

WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

July, 1982 Quarterly Report

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THE ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held on July 24th, 1982, at the summer state council meeting to be held at the Trees for Tomorrow Conservation Camp in Eagle River, Wisconsin. There will be openings for ALL council positions (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer). Nominations for these positions should be submitted to: Ronald Ahner, 5191 Hill Point Rd., Cross Plains, WI. 53528. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. ONE NOTE: the election for national director(s) will take place at the autumn state council meeting, NOT at the July 24th meeting.

The Northwoods Chapter of Trout Unlimited has offered to be the host for the summer council meeting. The Trees for Tomorrow Camp has been reserved for lodging, dining, and meeting purposes, and their rates are as follows: Lodging (one evening) - \$13; Lodging + three meals (Saturday lunch, dinner Saturday evening, and Sunday AM breakfast) - \$27.75. RESERVATIONS should be made no later than July 10th. For reservations, contact: Connie Rollman, Rt. 4, Rhinelander, WI. 54501 (715-362-5681).

The Northwoods Chapter will host the "attitude readjustment" hour Saturday evening. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL TU MEMBERS!!! There will be a program for wives and family and friends, and a boat tour of the Eagle River Chain of Lakes will be provided if enough interest is shown. Several Northwoods TU'ers have graciously offered to act as guides for fishing in the area, and Wally Cooper has promised to show everyone the spots where he catches big brook trout consistently (AHEM!).



We hope that ALL chapters will have representatives at this meeting, as we will be discussing some very important topics regarding the State Council and how it is funded. Reports will also be coming from chairpersons of Water Resources, Membership, Legislative & Legal, and Fund-raising Committees. In order to accommodate those who must drive long distances to get to Eagle River, the starting time of the meeting has been set for 12:00 Noon, and will run straight until 5:00 PM. Please be on time!

This meeting will also be the first state council TU meeting for our four new chapters (Aldo Leopold, Shawpaca, Oconto River Watershed, and Chequamegon). We hope to see representatives from these chapters at the meeting so that we might get acquainted with them and their areas.

Chairman Speaks

Tom Flesch



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Recently, Trout Unlimited has uncovered what might be the worst threat yet to the cold water resource. It isn't ACID RAIN or non-point pollution or chemical or biological agents. This Threat is much more deadly and will take considerably more effort to do away with. This Threat is APATHY!

Up to now, the individual grass roots efforts of the chapters with stream clean-up, improvements, rehabilitation, and reclamation is a mighty drop in the bucket. All the banquets, all the fund-raising events, all the long hours might be for naught. Turn on your TV, listen to your radio, read your local paper, and you'll see the excuses, the lies, the so-called reasons for not doing anything. Trout Unlimited is vitally concerned, for our environment is catching hell and no one else seems to care. Congress, the State, County, and City officials must be reckoned with.

If you're willing to help, maybe this ugly threat, apathy, public complacency, indifference, or whatever you wish to call it, can be overcome. A letter, Mail-a-gram, or a telephone call to your local representative in Madison or Washington, D.C., is what is needed. Trout Unlimited has tried to keep you informed of the issues, including the laws that are and will directly affect our resource. You must act on this information; don't continue to pass the buck. Without your individual effort, Trout Unlimited is in trouble. Without your say, Trout Unlimited is just two words.

Tight lines,

Ron Ahner

A friend of mine has the above word and definition on his desk at work. Consider for a minute what it says!

Consider for a minute my philosophy for TU expansion in Wisconsin and a better utilization of our Resources. I'm referring to two types of resources in Wisconsin. First, we have the delicate cold water resource, and, secondly, we have the money resources desperately needed to support the first. In Wisconsin, unfortunately, the two resources don't always match. We have more trout waters in the North, Central, and Western counties and more money resources in the Southern and Eastern counties. My proposal is to have a TU chapter in every major city of the state with a population of over 7,000 people. Raise the funds where the trout fishermen reside and put them to work in the form of co-operative projects, in the areas around the state where the funds aren't available.

The cold water resource in Wisconsin is presently in good shape, thanks to the DNR and many TU people statewide. If we are to continue this luxury for our offspring, we must become unified NOW! Wisconsin sells 160,000 trout stamps annually, but we have only 1,400 members. We need many more members to carry out the job of protecting our cold water resource. We cannot continue to call upon the same people year after year to carry the load. Please make a commitment to TU and the cold water resource in the second half of 1982, and sign up one new member for TU. Thank you!!

(TU Annual Meeting in Oshkosh (Aug 26 - 28))

Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is the site of the 23rd Annual Trout Unlimited Meeting. The Central Wisconsin TU Chapter is hosting the event at the beautiful Pioneer Inn and Marina on the shores of Lake Winnebago. August 26, 27, & 28 are the dates of this meeting, so mark your calendars NOW!

In addition to the Pioneer Inn's excellent facilities, such as tennis, swimming pools, discos, entertainment, sailing, water skiing, etc., many fine attractions are within easy walking distance.

