

# Wisconsin Trout

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## Meyer receives Council's Wulff leadership award

By Larry Meicher

The State Council of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited honored eight groups and individuals during its 17th annual Conservation Awards Banquet at the Oshkosh Park Plaza Hotel Feb. 2.

The Council's highest honor — the Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation Leadership Award — was presented to former WDNR Secretary George Meyer.

The following statements were made at the banquet to recognize Meyer and the other award winners.

### George Meyer — Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation Leadership Award

Several years ago, John Beth made arrangements with Joan Wulff for the creation of our Joan and Lee Wulff award for outstanding conservation leadership. This is a traveling award. We pass it on annually to a person who, in the opinion of the executive committee and the awards committee, has shown outstanding conservation leadership.

John's vision was that the award, like a trout, "is a treasure too valuable to be caught only once." Mr. Beth's

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### GEORGE MEYER ACCEPTS JOAN AND LEE WULFF AWARD

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Awards Chair Larry Meicher (right) congratulates former WDNR Secretary George Meyer at the State Council's Conservation Awards Banquet. Meyer was awarded the Council's 2002 Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation Leadership Award. (See p. 6 for the other individuals honored at the event.)

## Runoff rules returned to NRB for buffer and wetland work

By Bill Pielsticker

The Natural Resources Board adopted a comprehensive package of performance standards aimed at reducing polluted runoff throughout the state on January 22, 2002.

However, after reviewing the new standards on March 5, the Senate Natural Resources Committee sent the rules back to the NRB for modification.

This action followed several "last minute" changes by DNR to the new rules shortly before they were presented to the Natural Resources Board (NRB) in January. These changes included removing the requirement for vegetated buffer strips along sensitive lakes and streams, a provision that had previously been agreed to by all parties to the rules.



*WDNR Secretary Bazzell comments on the runoff rules, the budget, and other issues in a TU interview starting on p. 5.*

Polluted runoff (also referred to as nonpoint pollution) from streets and parking lots, roofs, lawns, golf courses, construction sites, and agricultural fields, adversely affects 40 percent of all streams and 90 percent of the lakes in Wisconsin.

The rule package adopted by the NRB in January are the culmination of several years of work by the DNR in consultation with many interested parties, including Wisconsin TU.

However, TU and a group of environmental, conservation, and environmental groups formed under the banner of the Clean Water Coalition objected to the removal of the buffer requirements.

Many conservation groups see vegetated buffer strips as a critical tool for protecting water quality, in

conjunction with other conservation practices. These vegetated corridors slow down runoff from agricultural fields, roads, and city streets, enabling soil particles to settle out in the buffer before the runoff flows into a stream.

The DNR explained they removed the requirement from the

agricultural performance standards because of the high cost of buffers and their questionable benefit.

They also cited concerns that the USDA would rule that the "mandatory" language would make the state ineligible for the USDA's Conserva-

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## Trout regulations revamp on Spring Hearing ballot

By John Welter

A major overhaul of the state's trout regulations and rules protecting Lake Superior's coaster brook trout will highlight the state's spring DNR/Conservation Congress Hearings April 8 at locations in every county in the state.

The trout regulations — first enacted in their present form in 1995 — have been under review for several years. TU chapters and the State Council and other angling groups have worked with DNR fisheries specialists to reduce the number of special regulations categories and simplify the regulations.

The DNR's trout regulations team has now made its final recommendations. If supported by voters at the spring hearings, the revisions will go before the Natural Resources Board (NRB) and, if approved, would be in effect for the 2003 trout season.

Under the proposed regulations, the old category 1 (10-fish limit, no

minimum size) will be eliminated and a five-fish limit will be the maximum statewide daily bag.

Special reg waters reduced

In addition, the number of waters which will have to be listed as special regulations waters will drop

*See p. 4 for a complete list of Spring Hearing county locations.*

by 546 waters. Special regulations categories will drop from 12 to 8, affecting 50 waters, while 55 waters will be added to the special regs category statewide.

Anglers will be asked to vote on the entire package, but will have two ways to make their voices heard regarding individual waters:

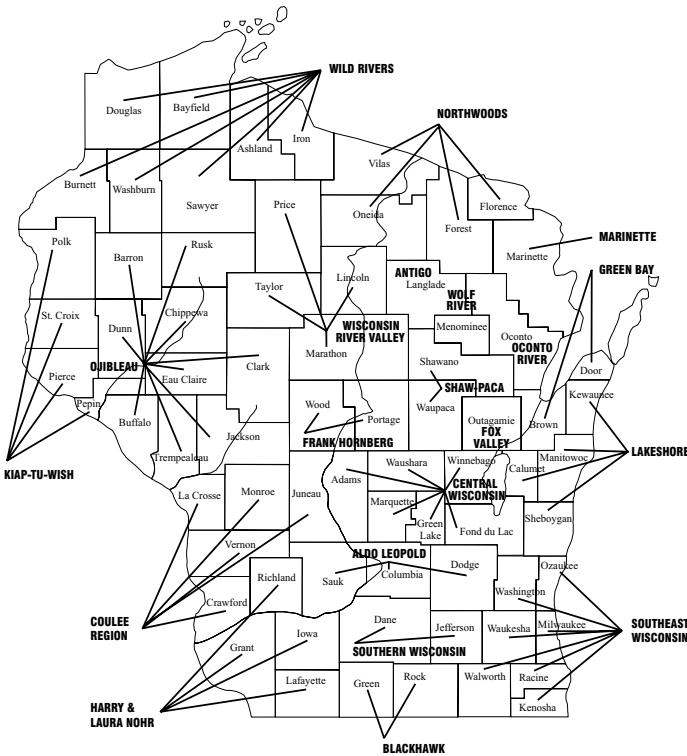
- A "suggestions" sheet will be distributed, and attendees can indicate modifications they would

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## Secretary thanks TU for nonpoint stand

Editor,  
Thanks for sharing your very thoughtful letter [supporting strong nonpoint runoff rules]. I appreciate the significant effort put forth by you and TU members to help create the strongest and most comprehensive nonpoint standards in the

nation. Notwithstanding our funding concerns, we will continue to work with the you, the NRB and other interested parties on the buffer strip issue. Thanks again.  
Darell Bazzell  
Secretary, WDRN

## Coaster hearing questions need support

Editor,  
The following two questions will be on the ballot of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' Spring Hearings Monday, April 8 in every county in the state of Wisconsin.  
*"Do you favor increasing the minimum length limit for brook trout from 15" to 20" and decreasing the bag limit from a maximum of 5 to 1 on Lake Superior?"*  
*"Do you favor establishing catch-and-release only angling regulations for brook trout on Whittlesey Creek, its tributaries, Bark River, and its tributaries, Bayfield County?"*

It is the position of the Wild Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited that the following proposed regulations are imperative to the success of any Coaster Brook Trout restoration efforts. The Wild Rivers Chapter would like to urge all who can attend to vote yes to both of these questions.  
For anyone that attends in other areas of the state, make sure that your county does not "pass" on these questions. It is very important that we receive a positive vote on both of these questions throughout the state.

