips on recruiting new members and application coupons to land prospects once they've been hooked. Here's a list of the prizes TU will offer for successful recruiters:

- 2 - 5 new members = a copy of The Trout Unlimited Book of Basic Trout Fishing
- 6 - 11 new members = a TU belt buckle
- 12 - 24 new members = a TU windbreaker
- 25 (+) new members = a graphite spinning or fly rod, your choice of length or weight

In addition, TU offers a \$100 cash bounty to State Councils for each new chapter they help charter.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: many of you may have received a letter from National Director Tom Flesch urging you to join TU. Inasmuch as you ARE a TU member, you might be wondering what gives? Tom has sent out a mass mailing to recruit TU members. He used the subscription lists of Wisconsinites receiving various outdoor and fishing magazines. So, don't be upset if you received Tom's letter, as it was impossible for him to eliminate all TU'ers from the lists. Instead, why don't you use that letter to get a friend to join TU?? OK?? OK!!!!!!

I would again appreciate all chapter membership chairpersons to keep me up-to-date on the new members they recruit (send name, address, city & state, & zip code). The reason I want this information is so I can check the monthly rosters to be sure the new members you recruited are listed properly. Mistakes inevitably occur on these lists; your co-operation will help minimize the errors. Send lists of new members to: Mitch Bent
1282 Monterey St.
DePere, WI. 54115

With the help of everyone, we can make it another great TU year. Below is a TU application form. Sign up someone TODAY!!

Mail to:
Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 1944
Washington, D. C.
20013

YES, I believe in the goals & objectives of Trout Unlimited, a national organization, and wish to be enrolled as a member. *Enclosed please find \$ _____

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Please Indicate

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Robert Herbst, National TU Executive Director, will be the featured speaker at the Green Bay Chapter banquet, March 27th. Contact Gary Stoychoff, 1326 14th Ave., Green Bay, WI 54304 (414-499-5307).

SB 351, which prohibits tubing and rafting on the Bois Brule River (Douglas County) and limits boating and canoeing has been passed by the Legislature and awaits Governor Dreyfus' signature.

Fertilizer spill harms Flume Creek! Rusty pipes on storage tanks of the Colrud Farm Supply Co. in Rosholt resulted in the leakage of liquid nitrogen fertilizer into Flume Creek, a class I trout stream in Portage County, in early December. DNR officials said that about 500 dead brook trout were found after the spill was discovered. DNR will be pursuing legal and/or civil damages against Colrud. Restoration of the 8.2 miles of affected stream will begin once the toxicity is gone.

Roger Fairbanks was appointed chairman of a new task force committee called Hydro-Electric Task Force at the recent State Council meeting. All matters pertaining to hydro-dams on Wisconsin Trout Waters should be directed to Roger at 1004 So. Front Street, Hudson, WI 54016.

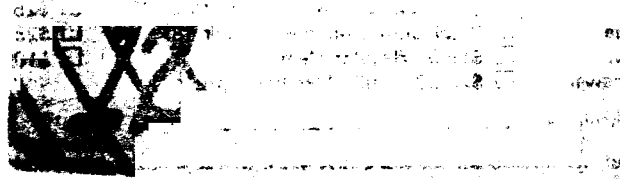
DNR has received 50,000 brook trout fingerlings and 200,000 eggs from Canada. These are wild brook trout stock from Lake Nipigon. The trout are shoal spawning fish which are expected to do well in Lake Superior where they will be stocked. The fingerlings will be stocked during the fall of 82 and the eggs will be hatched and the resulting fish will be stocked in the fall of 1983. The first stocking should produce fishing in 1983 and hopefully will produce progeny in subsequent years.



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