This is going to be a fun time for all Trout Unlimited members and their families, with a variety of leisure activities to enjoy at your own pace. These include: guided stream fishing for trout.....shopping at quaint shops.....restaurants.....art center and arboretum.....exhibits.....the list is endless. A few of the scheduled activities are: an in-stream trout shocking demonstration by the Wisconsin DNR, a traditional Door County fish boil, lectures and demonstrations, awards luncheon, members meeting, and the annual evening banquet.

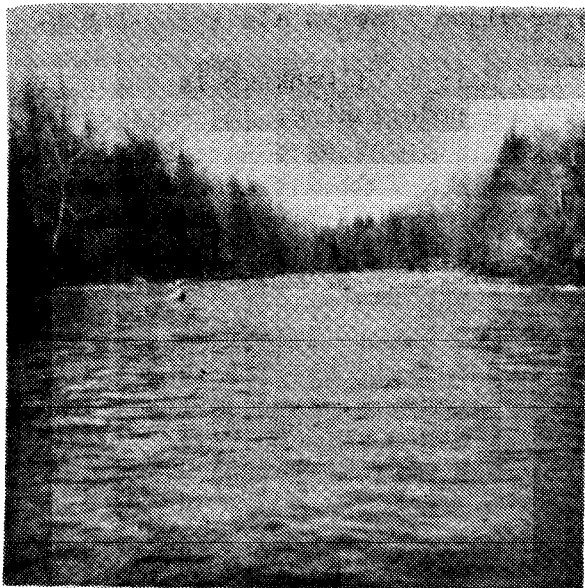
Tours and local air^{port} transportation will

be provided free to all registrants.

Dan Harmon of Oshkosh is chairman of this big undertaking, and he asks that as many chapters as possible lend a hand in making the Annual Meeting a success. The Green Bay Chapter will put on the trout boil on Friday night, and there will be a Wisconsin Room where chapters can sell items or make a display of projects they've worked on. There will be a need for fishing guides familiar with Waushara County trout streams, plus some areas at the Pioneer Inn (see picture below) will need to be staffed many hours per day. Please let Dan Harmon know if you and/or your chapter are willing to help in any way. You'll be needed.

For information on registration and for notifying Dan if you can help out, he can be reached at the address and phone numbers below. We hope to see you at the Pioneer Inn, Oshkosh, from August 26 - 28!!
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THE WOLF RIVER

(TU member Neil Roberts of Wausau fishing pool below Cedar Rapids on Wolf River, opening day of 1982 trout season)

The Wolf River in Langlade County is without doubt one of the premier trout rivers in the Midwest. Originating in Pine Lake in Forest County, the Wolf travels 223 miles to the south through Langlade, Menominee, Shawano, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Winnebago Counties, joining the Fox River ten miles west of Lake Winnebago. The river is classified as trout water from its confluence with the Hunting River near Pearson in Langlade County down through Menominee County at Keshena. However, only the Langlade County stretch is open to trout angling, as Native Americans have decided to bar the non-Natives from angling in the Menominee Reservation.

The predominant trout specie in the Wolf is the brown trout. Many years ago, before the presence of dams which created Upper and Lower Post Lakes, the river ran cold enough to sustain native brook trout. With the implementation of the dams, however, came a change in the temperature of the water in the Wolf, and thus brook trout, needing colder water to survive, moved to the feeder streams and were replaced by the browns.

The rapids areas of the Wolf are the ones most conducive to good, consistent angling success, as they provide excellent aeration of the water, thus enabling the trout to withstand the sometimes high water temperatures of summer. North of Highway 64, such rapids as Big and Little Slough Gundy, the Oxbow,

Cedar, Hemlock, and Larzelere provide fast-water action, while Crowle, Twenty Day, Gardner Dam rapids do likewise below Hwy. 64. A fly-fishing-only stretch exists between the railroad trestle crossing near Hollister downstream to a spot called Irrigation Hole. In this stretch, the legal size limit is 10 inches and only five trout may be creeled.

As with any big water, the Wolf produces a vast array of fly hatches. Stoneflies, Brown Drakes, big Hexagenias, Light Cahills, and various Caddis are just a few of the insects which hatch in the Wolf. For those who prefer bait or hardware, night-crawlers and Mepps or Panther Martin spinners do an adequate job of dredging out trout from their hiding spots. Streamer flies and nymphs are effective, too, especially in spring and early autumn.

The Department of Natural Resources has set a high priority on the Wolf River, and has an on-going program of land acquisition for the creation of the Upper Wolf River Fishery Area. Quite a bit of land has been purchased for the public between Lily and Langlade, and more land has been, and is being, acquired from Langlade down to the Langlade County line. The most recent important acquisition occurred a few years back near the Gardner Dam rapids.

The Wolf has been the scene of user conflicts over the years. In the early 1960's, plans were drawn, and later scuttled, for damming the Wolf near Pearson. Now, the thriving commercial raft rental business causes sometimes severe stress between the rafters and trout anglers. Attempts have been made by residents of the Wolf River Township to regulate the rafting business so as to minimize conflicts. TU member and raft renter Herb Buettner has done yeoman's duty to help cool the situation, and has succeeded to some extent. But much more needs to be done in this area.