Bill Heart, Wild Rivers TU

## Calls for DNR and PIO support at hearings

The annual DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings and the Conservation Congress meetings will be held on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. across Wisconsin. Having served as a congress delegate for 13 years and received a copy of the 2002 questionnaire, I would suggest that everyone who plans to attend the hearings pick up a questionnaire at the nearest DNR office and study it prior to meeting.  
With the DNR now under political and bureaucratic control, the Legislature will see citizen resolutions to correct that problem. In my opinion, we don't have to "re-invent the wheel."

It is time to reinstate the citizens DNR Board with the powers with which it was created in 1967, under

Chapter 75, free of political and bureaucratic control, with the authority to select its secretary as the department's administrator.  
And "the people's watchdog, the Office of Public Intervenor, must also be reinstated to assure that the state's mandated "Public Trust Doctrine" responsibilities are fulfilled. Under that control Wisconsin quickly ranked near the top nationwide in the management and protection and enhancement of its natural resources. Today, a recent report by the National Wildlife Federation ranks Wisconsin "FAILING." Citizens must demand natural resource protection.

Herb Buettner  
President, Wolf River TU

## Urges TU to make voices heard at hearings

Editor,  
All of our fishing and hunting laws are formed at [the spring] hearings, and it would seem that few of the fishermen in the state bother to attend. Even fewer of the environmentally conscious ones bother to take the time to attend. What this results in is that the hunters and catchem-and-fryem crowd determine our fishing laws.

I would urge every TU member to attend this year's Conservation Congress hearings in their respective counties to support many of the suggested changes in our fishing laws. Raising money and building boom covers and wing dams is nice, but the four hours spent on April 8 at the statewide Conservation Congress hearings will have the largest

significant, long-term effect on the future of angling that we as conservationists can have.  
This year is particularly important, in that so many questions for the future trout fishermen are up for a vote. The environmentally and conservation-oriented anglers must all support each other if we are to all contribute to enhancing the opportunities each of us wish to enjoy.  
Tell the TU members to get out to their county Conservation Congress hearings on April 8 and support the good rule changes that will be on the ballot that evening for both warmwater and coldwater species statewide. Thanks.  
Steve Winters  
President, Badger Fly Fishers

## Water group appreciative of donation

Editor,  
Concerned Citizens of Newport has been receiving donations from TU chapters/individuals and also recently received a sizeable contri-

bution from the State TU. The group is extremely appreciative.  
Thank you TU for standing behind this important fight against Perrier! It really gives these folks an

emotional and financial boost that an organization with the outstand-

ing reputation of TU is standing behind this worthy cause.  
Mary Jane Schudlach, CCN

## Likes values behind WITU's initiatives

Editor,  
Your January, 2002, *Wisconsin Trout* caught up to me on vacation where there is not one live trout in this world, and I'm reminded of our many wonderful miles of Wisconsin trout waters. I have several thoughts which this newspaper suggests, and I have the time to express them in this letter.

1. Our nonpoint training sessions are right on line. I hope I can get involved upon my return. We should all be aware of the concurrent efforts of the DNR to adopt administrative code provisions which will, if adopted and augmented, get at the very roots of nonpoint stream and lake runoff pollution. I doubt there is any one thing we fishers can do to prevent the degradation of our waters than to see that these proposals are strengthened, adopted, and enforced.

2. Our *Friends of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited* membership is increasing each year, and the list of projects we have supported grows longer with each year. We must keep finding

ways to increase our "Friends" list until it takes up a full page of our quarterly issue with the members' names listed in even smaller print.

3. The establishment of a Wisconsin TU endowment program is a great, farsighted concept. A fund from which only the income is used for habitat improvement and protection is used will ensure the long-term success of our programs. Perhaps consideration could be given to placing a percentage of each "Friends" donation into the endowment to guarantee longtime financial support even after we old timers are gone.

4. Tell Steve Born to stop extolling the wonders of our Coulee Region spring-water streams and encouraging troutermen from all over to come and crowd our pristine, trout-filled streams.

Dan Flaherty, La Crosse  
*[In case you're wondering where Dan was writing from "where there is not one live trout in this world," his letter arrived with a postmark from Hawaii. -Ed.]*

## Anglers react to Johnsrud changes to stream access

Earlier this year the Wisconsin state budget contained a provision restricting public access along state waters. The old state law gave waterway users access to streambanks, letting people walk them up to the normal high-water mark.

A budget provision inserted by Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud (R-Easman) and not subsequently vetoed by Gov. McCallum forces people to "keep their feet wet" as they travel public waters.

Anglers have recently been expressing their opinions about this change on the chat section of the *Wisconsin Fly Fishing* web site:

"Why should land owner be able to restrict the access to public water? There are many rivers and stream that impossible to access with out spending much of the time on dry land. I can thing of many rivers that you could not wade in the springtime. Not all of the water is in the SW part of the state. The law was changed to give the public better access to public waters. Yes, there where abuses under the high water law but [Rep. DuWayne] Johnsrud should have worked on a compromise to the law and not just changed it back to the way it was. By the way, I'm also a landowner."

"Why should it be a convenience to the angler, and a detriment to the person who bought the land, pays taxes on it, and has to clean up after people who don't respect it? Of what benefit is it to the landowner? If the state wants to grant a recreational easement to the public, then they should pay the landowners for the easement.

If you've read previous threads on this topic, you know that I agree in the validity of the "navigable waterway" definition, but I have yet to see someone give me a viable argument as to why a landowner should lose property rights so someone can walk on his land along a stream for a recreational pursuit.

"Does the property owners' holdings fluctuate as the waters rise or recede? I don't know how deeds work, but if you only actually own to the high water mark (since in WI, water is public unless you hold all access to it) then anything within the high water mark should be public, correct?"

"I live in the Twin Cities. There is a boulevard and sidewalk on my property. The boulevard and sidewalk run alongside the road, which legally is a public 'highway.' I've got a corner lot, so overall there is about 260 feet of sidewalk. The combined width of the sidewalk and boulevard is 6 feet, so overall about 10.5% of my property is available to public use. I pay taxes on my entire lot, including the sidewalk and boulevard. However, the public has access to this sidewalk and boulevard.

No one asked me if I wanted to allow the public in my property, and no one pays me for the use of my property. Some governmental body dictated that the public was allowed to use the sidewalk and boulevard on my property. If my kids leave their roller skates on the sidewalk, and someone trips and is hurt by them, I am legally liable.

Is this scenario so very much different than having a governmental regulation allowing public use of the stream banks up to the high water mark? Legally, streams are also public 'highways.'"



