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Exxon Suspends Crandon Mine Operation

RHINELANDER, Wis. — In a surprise move just before press time, Exxon announced it was suspending plans to open its zinc and copper mine in Crandon, Wis. The move delighted conservation groups concerned about the almost-certain damage to the environment including the Wolf river. Exxon reported that low world metal prices prompted the action.

New Regional Vice-Presidents Elected

During autumn of 1986, Trout Unlimited chapters in Wisconsin met in their respective regions to discuss regional issues and to elect the first-ever Regional Vice-Presidents for their regions. The newly-elected individuals are: Louis Jirikowic (Sheboygan)—Central Region; Kim McCarthy (Green Bay)—Northeast Region; Larry Meicher (Cottage Grove)—Southern Region; and Dan Perkins (Eau Claire)—Northwest Region.

At these meetings, regions focused on local coldwater resource issues, fund-raising goals and techniques, potential sections of streams for application of special angling regulations, and creating better communications between chapters in the regions.

State Council Meeting To Focus On Gravel Pit Mining

The Wisconsin Council of Trout Unlimited will meet at its annual meeting on Saturday, January 24, 1987, at the Paper Valley Hotel & Conference Center in Appleton, Wis. A regular business meeting along with election of officers and National Directors will be held.

The program for this year's annual meeting will be a presentation by Mitch Zmuda of the Antigo DNR Station on the impact of gravel pit mining on stream flows and biota in trout streams. Many gravel pits exist throughout our state, and Zmuda has found through his work in examining these mines that many of them are adversely affecting trout streams throughout the state. Without proper regulation and design, there is potential for large-scale destruction of the coldwater fishery in Wisconsin. The DNR Board is currently reviewing recommendations by DNR staff for addressing this important environmental issue.

Zmuda's presentation will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend this important presentation on an issue that affects EVERY trout stream in Wisconsin.

New Governor Seeks To Destroy DNR

As this issue goes to press, Wisconsin has a new governor. Tommy Thompson (R-Elroy) defeated incumbent governor Anthony Earl (D-Madison) in the general election on Nov. 4, 1986.

Since his victory, Thompson has declared open war on DNR and conservation. One of his first goals, he has stated, is to make the secretary of the DNR a direct political appointee of the governor. Our current system, one that is ranked number one nationally and one that has been copied by 33 other states, operates under a citizens' board that hires and fires the DNR secretary and formulates policy for the agency within statutory guidelines. The citizens' board is composed of seven members who serve for staggered six-year terms. The result is a board usually composed of appointees from several different governors, and thus a balanced blend of perspectives provides for non-partisan determination of natural resources policy.

Those who seek cabinet government for DNR come from two schools. One school is that which firmly believes that a governor should have direct control over all agency heads. They see no wrong in the system of "musical chairs" that cabinet government creates for resource agencies. They ignore the fact that cabinet government prevents any long-term resource planning, because the secretary of the agency must operate more as a press agent for the sitting governor rather than as an administrator for resource utilization and protection. They insist that we should imitate the Federal government, which has direct political appointees for the Federal resource agencies. That attitude begs the question: why would ANYONE want to operate like our debt-ridden, bloated Federal government?

The second school, from which our new governor comes, has more sinister reasons for wanting cabinet government for DNR. While this school says that cabinet government will "make the DNR's action more directly accountable to the public," what they really mean is that agency decisions will be more easily influenced by well-heeled special interest groups that have contributed to the campaign coffers of various politicians. If you don't think that's true, I refer you back to the days of James Watt as head of the Department of Interior. Remember those "good ol' days"? Wouldn't the paper companies, the utilities, the fertilizer/chemical companies just love a system where they could pour money into the campaigns of both major party candidates for governor. No matter who loses, they win; for, if you don't think money talks in politics, you must be from the state of Euphoria, not the state of Wisconsin.

How have other states with cabinet government for their resource agencies fared? Our neighbors of Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are good examples. In these states, resource agency morale is low, projects are subject to political whim rather than what is best for the resource, and, as a result, these states consistently rank low on the totem pole as far as resource agencies go. On the other hand, states like Michigan, Iowa and Missouri operate under the Wisconsin system, and they are some of the top-rated states by the Wildlife Management Institute.

Let's look even a bit deeper into cabinet government for DNR. What type of person is selected for such a position? A person steeped in knowledge and background in resource management and public administration? Hardly.

Minnesota provides a good example of that. From the time that Robert Herbst (current T.U. Executive Director) left as head of Minnesota's DNR to take a place in the Carter administration with the Interior Department to the time that Joe Alexander, current Minnesota DNR chief who has survived two changes in the administration of Minnesota government through wily political tactics, Minnesota went through five DNR heads in as many years. All were appointed because of POLITICAL PATRONAGE. In fact, one person who headed Minnesota's DNR for a year during that time was a former FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR!!! Is that what YOU want for Wisconsin??

The bottom line is that Wisconsin has had a storied tradition of protection and enhancement of our natural resources. We have been leaders for the most part in environmental awareness and protection. This leadership has been bipartisan, coming from the likes of Republicans such as Warren Knowles and Democrats such as Gaylord Nelson.

Wisconsin has maintained that business and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive, but rather dependent upon one another. And, we have maintained this bipartisan method of resource management by keeping the decision-making process for our resource programs out of the political arena and in the hands of citizens like you and me. Opting for cabinet government will destroy decades of leadership in the field of environmental protection.

Since the governor is attempting an "end-around" by attaching his cabinet government proposal for DNR to the Budget Bill, we have no bill number to refer you to.

But, we have listed the names of all members of the Wisconsin Legislature in this issue, along with the address they can be reached at. We strongly support that you take the time to jot off a short note to your Assemblyperson and State Senator and urge them to oppose the governor's effort to dismantle the DNR. If you don't, you could some day see a funeral home director setting the trout fishing regulations and pollution control permits for your favorite stream.

By Mitch Bent

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Madison, WI 53702

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Coming Events

- Jan. 24 State Banquet, Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
- Feb. 7 Trout Fishing Clinic, Southern Wis. Chapter Winter Icebreaker. Speakers: Doug Swisher and John Beth. Park Ponderosa Ballroom, Madison, WI, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- April 2 Shaw-Paca Annual Banquet at the Gathering in Shawano, 6:30 p.m.



1987 TROUT UNLIMITED

State Awards and Fund-raising Banquet
Saturday, January 24
Paper Valley Hotel
Appleton

More Raffle Items, More Artwork,
 More Auction Items

Two Grand Door Prizes
17 ft. Hoefgen Canoe
Ladies Diamond Necklace
Elegant Table Served Dinner
Special Raffles:
Browning Citori Shotgun

Other raffle items: VHS Video Recorder, Orvis "Living Brightwater" Flyrod, Custom Flyrods and Spinning Rods, Custom Nets, Powell and LCI/Excelon Flyrods, Guns, Flies, Lake Michigan Charter, and much more.

Tickets: \$20.

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Lake Mills WI 53551

Please send tickets at \$20 each

Name _____
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 Banquet _____

Banquet Hotels

Members planning to stay the weekend while attending the State Banquet in Appleton, January 24 can use the attached list for making reservations at Appleton hotels and motels. They are all located on College Avenue and are listed in order of their proximity to the banquet.

Paper Valley Hotel (Banquet Site). Ask about the TU Special Package—414-733-8000
 Amora Villa—414-735-2733
 Midway Motor Lodge—414-731-4141
 Excel Inn—414-733-5551
 Road Star Inn—414-731-5271
 Guest House Inn—414-734-9321
 Holiday Inn—414-735-9955

Chapter Reports

Fox Valley Chapter

After four years of labor, our stream improvement project, Davis Creek, has been completed. We made nine bank structures of timber and rock along ¼ mile of stream. Truly a labor intensive and costly project. However, it should last for 100 years. It was time-consuming because we had to build a road and then a bridge just to get the materials, big rock and oak planks, to the stream side. The exciting part was seeing the changes happening as we progressed. Now each year a one-day clean-up of fallen timber and debris accumulations will keep it healthy.

We have also subscribed to the Living Brightwater Trust Fund. We made our first cash contribution and pledged 20% of our banquet profits to it.

This year, our 17 handicapped fishing guests had to fish in the rain. You wouldn't believe how hard it was to get some of those soaking wet fishermen, wheelchair and all, off that pier and into the cabin for lunch.

Our chapter also participated in the annual fall fish plant at Langlade in September. It is surely a beautiful experience.

This year's annual banquet is planned for April 4 at the Paper Valley Hotel. We have a very active committee working on the schedule for the best banquet possible. Lots of prizes and fun for all.

Already we have nailed down another stream project for the ensuing years. We will report more detail with our next report to 'Reflections.'

Lakeshore Chapter

Our 1986 stream improvement work ended September 6 on Jambo Creek near Mishicot. Brushing on the stream will be completed next year.

Big Brothers/Sisters received 15 rods and reels plus a tackle box filled with fishing supplies as a donation from our Rods & Reels for Kids project. Money raised from the sale of reconditioned bamboo fly rods will be used to further fund the project.

Instead of sponsoring a fly-tying course this winter, we are planning a four-session fly-casting course to be held in April. Videotapes (BETA and VHS) which have been shown at previous chapter meetings are now available to be checked out by members at Robert's Barber Shop, 113 N. 8th Street in Manitowoc.

Committees are being formed and work is beginning for our fund-raising banquet, which will be held April 11 at Club Bil-Mar in Manitowoc.

Aldo Leopold Chapter

The Aldo Leopold Chapter of Trout Unlimited held its election of officers on October 28 with John Sarnow of Poynette succeeding Earl Little as President of the Chapter. Jim Klingbeil will succeed Lee Parker as Vice President with Marlin Spindler and Jack Saunders remaining as Treasurer and Secretary. Clint Byrnes will become the Chapter State Council Delegate and Robin Klingbeil and Rick Maier join the Board as new directors.

In late September, a small work party on Rowan Creek achieved the removal of some minor log jams and brush.

Chapter members are now busy with projects that will aid State Council at the Fund-Raising and Awards banquet (construction of auction items and awards).

Marinette County Chapter

Our chapter meetings are in full swing now. Jerry Chevalier, program chairman, has provided us with interesting programs that have included a presentation by Russ Heizer, DNR, on the beaver problems in Marinette County and Northeast Wisconsin, and Mike Goes, taxidermist, told us about the steps you should take with your trophy fish before having it mounted. A demonstration of the procedures used in preparing a fish for mounting followed.

The Marinette County Chapter has pledged \$10,000 to be a Sponsoring Trustee of the Living Brightwater Trust. We have contributed over \$4,600 to our goal to date.

Shaw-Paca Chapter

A special meeting will be held January 13, 1987 with Bowler area residents and landowners on the north branch of the Embarrass River. Information on our

Stream Improvement and Public Easement program will be presented. A number of landowners have expressed interest and some have already joined our club.

Our "Sport Video Free Rental to Members" program has been successful with a number of new members being added. We have a great selection of over 30 sport videos just in time for the winter break.

Our scholarship program includes a \$500 award to a local college student majoring in water resources.

Work is in progress for our annual fund-raising banquet set for Thursday, April 2, 1987.

Green Bay Chapter

Barely had the Green Bay Chapter completed its final tally of work projects for 1986 when we began considering projects for 1987.

At our November meeting, Department of Natural Resources area fish manager Tom Thuemler talked to the chapter members about possibly installing and maintaining a sand trap on a Trout Unlimited-owned stretch of the Upper Middle Inlet Creek in Marinette County. Evidence now suggests that much of the sand in Wisconsin streams is present because of past logging abuses, and sand traps are a viable method of removing quantities of excess sand.

The chapter has also begun preparations for our 1987 spring banquet. Members will be putting many hours into assuring another record-breaking banquet.

Northeastern Regional Report

The Northeastern Region has now held an organizational meeting, elected a regional vice-president, and has begun to discuss activities to be undertaken at the regional level.

Kim McCarthy from Green Bay was chosen as the first regional vice president. He has been serving as president of the Green Bay Chapter.

Representatives at the organizational meeting also discussed streams in Northeastern Wisconsin that might possibly benefit from additional protection under various forms of special regulations. The number of miles of water in our region presently covered by special regulations is quite small, and more discussion of that issue will be forthcoming at future regional meetings.

Another topic to be considered by the region is planning projects regionally rather than locally. DNR fish managers will have a much easier time dealing with one regional organization rather than trying to furnish each individual chapter with work projects. A pooling of regional funds should also make it possible for the region to undertake projects that have previously been beyond the financial reach of individual chapters.

Regulations Affecting South Branch Oconto River To Be On Congress Agenda

The DNR has placed a proposal by Northeastern Wisconsin chapters of Trout Unlimited on the spring, 1987 agenda of questions to be debated and voted upon by attendees at the county Conservation Congress hearings across Wisconsin.

The proposed regulations would restrict the harvest of trout in the South Branch of the Oconto River in the area between Oconto Co. Hwy. "AA" to Hwy. 32. The daily creel limit would be three per day, with minimum size limits of 10" on brook trout and 13" on browns. Method of take would be limited to artificial lures and flies; no live bait would be permitted.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to attempt to increase both the total numbers of trout and the number of larger-sized trout to this premier Northeastern Wisconsin stream. A marked decrease in trout numbers has been noted by anglers who fish this stream.

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1987 TROUT FISHING CLINIC & DINNER

presented by
SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

Friday, February 6, 1987
Reception & Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Southeast-Madison

"All the trout you can eat" Buffet
After Dinner Presentation by Doug Swisher
Tickets \$9.00 Advance Reservation Please

Saturday, February 7, 1987
Trout Fishing Clinic
Park Ponderosa Ballroom-McFarland
(just south of Madison)

Doug Swisher

"Trout Fishing Tactics"

John Beth

"Stream Fishing for Great Lakes Salmon"

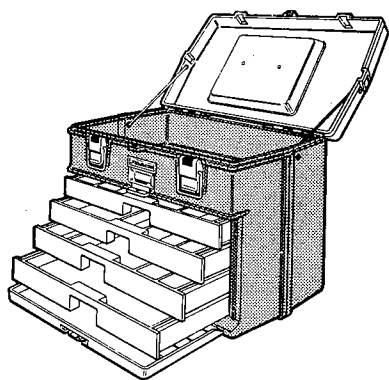
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Doug Wadsworth Dinner \$9.00 each
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Anatomy Of A Weekend

By JERALD CHEVALIER
Marinette County Chapter

Shortly after work on Friday, August 1, we were on our way. We had filled the back of the truck with clothes, coolers, and fishing gear. We were in good spirits and were looking forward to what lay ahead. The trip from Marinette to Ishpeming takes about three hours, but time quickly passes when admiring the rugged beauty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The harshness of the landscape reminds you of just how hardy the people who settled this land really were. After passing through several small towns that were without even the traditional tavern, you realize that the people who still live here have a special hardiness all their own.

Jim Bereza, Vern Quever and myself were setting out on a TU fund-raiser weekend. Our destination was the home of John Voelker, better known as Robert Traver. He is the author of several novels, of which "Anatomy of a Murder" was a best-seller. But it is his books "Trout Magic" and "Trout Madness" that made him one of our premier fishing authors. We had arranged to meet with Voelker and have him autograph copies of "Trout Magic" and "Trout Madness." We plan to use these books at our future TU banquets.

As we neared our destination, the dark mountains in the distance turned out to be the by-products of iron ore mining. The enormous size of these piles of waste rock is hard to comprehend. These sterile masses of rock are hundreds of feet high and miles long. They will stand for centuries to come as bleak reminders of why this wilderness was settled in the first place.

After checking into a small motel, we made ready to head for nearby Marquette for a sample of U.P. nightlife. Our first stop was quite a disappointment. I knew we were in trouble when the bouncer checked us for proof of age. But I think it was the two hundred fifty pound blonde in pink stretch pants and porcupine hair that prompted us to leave the place. After finding our way to a popular downtown nightspot, we were again disappointed. A band called "Trout Revenge" was opening the following night and we were going to miss them. I can't help but wonder what kind of music they played. The large crowd and tremendous noise quickly drove us out, so we headed back to our quiet motel.