Access to the Wolf is not hard to find if one will take the time to procure good maps of the area. The best bet is to purchase USGS quadrangle maps (Langlade and White Lake); these pin-point the many gravel roads which can take the angler back into the lesser-travelled areas for good fishing.

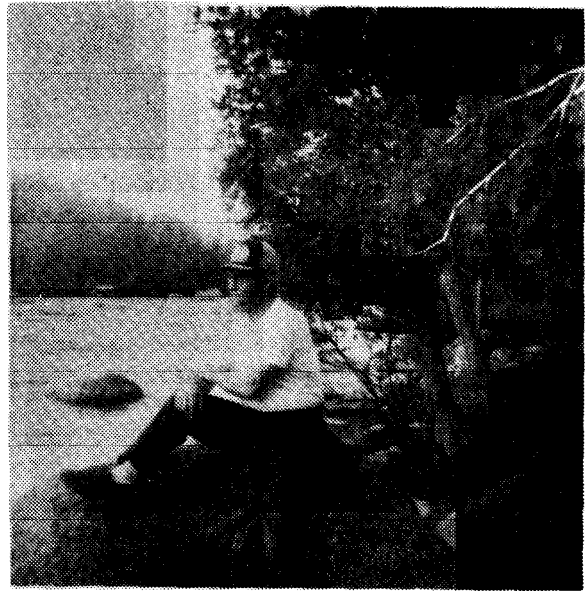
The previous page was devoted to a special place, the Wolf River. Special places stay that way only because there are special people who care about them and nurture them. The reason the Wolf remains such as it is today is because of the efforts of one very special man - Caspar John Paul Buettner. His friends call him "Cap".

Cap Buettner has spent most of his life beside his river Wolf. Born on a farm on the west side of the river over 70 years ago, Cap has witnessed many changes in the area. Log drives down the Wolf ceased shortly after the turn of the century, and the river became prime brook trout water. "I remember back in the old days the limit was 35 trout a day, and it wasn't any trick to fill out," he reminisced. "They started stocking the river back about 1930 or so with browns and rainbows. That, combined with the Post Lakes dams, pretty much pushed the brookies out."

By age 10, Cap was learning how to fly-fish for trout, earning extra money to buy the equipment needed for the sport. As the years went by, Cap still pursued his hobby while working at the sawmill in White Lake. He then was employed for 26 years by the state Highway Department and "retired" at age 57. That retirement included running a campground, logging, and operating his well-known Fly Shop, which is still going strong today. "I've had people from just about everywhere in here," he says with pride. "Not just from every state in the nation, but from places like Holland, Korea, England, and Norway."

The reason these people came, and still come, to Cap's shop is the Wolf. And the reason the Wolf is still around is because of Cap. "Back in the 60's," he relates, "some realtors and their pals formed the 'Wolf River Improvement Committee'. They were gonna build a dam just north of County Trunk "A". It would've flooded a large area behind it and destroyed the river below it. They had the Public Service Commission, the Langlade County Board, and a lot of others behind 'em. But our Wolf River Conservation Club got together and we stopped 'em in their tracks."

Cap's devotion to the Wolf did not end with the killing of the dam proposal. Recognizing the fact that the Wolf needed to

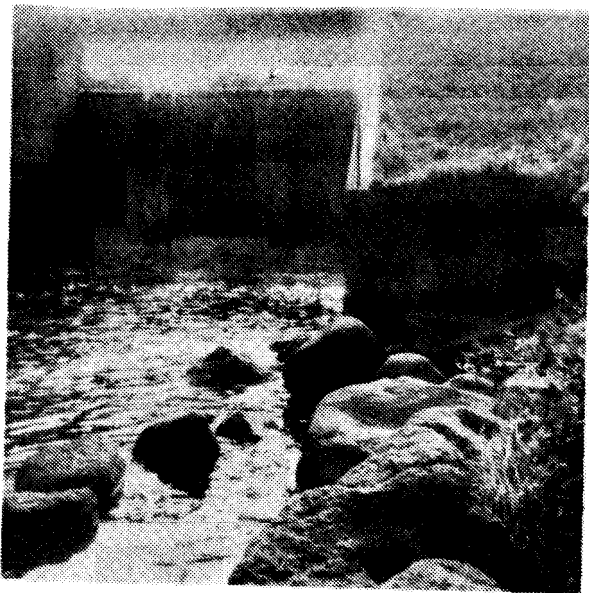


be stocked with fish to maintain a fishery because of the dams on the Post Lakes, he worked for years to get the DNR to consider using rafts to scatter plant the trout rather than dumping them in at parking lots. He finally got them to listen, and now the annual scatter-planting of fingerling brown trout by many TU chapter volunteers is the highlight of the season for his Langlade-based TU group. "It has improved the age class tremendously," he says, adding "and it may also be aiding with getting some natural reproduction in the river. We figure about 25% of the trout are natives now."

Cap began Wisconsin's first TU chapter back in 1959. It reached a peak of about 60 members, and then began shrinking when new chapters formed. Cap is pleased with the current growth of TU. "We need more voices for our rivers so we've got some left to give to our heirs," he states. "I'd like to see more members up this way and to the north. We need 'em!"