## Spring Hearing Locations

**Adams:** Adams Co. Courthouse, County Board Room, 402 Main St., Friendship  
**Ashland:** Ashland High School, 1900 Beaver Ave., Ashland  
**Barron:** Barron County Courthouse Auditorium, 303 E. LaSalle, Barron  
**Bayfield:** Drummond High School, Drummond  
**Brown:** Southwest High School Auditorium, 1331 Packerland Dr., Green Bay  
**Buffalo:** Alma Area High School Auditorium, S1618 STH 35, Alma  
**Burnett:** Burnett County Government Center, 7410 Co. Rd. K, Siren  
**Calumet:** Chilton Middle School, 421 Court Street, Chilton  
**Chippewa:** Chippewa Falls Middle School, Auditorium A, 750 Tropicana Blvd., Chippewa Falls  
**Clark:** Greenwood Elementary School Cafeteria, 708 E. Division, Greenwood  
**Columbia:** Columbia County Courthouse, 400 DeWitt St., Portage  
**Crawford:** Crawford County Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom, Prairie du Chien  
**Dane:** Alliant Energy Center, Madison  
**Dodge:** Horicon Senior High School, 841 Gray St., Horicon  
**Door:** Door County Courthouse, Room A150, 421 Nebraska, Sturgeon Bay  
**Douglas:** Solon Springs High School, Baldwin Ave., Solon Springs  
**Dunn:** Dunn County Fish/Game Club, 1900 Pine Ave., Menomonie  
**Eau Claire:** South Middle School Auditorium, 2115 Mitchell Ave., Eau Claire  
**Florence:** DNR Natural Resources Center, Lower Large Conference Room, Hwys. 2 & 101, Florence  
**Fond du Lac:** Theisen Jr. High School Auditorium, 525 E. Pioneer Rd., Fond du Lac  
**Forest:** Crandon Elementary School, 9750 U.S. Hwy. 8, Crandon  
**Grant:** Grant County Fairgrounds Youth & Ag Center, 806 E. Elm St., Lancaster  
**Green:** Monroe Jr. High School Auditorium, 1510 N. 13th St., Monroe  
**Green Lake:** Green Lake High School Small Gymnasium, 612 Mill St., Green Lake  
**Iowa:** Dodgeville High School Gymnasium, 912 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville  
**Iron:** Mercer Community Center, 2848 Margara Street, Mercer  
**Jackson:** Black River Falls Middle School, 1202 Pierce St., Black River Falls  
**Jefferson:** Jefferson County Fairgrounds Activity Center, 502 N. Jackson, Jefferson  
**Juneau:** Juneau County Courthouse, Courtroom, 220 E. State St., Mauston  
**Kenosha:** Bristol Grade School Gymnasium, 20121 83rd St., Bristol  
**Kewaunee:** Kewaunee County Courthouse, Board Room, 620 Juneau St., Kewaunee  
**La Crosse:** Onalaska High School Auditorium, 700 Hilltop Pl., Onalaska  
**Lafayette:** Dainger Community High School Cafeteria, 11838 Center Hill Rd., Darlington  
**Langlade:** Multi-Purpose Building, Clover Road, 1581 Neva Rd., Antigo  
**Lincoln:** Merrill High School Auditorium, 1201 N. Sales St., Merrill  
**Manitowoc:** UW Center-Manitowoc, 705 Viebahn St., Manitowoc  
**Marathon:** Horace Mann Middle School, 1301 N. 13th St., Wausau  
**Marinette:** Wausaukee High School Cafeteria, N11941 Hwy. 141, Wausaukee  
**Marquette:** Merrill High School, 222 Forest Ln., Montello  
**Menominee:** Menominee County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room, Keshena  
**Milwaukee:** Wauwatosa West High School, 11400 W. Center St., Wauwatosa  
**Monroe:** Sparta High School Auditorium, 506 N. Black River St., Sparta  
**Oconto:** Suring High School Cafeteria, 411 E. Algoma, Suring  
**Oneida:** Rhinelander High School, Auditorium, 665 Coolidge Ave., Rhinelander  
**Outagamie:** Riverview Middle School, 101 Oak St., Kaukauna  
**Ozaukee:** Circle B Recreation Center, 6261 Hwy. 60, Cedarburg  
**Pepin:** Pepin County Government Center, County Board Room, 740 7th Ave. W., Durand  
**Pierce:** Ellsworth Senior High School Auditorium, 323 Hillcrest, Ellsworth  
**Polk:** Unity School, Balsam Lake  
**Portage:** Ben Franklin High School Auditorium, 2000 Polk St., Stevens Point  
**Price:** Price County Courthouse, County Board Room, 126 Cherry St., Phillips  
**Racine:** Union Grove High School, 3433 S. Colony Ave., Union Grove  
**Richland:** Richland County Courthouse, Circuit Court Room, Richland Center  
**Rock:** Moose Lodge, 2701 Rockport Rd., Janesville  
**Rusk:** Mt. Senario College, Auditorium, 1500 College Ave. W., Ladysmith  
**St. Croix:** WI Indianhead Technical College, Cashman Auditorium, 1019 S Knowles Ave., New Richmond  
**Sauk:** Al Ringling Theater, 136 4th Ave., Baraboo  
**Sawyer:** Winter High School, Winter  
**Shawano:** Shawano Middle School, 1050 S. Union St., Room L4J, Shawano  
**Sheboygan:** Sheboygan Falls High School Auditorium, 220 Amherst Ave., Sheboygan Falls  
**Taylor:** Taylor County Fairgrounds, Multi-purpose Bldg., Medford  
**Trempealeau:** Whitehall City Center Auditorium, 36245 Park St., Whitehall  
**Vernon:** Viroqua Middle School, Large Lecture Room, Blackhawk Drive, Viroqua  
**Vilas:** Plum Lake Community Building, Golf Course Rd., Sawyer  
**Walworth:** Delevan Darien High School Auditorium, 150 Cummings St., Delevan  
**Washburn:** Agriculture Research Station, Hwy. 70E, Spooner  
**Washington:** UW Washington Co. Campus Auditorium, 400 University Blvd., West Bend  
**Waukesha:** Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha  
**Waupaca:** Waupaca High School Auditorium, E2325 King Rd., King  
**Waushara:** Wautoma High School, Performing Arts Center, 514 S. Cambridge, Wautoma  
**Winnebago:** Oshkosh North High School Auditorium, 1100 W. Smith, Oshkosh  
**Wood:** Pittsville High School auditorium, 5407 1st Ave., Pittsville

# 'Showing up' opening day in the snow

By Jon Christiansen  
 WITU Chair

My wife scoffed at me, long-invited friends suddenly developed conflicts, and even my faithful hound dog huddled a little closer to the fireplace when I declared that snowstorm or no snowstorm, I was going to fish the opening day of trout season. Naturally, we had 50 degree weather in January and February, so was it too much to expect to have a little spring warmth in the air for the early season opener? Instead, there was blowing snow, 10 inches on the ground, and a thermometer that shivered at 16 degrees.

"Well," I thought, "that only rules out a dry fly hatch." Surely there must be some subsurface activity on my home stream that could tempt a trout. So, I bundled up with every ounce of polypropylene, Thermax, and fleece that I own, donned my Elmer Fudd hat, and put on my new fingerless gloves with the snazzy flop-over mitten. Out I went in search of trout.