The next morning dawned cold and overcast, but the rain was holding off. After a large breakfast, we drove to downtown Ishpeming to buy our fishing licenses. The time for fishing had come and we were soon on our way to the Yellow Dog river. Just out of Ishpeming lay Deer Lake. This once-popular panfish lake is now drained and empty. Contamination from heavy metals was its fate. Even in this near-wilderness area, pollution rears its ugly head.

Twenty miles down a dirt road, we piled out of the truck to gaze at the sparkling river flowing a hundred feet below us. After making our way down to the river, we rigged our rods, and were surprised to find a water temperature of 57 degrees. Because most of my favorite streams are in the 70 to 75 degree range in August, to me, this was a unique experience. The Yellow Dog is a rugged, rocky river that pours over waterfalls and slick granite as it works its way to Lake Superior. Felt soles are a must on this river.

The only fish I caught on this cold and clear river was a five-inch brook trout. After a quick release, I paused to reflect on the beauty of these native trout. They certainly have to be one of nature's finest creations. I was not disappointed at my meager success for the day. With the abundance of hatchery fish and warm polluted water, catching a five-inch native brook trout on a fly may be quite a feat at that.

Late afternoon caused us to abandon our piscatorial pursuits. We packed our gear and made the drive back to Ishpeming. We were now on our way to the home of John Voelker. After arriving at the appointed time, we were admitted by his gracious wife. Voelker, who is a retired Michigan Supreme Court Judge, greeted us with a warm handshake. Our books were autographed in short order and we settled into a comfortable conversation about fishing. At 83 years of age, John Voelker is still an active person. He still fishes often and is enjoying the mellow years of life. The humor and wit that made him famous is still with him.

As all good things must come to an end, we said our good-byes, and settled in for the long ride home. The rugged landscape seemed even harsher because of the steady rain that followed us home.

As I watched the forest rolling by, I paused to reflect upon what makes Trout Unlimited members tick. Is it our

obsession with fishing trout in unspoiled waters, or is it our indignation at seeing our natural resources plundered that drives us on? I rather suspect it is a good mixture of both.

As for being obsessed with trout and the places in which they live, I too plead innocent to all charges because of "irresistible impulse."

TU National Highlights

By TOM FLESCH
National Director

- The response to dues increases has been very good, most members recognize the need.
- TU National liability insurance annual premium has increased from \$18,000 to \$38,000.
- Be on the lookout for the 1987 One on On Membership Drive information sometime in January. Please try to sign up one new member. National membership as of October 31, 1986 is 52,123. Wisconsin membership is just under 2,500.
- Inquiries on Trout Unlimited from Australia, Spain, France, and Poland have been received at national. TU is truly getting international attention.
- 1986 Chapter and Council Rebates were \$70,000. Sixty national banquets netted \$213,731 for TU in 1986.
- I have been elected as a National Director at Large and will continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Board and as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Letters

Dear Editor:

A couple of articles on the front page of your Fall 1986 edition and some random thoughts prompt me to write you.

I am glad that my friend John Storlie gets credit for helping the DNR and others stop Bud Grant's attempted theft of public access to the Upper Ox Creek in Douglas County. I am glad I was able to help John. On the other hand, the story is not quite over. The Hearing Examiner approved a nonsolution and the DNR, John Storlie, I and others are continuing to work on a more acceptable solution to this pilferage.

I agree with Mitch Bent's article asking the DNR to designate more of our better trout streams for "special regulation" use. I think TU would be more effective in accomplishing this if they did so in a manner which did not discriminate against the method of trout fishing by giving only the dry fly purist, elitest access to the "special regulation" streams. We worm drowners and even the spinner users would be more willing to join the dry fly only snobs if all of the restrictions were not bent (no pun intended) against us.

I, at least for one, am sure I am much more willing to give up a three-cent hook than most fly fishers are to abandon their favorite fly. I think that if the discrimination against the method of fishing is removed, you would get very broad support for designating many miles of streams as fish-for-fun-only, or special slotting restrictions or whatever. Why don't you try? (I won't comment on this fiction that all fly-hooked trout are lip-hooked and all worm-caught fish are gut-hooked.)

There is another and new "special regulation" which affects trout fishing for the first time this year: It divides the state by a line starting in La Crosse and going easterly and results in different minimum size limits and bag limits for trout fishing. The only justification would seem to be that all the trout south of that line are German Browns and all north are Brooks, or, possibly, that trout fishers can't tell the difference between Browns and Brooks so that there must then be arbitrary and non-logical differences in the regulations.

I see no reason why there can't be different size and catch limits on Browns and Brooks, and if a duck hunter can be expected to discern the difference between a Canvas-Back and other ducks on the wing, trout fishers certainly can be expected to tell the difference between Browns and Brooks when they have them in hand.

I'll send copies of this letter to some of my friends in the DNR and wait for their rebuttal.

Very truly yours,
Daniel T. Flaherty

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Work Project Inventory Report 1985

PROJECT	COUNTY	WORK DESCRIPTION	HOURS	COST
Rowan Creek	Columbia Co.	ALDO LEOPOLD Log Jam Removal	28	\$0.00
---	---	Make Creel Census Boxes	80	250.00
Awards	---	Make awards for TU Function	30	0.00
Chapter Seminar	---	Booth, Speakers, Display Areas	150	300.00
Take-a-Kid Fishing	---	Assist local park department to take kids fishing	25	0.00
TOTALS			313 Hrs.	\$550.00
E. Br. River	Langlade Co.	ANTIGO Repair half logs	40	\$250.00
Eau Claire	---	TOTALS	40 Hrs.	\$250.00
Emmons Creek	Waupaca Co.	BLACK HAWK Fish Stocking In-Stream Devices	244	\$2,159.00
Radley Creek	Waupaca Co.	TOTALS	244 Hrs.	\$2,159.00
Pine River	Waushara Co.	CENTRAL WISCONSIN Brushing & Debris Removal	360	\$316.00
West Br. White R.	Waushara Co.	Brushing	63	100.00
---	---	Brushing & Tree Removal from Stream	60	0.00
---	---	Removal of Fallen Trees from Stream	10	0.00
TOTALS			493 Hrs.	\$416.00
Brill River	---	CHEQUAMEGON NO PROJECTS		
Pine Creek	---	COULEE REGION NO REPORT		
Davis Creek	Waushara Co.	FONTINALIS Half Logs	120	\$500.00
---	---	Flood Gates	50	25.00
TOTALS			170 Hrs.	\$525.00
Trout Creek	Iowa Co.	FOX VALLEY Planing and Rock Rip Rap and Bank Covers	117	\$1,040.00
Strutt Creek	Iowa Co.	Handicapped Fishing Day	150	200.00
TOTALS			267 Hrs.	\$1,240.00
Big Spring	Iowa Co.	HARRY NOHR Landscaping	46	\$ 37.25
Harker Creek	Iowa Co.	Trout Shock & Transplant to Platteville	18	64.25
Castle Rock Creek	Grant Co.	Habitat Improvement	130	1,310.37
---	---	Tree Removal, Boom Covers	170	608.88
---	---	Bank Stabilization	8	40.00
---	---	Water Cress Removal	372 Hrs.	\$2,060.75
TOTALS				
S. Br. Oconto R.	Brown Co.	GREEN BAY Fencing & Acquisition	417	\$4,200.00
Brown Co. Reforestation	---	Dock Construction	250	4,200.00
Camp Pond	Brown Co.	Pollution Abatement	130	5,000.00
Boundry Brule R.	Marinette	Acquisition	75	10,500.00
Middle Inlet Creek	Marinette	In-Stream Devices and Acquisition	226	2,800.00
N. Branch Beaver Cr.	---	Scatter Planting	16	30.00
Wolf River	Langlade Co.	TOTALS	1114 Hrs.	\$26,730.00

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Rush River
Lower Willow R.

Jambo Creek Manitowoc Co.

Oconto River Oconto Co.
N. Branch Beaver Cr. Marinette Co.
Wolf River Langlade Co.

Noisy Creek Oneida Co.

Trout Creek Oneida Co.

Oconto River Oconto Co.

Christy Brook

Linzy Brook Oconto Co.
Waupee Creek Oconto Co.
Upper Middle Inlet Marinette Co.

Upper Duncan McCann Creek Eau Claire
Hay Creek Eau Claire
Elk Creek Eau Claire

Rosenow Creek Waukesha Co.
Allento Creek Washington Co.

Vermont Creek Dane Co.

Black Earth Dane Co.
Deer Creek Dane Co.

Silverthorn Lake Sawyer Co.
Fish Hatchery Cr.

Plover River Marathon Co.

TOTAL ALL CHAPTERS, ALL ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Dick Kraus, Water Resources Committee, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited.

KIAP-TU-WISH
Electro Fishing w/DNR & Brushing & Debris Removal 155 \$214.00
Electro Fishing w/DNR 11 0.00
Scatter-Planting 55
TOTALS 221 Hrs. \$214.00

LAKE SHORE
Brushing 128 0.00
TOTALS 128 Hrs. \$0.00

MARINETTE CO.
Fencing 8 \$0.00
Rock Throwing 24 0.00
Scatter Plant 12 0.00
TOTALS 44 Hrs. \$0.00

NORTHWOODS
Beaver Control, Beaver Dam Removal, Brushing & Debris Removal 215 \$150.00
Beaver Dam/Debris Removal 90 50.00
TOTALS 305 Hrs. \$200.00

OCONTO RIVER WATERSHED
Boat Landing, Trout Planting Remove Blowdowns 105 \$1,816.72
Remove Beaver/Beaver Dam Clean Oil Spill 64 0.00
Remove Beaver Dams 15 0.00
Remove Debris 4 0.00
Land Acquisition 0 1,000.00
TOTALS 188 Hrs. \$2,816.72

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Brushing, Maintenance 36 0.00
Shocking Survey 10 0.00
Clean-up, Erosion, Erect Signs 128 360.00
TOTALS 264 Hrs. \$1,450.00

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Half Log & Brush Bundle 60 \$30.00
Boom Covers & Rock 32 25.00
TOTALS 92 Hrs. \$55.00

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN
Brushing & Beaver Dam Removal 165 \$ 0.00
Fencing 408 2,300.00
Fencing 0 300.00
TOTALS 573 Hrs. \$2,600.00

WILD RIVERS
Fishing Tackle Auction 24 \$ 0.00
Fishing Dock Repair 10 0.00
Stream Rehab. Planning 16 0.00
TOTALS 50 Hrs. \$0.00

WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY
Maintenance/Work Big Brothers/Big Sisters 60 \$ 0.00
Fishing Outing 60 0.00
TOTALS 120 Hrs. \$0.00

WOLF RIVER
NO REPORT

Resource News

Acid Rain

Acid rain emissions control will be a conservation community priority in the 100th Congress. As the 99th Congress ended, Sen. Stafford (VT) held hearings in the Senate while the House Energy Committee also considered the issue, but legislation did not move to the floor in either house.

Hydro Bill

At Trout Unlimited's August meeting, the National Board of Directors passed a resolution on Hydropower Relicensing Reform. The resolution requested the U.S. House and Senate conferees "to report a bill that includes the strong fisheries language in HR 44 and that the conference bill clarify that the PURPA benefits do not apply at any new dam site or at any site where a hydropower project would cause fisheries degradation or usurp environmental legislation of the States."

This resolution, along with personal letters from members of your National Board of Directors, has significantly contributed to the passage of a favorable hydro bill on Capitol Hill.

At press time, the hydro bill that TU members support is unsigned on the President's desk. Once the bill is signed (as it is expected to be), the fisheries and instream flow protection in the licensing/relicensing of hydro electric projects will be better ensured. A recent decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's current actions of issuing permits in the absence of a comprehensive plan, of not asking permittees to collect data useful for study of cumulative impacts, of not having uniform study guidelines and of not collecting baseline environmental data are not currently sustainable. That ruling, along with the proposed law, should help the commission to pursue wiser use of our rivers and fisheries.

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Spring 1987

From The Chairman

After three years as State Council Chairman, Mitch Bent has stepped down, leaving some mighty big shoes to fill. During his tenure, Mitch did a magnificent job in making the State Council a more effective voice for TU in the State of Wisconsin. Hopefully, we will be able to build on the foundation that has been laid and continue the progress in the growth of the organization that has taken place in those three years.

The challenges to our organization are as great as ever. But the opportunities for effective action are also present. Maximizing our effectiveness will require a commitment from all TU members in the state, not just Council and Chapter officers. If any of you are interested in getting involved at the State Council level, just contact me or one of the other Council officers. Of course, your chapter can always use your help, so let your chapter officers know of your availability.

As most of you know, Exxon has put their proposed mine in the Crandon area on hold. While we may consider this decision a temporary victory, Exxon is free to renew their permit request at any time, so we'll have to continue to be vigilant on this issue and any other resource issues that may come up. Each of us has to be a "watchdog" to insure that our organization is immediately made aware of any potential threats to the cold water resource.

Thanks to all of you who testified at the recent hearings regarding splitting the DNR's conservation and environmental regulation functions. At this point, it appears that the proposal doesn't have much chance for success. But again, that is an issue that will have to be closely monitored.

We are hoping that the new regional structure will facilitate communication and cooperation between the State Council and the chapters and allow more effective action on some issues that are regional in nature. Since this plan is in its infancy, exact utilization of the new structure is still developing. Suggestions or comments should be submitted at the regional meetings to be held this spring.

Many of our members place a high priority on the need for more special regulations on trout waters in Wisconsin. While regulating the fishery is important, we must not forget that our primary goal is preservation and improvement of the cold water habitat. After all, all the special regulations in the world are not going to be of any use if there isn't suitable habitat available.

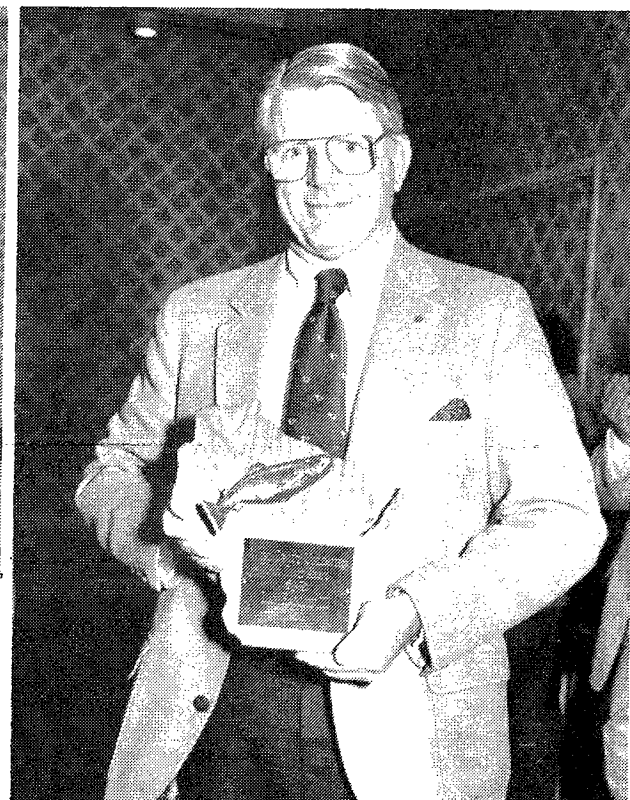
Another thing that we have to be aware of is that special regulations are no magic carpet to improved fishing. Some fisheries are just not conducive to improvement by special regulations. Since we know that the general fishing public is often skeptical or downright opposed to special regulations, it's important that any special regulations put into effect be as successful as possible. If we are going to propose special regulations for a fishery, we must have a legitimate scientific basis for the proposal. I believe that it's important for TU to have a coherent and rational policy related to special regulations. To that end, I will be appointing a

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Members Honored at State Banquet



Pictured here are just two of several deserving members who received recognition at the State Banquet in Appleton in January. National Director Tom Flesch received an



award for many years of distinguished service. Dan Harmon received the Wisconsin TU's Gold Trout Award.

Updates on Special Regulation Studies

An experimental slot size limit went into effect on a mile of Timber Coulee Creek in Vernon County at the beginning of the 1986 fishing season. Bob's evaluation will continue through the 1988 season. After the first year he reports that "so far, so good" is the most apt summary of results. Desired consequences are mostly "on target."