The Wolf River which Cap has helped preserve has been good to Cap, but he readily admits, "You won't catch many easy fish on this one," as he looked out over the water. "You'll earn every one you catch." If there is anyone who has indeed earned the right to catch fish in the Wolf, it is Cap. Due to his devotion, the Wolf is there for all of us to enjoy for many years. Thanks, Cap, for all your work. It's appreciated!!!

by Roger Fairbanks



ures prevailed throughout the other states, they may have influenced the passage of Federal legislation at that time which encouraged development of small scale hydro (5 Megawatts or smaller), particularly at existing dam sites. This encouragement is directed at the private sector and municipalities in the form of tax incentives and various federal loans and grants along with requiring public utilities to buy the power generated. The reason for the passage of the legislation was to reduce demand for foreign oil, which accounts for 60% of the electrical power generation of 6 New England states. In Wisconsin, it accounts for only 1.8%.

The legislation gave the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which controls licensing of hydroplants, certain powers to speed-up, simplify, or exempt the normal licensing procedures. This has led to the issuance of several controversial rules by FERC. Much of the controversy involves environmental concerns. Too, a court suit on the establishment of purchase rates by public utilities has resulted. At this time, it appears that there is a good deal of confusion, misunderstanding, and complications that must be cleared up before the state and federal agencies and the public utilities understand their roles in the development of small scale hydropower.

The ability of concerned citizens groups like Trout Unlimited to become involved at the Federal level is limited and difficult. The Wisconsin DNR believes it can enforce state laws and permit requirements. If this is fact, citizens could be involved in the state's notice and public hearing requirements. However, other organizations, including TU's national office, aren't convinced that a recent FERC rule does not usurp state's rights in certain categories of small scale hydro exemptions from FERC licensing.

Hydroelectric power generation is promoted as a clean and renewable energy resource. However, hydro facilities can have serious detrimental effects on fish, wildlife, and recreational activities that can be immediately far more serious than other sources of pollution. Many of the most serious ef-

If you were told that Wisconsin had 800 Megawatts of potential small scale hydro capacity at existing non-operating dam sites, and after investigation it resulted in less than 15 Megawatts, you might think you were the victim of a hoax. This appears to be what has occurred in Wisconsin.

A 1979 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study identified 66 existing dams where hydropower development might be possible, and estimated an additional potential of 800 Megawatts. A study released this April by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (WPSC) identified 38 sites showing the greatest potential for developing small scale hydro power. Potential electric generating capacity of these sites was estimated at 12 Megawatts, an incredible 98% REDUCTION from the Corps' 800 Megawatt estimate.

Wisconsin's present total electrical generating capacity is about 11,000 Megawatts, with present hydropower contributing about 450 Megawatts (4%). An additional 38 site potential, if fully developed, would increase the state's total generating capacity by approximately 0.1%, a miniscule amount. During the last few years, Wisconsin's electrical energy demand has increased at a rate of 4% annually. Based on the estimated capacity of the 38 WPSC study sites, it would require the development of 1425 equivalent small scale sites each year to meet this demand.

If the Corps' overly-optimistic study fig-

facts are caused by "store and release" operation of hydro facilities. "Store and release" operation results from on-peak energy demand and the resulting economics. Peak electrical power demand usually runs during a 12-hour daytime period (9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Monday - Friday, excluding holidays). It is often greater in summer due to air conditioning use which unfortunately coincides with low stream flow periods. The price paid for on-peak electric energy is quite often twice that for off-peak energy.

"Store and release" operation means closing off or reducing the flow of water downstream of the powerhouse and storing the water above the dam until needed for on-peak generation. In small hydro installations, this usually occurs daily due to limited amount of storage capacity. The results are daily drought/flood conditions on the stream, changes in water velocity and depths, increased water temperatures due to storage, and reduction in dissolved oxygen. These results can eliminate trout spawning areas, expose redds, destroy eggs, adversely impact trout cover, and increase bank erosion. Aquatic insects and their locations can be changed or eliminated entirely, as can in-stream rooted aquatic vegetation. The aesthetic qualities of the stream will be affected and the times a stream can be waded and fished can be limited. High water flows during evening insect hatches would most likely occur.

Another point of concern is the diversion or bypassing of water immediately below the dam around the stream. To increase generating capacity, the powerhouse is located a distance downstream of the dam and water is fed to it through raceways or large pipes (penstocks). This distance streamwise can vary from a few hundred to a few thousand feet. In effect, the bypassed section of the stream is de-watered and useless for fish.

Trout Unlimited is keyed to the protection of the trout resource, but many members are also concerned with other facets of fish and wildlife, and it should be mentioned that the "store and release" operation of small hydro facilities can adversely impact forms of fish and wildlife not related to the trout resource. The effects on other fish and wildlife occur above the hydro dam as well as below. Fluctuations of water levels in the existing reservoirs (flowages) are detrimental to warm water fisheries, waterfowl nesting

habitat, adjacent wetland areas, and the many interdependent forms of wildlife that exist in these areas. The fluctuations expose the shoreline areas, reduce their aesthetic appearance, and bare them to possible wave action erosion.