The venture did not go exactly as planned. I trudged through the snow up the hill and down to the canoe landing. The felt on the bottom of my wading boots began to build up snow blocks an inch or two high (in other circumstances, an Elton John look, perhaps). I took one step on the smooth wood surface of a bridge across a spring head and both feet flew upwards. Landing with a perfect flat back flop, I lay there in the snow waiting for a stab of pain to let me know that something might seriously be wrong.

Fortunately, there was sufficient padding, both internally and externally, to prevent serious harm to a creaky 52-year-old body. Somehow, the fly rod remained intact and so the expedition continued.

Lindy the Wonder Dog, who normally bounds across the stream scaring every trout around, just tippy-toed across a small creek on the way to what passes apologetically for my stream's glory hole. I was in luck. Not another angler around. Duh! — of course there was nobody around. What other clown would be out in this kind of weather on the slimmest chance that the village idiot of trout might be willing to be caught.

Thus, alone in the gale, I haltingly tied on a streamer and pitched it into a snow bank on the far side of the stream. At least I didn't have to worry about hanging up on the weeds, as I so often do. I yanked the

streamer into the water, freed it of snow, mended upstream, and played the streamer through the place that inevitably yields a fish.

Nothing. And nothing again.

the howling November wind, "You've got rocks in your head." Opening weekend, her statement was a little bit different. She said, "You know, I think you've got trout



Jon Christiansen

After every fifth or sixth cast, I was forced to clean the ice out of the guides, which is not especially easy when your fingers are frozen. Still nothing. The same was true for another fifty casts working my way down stream. I fumed at the bad manners of the trout, given the adversity I was reluctantly enduring

on the brain."

And I expect that most of the readers of *Wisconsin Trout* have "trout on the brain." Since there is no real cure for such a condition, I suggest that you treat the condition with therapy, the kind that has you on the water in good weather and bad, so that even in the worst conditions, your life is richer for the experience.

So, is there a point to my bad weather musings? Well, it's not all that significant, but I can draw a parallel between showing up on opening day and the "showing up" that our TU volunteers do week after week to labor in the service of our coldwater resource. Maybe it's my Scandinavian existentialism, but far too often people don't get enough credit for just showing up to do the hard work of TU's mission. The rock rolling, the banquet planning (thanks Duke and crew!), the meeting attending and the letter writing.

So, while the snow is falling and the wind is blowing, I salute the grassroots soul of our organization. Thanks for showing up. I hope your coming season is a great one.

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just for a little trout line dance.

At last I yielded to sanity and plodded back to the house. There I knew there would be a hot fire, eventually a couple of old friends, barbecued wild ducks shot last fall, and a close visit with my Uncle Jack from Tennessee.

But goll-darnit, I made it out there on opening day — more than anything just to say I did it and to prove that I *could* do it, even though Mother Nature and the trout refused to cooperate.

In the days when duck hunting was my chief passion, my wife would feel me get out of bed at 3:00 a.m., roll over and say to me sweetly over

## HEARINGS: many trout questions on ballot

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like to see on those waters. If significant suggestions or other written comments are received about a particular regulation on a particular water, fisheries staff will consider modifying the proposal for that water.

- Attendees can introduce a local resolution to allow discussion and a formal vote on a suggestion from the floor.

### Coaster questions

Coaster brook trout in and around Lake Superior will be the focus of three other regulations changes.

The minimum size would be increased from 15 inches to 20 inches and the daily bag limit

reduced from 5 to 1 under a rule proposed by DNR Fisheries Biologist Dennis Pratt of Superior and supported by the Wild Rivers Chapter of TU. This change would allow coasters to spawn twice before they became "keeper" sized. Stream trout regulations on Lake Superior tributary streams would be unaffected by this rule change.

In Whittlesey Creek and the Bark River and their tributaries, catch-and-release rules for brook trout are proposed to see if curtailment harvest will help coaster restoration efforts. Wild Rivers also supports this change.

### Congress trout questions

In addition to the above DNR questions, the Spring Hearings also

include a series of advisory questions developed by the Conservation Congress.

Conservation Congress questions relating to trout include:

- a proposal to liberalize otter harvest quotas on Class I and II trout streams in the southern part of Wisconsin,
- urging the DNR to produce a management plan for the Brule River State Forest that helps further coaster brook trout restoration, and
- a ban on the use of cyanide in mining operations in the state, some of which could release effluent into trout waters.

Wisconsin Trout interview

# WDNR Secretary Darrell Bazzell discusses the state budget, pollution enforcement, and other issues

Wisconsin Trout Editor Todd Hanson recently interviewed WDNR Secretary Darrell Bazzell on a range of water resources issues of interest to Trout Unlimited members. The interview began with a review of how additional cuts in the budget repair bill are expected to affect the DNR's water programs. Also covered were high-capacity well regulations, fish kills, pollution enforcement, and the secretary's desire to try fly fishing.

*With the additional budget cuts made by the State Assembly, the WDNR is looking at delayed implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act regulation, a decrease in inspections to ensure the quality of public water systems, and elimination of the state's animal waste permitting program. These are very serious measures. How come these are being called for to meet general budget cuts?*

The so-called "easy cuts" have been taken some time ago. As you might recall, we've already gone through a 5% budget reduction exercise in the agency as part of the original budget that was passed and signed in August. (See table on p. 10.)

In that round, most of the cuts were targeted to the water programs. So things that we can do short of impacting some of our priority programs, those cuts have already been taken.

*Something like eliminating the regulation of animal waste in our waters seems extreme. Is that called for in the latest Assembly cuts specifically?*

It doesn't specifically call for it, but again, the fact that we're not given a lot of digression in terms of where we can take the cuts, those are the things we have to look at. Certainly we'd prefer not to have to, but we're running out of options.

*Is the fact that the DNR is being asked to take cuts specifically in the water areas something different than is being asked of other state agencies?*

My understanding is that other state agencies have been given the digression across the agency to determine in which general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriations they would take the cuts. We're not given that kind of flexibility, and it has not been explained to us why we're not being given that flexibility.

*If people wanted to take some actions to help the kinds of water programs we're talking about, is asking for that flexibility one of the things they can help with?*

We want to be good managers in the agency, and we would like to have some flexibility across the agency to determine where those cuts might best be taken so we can protect our priority programs.

*Do you have any information on why water programs seem to have been targeted?*

No, we weren't informed back when the Joint Finance Committee decided not to allow us to shift those cuts in the Governor's budget. Nor have they had communication with us as part of the recent budget repair process. So no one has informed us on why we are being treated differently here.

The level of cuts to the DNR is consistent with the level of cuts we're seeing in other state agencies. We're ready to step up and accept and work with that, but again, our concern is that we're not given digression in terms of where those cuts can be taken.