Only seven brown trout were kept during the 1986 season and 2,613 were reported released, a ratio of 1:373. The total number of trout caught exceeded the number present at the beginning of the season by 220%. So, even wily brown trout can be "recycled."

Fewer anglers chose to fish in the special regulation zone than in an adjacent normal regulation zone, but fishing pressure in both zones was heavy for a Wisconsin trout stream. Non-resident and non-local anglers were attracted to Timber Coulee by the special regulations. Their numbers are expected to increase during 1987-88 as the regulations continue.

About 70% of the anglers in the special regs zone were fly fishers and 30% were spin fishers. Both groups enjoyed good fishing based on their average catch rates. Spin fishers averaged one trout per hour; fly fishers averaged 2.2 trout per hour.

The brown trout population showed some positive

responses to the reduction in harvest in the special regs zone. The number of browns over 9 inches increased from 765 at the beginning of the season to 970 at the end. Browns over 14 inches numbered only 10 at the beginning but 66 at the end of the 1986 season.

Bob predicts even better fishing during 1987 as a result of the build-up of catchable-sized trout and the added survival benefits of an exceptionally mild 1986-87 winter.

At McGee Lake, east of Antigo, the first year of special regulations aimed at producing a catch and release fishery for brook trout was less successful.

Although anglers were required to fish with artificial lures only, and harvest was restricted to two trout per day of any size, those anglers who fished at McGee Lake during 1986 kept more trout than they released. Exploitation of the population was lower than the rate observed in previous years when anglers could also use live bait, but it seems that the majority of local anglers just switched to spinning lures to catch trout to take home.

Average size of the trout creel was nearly 10 inches, a high average value for a brook trout fishery in Wisconsin.

Bob Hunt

Chapter Reports

Antigo Chapter

The Antigo Chapter of TU is in the process of setting up their 7th annual banquet. The banquet will be held April 11 at the Riverview Country Club. Our event will be sold out again, and we hope it will be another success.

Our Chapter will be doing another stream project on the East Branch of the Eau Claire River again this year with the DNR. We hope this project will turn out as well as the project we did last year.

Also as soon as the snow melts, we will be placing a project sign on River Road, the site of last year's project.

Shaw-Paca Chapter

Public fishing easements for two more properties on the North Branch of the Embarrass River have just been obtained. We now have five public easement properties.

Our sport video free rental program has expanded and now includes sport shop outlets at Shawano and Clintonville with over 40 sport videos available to Shaw-Paca members as an added benefit.

A cooperative venture between the DNR and TU to scatter plant brown trout in early spring on the Red River below Gresham is planned.

Our annual fund-raising banquet is April 2.

Green Bay Chapter

As the spring season approaches, the Green Bay Chapter is plunging into another ambitious round of work projects on streams around northeastern Wisconsin. Work days are planned on Upper Middle Inlet, North Branch Beaver Creek, North Branch Embarrass River, Mountain Twin Springs, and Wisconsin Creek.

Highlights of the projects will be installation of a sand trap on the Upper Middle Inlet Creek and a weekend gathering on Wisconsin Creek.

The sand trap is a new and innovative method of stream improvement designed to remove excess sand from past logging abuses along streams. The Upper Middle Inlet installation will be the first in our area and the Chapter is anxious to monitor its effectiveness.

Our Wisconsin Creek project is being turned into a weekend outing. Because Wisconsin Creek is located a long distance from Green Bay, the Chapter is planning an outing for the entire weekend of July 11-12. A lot of work will be done on the creek and Chapter members and families will enjoy camping, fishing and cookouts the rest of the weekend.

Northeastern Region

The main item on the Regional agenda will be an effort to enact special regulations on the South Branch of the Oconto River in Oconto County. The exact portion of stream being considered for special regulation extends downstream from County Hwy. AA to the Highway 32 bridge.

The regulations being proposed by T.U. would be a daily bag limit of three fish, a size limit of 12 inches on brown trout and 10 inches on brook trout, and artificial lures only.

Substantial opposition exists to the implementation of special regulations, but the results of a DNR creel census indicates that the South Branch is a fishery currently producing far below its potential. Many of us in Northeastern Wisconsin feel special regulations are called for to return this classic stream to something even close to what it once was.

The fate of the regulations will be decided in April at the annual Conservation Congress Fish & Game Hearings held in each county around the state. We encourage all TU members interested in quality fishing to turn out for the hearings and support the proposed regulations.

Southeastern Wisconsin

The Chapter has been busy this winter with assisting the Madison Chapter clearing brush on Deer Creek near Mt. Horeb. Bob Retko assisted with Bob Zimmerman from the Southern Chapter in getting volunteers for this project.

The February meeting was a great success with the excellent slide program by the River's Edge from Bozeman, Mt. Dave Corcoran and Greg Lilly delighted the 80+ individuals who attended.

In looking ahead to Spring, the chapter is finalizing plans for work projects on Bluff and Paradise Spring Creeks. The local area fish managers are looking forward to our assistance.

Also this spring, Chapter officer elections will be held.

Central Wisconsin

The Central Wisconsin Chapter completed another busy year in 1986 with a number of workdays on several different streams. The Chapter's long-running project on Emmons Creek in Waupaca County was the focus of several late-season workdays that saw the completion of another major section of the Emmons. Brushing on a section of state land has been completed on both banks, after the investment of another 330 man-hours in 1986.

A second project completed was on a stretch of Radley Creek in Portage County. Brushing was completed on a stretch of the headwaters that was starting to show the effects of excessive brush growth. Workdays in July and September were added to the start the Chapter had made in 1985, and another successful Central Wisconsin project came to an end.

The Chapter has developed sort of a "satellite" group in the Iola area, that has expanded the range of our work by taking on an extensive brushing project on Lear Creek in Waupaca County. Under the leadership of Harvey Colruie, a small group of dedicated TU'ers brushed 4,100 feet of streambank and invested 250 man-hours. Hats off to our Iola "sub-chapter."

The Chapter recently donated copies of Dick Stewart's "Universal Fly Tying Guide" to 10 high school libraries in the Central Wisconsin area. This is a continuation of a project that was started in 1985, and hopefully will be continued in the future with other titles.

At the Chapter's October board meeting, a decision was made to renew the Chapter's lease on the Jeanette White property on Emmons Creek. This is a stretch adjacent to the DNR property where the Chapter has been brushing. A lot of work was invested in the White property the past few years, and there is likely to be more in the future.

The Chapter's 11th Annual Fly Fishing School is set for the weekend of May 29-31, 1987. Brochures and registration forms are available from Mike Stapleton, Rt. 3, Box 150, Portage, WI 53901, or phone 608-981-2036 evenings.

The Chapter has taken on a new project for 1987, on Chaffee Creek in Marquette County. The exact site has not been selected yet, but the Chapter will be working with county DNR fish manager Dale Brege to pick one soon, probably in the town of Newton. Three workdays have been scheduled for this new project, which it is hoped will get the chapter a bit of publicity and perhaps a few new members in an area where T.U. needs to be better represented.

Southern Wisconsin

This fall our chapter took a break from our project work to develop a long-range stream project plan and policy statement concerning the early season. The project plan calls for work to focus on private lands in needs of habitat improvement—to complement DNR conservation work. Streambank fencing will continue to be a key element of our work projects.

This past winter was an extremely busy one for our chapter. Our annual Trout Fishing Clinic was a success in terms of people having a great time, learning about trout fishing and adding to our funds that support cold-water habitat protection projects. Our speakers Doug Swisher and John Beth were excellent. Thanks to all who came and supported this event—hope to see everyone back next year.

Our March auction also boosted our funds and allowed many of our members to purchase valuable (?) fishing gear. Our brushing project on Deer Creek is almost finished, save torching a few "house-sized" piles of brush.

Members from the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter and T.U. chapter members from Illinois showed up to lend us a hand. Thanks to everyone who worked on the project.

Lakeshore Chapter

Members of the Lakeshore Chapter have been busy getting ready for our 4th annual T.U. banquet to be held Saturday, April 11 at Club Bil-Mar in Manitowoc. Besides the regular bucket raffles and auction, we are sponsoring a \$1/chance raffle. First prize is a Winchester Model 120 3" 20-gauge combo with 3-choke tubes, in-ribbed barrel and slug-barrel. Second prize is a 5" AD/DC portable TV and third prize is a Martin Fly Rod, Reel and Line combination. These tickets are available in advance, and will also be sold the night of the banquet. Dinner tickets can be ordered from Wayne Trupke, 10723 English Lake Rd., Manitowoc, WI 54220. Ticket price is \$15/person.

We are sponsoring a fly-fishing seminar which will be held in March and April. The classes will provide students with instruction in fly-casting and fly-tying. Participants will be provided with fly-tying supplies and will receive hands-on assistance from members who will share their fly-fishing experiences. The students will receive additional instruction with the use of video tapes from our chapter library.

On April 12, Lakeshore T.U. will be participating in Cabin Fever Day at Frank & Rose's in Mishicot. We will have a membership booth featuring fly-tying and videos.

Letters are being sent to area high schools to solicit entries in our annual scholarship program. Again this year, we will sponsor two students to attend the Career Workshop at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. High school students from Manitowoc, Kewaunee and Sheboygan are eligible to enter.

Marinette County Chapter

Hey! The members of our chapter that attended the January State Council Banquet report that it was a lot of fun. They got to renew some acquaintances and make some new ones. The number of raffle prizes was greater than past years and they were more diverse. And the auction was super, thanks to Jim Kurtz. They are all looking forward to next year.

Preparations for our April 6 banquet are being finalized. It looks like it will be another successful event. Our thanks to Jerry Chevalier, Steve Bedwell, Vern Quever and Jim Bereza.

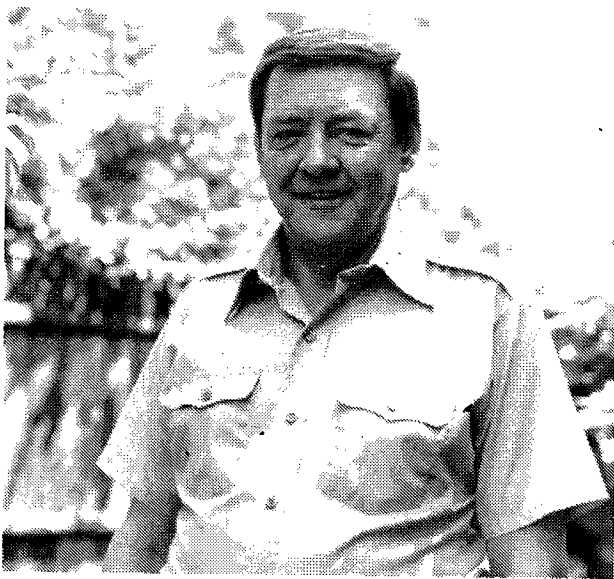
Plans are being made for our summer work projects. The biggest one looks to be the digging of a sand trap on the Upper Middle Inlet. Fortunately, an old highway right-of-way is very near to the bend in the creek where the sand trap is proposed to go.

Reflections

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"Fishful Thinking"

by Jim Curry



It was great seeing old friends and making new ones at the TU event in Appleton last January. I was very grateful for the Certificate so kindly bestowed and will endeavor to be worthy of the award.

During the drawings for prizes, they called my number for a fly selection and I remember thinking vaguely as the box was retrieved, "Ugh, just what I need." Then at the table later, Harold Levin, Max Johnson, Herb Buettner, Bob Talasek, George Close and I examined the contents carefully. "They are excellent!" I enthused.

The flies were packaged nicely in a box captioned "Prairie River Fly Selection," tied by Gary L. Payne. I tried to locate Gary in the banquet hall afterward, unsuccessfully, so will have to use this column to pass along my commendations. Great job, Gary.

This underscores what I've been thinking for quite a few years: Wisconsin has some very gifted people in the tying and fishing ranks, BUT THEY SURE ARE QUIET ABOUT IT. Maybe this reflects an innate modesty in Wisconsinites.

As I tried to point out during my "speech" at the TU banquet, there are many anglers and tiers who should contribute to "Reflections," and we encourage them to do so. John Cantwell stands ready to lend a helping editorial pen if the need arises, so give it a try—especially articles on hot fly patterns or successful fishing techniques.

Incidentally, there are two possible explanations for the lack of response or near hostility to my speech. One is that the microphone was (accidentally) unplugged. The other theory has something to do with the preceding speaker being so bad that the audience started booing him right in the middle of my talk. I wanted to ask some of the people at my table, but they had cleared out before I got back.

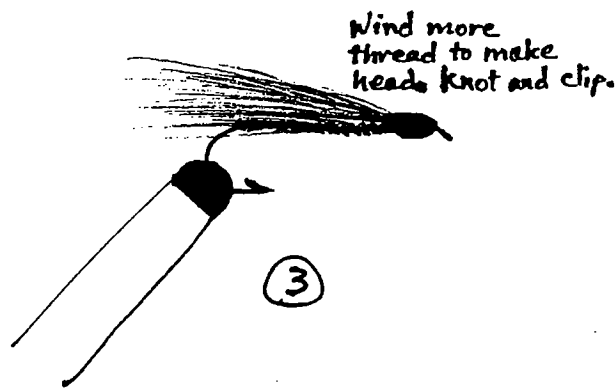
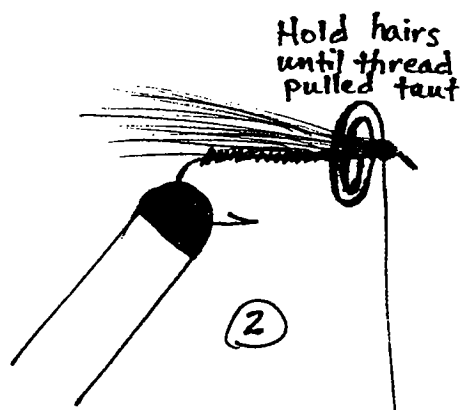
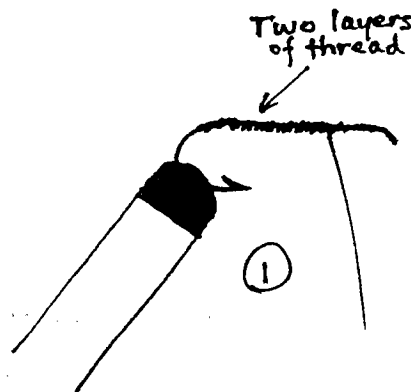
The other night I was checking over the flyboxes which contained my streamer selection and decided I couldn't wage a decent early-season assault with those pitiful few. I vowed to bolster the ranks with some additional copies of Muddlers, Ghosts and Squirrel Tail Streamers in sizes 8 to 14. Those have been good performers for many years and should be in every angler's horde.

Then I remembered even more years ago when I started tying my own flies. First came chenille grubworms, wound precariously on any sort of hooks, before I reached to a higher calling and attempted some streamers. My first were Squirrel Tail Streamers, and, by golly, they caught some trout. That was about the biggest thrill I can remember in my fishing days and it occurred to me that I wish every kid could experience the same sense of accomplishment: catching a trout on a fly he tied.

For that matter, one doesn't have to be a kid to enjoy the same thrill. So, before Opening Day, why don't you non-tiers join the ranks and make some creations for early season work? Don't give me those excuses of "I'm all thumbs" or "I haven't the equipment or time."

All you need is something to hold a hook reasonably steady, some strong nylon thread (preferably waxed), and a squirrel tail. Secure the hook and wind thread from the eye to the bend. (The thread wraps are started by crosswinding on top the short end piece.) Reverse and wind more tight rows toward the eye. Stop about three-fourths up the hook shank. This thread wrap makes a base for the streamer hairs and prevents the wing from rotating around the hook, (Figure 1).

Hold a patch of hair and clip the butts off near the skin. Pull out the short, fuzzy hairs and discard. The patch of hair is positioned on top the hook and held in place between the thumb and forefinger until several winds of thread have secured the wing. The rear of the wing should extend a bit past the hook bend. Add more winds with progressively more tension on the thread until the wing is solid (Figure 2). Tie a granny knot near the eye, or hang a weight on the thread, such as a clothespin or hackle pliers, while any hairs are clipped away from the eye area of the hook. More winds of the thread will create the head of the fly (Figure 3). After bunch of grannies are tied on the head area, the length of remaining thread is clipped off and... you've made a fly, a fly that will catch fish.