The problems of low flows from hydro operations are often compromised by the establishment of minimum flow releases. These releases are determined by the DNR and Federal agencies such as the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, where they are empowered to do so by law. In some cases, Federal agencies may be limited to offering recommendations without the enforcement power to affect their establishment.

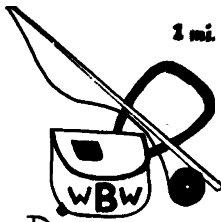
Minimum flow releases to protect the fisheries below hydro operations can be difficult and complicated to determine. There are presently at least nine professionally accepted methods of determination. None have been proven in all cases to protect the fishery resource, and some are costly and time-consuming. More often than not, minimum flow releases are based on the judgment of fishery management personnel without the use of scientific methodology.

It is extremely important that protection of fish and wildlife resources be brought into the early planning stages of any hydro project, as the operation and particularly the establishment of minimum flow releases can affect determination of the size and type of generating equipment. The economic feasibility of the project itself may be affected.

Even though it is apparent that the development of small hydro sites will not have any appreciable effect on the electrical generating capacity or oil consumption of the state, it is a real threat to some of our fish, wildlife, and recreational resources. We will be faced with its reality as long as the Federal law is in effect, now and in the future. We must be ever watchful and involved.

(Roger Fairbanks is chairman of the Wisconsin State TU Council Hydropower Task Force. He is a member of the Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited and resides in Hudson, WI. We thank Roger for the tremendous effort he has put into this issue!)

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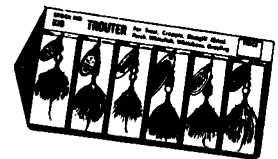
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Aldo Leopold: the newly-formed Aldo Leopold TU chapter is off to a fast start, perhaps because its membership contains at least 4 past chapter presidents, many former board members, project chairmen, and two National Directors. Since March, the chapter (composed of three regions, East, Central, & West) has had three projects: 1) a stream inventory of Fond du Lac County, 2) a fencing project on Crystal Creek in Dodge Co., and 3) clean-up along Rowan Creek in co-operation with the Poynette Boy Scouts and the Columbia County Sportsmen League.

The chapter's first major fund-raising project, a softball tournament, was rained out but is to be rescheduled for later this summer.

The chapter began with 38 members, transfers from Southern Wisc. and Central Wisc. chapters. The total is now approaching the 100 mark, as chapter secretary & membership chairman Cy Sendelbach continues his outstanding work.

Antigo: the Antigo TU Chapter held its second annual fund-raising banquet on April 21. Over 300 people vied for 230 door prizes, 11 valuable raffle items, and 23 outstanding auction items. Fifteen new TU'ers were signed up that evening. Founder and past president of the chapter, Jim Kalkofen, now regional VP for the Aldo Leopold chapter in Fond du Lac, received a well-deserved award for his efforts in making the Antigo chapter click. The banquet committee headed by chapter president Denny Orge-man did a tremendous job in putting on the best TU banquet in the state and deserve congratulations for their efforts!

On March 18, the chapter sponsored a Canadian fishing program provided by Phil Robinson of Ontario, Canada. Over 200 people enjoyed a 40 minute color film presentation on fishing the remote Albany River for wall-eyes, northerns, lake trout, and trophy brook trout.

The chapter held a work day on April 24 to repair half-log structures that were raised or damaged by high water and ice from the spring thaw. About 20 structures were in need of repair.

Fox Valley: for the 3rd year, Fox Valley TU ran a booth at the Channel 11 sport show at the Tri-County Ice Arena on March 5-7. The turnout was excellent, according to president Lee Snyder. Five trout fishing seminars were conducted during the show.

The 9th annual Fox Valley TU banquet was held March 13th at the Country Aire. Over 475 people attended, and \$2800 was made for the cold water resource. The 4th annual outing for handicapped kids was sponsored on May 8, with 45 people attending and 200 rainbow trout were caught. Food and beverage was served, and Channel 5 in Green Bay reported the event.

Projects for the summer include brushing and bank improvement on Davis Creek, a feeder to the Pine River south of Waupaca, and repair of any structures put in previously on Emmons Creek, Lunch Creek, Middle Branch of the Embarrass River, and Nace Creek.

The Appleton area ShopKo stores are planning a "Take a Kid Fishing" day on July 10th and have invited Fox Valley TU to assist.

Green Bay: the 7th annual Green Bay TU banquet turned out to be the biggest and best ever for the chapter. Over 700 people turned out to win 290 door prizes, 23 raffle items, plus 23 fine auction pieces. Highlight of the evening was a speech by TU Executive Director Robert Herbst, who lambasted the anti-environment attitudes of Reagan and James Watt and who urged TU'ers to "roll up their sleeves and get to work on preserving our precious cold water resource." Chapter president Tom Mertens received the Member of the Year Award for his super efforts on behalf of TU, and DNR fisheries people from the Marinette station, Milt Burdick, Cliff Sebero, and Tom Thuemler, received Silver Trout Awards for their efforts on trout stream restoration in N.E. Wisconsin. Twenty-four new TU'ers were signed up that night.