We'd like to have agency-wide digression as other agencies are being given. I think this is the big issue right now. If we had this, I could look at other places in the agency like parks, our conservation warden activity, our administrative activities in areas where we have a fair amount of GPR. Those would be the other large program areas that would have some digression to take a look at. None of those [cuts] would be palatable, but we'd like to

provide some relief to the water program — they've already borne the brunt of the cuts in the first round.

*You've been DNR secretary for over a year now. What has been your biggest challenge, and what has been your biggest success?*

I think they're both one in the same — the attempt to split natural resources management. That was a challenge that met me the first day on the job.

I think it is fundamental to enhancing and protecting the state's natural resources to have all of

efforts across programs. We tried to force that through structural changes in the mid 1990s.

Going back to a more traditional alignment means we've taken some steps to make sure that programs are communicating and working cooperatively together. The switch to a more traditional alignment has been met with greater staff acceptance and a much greater acceptance from our traditional conservation partners.

*TU folks would be most concerned about re-organization changes within the water and fisheries areas. What is happening there?*

The changes we made there were not as dramatic as the changes we made in land and forestry. In lands and forest we went back basically to a traditional alignment.

On the water side we didn't do that. We retained that basin concept, and all we really did was to allow the fisheries staff to work in a subteam beneath the basin leaders. So the basin leaders still have full authority over all of our water-related programs, including fisheries.

But by creating this fisheries-specific subteam, I think it does a couple things. First, it creates a career ladder for fisheries staff and enhanced morale. But it also provides for technical training and mentoring, something we felt was very important for our fisheries program because we're losing so many experienced fisheries managers because of baby boomers retiring.

So as we bring new fisheries people to the agency, they'll now have first-line supervisors who have very specific expertise in their subject matter area. But again, we're still using the basic of concept of having them report to basin leaders. To be honest with you, I think we've got the best of both worlds.

*Currently the DNR's authority to regulate high-capacity wells is tied exclusively to impacting municipal water utilities. This limited authority maybe TU's highest legislative priority. What is your take on regulatory expansion of high-capacity wells?*

We need much more substantial regulatory authority to review future permit applications. I think the authority we have now renders us useless. It just doesn't have a lot of meaning.

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**BAZZELL HELPING STOCK BROWN TROUT**


WDNR Secretary Darrell Bazzell helped stock Arlee strain brown trout in Lake Michigan last summer.

the environmental and natural resource programs under one agency umbrella. This provides a tremendous advantage to the state of Wisconsin and gives us greater ability to coordinate and integrate our program activities in ways that most other states are not able to do. It sets the foundation for a strong environmental program.

*How is this year's re-org of the DNR's last re-organization going to help keep us from having to go through these efforts to split the DNR in another couple years?*

I think there are several different organizational models that could effectively allow us to carry out the mission of the agency. Clearly our staff was telling us — and many of the public were telling us — that they didn't have confidence in the model we were using. So we looked at some other options, and decided to go back to a more traditional approach with some enhancements.

There is a reason why we re-organized back in the 1990s to start with. We needed to improve our ability to integrate our



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# AWARDS: Council bestows honors at banquet

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vision has a variety of subtle, yet powerful feelings that focus on the heart of Trout Unlimited. In its own way, as a catch-and-release trophy, it should help all of us remember and refocus on what we are all about. And perhaps make our commitment stronger.

This year, the council has chosen George Meyer to hold this award. George Meyer graduated from New Holstein high school, received a B.A. from St. Norbert University and graduated as a lawyer from the University of Wisconsin.

He started with the old WI Conservation Department in 1972. The early part of his 30-year career was a staff attorney. He worked with many areas including air management, water regulations, forestry, solid waste management, enforcement, waste water treatment, and personnel.

From 1980-92, he was chief advisor for the division of law enforce-

ment. He was elected and appointed to the office of secretary of the DNR by the DNR Board after Carol Besadney's retirement in 1993. After political changes in governmental structure, he was appointed that position by Governor Thompson.

During his tenure as secretary, he launched one of his personal initiatives — ecosystem-based management, and he has championed it ever since.

George has been very supportive of Trout Unlimited all around the state. He was on-board and behind us when the State Council launched the home waters initiative on the Kickapoo.

As DNR secretary, Meyer has given speeches all over the state. Regardless of the issue, he was always accessible to everyone. He never hides, even over policy disagreements. You could always talk to him, and he was always ready and willing to discuss any disagreements

you had. You could differ with him on things he did, but his integrity was never in question.

Since he was replaced as secretary by Governor McCallum, he has tackled many special assignments for our DNR. He is presently focusing on environmental management systems in his position as special assistant to the secretary.

George is planning to retire from the DNR soon, but his lifelong leadership in conservation will not be over. He will be teaching environmental law at Lawrence University next year.

Meyer is also recognized internationally. He has been secretary, vice chair, and is presently chairman of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies, and he is president of the Environmental Council of States.

Ladies and gentlemen there's one little story I have to tell you about George.

George is an avid fisherman, hunter, camper, and backpacker. And, since 1993, has become a good fly-fisherman as well. Earlier, I mentioned the beginning of the Kickapoo Home Waters Initiative in 1993. George joined us for a weekend meeting and outing at Avalanche to get things started. He'd just assumed the helm as secretary.

Among others who joined in were Bud Jordahl, Steve Born, and Charles Gauvin from national TU.

During the course of various meetings, it came to light that George's fishing experiences did not include fly fishing for trout. It became our religious duty to change that. Born taught him how to cast (he's now a pretty fair caster in spite of that). Next it was my job Saturday night to try and get him in to some fish. A caddis hatch was going strong and there were lots of risers. Being a neophyte, George had his troubles. He did finally manage to hook one, but promptly lost it.

When we came in at dark, a couple of people were at the bridge to greet us. One asked if he'd done any good? "Oh, a couple," he replied. I told George later that he was going to fit right in with this crowd — he could tell a fish story as well as anyone! Seriously, though, the next day we took him to Bishop's Branch. The hoppers were on, and he finally did catch a few! He's been hooked ever since.

## Elward Engle — Award of Merit

Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we honor Elward Engle — a man who has served our state's citizens by his dedication toward working for the needs of fish, wildlife, and the health of our ecosystems — with our Award of Merit.

In his long career, Elward worked hard and effectively as a loyal subordinate of his supervisors, on his own initiatives, and as a team member to preserve and enhance the people of Wisconsin's cherished hunting, fishing, and natural values and heritage.

Elward started his career with the WI Conservation Department in April of 1958, and continued with the DNR until his retirement on February 1, 1997.

In Elward's early years, he worked as a cartographer, completing the original mapping of the cold-water streams in the eastern and central sands area of Wisconsin. Those maps were used by fish management and Elward to plan fish habitat improvement projects for many miles of trout water.

Importantly, Elward is an avid and skilled angler, hunter, and naturalist. These interests underpinned his DNR work, and he has conveyed them to others as a volunteer educator.

This continues in his retirement. Thus, many of his community's youth and others have developed as sportspersons and as appreciators of nature in broader senses.