In the early (and late) season, cast this fly cross stream and twitch it once in awhile, or rhythmically if you want to stay busy, and I believe you'll be rewarded with a strong "twitch" at the business end of the line. That's called a strike and signals one of the great joys of angling—catching a fish on a fly you have made. It may not be a masterpiece, but we all started this way and some enjoyed the pastime so much they became addicts.

Nothing I would like more than to have you write, "Hey, Jim, I tied this fly and was fishing with it in my favorite run and..."

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Tight Lines,
Fred Young/President

State Banquet Draws 287

Proceeds from the January 1987 banquet in Appleton was \$8,125. Those who attended the banquet were treated to an excellent dinner and the finest raffle and door prizes selection ever assembled. Included was a special diamond necklace ladies' drawing and a Browning Citori shotgun raffle.

Now that we have such a good array of prizes, it will be the responsibility of all of us to make it a point to attend this annual event. With the 287 attendance figure down from 311 in 1986, more emphasis will be placed on getting the word out on how important this event is to the operation of the State Council.

We wish to thank the many people who donated their time, money and prizes to make this event a success. Their names are listed elsewhere in this issue. The Banquet Committee was co-chaired by Jim Bereza, Jerry Weatherwax, and John Cantwell. The Awards Committee included Larry Meicher, Ron Ahner and Clint Byrnes.

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committee to formulate such a policy, including the addressing of the following issues:

- 1) Concept and goals of special regulations;
- 2) Criteria for special regulations on a particular fishery;
- 3) Mode of implementation.

Hopefully this policy can be finalized within the year and we can then apply the policy in proposing scientific regulations and waters to be regulated. I welcome any thoughts you may have on this issue.

That's all for now. Patronize your chapter banquets, recruit some new members and have a great spring!

Richard L. Wachowski

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S. E. Wisconsin Chapter Helps "Make His Day"

A series of phone calls from leaders of the MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION & TROUT UNLIMITED helped a young boy realize his wish of learning how to tie flies.

Phillips Grimm, a 16-year-old boy from Flushing, Ohio, was undergoing medical tests at the Milwaukee Medical Complex for a possible bone marrow transplant when he made his wish known to Jim Hair, Director of the MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Jim contacted the National Office and was directed to get in touch with Bob Retko, member of the Board of Directors for the S.E. Wisconsin Chapter.

Upon being contacted, Chapter President Len Cederholm immediately acted upon Phillip's request. Len asked nationally-known master Fly Tyer Royce Dam to lend his expertise and arranged to meet Phillip when it was convenient for him. The following Saturday, Royce and Len introduced themselves to Phillip and his mother and soon had Phillip tying flies. Tales of Bass and Catfish fishing were exchanged and Phillip had a great time.

Since then, Phillip has returned to Ohio to await a suitable donor and medical advice. Many thanks to Royce and Len for their time and efforts as it shows that members of Trout Unlimited know how to make your day.

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Fishing for Papa's Fish

By JAMES KELLNER

Clear cold,
the current presses its weight
against your waders
and flattens them
against your legs.
Moss covered rocks
slip away from your feet.

A grouse,
unaccustomed
to silent men,
feeds casually on raspberries
on the high bank.
Mixed cedar and aspen
surround the pool
and deaden the roar
of traffic
a half mile away.

The short,
copper-colored falls
above the pool
sprays a fine mist
about your face.
Soft bodied caddis pupae,
fresh from their stone cases,
wiggle to the stream's surface
and emerge as winged adults.

Mayflies
with transparent wings
flutter and dance
at the head of the pool.

A flotilla of rings
announces the whereabouts
of a dozen brook trout.
A long, smooth swirl
near the submerged cedars
reveals the tail
of a giant brown.
You cast your caddis
crafted from yarn
and feathers
slightly above
the fallen logs.
Your line drifts quietly
on the surface film.
But the big brown
has been bitten before
by barbed flies
and watches the caddis sham
float by.

A brookie darts
for the morsel
left by the brown.
You feel the quiet tap
of Nick Adams' ghost
upon your line
and set the hook.

Elections

Elections of officers was one of the orders of business at the January 17th meeting of the state council in Appleton. Mitch Bent stepped down after many years of dedicated service. He will continue to contribute but has decided to take on fewer responsibilities. Mitch will be missed.

Newly-elected officers are:

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John Cantwell
National Director

Northwest Region Fish Managers Surveyed

In an attempt to begin to assess where the Northwest Region chapters might come together for a regional project, I surveyed 16 DNR Fish Managers within the geographic area ranging from LaCrosse to Ashland, from Hudson to Stevens Point.

I asked each of them four questions: 1) Would you please indicate your reasons for retaining or changing the present "limits" on brook and brown trout in this area of the state? 2) Are there particular streams/rivers in your area where you see the need for special regulations? Why? 3) Are there trout stream management problems particular to your area of jurisdiction? 4) Given the above, and given the recent DNR strategic plan regarding Wisconsin's recreational fishing such that there will be more emphasis on fostering a "deep commitment to stewardship by the entire public," how might our organization be of assistance to your needs and goals?

Needless to say, some of the answers varied from person to person. Yet, of the 12 who replied, there was also some interesting consistency.

As for question one, reasons for changing or retaining limits on brook and brown trout, 10 of the 12 respondents had specific ideas regarding changes in bag and size limits. The answers ranged from a cautious "I would like to investigate changes based on study results of reference streams," to "I've long been in favor of higher size limits and lower creel limits for trout on many, if not all, streams. I see little quality in a 6-inch trout for the creel."

Specific, suggested changes varied from manager to manager (even within the same county!).

Brooks		Browns	
Size	Number	Size	Number
1) 8"	5	12"	5
2) 8"		8"	
3)	10 too high	9"	Set limits on trout lakes
4) 0	5	0	5
5) 0	5	0	5
6)	I would favor a reduction in bag limits and an increase in size limits.		

Only one fish manager indicated that there were reasons to retain the present limits. He suggested that, "in-land trout fishing pressure on area streams is light. I have no documented proof that any trout stream brook or brown population is being over-exploited due to present limits."

Still, he goes on to say, "If they were, even though it would mean more regulations, I would opt for a change in the liberal bag limit we now have."

It seems safe to suggest that there is concern within the ranks of these DNR fish managers that some changes be considered. In one way or another, most seem to want to at least change the size limit in one way or another. In indicating that the size limit should be done away with, one person said "There is no biological reason for this 6-inch size limit on most of our brook trout streams."

Question two was in regard to particular rivers/streams in the area which might be in need of special regulations. The respondents seemed to line-up along geographic boundaries. For example, those fish managers in the Barron, Burnett, Washburn, Polk county area tended to agree that fishing pressure was light on their rivers and streams and therefore not in need of any special regulations. Fish managers both south and north of those counties suggested that there were particular streams/rivers in their areas which would benefit from such regulations.

They did tend to concur that the apparent reason for such regulations seems to be to develop trophy fish. And, they indicated, in most of this part of the state, there are very few bodies of water which could support trophy fish. Still, one person seems to have summed up the need for special regs by indicating that they are important because they "can provide a variety of angling experiences within an area."

Question three addressed the concern of stream management problems particular to the fish managers' area of jurisdiction. Here, agreement was quite high. From LaCrosse to Brule, from Baldwin to Park Falls, there was one word which surfaced as THE problem—

beaver. Second, came habitat deprivation due to poor land management. The third concern was in relation to low water quality, limiting natural reproduction/recruitment.

It was interesting to note that when any mention of beaver was made in the responses of these fish managers, they all said "of course, this problem is not unique to my area." It would seem that the pronounced concern about the beaver may be a particular project area to be taken on by TU. After all, if we want the streams to function at peak efficiency, maybe we need to make some contacts within the Wisconsin Trappers Association or begin to do some trapping ourselves. But, before we run out and do that, read what one fish manager said. "We have tried a number of things to combat this furry engineer, but have been the long-time loser at everything we have tried. . . I've thrown in the towel when it comes to beaver!"

The final question, i.e. asking how our organization might be of assistance in fulfilling the needs and goals of a particular fish manager, was intended to see if there was any consistency among these fish managers so that this Northwest Region of TU might not find a project on which a substantial number of its members could work. That is, rather than having 10 or 20 members at three or four sites, why not get 100 people on one regional project? The reason for such a project being twofold: 1) to bring the regional members together, and 2) to accomplish a major project which could be of substantial benefit to all the trout fishing population of the region.

A consistent response, one detailed by a number of respondents, was that TU could become somewhat more involved in protecting the trout streams by assisting in land acquisition—either by land purchase by TU or, more importantly, by helping the DNR "to acquire land on control streams." One person said, "even when we have money available for purchase or easements, the actual process of contacting landowners, negotiating purchases, etc. is very time-consuming. Some landowners are stubbornly opposed to dealing with the DNR. TU could act as middleman on land acquisition deals. Perhaps, as Nature Conservancy often does, by negotiating purchase, buying the land, then selling to the state at cost."

The common response to the question was to say, "Keep on doing what you are doing," "By being there as a strong, articulate voice when we need you!" I think the relationship between the Wisconsin DNR Fish Managers in this Northwest Region of the state was best summed up by one person who simply said, "Continue to be a friend!"

This survey has been a most enlightening project for me. Initially, I had some misgivings about taking up time in what I know to be a demanding job. These fish managers have the dubious occupation of sitting atop a very skinny and sharply-defined fence. On the one hand, their job is to manage the fishing resources within their geographical area. That means all fish, not just trout. On any given day they may be studying fish populations ranging from yellow bullheads to northerns to crappies. They listen to concerns from Muskies Inc. and B.A.S.S. and TU. On the other hand, their job is to make available to anyone who asks, information about fish populations in a given stream or lake. Thus, while protecting the resource, they must also see that it is harvested—and do so without discrimination.

I would like to thank all of them for their consideration and cooperation on this project. In return, I hope that the membership of the Northwest Region of the Wisconsin TU will see fit to return the favor by continuing to assist the Wisconsin DNR fish managers in their efforts to protect and develop our resources.

If there are any questions, or if you want further detail (e.g. about which streams seem in need of special regulations, or which seem to have little fishing pressure), please feel free to write me or call.

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The Curve Cast

By HENRY KANEMOTO, M.D.

When I started fly fishing several years ago, it was all I could do just to keep myself from being caught in my own fly line. I'm sure you beginners know what I'm talking about—the dreadful head wrap, where the fly line is draped over you like tinsel on a Christmas tree; or the deadly water snake, where you trip in the water after the fly line has somehow wound its way around your ankles.

Having learned to fly fish not long ago, I can still remember what it was like to be a novice, and how frustrating learning to fly-fish can be. What an avalanche of questions to be answered! How long a rod and what weight fly line? What kind—floating, sink tip or sinking? What kind of reel, automatic or single action? How long a leader, and isn't a tippet something you leave the waiter after a small meal? What kind of fly and what size? Aren't nymphs, emergers and spinners some kind of deviant sexual behavior? And how to fish anyway, upstream or down? You get the idea.

I remember one particular day on the Plover River here in Marathon County. I was having a pretty successful day I thought, until I spotted a good rise upstream against the left bank and in front of some tag alder branches in the water. The branches created a small area of slack water from which the trout was feeding. I cast across stream and up, the fly landing several feet above the feeding trout. Now is the part of the story where the trout takes the fly and the writer describes a thrilling battle. Right? Nope! Not if you're a beginner. My fly dragged several feet after landing, the fly line pulled downstream by the faster water across which I had cast. I cast several more times but without success. Each time the fast water dragged my fly across the fish's lie.

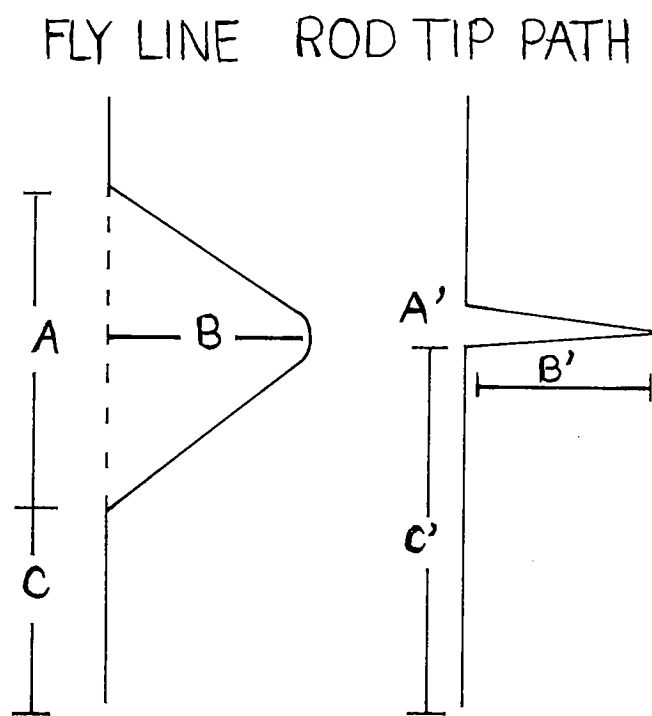
I caught plenty of trout that day and for a novice, I guess, I did all right. But my mind kept going back to the trout I couldn't catch. I simply couldn't make the correct cast for the situation, in this case, an upstream curve cast to correct for the faster water.

All beginners are taught to cast straight, as if our fly line and leader are the world's longest blackboard pointer. The straighter, the better. We all take pride in being able to straighten out every last inch of our fly line and leader, preferably without a single wiggle to spoil the symmetry of our cast. Fortunately, we aren't very successful because if we were, we would catch less fish. It is the slack in our lines that allows our flies to float drag free. It is the slack in our lines that compensates for the slight irregularities that are present even in what appears to be the smoothest of waters. We should be trying to compensate for the irregularities of the current by introducing curves into our cast. But, these curves must be introduced for a reason and with control.

It has been my observation that most fly fishermen avoid learning the curve cast because they consider it too difficult a cast to learn. Actually, I found it easier to learn to curve cast than to double haul, and it is certainly easier than learning to fly cast in the first place. If you will spend a few minutes thinking about and practicing what follows, you will be proficient in the curve cast in only a short while.

There are only a few facts and skills to master in casting a curve. First, the "curve" is placed into the line AFTER the power stroke. Therefore, it is not necessary to change the basic mechanics of your cast. But the mechanics of your cast must be sound, since it will be the base upon which you will add your curve. Your basic cast should be with the rod vertical and not a tilted or sidearm cast. You will soon see why.

A basic rule of flycasting is that the fly line always follows the rod tip and will do whatever the rod tip does. If we move the tip of the rod smoothly to the right and then back to the center after the forward power stroke, the line will land with a right curve. Secondly, the sooner the rod tip deviation occurs after the power stroke, the closer the curve will be to the fly. Thirdly, the further off center we move the rod tip, the deeper (further from the center) the curve; and the longer we keep the rod tip deviated, the broader (the longer the base of the curve) the curve will be.



Since a picture is worth a thousand words, but I'm not an artist, I hope this diagram will help (see figure 1). Figure 1 shows the relationship between the rod tip path and the fly line as viewed from above. The diagram is for a right curve cast.

Gary Borger taught me this cast in about 10 minutes in front of his house one day. I was soon making right and left curves around a stump in his yard. It helps to have a great teacher, but you should have no trouble learning this cast.

To gain accuracy and control you must practice WITH TARGETS. Set up two pieces of paper and place them about 15 feet apart on your lawn. Get an additional 15 feet from the closest of the targets and try to cast your fly to the furthest piece of paper with your fly line curving around the closer piece of paper. When you first start, try delaying your curve (rod tip deviation) until well after the completion of your power stroke. This will allow you to keep your power stroke smooth throughout the cast. You will find that the curve occurs close to the fly rod. As you master this, start to make your curve (rod tip deviation) closer to the end of your power stroke. You will find your curve occurs further down the fly line and closer to the leader. Vary the timing, length and depth of the curve to make it land where you want and in the shape you want.