Chapter Stream Improvement Chairman Dan Ferron organized the first work project of the season on April 24, removal of wire fence along the main South Branch of the Oconto. Summer work began June 12th with wing-dam and bank cover installation on the First South Branch of the Oconto near Mountain.

CHAPTER REPORTS (cont'd)

Green Bay (cont'd) At least six other work days are planned by the chapter, with most of them scheduled for the First South Branch.

\$200 was donated by the chapter for initial planning on the acid water problem of the boundary Brule River. The Chapter will help fund, if needed, the settling ponds' construction this fall. The chapter also donated \$100.00 apiece to the newly-formed Shawpaca and Oconto River Watershed TU Chapters.

Several trout boils are scheduled this summer for fund-raisers, plus the chapter will put on a trout boil at the TU National convention in Oshkosh in late August.

Kiap-TU-Wish: led by Roger Fairbanks, the Kiap-TU-Wish' chapter continues to monitor the development of small scale hydropower in the state (see pages 6-7). On May 14, Fairbanks sent a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission protesting the issuance of a preliminary permit for a hydroelectric project on the Willow River in St. Croix county.

Chapter raffle of an Orvis graphite fly rod highlighted the fund-raising events of Kiap-TU-Wish this spring. The chapter also sponsored a Trout Fishing Clinic for Kids this spring.

Harry Nohr: the Dodgeville-based chapter began an ambitious spring & summer of activities with its 7th annual banquet on May 3 at the Boulder Lounge in Arthur. The chapter netted over \$1,800 for trout conservation. Several farmers were given cash awards for using soil conservation practices on their land. Platteville schools and Dodgeville schools received \$100.00 each to continue stream biology studies. Steve Hopkins of the Wisconsin State Journal presided as guest speaker, and over 125 door and raffle prizes were distributed to the people in attendance.

Improvement projects for the summer include Strut Creek (north of Ridgeway), Harker Creek (northwest of Dodgeville), and Castle Rock Creek (near Fennimore). A family picnic is scheduled with the Harker Creek project. Also, Dave Ladd is co-ordinating a project with Iowa county for improvement on Otter Creek, above Blackhawk Lake. This project can present the chapter with the

chance of getting great visibility in the area, as the land around it is all open to the public. Finally, a fly-fishing clinic is scheduled for June.



(L-R, Jim Sciacca, David Fritz, Val Pecinovsky, and Gari Walz look at data that Val, a student at Platteville schools, has gathered in her independent study course of stream biology under the direction of Mr. Jim Sciacca.)

Northwoods: despite a miserable blizzard, the Northwoods chapter of TU held its annual banquet on April 3rd at the Rhinelander Cafe & Pub. The sellout crowd was treated to a variety of door & raffle prizes, and the chapter turned over a good profit for the trout streams of northern Wisconsin.

Work projects for the summer include beaver dam removal and brushing along Noisy Creek (Oneida county), completion of half-log installation on the Deerskin River (Vilas county), beaver dam and debris removal from the Prairie River (Lincoln county), and improvement on Trout Creek, an outlet of Woodboro Springs (Oneida county).

The Northwoods chapter is hosting the summer state council TU meeting in Eagle River.

Ojibseau: the Ojibseau TU chapter held its annual banquet March 26 at the Midway Motor Lodge in Eau Claire. A successful raffle and silent auction netted over \$1,000.00 for the Elk Creek restoration project that Ojibseau has undertaken. Several awards were delivered that night, too. Frank Pratt, DNR fish manager in Hayward, receiv-

Ojibseau (cont'd) - ed an award for his professional fish management and research on the Namekagon River. Tom Kempen of Eau Claire received the Citizen Conservationist Award for his assistance in rehabilitation of Elk Creek. Tom Dawson and Peter Peshek, attorneys for the state's public intervenor's office in the Department of Justice, were honored for their defense and advocacy of public rights in the state's waters.

Southern Wisconsin: an awards banquet was held on May 21 at the Heritage House in Madison by Southern Wisconsin TU. Featured as guest speaker was DNR Secretary Carroll "Buzz" Besadny, who summarized current and future trout management priorities and problems. A highlight of the evening was a "roast" of former chapter president Bob Gennrich, inflicted by M.C. Pete Strutz. Gennrich received the traditional engraved pewter president's cup. Five other TU'ers received gold trout awards for their service to TU.

A clean-up day organized by Bob Slinde on the Black Earth Creek was held in late April with the co-operation of the community of Cross Plains and some of their Boy Scouts. A total of 25 people spent a beautiful spring morning cleaning up old tires, beer cans, deadfalls, large styrofoam chunks, and other assorted debris from the streambed and banks. A fly-casting clinic was held that same afternoon on Salmo Pond, involving 10 students and 3 teachers.

A fishing outing is scheduled for June 12th, with inexperienced anglers assigned to a number of experts who will take them wherever they feel there's a good chance of landing a fish.