Elward deserves recognition of the key role he played in bringing to public attention the heretofore secret negotiations of the Perrier Company to acquire a state-approved permit to extract groundwater from the headwater springs of the Mekan River.

Following his retirement, Elward's pace of involvement with trout streams, protection of natural areas, and educational presentations has continued without slack.

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### AWARD WINNERS AT STATE COUNCIL BANQUET

In addition to the Coulee Region Chapter, the award winners at the Feb. 2 State Council banquet included (left to right, top row) George Meyer, Elward Engle, Connie Walker (representing Wisconsin Public Radio), (second row) Stu Grimstad, John Bethke, Gary Stoychoff, (bottom row) Larry Kriese, Scott Watson, and John Sours.

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He also conducted real estate appraisals and negotiations for the purchase of fee simple and easement rights for the protection and enhancement of our natural resources for the fisheries management program in the old Conservation Department and then the DNR. As part of a work area team, more than 100 miles of fish management easements for coldwater habitat protection and public access rights were negotiated and purchased. Also during his tenure, 60,000 acres of land for fisheries, wildlife, state parks, and natural areas were purchased for the public trust.

Conservation education was one of Elward's priorities. Natural resource education programs were provided to various colleges, high schools, grade schools, sports groups, study groups, clubs, organizations, and anyone interested in listening to the importance and understanding of a "land ethic." During his tenure he also found the time to assist his fellow employees and families with personal matters as a coordinator with the employee assistance program within the DNR.

Of special note during the past five years has been his volunteer assistance to the Northeast Region Land Trust and his continuing service as a member of the Central Wisconsin Chapter of TU's governing board.

**Stu Grimstad — Gold Trout Award**

Tonight, we have a gold trout for Stu Grimstad. Stu has been active in the Frank Hornberg Chapter ever since he joined and was their president for three terms.

Stu has been active on the State Council for over 10 years now. During this time, Stu has represented TU's interests to many legislative study committees, especially about drainage districts and cranberry regulations.

Stu served on the DNR's early season task force. He's been TU's liaison to Waterkeepers of Wisconsin, the group fighting water bottling in central Wisconsin.

At the State Capitol, Stu has been a tireless representative of Trout Unlimited's interests. He has testified numerous times before state legislative hearings on such issues as wetland protection, groundwater regulations, and high-capacity wells, as well as cranberry legislation.

I've witnessed Stu in action, and he's a truly revered spokesman for us. You know it's hard to appreciate how difficult it is to field questions from hostile legislators unless you've been there and done it!

Stu is currently our chair of the WITU Water Resources Committee which addresses issues such as land acquisition, streambank protection, and habitat improvement issues.

**Coulee Region Chapter — Silver Trout Award**

Tonight, we present the Silver Trout Award for chapter merit to the Coulee Region Chapter. For several years, the chapter became stagnant and was nearly dissolved, but during recent years they have experienced a back-to-life resurgence. In the 1990s, the chapter reorganized and has come on very strongly.

Among their accomplishments, they now host a very entertaining and financially strong annual banquet, they put out one of the most informative chapter newsletters in the state, and they have formed many partnerships with other conservation groups in their region,



**IT'S COOL BEING FROM COULEE**

The Coulee Region Chapter of TU was presented the Silver Trout Award for outstanding chapter at the State Council's Conservation Awards Banquet Feb. 2. Accepting the award on behalf of the chapter were (left to right) Chapter Vice President Eric Rauch, past President Cy Post, Chapter President Nathan Barnhart, and past President John Bethke.

including the West Fork Sportsman's Club.

In 1998, their past president, Dale Sevig, was presented the national Trout Unlimited Distinguished Service Award.

In the year 2000, they helped start and staff a one-day course called "Getting Started in Fly Fishing," which is now an annual event at the Hixon Nature Center and an event which has had a lot of positive impacts for the coldwater resources of the Coulee region. Also in 2000, the La Crosse conservation alliance gave the chapter their "conservation project of the year award."

Over the last four years, the chapter has developed an outstanding, on-going project in cooperation with the DNR on mormon Coulee. To date, this has involved over 1,200 feet of streambank improvements, including placing over 60 lunger structures. This has improved and revived a DNR easement on 1/2 mile of stream, and plans are underway to extend this project into private lands beyond. These efforts have provided prime habitat for a strong population of brown trout, and, surprise, a substantial population of brook trout has evolved as well!

Recently, the chapter has added Crawford County to the area they serve. Cy Post recently retired as chapter president and has been succeeded by Nathan Barnhardt. Congratulations to the members of the Coulee Region Chapter.

**John Bethke — Silver Trout Award**

John Bethke has been a member of the Coulee Region Chapter for more than 15 years.

He served as their president in 1993 and 1994. John was very instrumental in reviving the chapter which, you may recall, was very inactive for a time. He literally brought them back to life!

John also served two terms as chapter vice president and banquet coordinator, as well as coordinating the first national banquet for the chapter. John has always been an excellent donator of his carvings and flies, as well as working at all chapter functions.

John has been very active at the State Council level and has represented the Coulee Region well in all discussions relating to statewide issues. He also has been the Coulee Chapter's spokesperson at meetings and press conferences concerning trout-related issues, as well as speaking up on such issues as mining, the DNR re-organization, and the early season issue.

John has given much of his free time to lead many worthwhile activities. For over 10 years he's coordinated fly fishing classes to UW-La Crosse. He not only teaches, but is very willing to take participants fishing to put their newly learned skills to work streamside. John seems to have more fun and a sense of accomplishment helping others learn to trout fish than catching fish himself.

John has coordinated the chapter's "take a kid fishing" day in cooperation with Big Brothers and Big Sisters where over 20 kids get a chance to fish and have a good day out.

He represents TU at the Perrott State Park's Outdoor Skills Day with fly tying demonstrations.

John, to my knowledge, has never missed working on any of the Coulee Chapter's streamside projects, including the Fort McCoy project, the West Fork of the Kickapoo project, the Little La Crosse River project, the Sidie Hollow project, and of late, the Mormon Coulee project.

Not only has John been an avid member and officer of his TU chapter, but he has worked with several related organizations as well:

- he is Chairman of the Westby Rod and Gun Trout Committee which raises over 8,000 trout a year for release into public lakes and streams,
- he serves on the trout committee of the Conservation Congress, where he was a voice of reason amidst a babble of passions.
- he was a mover and shaker involved with the TU Kickapoo Home Waters Project as well a member of the coordinating committee.

I don't believe there have been many more involved members of

TU than John Bethke. He has tirelessly led his chapter as an officer and has participated in every project they have sponsored locally as well as being involved on the state level. He has not only given of his time, but also his talents to anyone wishing to learn more about trout fishing. John has served the State Council on the ad-hoc trout stamp committee, was Council Secretary, and is currently regional vice president for western Wisconsin.