Once you can perform a single curve, try a double curve with a right/left or left/right curves. With a double curve, your first curve after the power stroke will be closer to the leader than the second curve, so that the path of the fly rod tip will be the mirror image of the fly line. This sounds confusing, but once you try a double curve cast, you will see what I mean. Again, practice with targets. Actually, you probably won't have much cause to use a double curve in actual fishing but it sure wows the heck out of an audience at fly casting demonstrations. I've only used it a couple of times while fishing when having to cast over both fast and slow areas of water (caused by boulders in the stream flow) to the rising trout beyond.

Now that you have practiced the curve cast and have the general idea, try to introduce these casts into your fishing. How about fishing that quiet water around your favorite boulder? Try to make your line land to one side of the boulder and then the other so that you can fish both sides of the boulder. Or, how about a curve cast with a reach mend so that your line doesn't fall over that spooky trout? Oh yes, and now both of us can catch that trout against that far left bank.

When you can perform a curve cast with confidence, you'll find yourself using it, or a variation, on almost every cast. After all, it is the exception where a simple straight cast is better than some type of controlled curve or reach cast. You will find that the curve cast increases the length of your drag free float and your fishing success. Keep it up, and someday we'll all be experts.

Stream Profile: East Branch of the Eau Claire River

The East Branch is a medium hard water stream having slightly acid, light brown water. The origin of this stream is a small tributary to Summit Lake. Leaving Summit Lake, the stream flows to Greater Bass Lake, Water Power Lake and Deep Woods Lake, then in a southerly direction, generally draining the central portion of Langlade County. The river is a tributary to the Eau Claire River which meets the Wisconsin River at Wausau. Trout species inhabiting the stream include brook and brown trout.

Only the lower portion of the river is considered trout water, which is that portion of river from Hwy. 64 upstream. There are also trout found below Hwy. 64, but not in the numbers found upstream.

The East Branch of the Eau Claire River runs for 28.3 miles in Langlade County with 17 miles labeled as trout water. The river is wide and shallow in many places which leads to water temperatures to 80 degrees at times. The river has good gradient and a gravel and rubble bottom.

The East Branch of the Eau Claire River is really quite interesting in the fact that it is a good trout producer. With only average in stream habitat and high summer water temps, this river still produces good numbers of brook and brown trout.

The East Branch has high potential and lends itself well to habitat improvement projects. Between the DNR and the Antigo Chapter of TU in the last seven years, we have done three improvement projects.

One project was above Bluebell Road where Antigo TU placed 250 half logs into the stream. Another project was done, below Bluebell Road, by the DNR with trout stamp money. This project was the building of 18 wing dam and boom cover devices. The third project was done last year by the DNR and Antigo TU on River Road. This project was very exciting, because with Max Johnson's help, the instream structures that were built were of different design and hopefully will support the brook trout better.

We hope to do another project with Max this coming summer.

Public access is gained by approximately 20 different road crossings. Approximately 80% of the river frontage is in private ownership. The DNR in the last number of years has been seeking to purchase river frontage under their land acquisition program.

The East Branch is a beautiful river which gives many a fisherman a wonderful fishing experience. And it seems every year the river gives up a few of its gems to trout lovers like you and me!

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Wisconsin Loses A Good Friend "Wisconsin Sportsman" Moves to Georgia

There was something different about the March issue of "Wisconsin Sportsman" as I saw it on the coffee table. The masthead was the same but the design looked different, a little too slick, too much like the rest of the outdoor magazines that line the racks at the book store.

But it wasn't until I looked a little closer that I started to get a sick feeling. The "Letters to the Editor" section was gone. So was the DNR Report. So was the Coming Events section. So were the terrific short stories on Wisconsin lore I enjoyed reading. So were a lot of other things that I really liked about the magazine.

"Wisconsin Sportsman" is now published by Game & Fish Publications, Inc. of Marietta, Georgia. How and when this all happened I don't know and really don't care. All I know is that we have lost a fine magazine and in its place is a rag that has a full-page color ad for catfish bait, nine ads on turkey hunting products (not real big in Wisconsin), and 25 vacation ads for Southern resorts and lodges. . . none for Wisconsin resorts.

I remember the nice article "Wisconsin Sportsman" did on Trout Unlimited a few years back. In fact, it was that article that got me involved in TU. No offense to Dan Small and other Wisconsin contributors to the March issue, but the magazine is just not the same anymore. It can't be.

I suppose it was the lure of big money that prompted the owners to sell out. But my questions are: Why sell out to a publisher who has obviously no interest in Wisconsin hunters and anglers? Why abandon the thousands of supporting subscribers who have made that magazine such a success?

I don't like the magazine now. It's not the magazine I subscribed to. I feel cheated and I want my money back.

John Cantwell

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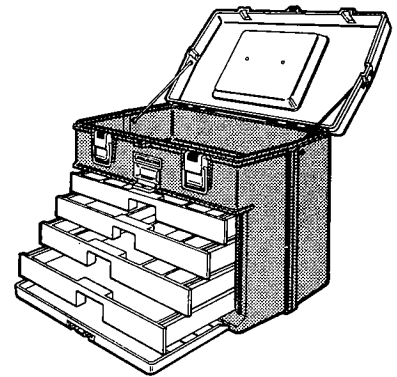
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Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note: Mitch Bent's feature story in the Winter issue of REFLECTIONS titled "New Governor seeks to destroy DNR" created a good deal of response as can be seen by the following letters.

Trout Unlimited:

Please take me off all your mailing lists. I love fishing, but jobs are more important than fish. Fire the guy who wrote the headline and article. Maybe if he's jobless, his priorities will change.

William M. Berry
Mequon, WI

Dear Editor:

I read with dismay Mitch Bent's article about Gov. Thompson's "declaring war on the DNR and conservation." That is one of the most illogical and blatant conclusion jumps I've ever read. Where does Bent get his powers of prognostication from? Thompson's position on the environment and conservation is clear and a lot of us happen to believe him until proven otherwise. Thompson's intention is to protect the environment, and also to tame an overpowerful and administratively bloated DNR.

I think the DNR has made its own bed with policies and actions unresponsive to the mainstream of Wisconsin's people. I think you should remind Bent to keep HIS political opinions out of an environmental publication as it offends long-time T.U. supporters like myself who think differently.

To assume Thompson will fill his post with an incompetent and mismanage the environment before he even takes office are simply scare tactics. Bent should examine his own motives for this logic or lack of it.

Give Thompson and the rest of us a break until we have something to complain about. I believe this used to be called "yellow journalism."

Darrell E. Schmidt
Eagle River, WI

Dear Editor:

Read your article in REFLECTIONS regarding the "Cabinet Bill" that is being pursued by our new governor and some of his less-knowledgeable cohorts in the state legislature. One from your own area, I might hastily add.

Congratulations for taking a bold step and telling it like it is. Many of the elected officials touting it are being less than honest to their constituency. Those politicians that are supporting the proposal seem to be the same ones who are frustrated from not being able to manipulate the Department of Natural Resources to better serve their own selfish purposes.

And that is precisely why we need to maintain the present structure of the DNR, that is the seven-person citizen policy-making board, rather than an appointee of the governor to act at the political whims of the moment. Water quality, air quality, habitat programs, and on and on, can ill-afford to be changed by each administration as is common with the other states that have the cabinet form of government.

As for the issue of dividing the agency into an environmental bureau and a hunting-and-fishing bureau, how can one separate trout fishing from clean water standards; hunting from good, sound habitat programs; or, air quality from either. You simply cannot and nobody knows that more than the outdoors people who live it year after year.

The citizen-controlled Department is doing a great job, a difficult task being an enforcement agency. Do not be misled by legislators who want to change the Department so they can better manipulate it. Wisconsin is a leader in environmental and recreation living. Beware of the politician who would try to lead you . . . backwards.

Keep up the good work.

Jerry Laudon
Waterford, WI

Dear Gov. Thompson,

The article by Mr. Bent echoes my sentiments. I sure hope you're not SERIOUSLY considering any change to direct appointment of the top man in the DNR.

I know the insatiable crybabies in "Tourism" or the record-profit-making paper companies might like to shove one of their own hacks into the Secretary's chair, but thank God it hasn't happened yet and I hope it never will.

Need we more proof? A fabulous Great Lakes fishery restored, superb inland fishing, big game and small game management programs second to none, restoration of fisher, marten, turkey and timber wolf while maintaining a maximum possible deer and bear population—these criteria alone declare the obvious. Water, soil and air monitoring to ensure continued cleaning of our environment is in good hands, using the best available technology. We would have to be crazy to tamper with the morale of the DNR; it should be glaringly apparent with someone of your political savvy that musical chairs in the Secretary's office would harm MORALE first and worst.

On this one, Governor, we HAVE the advantage of hindsight! Looking back, I LIKE it! I've been privileged to know a few of the recent members of the DNR Board, and I'd certainly have to compliment past governors of both parties for their astute selections. You would be wise to add an oarsman—or woman—as opportunity permits. Changing the cox'n might not improve the boat. It might be done at great risk to your future, AND mine.

Thanks for your time.

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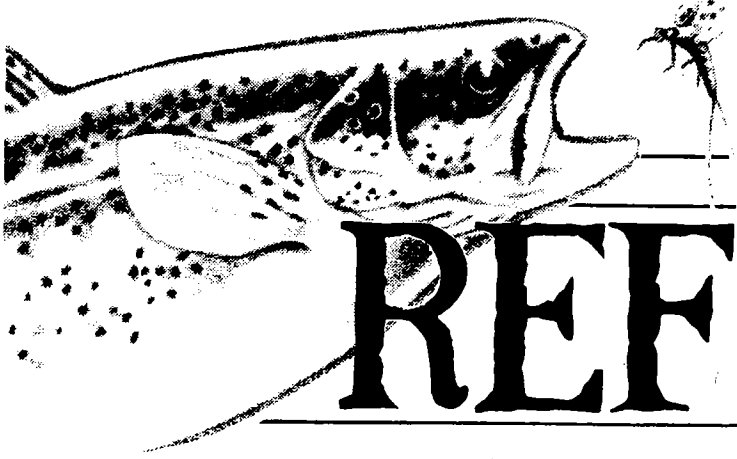
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From The Chairman

Dick Wachowski

I was pleased to turn to the Sports Section of a recent Milwaukee Journal Sunday edition and read two fine articles about the Central Wisconsin Chapter's fly-fishing school. Articles like these do more to make the public aware of TU than anything we can publish as an organization.

This was not just an isolated example of good recent public relations. I'm aware that many Chapters around the state have gotten favorable media coverage of their work projects, scholarship programs, kids fishing days, etc. We have to realize that there are lots of potential TU members/supporters who do not receive any of our publications and we have to make them aware of our commitment and accomplishments. Make sure that when your Chapter does something newsworthy, you let the media know about it. There is nothing wrong with blowing your own horn if there is more than just hot air behind it.

The DNR is currently in the process of formulating comprehensive trout regulation changes for 1988 and beyond. Our Special Regulations Committee will be working closely with them and we hope to have meaningful input into that process. Any member interested in commenting or becoming involved in this matter should contact Committee Chairman (and State Council Vice-Chairman) Rick Penn. He may not be available until after the Hex hatch on the White River has run its course, but try anyway.

That's all for now. Again, keep up the good work!

Stream Workshop Planned

The UW-Stevens Point Treehaven facility near Tomahawk will be the site of a seminar on Stream Improvements for Low Gradient Streams. The dates are August 31 and September 1 with a limit of 40 participants. Cost is \$150 which includes meals and lodging. Each chapter involved in stream projects should try and send a representative. Call Dr. Dan Coble, 715-346-2178 at UW-SP.

State Council Meeting August 22

The summer State Council Meeting will be held again at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Center on Saturday, August 22. The center is located east of Stevens Point near the Tomorrow River.

Chapters will be notified of exact times and locations in the near future. If you wish to attend the meeting, contact your chapter president for details.

Double Day Is Coming Your Chance To Make A Big Difference

For just one day, October 1, 1987, Trout Unlimited is asking you to become a staff member and they are ready to pay a total of a quarter of a million dollars to work with them.

TU is committed to growth and the increased Clout for Trout that the larger size will bring. Over the past years, all of us have been looking for new ways to spread the word about TU. But so many of these methods require additional staff. That's where you come in.

On October 1st, TU is asking you to wear a special "Temporary Staff Member" badge and recruit just one new member at the regular \$20 level. When you do, you'll receive \$5 and a big Thanks for your efforts.

REFLECTIONS got a scoop on this story so Wisconsin members are the first to be notified of Double Day. Let's get started thinking about who is going to be our new member. Chapters can have their own contests with prizes for the most new members. We have everything to gain by increasing membership.

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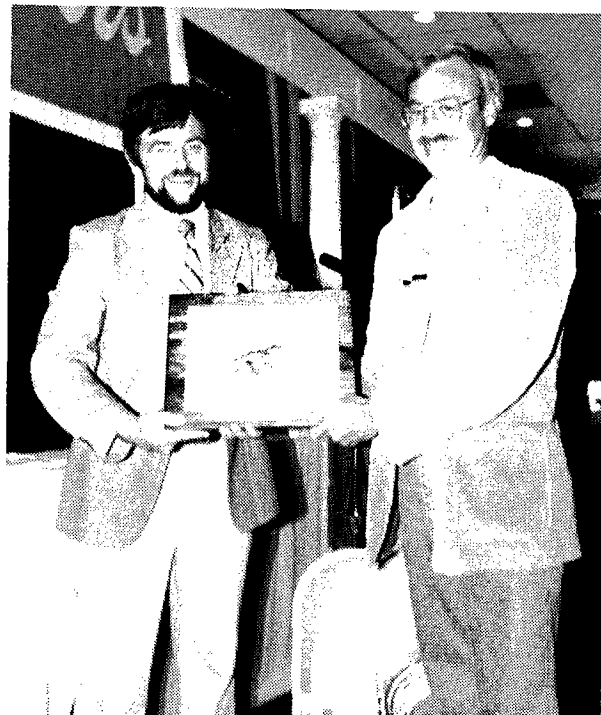
1. All memberships recruited by our temporary staff members must be received at the National Office between October 2nd and October 15, 1987 to qualify for the \$5 "salary." You must send the entire \$20 to TU National Office for each membership.

2. Members recruited under this program are not eligible for any other discounts or promotions (i.e. banquets \$10 rates, Modified Rebate Program, Business Member rebates). The \$5 per member "salary" is not paid for Student or Senior memberships.

3. Memberships which need to be billed do not qualify for the \$5 "salary."

This is a great opportunity to make \$5 or more for you or your chapter. We all know a friend or relative who should be a member and would love to receive the award-winning TROUT magazine. Why not ask them, or even give them a gift membership to show how serious you are about Trout Unlimited?

Complete details will be sent to you in September and you will be hearing more about it in REFLECTIONS.



Tom Flesch (L) presents award for REFLECTIONS.



Dick Wachowski accepts award for Ojibseau Chapter.

Reflections Wins National TU Award

Our Wisconsin newsletter REFLECTIONS was the recipient of the 1986 Trout Unlimited Conservation Award for Communications at the National Meeting in Calicoon, New York June 27.

John Cantwell, editor, accepted the award and expressed thanks to the contributors and chapter leaders who send in reports, stories and material each quarter for making the award possible.

Wisconsin Chapter Wins National TU Award

The Ojibseau Chapter was the winner of the 1986 Trout Unlimited Conservation Award for Membership Growth at the National Meeting in Calicoon, New York June 27. The chapter realized growth of 150 members from its 1986 Spring banquet. This was the highest increase of membership of any chapter, nationwide.

Dick Wachowski, State Council Chairman and National Director, accepted the award.

Chapter Reports

Fox Valley Chapter

Except for annual maintenance, our Davis Creek project has been completed. In April 1987, the D.N.R. electrofished the 460-foot now intensively-improved section. This same section was electrofished April 1982 before the project was started. In numbers there were 154 trout, down from 193 trout in 1982, but in size there was a different story. In the 8" class 1982 there were 3 trout in 1987 22 trout. In 1987, there were 9 trout in the 9" class, and none in 1982.

The big accomplishment we feel is the spawning potential that has been enhanced. Davis Creek empties into the Pine River and those trout use the Davis as a nursery. We now see much more gravel stream bottom ideal for making redds and adequate structure for protection. We have a good feeling about our Davis Creek accomplishments.

Marinette County Chapter

With help from the Green Bay Chapter, we will be building a ramp and walkway at Holley's Hole on the North Branch of the Beaver Creek.