Wolf River: Cap Buettner's small TU chapter in eastern Langlade county continues its program of trickle-stocking fingerling trout in the Wolf River. Last autumn's project went well despite the fact it was delayed two weeks by a bureaucratic blunder. Buettner says that he may change his stocking time to a mid-summer one with smaller fish; this, he says, would give the trout more time to become acclimated to the stream before the cold winter months set in.



The Great Lakes Fishery Commission met in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on June 8 - 10 to discuss problems and solutions to those problems regarding management and restoration of the fisheries stocks of the Great Lakes. TU Executive Director Robert Herbst (shown speaking above) addressed the audience of professionals and guests and spoke of the world-wide competition for water and fish, and how we have over-exploited many of our fish species. He stressed the need for state, national, and inter-national agencies to co-operate on managing and protecting the Great Lakes.

Main topics of discussion by professionals included progress toward integrated management of the sea lamprey (lampricide modifications, barrier dams, and sterilization), lake trout rehabilitation in the Great Lakes, and contaminants and Great Lake fish. Dan Baumgartner of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service related that the environmental concerns over the Great Lakes fish hatchery at Iron River, WI., have been resolved satisfactorily to the parties involved. The only drawback to construction of the hatchery now is the lack of Federal dollars to get things going. Trout Unlimited had been concerned about the possible adverse effects of the hatchery on Schacte Creek and Middle Creek.



(ABOVE) Officers of the Shawpaca Chapter of Trout Unlimited: (l-r) Keith Hoffman (Secretary), John Justman (Treasurer), Dan Christopherson (President) (missing: Jerry Weatherwax, Vice-President).

(BELOW) Officers of the Oconto River Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited: (l-r) Dick Laycock (President), Dale Halla (Vice-President), John Severson (Secretary-Treasurer).



The year 1982 has been a super year so far for the growth of Trout Unlimited. This is evidenced not only by the growth of individual membership, but also that of new chapters that have formed, or are being formed, around the state. The four new chapters which have been organized as of press time are: Aldo Leopold, Shawpaca, Oconto River Watershed, and Chequamegon.

The Aldo Leopold chapter covers the counties of Fond du Lac, Dodge, Columbia and Sauk. Charter members decided to create 3 regions for the chapter: Eastern (Fond du Lac), Central (Beaver Dam), and Western (Poynette area). Officers for the chapter are: Earl Little (president); Jim Kalkofen, Lee Parker, and Gary Ageson (regional vice-presidents); Dan LaFleur (secretary); Mike Schulz (treasurer); Cy Sendelbach (membership); Verlin Peckham (state council representative).

The Shawpaca chapter organized in April and May of this year. Chapter members will monitor the cold water resources in Shawano and Waupaca counties. At the first public meeting in May, the following officials were elected: Dan Christopherson (president); Jerry Weatherwax (vice-president); Keith Hoffman (secretary); and, John Justman (treasurer).

The Oconto River Watershed chapter got going in late April. Based in Gillett, the chapter will recruit members in, and monitor the trout fishery resource of, Oconto County. Meeting at the Lilac Plantation east of Gillett on April 28th, the new chapter chose as its officers the following: Richard Laycock (president), Dale Halla (vice-president); and John Severson (secretary-treasurer).

The Chequamegon chapter began on May 15th in Ashland at the Ashland Memorial Hospital under the direction of Dr. Robert Stanley. The chapter will cover Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron counties. Elected as officers were: Bob Stanley (president); Rick Penn (vice-president); and Dave Lustig (secretary-treasurer).

Two more chapters, in Janesville and Hayward, are expected to form soon. We welcome these new chapters to Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, and hope that all the new chapters and their members work together to build a bigger and better Trout Unlimited organization!!!

AWARDS GIVEN TO TROUT UNLIMITED

The month of April, 1982, was a super one for Wisconsin Trout Unlimited and its members. Several TU'ers were honored with individual awards, and the chapters of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited were collectively the recipient of another award.

At top right, Clint Byrnes (r) receives the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Wildlife Conservationist of the Year Award from WWF president Doug Olson (l) of Viroqua. The award was presented to Byrnes at the April 24th annual Federation convention in Stevens Point for Clint's hard work and dedication in rehabilitating Crystal Creek in Dodge County. Once a muddy, lifeless little ditch, Crystal Creek was transformed into a fine, productive trout stream due to the efforts of Byrnes, his family, and many other groups, including two chapters of Trout Unlimited, over the past ten years.



On April 28th, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited received the first annual John Brogan Environmental Award from the Natural Resources Board in Madison. Council chairman Ronald Ahner accepted the award for the state council. The award was established by former Board member John Brogan of Green Bay (below, right) in order to honor individuals and groups promoting environmental quality in the state. Brogan attended the presentation ceremonies and lauded TU for its efforts on stream rehabilitation and conservation education.



Though not pictured here, TU National Director Tom Flesch and his wife Ann were honored by the Dane County Conservation League in April for the couple's progressive efforts toward stream improvements on Rowan Creek in Columbia County.



These awards to individuals and the state council of Trout Unlimited are well-deserved and point to the fact that TU is a positive, action-oriented organization. We hope that these awards will serve only to further inspire and compel our members and chapters to continue working diligently to protect our cold water ecosystems and the life they sustain.