Oh, and John, a native of New Glarus, is the inventor of the Pink Squirrel fly — which Duke Welter and Ross Mueller have pointed out to me is almost as effective as the Pass Lake! His fly was featured recently in Fly Fish America Magazine.

**Gary Stoychoff — Gold Net Award**

Our gold net award goes to Gary Stoychoff of Green Bay. Gary has been a member of the Green Bay Chapter for over 30 years, and he's been active in the State Council for over 20.

Gary has held the office of secretary-treasurer for Green Bay since 1973. Years ago, the Green Bay Chapter's only funding avenue was trout boils. Gary would travel all over the state (many times by himself) doing these boils to raise money for the chapter.

Gary has served on their banquet committee since its inception 27 years ago. He was banquet chair for three of the 27 years it has been going, and in 1997 under his direction, they raised over \$24,000. He is presently in charge of their raffles and is emcee for the event.

Gary has also been very active in all of Green Bay Chapter's work projects. The chapter usually does at least six a year, and he's always there working hard. He's been involved in building brush bundles, stringing fencing, installing boulders, building weirs, and building boom covers and deflectors.

But Gary goes further than just the grunt work. Gary edits and publishes the chapter's newsletter, a task he's shouldered for the last 25

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years. And at the end of the day, he usually cooks a meal for everyone who worked on a project -- he's quite a streamsides gourmet chef!

Gary certainly deserves our recognition. In fact, we should have given him this award years ago!

### Wisconsin Public Radio — Certificate of Appreciation

Tonight we'd like to express our appreciation to Wisconsin Public Radio.

Much like our award to Ron Seely last year, WPR has been at the forefront of environmental and conservation journalism in the state. They have given extensive coverage to the Perrier controversy, the wetlands bill, the proposed DNR split, mercury reduction rules, the non-point rule revision process, and much more.

Without WPR's high-profile coverage of these stories, smaller news operations across the state may not have covered some of these stories, making WPR a true leader.

### Larry Kriese — Certificate of Appreciation

Tonight we wish to express our appreciation to Larry Kriese, a retired DNR conservation warden who completed 32 years of service to the people of Wisconsin.

In 1995 and again in 2000, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress recognized Larry for his demonstrated leadership in the law enforcement program.

Larry has gained the respect of many other law enforcement agencies. In 1994, the government of Canada and province of Saskatchewan utilized Larry's talents for a special covert operation involving commercial outfitters in Canada.

Larry served as consulting member of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association until his retirement. Since 1995, Larry occupied the appointed position of regional leader for the Enforcement and Science Division of the DNR's northeast region.

Road construction and bridge and culvert replacements are necessary infrastructure maintenance for our society, but sometimes poor planning by the Department of Transportation, along with contractors' unwillingness to take proper procedures to prevent erosion problems, has led to many problems and adverse impacts on navigable waters in Wisconsin.

Such was the case in June, 1998, when all hell broke loose on Mill Creek, a class I and II stream 10 miles west of Shawano on Hwy. 29, when tremendous erosion occurred in the construction corridor.

Northeastern WI had been gripped in a drought most of the spring and summer, but several deluges on June 25, 26, and 27 dropped several inches of rain on the area. Unfortunately, contractors had recently scalped the area, exposing unprotected soil prior to the pouring of concrete for the project. The rain washed tons of soil down the unimpeded and unprotected gradients and into Mill Creek. The contractors had placed only minimal erosion controls (a single marginal silt fence).

The influx of sediments into mill creek was devastating. For several years previous to this incident, the Shaw-Paca Chapter had built and was maintaining trout habitat including structures and a battle

watering area. The area was literally wiped out, as well as causing much damage further downstream.

In the midst of all this, Larry Kriese, area DNR warden was scheduled to retire. Larry chose to delay his retirement in order to personally involve himself in prosecution and an eventual settlement of the desecration that had occurred. Because of Larry's dedication and efforts, the needed cleanup was done, including the creation of several sediment traps with maintenance scheduled to remove the sediments collected over the next few years, as well as a monetary settlement which the Shaw-Paca Chapter will be able to utilize for other stream projects in the area. Final healing is now in progress.

### Scott Watson — Certificate of Appreciation

Tonight, we wish to express our appreciation to Scott Watson, a DNR technician. My friend, Terry Cummings, tells me that Scott is an ardent paddler. That's a good thing, cause it has given Scott broad shoulders and a strong back — good attributes for the things Scott has taken on.

Scott has been the lead on three significant projects in the last three years, as well as being involved in the Ward Dam removal project.

His first undertaking was as project lead on the Wolf River trout habitat project initially planned for the fall of 1997. Due to turbidity complaints from a 1996 project, Scott put together a project team with both internal and external members including the Menominee tribe, the National Park Service, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Wolf River TU, and Whitewater Specialty.

Because the rules of the game as far as "incidental take" and endangered species changed before the planned 1997 project would get the final approval, an environmental assessment had to be completed and sent out for reaction by the public. The instream work was finally completed in the fall of 1999. In a nutshell, Scott led the effort, dealing with external and internal folks, including the Bureau of Endangered Resources.

The Deerskin Dam removal project brought out the best and worst of local citizens and DNR staff as they worked through the removal process. You are all familiar with this project. Scott was given the unenviable responsibility of pulling internal and external people together to come up with a department recommendation on what to do with the Deerskin Dam. There were many staff involved in the preparation of the alternative analysis for the dam, but Scott had the role, sort of like a concert director, of making sure the product was cohesive and that recommendations were based on science and good professional judgment.

Scott prepared the PowerPoint presentation used at a hearing in Eagle River. He approached the project without any preconceived ideas and insured that the process was fair and that all parties had an opportunity to air their views and have input to the product. Scott was the true diplomat in this project.

Scott was also involved in the Wisconsin River wasteload allocation project. Briefly, Scott was assigned the DNR lead on creating a wasteload advisory committee to work with the department in look-



### PAINTED WHILE WE DINED

Artist Virgil Beck (top right) delivers the painting he created during the Oshkosh Awards Banquet to special raffle winner Jim Bereza of the Marinette County Chapter.



ing at the Wisconsin River dissolved oxygen concerns at Hat Rapids and other locations. He put together a team representing the dischargers, environmental groups, Lac du Flambeau tribe, Crandon Mine, and others to address the issue to determine whether any changes had to be made to existing discharges into the river.

Again, Scott's coordinating and problem resolution skills, along with his sincerity and excellent communication style, helped make this process very successful. The project is still ongoing, but the effort has been redirected to evaluate potential discharge sources upstream of the Rhinelander Dam.

The bottom line is Scott has the ability to take on tough projects, pulling both internal and external folks together to work through problems and come up with well thought-out solutions. He is fair, sincere, and honest in his approach, and cares deeply about the water resources in the north. He is top notch. He truly deserves our thanks.

### Steve Galoff — Certificate of Appreciation

Tonight, we'd like to express our appreciation and admiration to Steve Galoff, a landowner from Elmwood. Steve has been dedicated to conservation on his farm and in his community. The DNR first began working with Steve through the county aids program where Steve was trying to bring streambank erosion under control on his farm.