Other projects include bank covers and brushing at various sites in our area. One project is of particular interest. This is the dredging of a sand trap on the Upper Middle Inlet that flows through TU's property. It is one of the first traps in the state and its impact will be closely observed and documented. A contractor will do the work.

Our chapter again donated fishing-related video cassettes to our local public library. We also added books to our Chapter library. Two Orvis fly rod outfits were purchased so members might try fly fishing without the initial expense.

Lakeshore Chapter

One-hundred seventy-six people attended our 1987 fund-raising banquet in April. We cleared over \$2,400, but since we hold a "national" banquet, we raised about \$1,200 for the Chapter. Some contributors donated various items, with the stipulation that they be given out as prizes "for kids only." Anyone who attended the banquet aged 16 and under received a special raffle ticket at the door. This special raffle idea was very well-received, and will be repeated next year.

Lakeshore Chapter has worked on Jambo Creek, continuing brushing downstream from the area completed last year. We have scheduled one stream project date each month, and are combining a project date with our monthly meeting in August.

In May, members were elected to hold offices for 1987-88. They are: Larry Yax, president; Jeff Preiss, vice-president; Anne Dirkman, secretary; Bob Dirkman, treasurer and State Council representative; Tom Beschta, Director (exp. 1990) and Dick Pruchta, Director (exp. 1988). A third director position expires in 1989 and is held by Chuck Wolff. Wayne Trupke will serve as board member for one year as outgoing president.

Molly Schleis and Doug Meidl were chosen as this year's recipients of scholarships to the Central Environmental Station's natural resources career workshop this summer.

Green Bay Chapter

The Green Bay Chapter suspends its regular monthly meetings for June, July and August. But that hardly means the Chapter becomes inactive. Chapter members will be participating in plenty of work projects to better the habitat and improve the fishing for everyone.

Projects scheduled for the summer vary from hauling rocks for building in-stream structures to helping construct a dock and ramp for use by the elderly and handicapped.

The Chapter will also be working with other Chapters in the region to obtain easements or outright purchases of land along prime trout waters.

It is interesting to note that the new regional concept is alive and well in Northeastern Wisconsin. The summer work projects have been scheduled more as a region than for individual Chapters, and we are looking forward to turning out membership from all over the region to get some things accomplished.

Southern Wisconsin Chapter

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited hosted its annual Handicapped Fishing Day at the Kalscheur Farm in Pine Bluff. Lots of good will, good food and great fishing was exchanged among TU participants and our special guests. We have also been busy planning our work projects for the summer—a big task for the newly-organized project committee. This past spring we finished our brushing project on Deer Creek.

Aldo Leopold Chapter

The chapter has enjoyed a busy and productive spring. Work days were held in March on Spring Creek near Lodi to remove beaver dams, and in April on Rocky Run Creek in Columbia County, also to remove beaver dams and additionally to reprop a small section of stream adjacent to a spawning bed.

The main focus of the Chapter's efforts however was directed toward the planning of the 1st Chapter Banquet. Tom Flesch and John Sarnow spearheaded the Banquet Committee and are to be commended for taking the initiative to organize the event. Held May 12 at Haugen's Heights Resort near Poynette, the Banquet was a rousing success as a group of 125 sportsmen and women (a sell-out) were in attendance. Ticket sales, raffles and auctions netted \$5,000 with half going to national TU and the remaining half replenishing the Chapter's depleted treasury.

Northwest Region

Northwest Area Chapter President Chris Larsen (Wild Rivers) and Rick Penn (Chequamegon), along with U.S. Forest Service personnel Dave Nelson (Hayward) and Larry Baker (Glidden), and Wisconsin DNR Fish Managers Frank Pratt (Hayward) and Skip Sommerfeldt (Park Falls) met with Northwest Regional V.P. Dann Perkins to discuss a regional project.

After considered discussion it was decided to embark on a renovation of the Iron River near Glidden in Ashland County. Mr. Sommerfeldt has DNR permission to develop a two-year survey of the stream during which time the USFS and TU members will be closely involved.

The project will include all the Northwest Region TU Chapters. Those nearest the project to help with people power, those further away assisting in construction of generic boom covers.

The project is to have a strong educational component, stressing the application of instructional and informational signs regarding local flora and fauna, fishing techniques and catch and release tactics.

Although the project is perceived as a long-range one, all of the participants at the meeting were positive about the joining of the forces of TU, USFS, and WDNR.

Through the coordination efforts of Northwest Regional V.P. Dann Perkins, the Ojibseau Chapter, along with the Indianhead Bassmasters and the local chapter of Muskies Inc. sponsored a youth fishing clinic on June 13 at Carson Park in Eau Claire, for young folks who had never fished before.

Youngsters ages 8-13 participated in a series of instructional "stations" including fish identification, rod and reel types, casting techniques, laws and water safety.

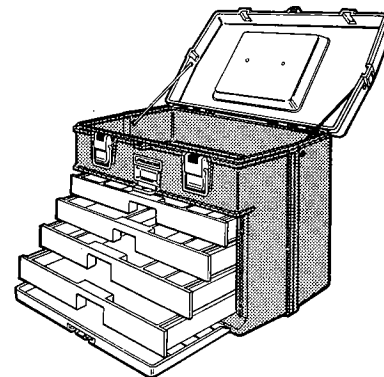
All participants received a DNR fish identification chart, a beginning fishing booklet from Berkeley, and a wallet card indicating that they had successfully accomplished the clinic. In addition, those youngsters who caught their first fish that day received a first fish certificate from Berkeley.

Intended as the "first" clinic of its kind in the Eau Claire area, all the fishing organization, along with the WDNR, and local sporting goods outlets, worked hard to help some 20-plus youths learn about the sport of fishing.

Zebco Donates Rods/Reels

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter, through the efforts of Floyd Hagerty and member Lowell Gennrich, have received a donation of 50 rods and reels from Zebco. These were used at the annual Handicapped Kids Fishing Day held on June 13.

The chapter is making this equipment available to other chapters holding similar events. Contact Lowell Gennrich at 608-257-2742. Write down that number for future reference.



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The Secret Of My Success*

By HENRY KANEMOTO, M.D.

Flyfishermen seem to be split into two groups based upon what they carry with them on the stream. The first group is composed of those who usually fish on a few selected streams and have been doing so for years. They have no need for exotic paraphernalia and prefer to carry everything they need in a few shirt pockets and an old bandaid can. They fish with equally nondescript flies such as a "brown hackle" or the ubiquitous "grey hackle." They generally are excellent fishermen and know their streams so well that they need little else to be successful.

I belong to the second group. I have a fishing vest the size of an expedition backpack. Where most fishermen are satisfied with a single type of fly floatant, I carry three. When night fishing I carry two different flashlights, with spare batteries. I used to carry a spare fly reel loaded with a sink tip fly line. After toting it in my vest for two whole seasons and not using it once, I finally took it out of my vest. Now I carry it in my car. You get the idea. I am the tackle salesman's dream customer.

Consequently, it is not too surprising that I routinely carry several items on the stream that 90% of flyfishermen have never owned. I would like to recommend three of these for your consideration, not because I carry them, but because I find that the great majority of successful "group two" fishermen carry them. The first two have been written about before and are a sampling net and a stomach pump. The third, a new item, which I believe will cause a mini-revolution in fly tying, is the Borger Color System (BCS). Although the sampling net and the stomach pump have been around for years, few anglers have taken these tools seriously enough to use them routinely. Now with the BCS, there is a reason to do so.

Most of you are at least familiar with the sampling net and stomach pump. Almost none of you know about the Borger Color System. The BCS is a small water-resistant booklet designed to be carried in a vest. It contains 147 color chips comprising the entire spectrum of a trout's food organisms. Exact color matches are possible on the stream, and under the same light conditions in which the trout sees his food. There is a metric and inch scale to measure the organism, and a hook scale to tell you what size fly to use. There are data pads on which the colors and measurements are recorded for later use.

The possibilities are mind boggling. I have been using this system since the beginning of this season, and it has measurably raised my success rate. I no longer have to guess at the color of an insect. I used to try to identify the insect, then hit the fly tying pattern books to give me the correct colors. Now I can obtain a true match of the insect's color and size using the BCS. I don't even have to identify the insect. If I have the color and size of the tails, body and wings, I don't need the name.

I take my BCS to the tackle store to buy dubbing in the correct shades. We know how the Color-C-Lector has revolutionized lure fishing. I expect that the same process will occur with the BCS as it gets better known and accepted. I predict that in a few years we will start to see fly tying materials, and fly tying and entomology books coded in BCS colors.

I have recommended the BCS to my angling friends so that we can share data. It's much more accurate to describe a shade of olive brown as BCS 31, especially if you're talking about the Baetis (blue winged olive) hatch on the Bighorn River in Montana.

I want to emphasize that the BCS is not only for fly-tyers and advanced fly fishers. A major problem for beginners and non-flytyers is purchasing the correct flies. The BCS both simplifies and clarifies the fly selection process. Without any knowledge of entomology, beginners can use the BCS to buy flies in the correct sizes and colors.

This is the value of the BCS. To the beginning fly fisher, it offers a clear and workable method of fly selection. To the advanced fly fisher, it makes possible a precise imitation of the natural. Combined with the sampling net and stomach pump, it forms the nucleus of a fly selection system.

The sampling net is the second integral part of "The

Secret of My Success." I have a home-made net which is like a mini butterfly net. I have taken the mesh off of a four-inch aquarium net, and put it on a square frame constructed from coathanger wire. I epoxyed the butt section of the wire frame into the tip of a collapsible pointer/pen. Take the ballpoint refill cartridge out of the tip section of the pointer pen, and you have a convenient hollow section in which to glue the net frame. Now you have a net which will fit into your vest pocket but will extend out to 18" when you want to capture a flying insect. More complete plans for this net can be found in FLY FISHERMAN Magazine, Volume 9, #6, (mid-season 1978), pg. 50.

The stomach pump can be purchased at the local tackle shop or through most mail order catalogs. Those of you who have seen Doug Swisher's videos on selective trout will recall that he tells you to use the stomach pump without filling the bulb with water. I disagree. I find that filling the bulb with water, then inserting the tube into the trout and gently flushing the stomach is more effective. Remember that the food items will be sucked back into the tube in the exact order they were ingested. The most recently ingested items are closest to the bulb, and it is this item you want to imitate.

Now that you have the net, stomach pump and BCS, what do you do? My approach is simple and straight forward. If you see fish rising, try to catch a sample of the insect. Use your net to pick it off the water or out of the air. Use the BCS to document the appropriate measurements and colors, and then find a fly with the closest match. Remember that a nymph should be color matched with the fly wet. This usually darkens the fly a bit. You will find that some fly floatants darken the color of flies, and this also should be taken into account. If you don't have a fly to match, pick a close one. Use the BCS data to tie a match for the next time. Remember that in many instances there may be several insects on the water at the same time, and that it may take some experimenting to catch your first trout. Use your knowledge of rise forms to cut the odds of choosing between insects and stages.

Once you catch the first trout, pump its stomach. If the stomach contents don't match the fly you are using, change your fly to match the dominant insect and stage. Use the BCS to record the new data if necessary.

If there are no trout rising, then it is a little tougher. You have two choices. You can sample the stream bottom with your net and find a suitable imitation for nymphing. I always use a strike indicator, but that is the subject for another article. Remember to record the data for the food items you find in the BCS. Then you can tie the appropriate patterns for the next time.

The second method is to head for the nearest riffle and use an attractor fly to catch your first trout. I happen to be partial to a Royal Wulff with the size depending on the stream. I carry #12-#16 but a #14 is a good compromise. The important thing is to use a fly in which you have confidence and that works on your local stream.

Once you have caught a trout with either method, pump its stomach and pick the appropriate fly. You will find that with the attractor method, the trout you catch will be smaller (less wary), and that you may need to catch several before getting a good stomach sample.

I use this system all the time, and I like to get stomach samples from several trout during the day. I guarantee you that the information and experience you gain will be a real asset. You will learn when the trout start to shift from one insect to another or from one stage to another.

You will gain insights that will surprise you. In the last week it has been raining off and on steadily. The last time I fished the Prairie River, the water was dirty and high. In two hours of fishing I managed to catch three small brook trout from a feeder stream. The rain started to fall heavily, and I started to walk back upstream to my car, rather discouraged. Shortly after the rain stopped, I started seeing fish rising in one of the pools I had fished before without success. I managed to catch one with my trusty Royal Wulff. The stomach pump revealed three small dark brown beetles, size 20. Well, I didn't have any size 20 brown beetles, but I did have ants tied with brown deer hair. I trimmed the front section of the ant pattern off with my scissors, and presto, an instant #20 brown beetle. That episode saved my day of fishing and changed it from one of discouragement to one of pride.

Obviously, the beetles had been washed into the stream by the sudden shower. I had read of such things in fishing articles, but it had never happened to me. More likely, it had happened, but I had never realized it before. Now I am a slightly better fisherman. On such things is wisdom eventually built.

Now you know the secret of my success. Although the three items will make your vest a little heavier, I recommend them to you. If we meet on a trout stream somewhere, stop and say hello. You will know me because I will be testing the world's first combination nuclear powered antigravitation lifting suit and hydraulically-assisted fishing vest, but that's another article.

Those of you who want to purchase a Borger Color System, send \$6.20 to Gary Borger Enterprises, P.O. Box 628, Wausau, WI 54402.

*My apologies to Michael J. Fox for using the title of his current hit movie.

The Nor'Westers: Profiles Of DNR Fish Management Personnel In North-Western Wisconsin

By DANIEL PERKINS

This is the first in a series of articles to introduce the membership of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited to those people who are "on the firing line" as State of Wisconsin DNR Fish Management employees. It is the intent of this column to give you some insight into the lives of people, both from a personal and a professional perspective.

Tom Beard: Area Fish Manager, Cumberland, WI

When he talks of fishing, he describes the delicate feel of a 20-foot Jayhawker, balanced to the subtle response of a quill bobber as the phantom "record" bluegill strikes the grey cricket or half-turned catalpa worm lure.

But what is this, a reality or fantasy? To find out, you'd have to ask the Indiana "Hoosier" who spent summers in Wisconsin fishing bluegills on the Chetek chain of lakes. That was before Tom became involved in fish management, some 20 years ago. Still, his Hoosier upbringing, one in which his father would not even mention the word trout, stays with him. Today, when the chance to go fishing arises, he prefers to go after the bluegills. He says that when you get a nice fat bluegill pulling sideways, "the strum of the line in the water sounds like a chorus of birds on shore."

I had to ask about jayhawkers, quill bobbers, grey crickets and half-turned catalpa worms. They were new to my experience. Yet, Tom suggests, to a "purist Hoosier," they are traditional to the bluegill fishing repertoire.

In case you don't know, the jayhawker is one of those long (16'-22') collapsible fiberglass rods. They used to be bamboo, but technology has reached into even the most basic areas of fishing. The quill bobber is exactly that, a porcupine or other quill with a clip attached so it can be made fast to the fishing line. Even the most subtle nudge by a fish will register on such a bobber. Grey crickets are merely what the name implies, but the half-turned catalpa worm is something not readily available in Wisconsin. As the name suggests it is the larva of a creature which evolves on/in catalpa trees. They are cut in half and turned inside out, placed on a hook and used as a primary lure for bluegills. The line for such an outfit is usually two-pound (2) monofilament cut to the length of the rod.

Tom's first 12 years in fish management was spent in the Bureau of Research studying the predator-prey interaction of warm water fish. During his tenure with the DNR he has written and published some 14 scientific papers on fish population dynamics.

Tom is quite representative in his reasons for liking fish management, as you will see with future profiles of Nor'westers. His main reason is in being able to interact and work positively with the public. In Tom's words, "to protect and enhance the fishing resource of the state."

Given a chance to fish you are likely to find him on Round Lake (Polk County), the Chetek Chain of Lakes (Barron County), Vermillion (Barron County) or Shell Lake (Washburn County).

When asked which trout stream in his area he would recommend for TU people, he immediately said "the Yellow River, the one located half-way between Cumberland and Rice Lake." And, when he does do some trout fishing, he takes his daughter there. Why? Because of the size of the brown trout, the easy access and the minimal pressure on the stream.