X TROUT UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Trout Unlimited's membership drive, begun earlier this year, is winding down. At press time, Wisconsin is the leading state in percentage member increase (32%). This figure will be higher when the final count is in.

Listed below are the increases in membership for each TU chapter in the state. Columns 1, 2, and 3 list active membership as of February, 1982, active membership as of May 1, 1982, and the percentage increase between those two dates. A full report on the membership contest will be in the next newsletter.

CHAPTER	1	2	3
WOLF RIVER	17	19	11.8
SOUTHERN WISCONSIN(*)	246	238	(*)
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN	141	186	31.9
GREEN BAY	94	187	98.9
CENTRAL WISCONSIN(*)	183	191	(*)
FONTINALIS	11	24	118.2
KIAP-TU-WISH	86	106	23.3
FOX VALLEY	74	102	37.8
OJIBLEAU	51	59	15.7
NORTHWOODS	54	64	18.5
HARRY NOHR	32	35	9.4

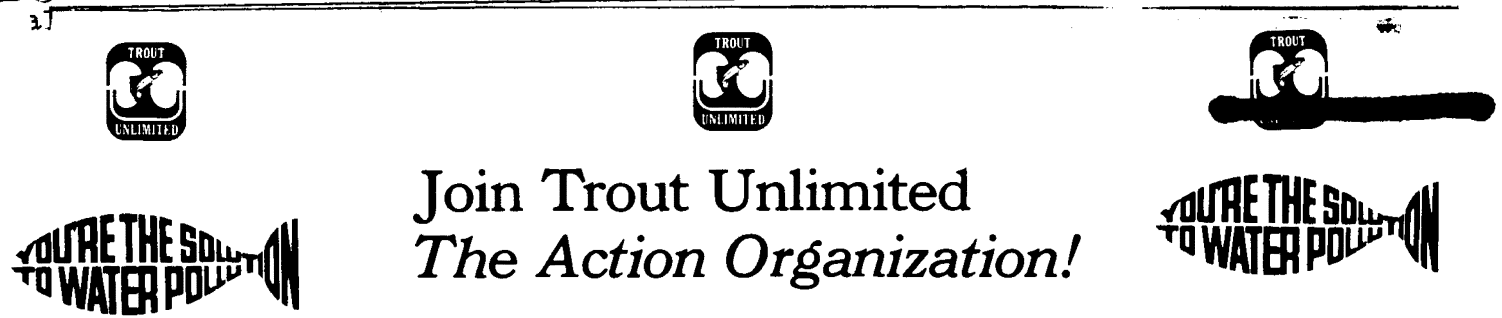
CHAPTER	1	2	3
COULEE REGION	19	21	10.5
ANTIGO	72	99	37.5
ALDO LEOPOLD	38	61	60.5

(*) Chapter where members were transferred to the Aldo Leopold Chapter.

Totals for the 3 other new chapters (Shawpaca, Oconto River Watershed, and Chequamegon) aren't available at this time.

Special thanks are given here to TU National Director Tom Flesch for a fine campaign for membership via mass mailing, which netted 115 new TU'ers for Wisconsin. Thanks, Tom! You're OK!!!

Presently, Wisconsin has about 1500 TU members. We sell 160,000(+) inland trout stamps annually. That means there are a lot of potential TU members out there. Use the membership form below to sign up a new TU member. Do it TODAY! The more members we have, the more clout we will have to tackle the problems facing our coldwater resources today and in the future.



Join Trout Unlimited
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Outgoing Governor Lee Dreyfus signed into law two important pieces of legislation as the regular session of the Legislature ended. SB 351 bans tubing and rafting with inflatable devices on the Bois Brule River, and places restrictions of the number of canoes coursing the river daily. AB 231 requires municipalities to zone wetlands of five or more acres along navigable waters. The governor failed to ask for reconsideration of the ban on phosphates in detergents, which the Legislature let expire. As of July 1, 1982, Wisconsinites may again buy and use phosphate containing detergents.

LAND DONATED IN SAUK COUNTY

Robert Fausett of Madison, a well-known engineering geologist, has donated 80 acres of land containing a 1/2 mile segment of Otter Creek, to the Nature Conservancy's Baraboo Hills project. The Otter Creek was badly eroded and over-grazed when Fausett purchased the land, but he has restored quite a bit of the property with thousands

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of hand plantings. Otter Creek is listed Class II trout water by the DNR.

EPA MUST DEAL WITH DAM POLLUTION

A lawsuit filed by the National Wildlife Federation in 1979 ended this January with a federal judge ruling in favor of the NWF in its contention that the Environmental Protection Agency must identify dams which cause water degradation and make plans to fix those problems. The suit was filed after biologists in Missouri counted over 421,000 dead fish below the Harry S. Truman Dam on the Osage River.

GREEN BAY TU STUDIES PESHTIGO RIVER

The Green Bay TU Chapter is collecting data on angler success on the Fly-Fishing Only stretch of the Peshtigo River in Marinette County. Any anglers who fish that stretch, contact: Tom Mertens, 1368 Bie-meret St., Green Bay, WI. 54304

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