Next time: Ruth King, Tribal Fisheries Assessment Technician, Spooner, WI.

National Directors Report

The Trout Unlimited 1987 National Meeting was held June 25-28 at the Villa Roma Country Club, Calicoon, New York, in the Catskills. Special guests included fishing experts Joe Humphreys, Lefty Kreh and Dave Whitlock.

Wisconsin National Directors who attended were Bob Bolz, Tom Flesch, Tom Sopkovich, Dick Wachowski and John Cantwell. The job of a national director is to participate in TU committee meetings, engage in those committee's projects, to represent the state council at all national meetings, and vote on issues in a manner which best represents the needs and wishes of the state council.

A special Awards Luncheon was held on Saturday, June 27 at which Wisconsin Council received two of the awards, one for this newsletter and one for highest growth of a chapter. See more on these awards elsewhere in this issue.

Stream Profile: Lower Oconto River Watershed From Stiles Down To Green Bay

By JEFF PREISS
Past President/Lakeshore Trout Unlimited

This area of river has been reborn after clean-up efforts upstream have been completed. The paper mill in Oconto Falls was the problem.

The DNR has been stocking Trout and the Oconto River is the State's Pilot Rainbow Trout Project.

Five strains of Steelhead have been stocked and fin-clipped for identification of strain and year stocked.

The strains are: Skamania, Shasta, Pikes Creek, Michigan, and Chambers Creek.

The DNR is gathering information from anglers. This information will be used to decide which strain or strains will spend the most time in the River and have the best return.

Besides the Steelhead the Lower Oconto has a fall run of Browns and a few stray Kings that also move upstream to spawn.

The Lower Oconto has Rainbows and Brown Trout that live in the River all summer long.

Low water and high summer temperatures make their lives touch and go in August. The first stocking was killed off by water temperatures in the '90s, but the past three summers have been okay.

The Lower Oconto has some great fly hatches: The Caddis hatch from late April until October in sizes 12-18, colors, tan, brown and green; MayFlies in April; in early May the Hendrickson; Brown Drakes in June; White Wolves the end of July, along with the Green Drake; June through September—a great Midge hatch daily.

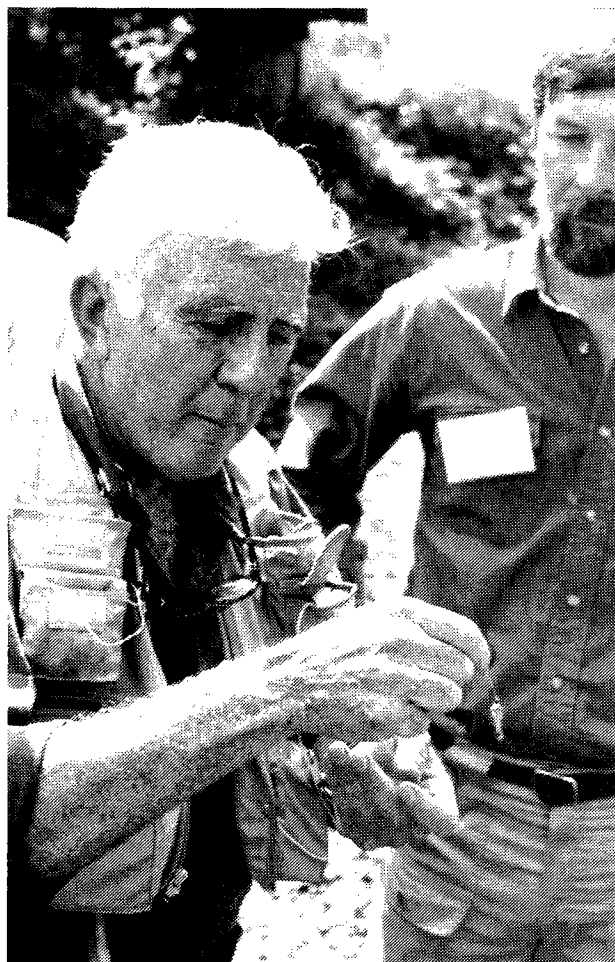
Trout take flies readily and fishing at times is great.

Besides Trout, the Lower Oconto has a mixed bag—large Small Mouth Bass in June that move up from the Bay to spawn; large Bluegills, Rock Bass and Crappies can be taken on flies.

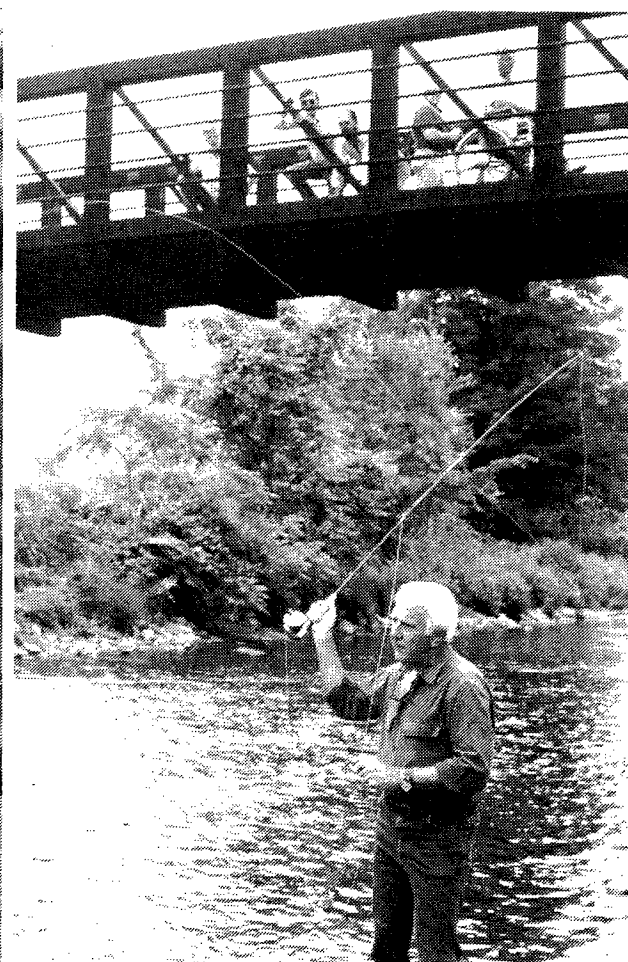
The Lower Oconto River has limited public access. Drift fishing by canoe from Stiles downstream is a good way to cover this fine fishery.

The Lower Oconto is below the first dam at the Machikanec Flowage at Stiles. It is open year round—10-inch size limit—five fish per day; with a Great Lakes Trout Stamp needed to fish.

Catch and Release fishing makes for a great day on the Oconto.



Dave Whitlock demonstrates how to attach a nymph to the leader then shows how it's done at the Catskill



Fly Fishing Center during the National meeting in June.



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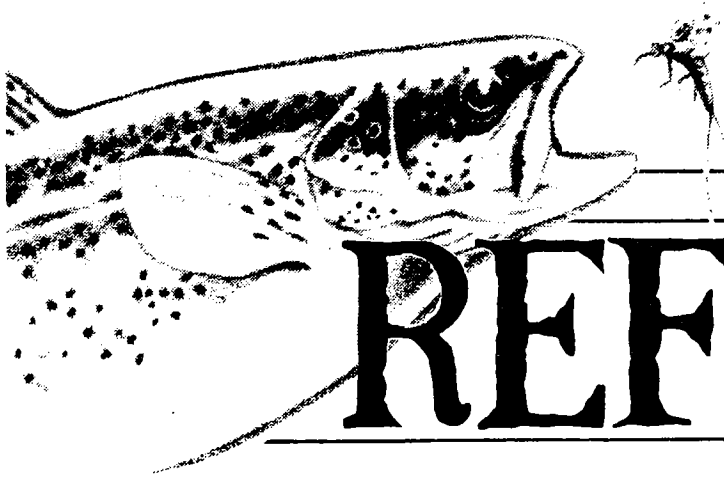
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From The Chairman

Dick Wachowski

As all of you should be well aware, Trout Unlimited is an organization that functions at three levels; the Local Chapter, the State Council and the National Board and Office. The rationale behind this organizational structure is simple, there are issues, problems and opportunities that can most effectively be addressed at different levels. The local chapter is in the best position to perform habitat work on area waters, to provide monitoring and protection for those streams and to educate the area populace about trout and the cold water resource.

The State Council has as its obligation addressing resource and regulatory issues of statewide concern. Lobbying, liaison with DNR fishery officials and legal response to appropriate situations are other functions of the State Council.

The National Office is charged with primary responsibility for dealing with issues of nationwide or regional concerns. In addition, National is the primary source for disseminating information regarding Trout Unlimited to the public, although, of course, the Chapters and Councils also have a role to play there. And the National Board of Directors is charged with formulating overall policies and positions for the organization as a whole.

To maximize the effectiveness of Trout Unlimited, it's necessary for all three levels of the organization to work together. Support and cooperation have to flow from the Chapters to the Council to National and back down again. In the best of all possible worlds, this ideal would be fully realized. Unfortunately, Trout Unlimited does not reside in the best of all possible worlds. Perhaps this idyllic environment exists only in the dreams or the smoke of a post-fishing campfire. But that doesn't mean we can't strive toward it.

When the new regional structure was implemented, the number of yearly State Council meetings was reduced to two. Unfortunately, there are still a number of Chapters that do not attend these meetings at all. All the following Chapters have had no representation at State Council meetings for the last year; Coulee, Fontinalis, Kiap-TU-Wish, Wild Rivers and Henry Nohr. Other Chapters have had only sporadic attendance at recent State Council meetings.

As you know, we are not a conglomeration of local fishing clubs. We are part of a national organization, **Trout Unlimited!** It is the right and obligation of every Chapter to participate fully in state and national activities. In order for the state and national organizations to faithfully discharge their duties, it is imperative that we have input and cooperation from all individual Chapters. State Council meetings allow each Chapter to have their say regarding state activities and, through their elected National Directors, to have their concerns transmitted to the National Board.

Our annual State Council meeting and banquet are scheduled for January 23, 1988. Let's make an effort to have full representation from all Chapters at that meeting in Appleton. I would suggest that each Chapter provide funding to insure representation by their Chapter; after all, representation will be for the benefit of the Chapter as a whole.

Bigger, Better State Banquet Slated for January 23

The word for this year's state banquet is Quality. The 1988 Wisconsin Trout Unlimited State Council Banquet will be held at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on Saturday, January 23.

The banquet committee of Jim Bereza, John Cantwell, Jerry Chevalier, Ann Dirkman and Len Cedarholm have promised to continue to improve this annual event so members will want to come back year after year. This year's version will have more raffle prizes of higher quality than any previous. And the dinner will be an elegant sit-down meal improved over previous years.

If you have never been to a state banquet, this is the year to come. The Paper Valley Hotel is offering a special weekend package for TU members for only \$125. It includes 2 nights and a memorable Sunday brunch.

Also featured will be an expanded Outdoor Arts and Crafts Exhibition with flytiers, rodbuilders, netmakers, wood carvers, painters, and others expected to display adjacent to the banquet hall. Contact Len Cedarholm for details at 414-797-8086.

There are a lot of people in the TU organization that have some very wonderful skills and hobbies. Such as; dog breeders, furniture makers, painters,

fly tiers, quilt makers, wood carvers, rod builders, guides, wing shooters and others. Items such as these are needed to help make the Banquet successful. If you have one of these skills or hobbies won't you please consider donating an item or two to the Banquet Prize Package. You'll have the satisfaction of helping a cause that you believe in and a possible tax deduction. All contributors are listed in the Banquet program and in our newsletter, REFLECTIONS. Donations valued at \$100 or more are Sponsors and \$200 or more are Special Sponsors.

Also planned are the traditional awards portion of the banquet where those deserving members, legislators, and professionals in the fish management field are honored for their contributions.

For elected members of the Council and Chapter representatives, there will, of course, be the semi-annual State council Meeting with elections, presentations and the usual lively banter. All Chapters should be represented.

If you would like to help in this way or with a cash contribution please contact; Jim Bereza, 710 McAllister Ave., Marinette, WI 54143, phone: 715-735-5029 or John Cantwell, 2286 Mt. Olive Dr., Green Bay, WI 54303, phone: 414-434-3989.

Wisconsin TU, DNR Team Up

The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited has appointed Special Regulations Committee to develop a policy statement on special regulations. A final statement is due in January, 1988.

The timing is perfect because the DNR is holding internal meetings to develop a proposal for the complete change of state trout fishing regulations. Changes such as those anticipated are currently in effect in many other areas of the country which have experienced high fishing pressure. These changes have resulted in improved results. Changes will include catch-and-release areas, artificials-only areas, special size and bag limits, and others.

Public pressure from some groups and individuals will be against these needed changes and it will be the job of Trout Unlimited to put out the good word on special regulations.

The DNR will be working with TU this winter to develop a final proposal due to be considered at hearings in the spring of 1989. This will allow ample time to develop the regulations together. Look for announcements of workshops this winter.

For information or input into the TU Special Regulations Committee, contact: Rick Penn, 715-274-2942, Rt 1 Box 267 Highbridge, WI 54846. To contact the DNR on this subject, call or write Larry Claggett, 608-267-9658, DNR-FM/4, Box 7921, Madison, WI 54707.

Ed. note: This is just another example of how Wisconsin TU and the DNR have worked together over the years. Let's all help.

"Certificate of Insurance" Available From National TU

TU sponsored events are now covered by a national TU insurance policy. It may be necessary for your chapter to prove that you have adequate insurance coverage. If a request is made for proof of insurance, contact the national office in Vienna, VA. They will ask you for details about the event and then provide a certificate. It is not necessary and, in fact, not recommended that you offer any certificate to a third party unless specifically requested to do so. If you have questions on insurance coverage, please contact Ron Ahner at 608-831-3797.

Wisconsin TU Patch Available Soon

A Wisconsin Trout Unlimited sleeve and hat patch will be available soon for use by chapters and individuals. The preliminary design of the patch depicts the TU logo with a slogan and the word Wisconsin at the bottom. Attendees of the State Banquet in Appleton this coming January will get first crack at the patch.

Chapter Reports

Shaw-paca Chapter

This summer the Shaw-paca Chapter worked on brushing in-stream placement of brush bundles and installation of half logs on Hydes Creek.

Another annual successful kids fishing day was held for area Big and Little Brothers and Sisters.

We are working with other Northeastern Regional Chapters on the following:

- 1) Procuring more public fishing easements on stream land in our area.
- 2) Purchase of a 40 acre parcel with the N.

Branch of the Embarrass River flowing through it.

- 3) Potential easement to many miles of trout stream land owned by Tigerton Lumber Company.

Lakeshore Chapter

The Lakeshore Chapter has been concentrating on on-going projects this summer. With two rained out stream improvement dates, we have not been able to complete our brushing work on Jambo Creek. With one good work date next Spring and perhaps another day for clean-up along the stream, our brushing project should be complete.

Since the two rainouts were to be combined with monthly meetings, we'll be expecting a busy fall preparing for our 5th annual banquet in 1988.

Our Rods and Reels for Kids Projects will be expanding as we look for agencies outside the Lakeshore area who have clients in need of our refurbished fishing equipment.

Central Wisconsin Chapter

The Central Wisconsin Chapter has had a busy year so far, having held a workday a month since April, along with a few other events.

Most recently, the Chapter completed work on an artificial spawning riffle on Chaffee Creek in Marquette County, a project designed and directed by Ed Avery of the DNR's Coldwater Research Unit in Waupaca. The Chapter provided the muscle for this experimental structure, in hopes that it might boost natural reproduction in the Chaffee. The structure consisted of several rock cribs spanning the stream, with washed gravel being placed between them for a total of 80 feet.

Except for its upper reaches, the Chaffee is mostly sand bottom and natural reproduction is limited. Because of the constantly shifting sand, the DNR had previously built a sediment trap just upstream from the new riffle, and the operation and maintenance of the sediment trap is critical to the success of the spawning structure. According to Avery, this is the first use in Wisconsin of an artificial spawning riffle in conjunction with a sediment trap, although several more are planned for other areas of the state.

Also assisting in the project was a group of fisheries students from UW-Stevens Point, who gained some valuable experience (and a few sore muscles) to supplement their classroom work.

The Chapter has spent five workdays this year on Emmons Creek, logging over 250 hours. Almost 3,000 feet of streambank has been brushed, and a dozen brush bundle deflectors have been installed. Two more days will be spent on the Emmons yet this fall.

The 1987 Fly Fishing School was again a great success, with a full house of students getting their money's worth. Ron Leys, outdoor writer for the Milwaukee Journal, was one of our students this year, and he wrote an excellent article for the Journal shortly afterward, giving some good exposure to both the school and T. U.

The 1988 Fly Fishing School has been set for the weekend of June 3-4-5. For information, contact Mike Stapleton, Rt. 3, Box 150, Portage, WI 53901.

The Chapter held its annual summer picnic on August 9th at Mount Morris County Park in Waushara County. The weather was a bit cool that day, resulting in a low turnout, but those who attended enjoyed the opportunity to meet for a change without the work gloves, waders, and chain saws, and to bring the families along for a change.

Southern Wisconsin Chapter

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter continued to function during the fishing season although an inordinate number of chapter members seemed to be hiding in Montana! The Chapter was extremely pleased to receive grants from the Trout and

Salmon Foundation and the Madison Fishing Exposition to continue its stream and habitat improvement projects in the Black Earth Creek watershed. Additionally, Chapter members have been interacting with Department of Natural Resources fish management staff with regard to future fish management plans and related matters.

The Chapter will be holding an Awards Banquet in November as both a social event for the membership and an opportunity to honor members and landowners who have made significant contributions to the chapter's programs. Plans are also underway for the third annual Winter Icebreaker Fishing Clinic, which will be held February 6, 1988 in McFarland.

Chapter officers elected at the September meeting are: Steve Born, President; Andy Morton, Vice-President; Dave Graczyk, Secretary; "Buzz" Mentz, Treasurer; Lon Koykkari and Mike Haas, new Board members.

Antigo Chapter

The Antigo Chapter again this year worked with the DNR to place 8 wing dam and boom cover devices on the East Branch of the Eau Claire river.

The DNR did most of the heavy work and T U Chapter members placed sod on the instream devices. This work was done just below the culverts on Cty I.

This project was done upstream from the project we did last year. The cost was \$6500 - we are also building a parking lot and placing a sign at the project site.

Marinette County

During July and August we were busy building a ramp and walkway at Holley's Hole on the North Branch of the Beaver Creek. Our chapter members volunteered 103 man-hours to this project. A big thank you to Steve Bedwell, George, Jim and Ryan Bereza, Ed Hergan and Dave Magnusson. A special thank you to Tom Thuemler for coordinating and directing our efforts. With help from the Green Bay Chapter the project is now complete and area handicapped anglers have a place to try their luck.

Monthly meetings have resumed. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Dome.

Fox Valley Chapter

The Fox Valley Chapter has been active and busy so far this season. In May we had our 9th annual Handicapped Fishing Day. Seventeen disabled guests went home with enough trout for a family meal. They are the most ardent fishermen you will find anywhere.

We also had a Saturday and Sunday stream improvement work experience with time for fishing at Camp McCoy. The fish and game manager supervised stream work, gave us a tour and provided us with fishing licenses.

In June we had a Fishing Day For Kids at Memorial Park in Appleton. It's amazing how fast kids learn fishing techniques.

Despite the heat we still had our annual July picnic. No fish were caught but the food and drink disappeared as usual.

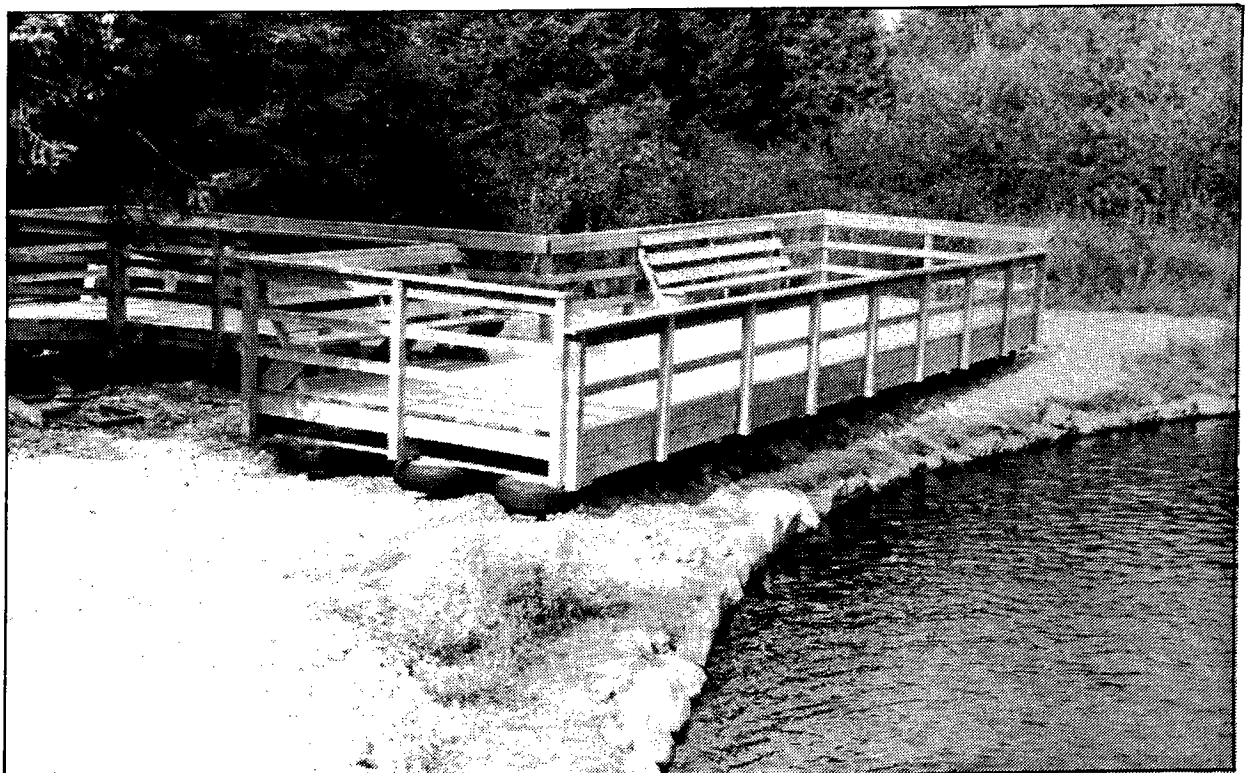
Fox Valley Chapter had the largest number of T. U. helpers at the Wolf River scatter plant in Sept. The Wolf River Chapter should be complimented for the great job they do annually taking charge of this program.

On Oct. 29 we are going to do something new. We are having a dinner meeting at the Forester Banquet Hall Appleton. Elward Engel the fish manager for Washara County will give a presentation with slides on Wisconsin Wild Flowers. He does a super job, very knowledgeable. We encourage members to bring family and friends to this event. Other chapters are welcome to attend.

Yesterday three of our members removed 1 1/2 beaver dams from one of the better trout streams we know about. It was quite a learning experience and hard work. Try it sometime.

In January of 1986 a large fertilizer spill near Oxford in Marquette County resulted in a total fish kill in lower Neenah Creek, an event which was previously reported in this newsletter. On September 22 of this year, 2,550 brown trout, 5-6 inches in length, were stocked as a result of an agreement between the DNR, the Marquette County District Attorney, and Hartung Bros, Inc., the company responsible for the spill. The agreement will also involve additional stocking in 1988 and 1989. Marquette County Fish Manager Dale Brege estimates that the newly stocked fish should be 8-12 inches long by midsummer of 1988. An additional 1,300 browns have already been stocked in the Neenah by the DNR this year.

The stretch affected by the spill, downstream from the village of Oxford to where it crosses Hwy 23, is a large, meandering, mostly meadow stream. Although it is listed as Class III water, it has a reputation for producing good sized fish. Hopefully, the lower Neenah is on the road to recovery and will again be a spot to mark on your map.



Ramp and walkway at Holley's Hole, North Branch, Beaver Creek. A project of the Green Bay and Marinette County Chapters.

A Simplified Strike Indicator System

Henry Kanemoto, MD.

The ideal strike indicator should be cheap; easy to place, move and remove; have good castability; available in a variety of colors; and not spook fish. So what is it? TOW YARN! You know, that light fluffy yarn that you wrap presents in, that yarn that is sold in Hallmark Card Shops, that yarn that is used to tie egg flies. It is so cheap that it could be FREE, if you can sneak into your spouse's miscellaneous drawer. Otherwise, go down to your neighborhood greeting card shop, and buy your favorite colors. Mine are fluorescent yellow and white.

So how do you use it? Simple. Tie an overhand loop (you know, the first part of a granny knot; a surgeon's knot less one turn) in your leader at the location you want to place the strike indicator. Don't tighten the loop into a knot just yet. Cut off an appropriate piece of the tow yarn. Place it into the overhand loop, and tighten the loop around the yarn so that it forms a knot. Snip off the ends of the yarn close to the leader so that it forms a small ball. Treat the yarn with fly floatant. Now you are ready to fish.

The yarn prevents the overhand knot from weakening the leader. The strike indicator can be placed anywhere on the leader, not just at a knot as with some indicators. It is virtually weightless, so it does not interfere with your cast, and there is no splash to spook the fish. It can be placed on or taken off the leader, even after a fly has been tied on. There is no need to remove the fly as with the slip on type of strike indicators.

To move the strike indicator, use a diaper pin to loosen the over hand knot back into a loop. Move the loop into a new location, and tighten it back down over a new piece of yarn. You may have to straighten the leader at the location of the previous knot; but it won't be any weaker, since the soft yarn has protected it.

There have been numerous articles written about using the strike indicator for nymphing, so there is no need to go over that material. One subject which has not received much attention is the use of strike indicators with DRY FLIES.

I would like to introduce a general concept of when to use a strike indicator. USE A STRIKE INDICATOR WHENEVER YOU HAVE A PROBLEM SEEING THE FLY OR THE TIPPET. Nymphing is the classic example. But so is fishing small dry flies, or fishing dark colored flies at dusk, or fishing small terrestrials such as ants, or fishing partially submerged flies, or fishing small spinners. In these situations the strike indicator, because of its high visibility, allows you to locate your fly and detect the rise. In a situation where trout are rising all around your miniscule fly, this is crucial to avoid spooking a trout taking a natural instead of your imitation.

Even with the help of a strike indicator, you may not be able to see the fly. The strike indicator still helps by telling you the approximate location of your fly. Strike at any rise within reach of your fly. In this situation evaluate the strike indicator for drag. Since you cannot see your fly, use the strike indicator. It will usually start to drag slightly

before your fly. Use this information to determine when to mend or recast.

Colors for strike indicators are a personal preference. I favor high visibility colors such as florescent yellow or chartreuse for the day. White is the best color at night or dusk, since it reflects the maximum amount of light.

You need not restrict yourself to only one strike indicator. If you have a heavy nymph which is sinking your strike indicator, place a second one further back on the leader. Switch your attention to the next strike indicator when you can no longer follow the first.

A final use for a strike indicator is to keep your nymph at an even depth. There are situations when trout may be suspended. A typical example is when they suspend just above weed beds to intercept the nymphs being washed downstream. If your nymph is above them, no trout. If your nymph sinks too low, you catch weeds. The secret is to use a high flotation strike indicator such as a Corkie. It lands with more of a splash than the yarn but the trout are deep so it doesn't matter. Place the Corkie at the correct level to keep your nymph just above the weeds. Use the Leisenring Lift to keep the Corkie from going under, and your nymph will be at the correct level.

I hope this rather short introduction into my concept of strike indicators will help those of you who have never tried a strike indicator system. Those of you who use strike indicators know how helpful they are, and I hope you picked up some new ideas. As for those experts out there, how about sharing some of your tips with the rest of us? I need all the help I can get.

The Nor'westers: Profiles Of DNR Fish Management in Northwestern Wisconsin

By DANIEL PERKINS

In contrast to the last column this time we'll look at a couple of "new-comers" to Wisconsin Fish Management: Ruth King, Treaty Fisheries Assessment Technician, Spooner, WI. and Bob Moody, Treaty Fisheries Assessment Biologist, Spooner, WI.

Ruth has only been "on the job" for about one year. Initially, working on a stream crew on Sand and McKenzie Creeks out of Cumberland, she has performed all the "grunt" tasks necessary to get a feel for fish management "from the water line up." She says the "hours get screwy sometimes - nights, week-ends" but the fun of it is in "working with the people" and coping with "the variety of tasks."

Her job as Treaty Fisheries Assessment Technician involves "basic field work, equipment maintenance, and number crunching," in an attempt to survey and obtain basic population estimates on those lakes effected by the recent treaty decisions. (e.g. Balsam and Big Round-Polk, Co.; Big McKenzie and Yellow-Burnett, Co).

She noted that, because these lakes have not been surveyed in some time, such estimates are essential to understand the amount of impact possible through the different kinds of fishing pressure.

But once the work week is over, you'll find Ruth on any of the many lakes or streams in the Northwest part of the state. Although she'll fish for anything, she prefers trout, walleyes, pan fish and northernns-in that order. She concentrates on Brook Trout and says that although "you have to go into the boonies to fish them, I like the smaller creeks nobody else fishes." And that, in a nutshell, is her fishing secret-"avoid the crowds."

Where might that be? Well, you can't tell from her examples. She likes to fish lake trout on Chequamegon Bay and the Brule River, browns on the Yellow River (Barron, Co.), and Brook trout on Hemlock Creek (Rusk, Co)-if you can find that one let me know.

But to really "get away," Ruth likes to hike and fish the Blue Hills area East of Rice Lake. She

says there are many small brook trout streams in that area which are untouched. "You have to work for them, and you might think of carrying a pistol, 'cause there are bear up there, but the fish are native, and beautiful."

Bob Moody got his background in fishery research units in Ohio and at Stevens Point, before taking on his present job as Treaty Fishery Assessment Biologist.

He spent 2 1/2 years with the Ohio Coop. Fishery Research Unit as a lab coordinator, creel survey clerk and fish technician before moving to the Wisconsin Coop Fish Research Unit to conduct research on "the habitat requirements of several nongame stream fishes in central Wisconsin."

In his present job for about a year, Bob finds challenging. As one of three Treaty Fishery Assessment Biologists, his job is "to document the status quo on area lakes subject to tribal harvest and to detect signs-if any-of stress in fish communities." Those fish communities include ALL fish-suckers, darters, and smaller species, as well as the sports fish.

He says "it gives me a chance to be a part of something real life and history making." The down-side? "Political and social issues take precedence over biology."

As for his own preferences for fishing, Bob says that although he'll fish on "any body of water within casting distance," he won't tell his secrets. If you want to know, he says jokingly, it will cost "\$9.95 (not including batteries)."

When he does go, smallmouth bass are his favorite target, but he had his biggest fishing thrills catching white bass in Lake Erie and

"limiting out on crappies in 1 1/2 hours on the Wisconsin River."

Although the "project" to which Ruth and Bob are assigned is set for only four years, Bob thinks they are on the "cutting edge of resource management in Wisconsin," which will yield "positive results of [their] work," and in turn will impact on "the sociological and economical concerns here and in surrounding states." In other words, they are doing something important and they can see that it is having some effect in, and on, their profession.

Next time: Patrick J. Perkins: Fisheries Technician, Barron.

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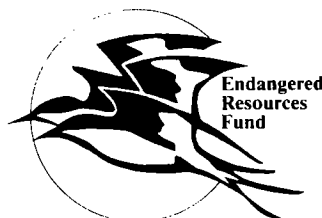
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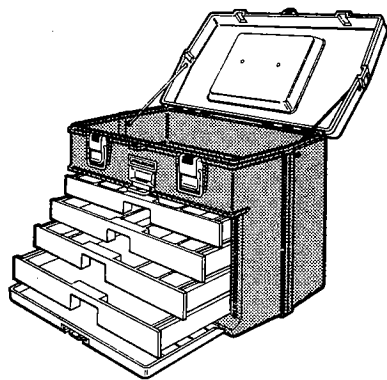
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