Over the years, Steve has developed a strong working relationship with the DNR and various conservation groups in the area. His willingness to take a lead role in establishing the first instream trout habitat restoration project in the watershed and on his property has resulted in approximately three miles of Cady Creek being restored as prime brook trout water.

Steve's commitment did not end with signing easements or agreements. Steve took it upon himself to organize local sport groups for

workdays to aid in the effort. As an individual he contributed time and materials to the project. He also was a critical player in recruiting neighbors into the stream restoration effort.

Because Steve took the initiative to begin stream restoration on his property and was willing to work with local conservation groups and other landowners, he has become a leader in his community. His leadership has spread throughout the Cady Creek watershed, and numerous landowners now want to join the restoration effort. We commend Steve for his contribution of time, materials, and leadership in the area of trout stream restoration.

Wisconsin's coldwater resources that flow through privately owned lands depend on conscientious landowners, and we owe people like Steve our deepest gratitude.

### John Sours — Certificate of Appreciation

We want to express our appreciation to John Sours, a biologist for the Wisconsin DNR.

John is well-respected in northwestern Wisconsin. He has worked with landowners, and is extremely effective in negotiating easements. He's worked with many conservation groups to plan and carry out very beneficial projects. He's been a heavy equipment operator and has a reputation of being a wizard with excavators for doing in-stream work.

John has spent a good deal of his time the last few years working with development of the Lower Chippewa Basin Trout Habitat Committee, which includes the DNR, TU, and many local conservation clubs.

John has a bachelor's degree from UW-Eau Claire. He worked in the oil industry for a couple of years after graduation, and for the last 16 years he's been employed by the DNR. For the last three years, John organized and heads the group we know as the "trout crew" which has accomplished a great deal in western Wisconsin.



# Former Council chair Ron Ahner dies

By Larry Meicher

Former WITU State Council Chair Ron Ahner passed away February 9 after a fight against lung cancer.

Ron had been active in TU since he joined the organization in the 1960s. He was a charter member of the Southern WI Chapter and served as their third president.



Ron Ahner

Besides being involved at the local level, Ron was State Council chair and then a TU National director in the 1980s. He was part of the original committee that started the annual WITU conservation awards banquet. He also served on the State Council's awards committee.

Ron was the State Council's fund-raising chair in the 1980s and into the 90s. He was also active in fund raising with the Southern WI Chapter.

Of late, Ron was very active in the Black Earth Watershed Association and last year was their chair.

Ron is perhaps best remembered over the years for his accomplish-



## WILD RIVERS CHAPTER THANKS SEN. SHIBILSKI

Martin Hanson (left) took the podium during the State Council Conservation Awards Banquet in Oshkosh Feb. 2 to present an award from the Wild Rivers Chapter to Sen. Kevin Shibilski (center). Shibilski was given a coaster brook trout print to thank him for his efforts to fund some coaster brook trout projects in the state budget. Looking on is WITU Awards Chair Larry Meicher.

ments as chair of the TU National Banquet Committee in 1972. The event was held in Madison, and Ron pulled it off as a one-member committee. He successfully engaged radio celebrity Arthur Godfrey to host the event, making it a huge financial success at a time when TU National really needed the funds.

Ron was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was a crew member. Later he founded and operated a large insurance business in Wisconsin, Badger Insurance Associates.

TU members wishing to memorialize Ron are asked by the family to contribute to the recently established WI State Council of TU endowment fund.

# Brown County Conservation Alliance heads campaign to introduce Intervenor resolutions

The Brown County Conservation Alliance (BCCA) is asking for all TU members and conservationists for help in introducing two resolutions at the DNR Spring Hearings Monday, April 8, and to vote yes on each one.

The first Resolution proposes that the Legislature return the Wisconsin DNR to the way it was prior to the change made in 1995. The intent is to remove politicians from resource management, returning the agency to the top resource management program in the country, as it was in 1995.

The second resolution proposes that the Office of the Public Intervenor be restored to its original status as it existed prior to 1995. Since that time special interests have had, and continue to have, a devastating impact on our natural resources.

These resolutions are supported by many organizations and conservationists including:

- The Brown County Conservation Alliance,
- The State Council of Trout Unlimited,
- The Wisconsin Stewardship Net-

- work,
- Northeast Wisconsin Audubon Society,
- Green Bay Area Great Lakes Sports Fishermen,
- Dr. Nina Leopold Bradley of the Aldo Leopold Foundation,
- Former Secretary of the DNR George Meyer, and
- numerous Conservation Congress delegates and others.

After the April 8th vote is tabulated, Governor Scott McCallum, his challengers, all Senators and Assembly representatives running for re-election will be asked to state their positions as supporting the Resolutions, not supporting, or "refusing to answer."

The results of their position statements will be published statewide to over 600 sports organizations and to all media outlets so the voters will be informed on where their own elected official stands.

The BCCA is organizing volunteers to get the resolutions introduced into each county. If you can help, please call or e-mail Paul Mongin at 1-888-741-2141 or aefajim@cs.com.

# Central region considers Lakeshore Chapter switch

By Jim Hlaban

The possibility of Lakeshore Chapter moving to the Southeast Region from the Central Region was discussed at a TU Central Region meeting April 20.

The Lakeshore Chapter's focus is on Lake Michigan and its tributaries. This seems to better align with folks from the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter and Region.

The Fox Valley Chapter is expecting to receive a check from the Priority Watershed Program for supplies used in building fencing on the regional project on the Waupaca River.

Work at the Sannes/Morgan site on the Waupaca River is done. The Central Region hopes to have the State Council visit this site after their upcoming spring meeting to be held in central Wisconsin.

Davis Creek will be a Regional Project for the Central Region this year. We will work for 6-8 weekends in a row clearing storm-damaged trees from the stream. Fox Valley will host the first weekend April 13 and another on May 11. There are many large trees down from the storm of last June. Chainsaws, come-alongs, and cant hooks are the needed tools.

The city of Waupaca is planning a major renovation of the Waupaca River where it passes through the downtown area. Plans include a river walk and extensive stream habitat work. TU participation has been requested. DNR Fisheries Biologist Al Niebur is involved with City Planner Henry Velker.

There is a power plant upstream from this project that is causing water level fluctuations. Public pressure could force the DNR to challenge this permitted activity.

The Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust is getting support from area TU chapters for their application for a matching grant to protect the Little Wolf watershed.

Central Chapter is involved with

a dam removal project on a tributary to the Walla Walla Creek, a class 1 brook trout water above the impoundment and nothing below. This dam removal has the potential of improving the Walla Walla significantly. If there is stream improvement work involved, Fox Valley would like to get involved.

Potential ideas for improving the bed of the Amherst millpond were discussed, in case the dam should ever be removed. (We need to be prepared to offer alternatives to fixing the dam should it fall into disrepair.



## CHAPTER OUTREACH

Southeastern members (top) man a TU display at the Journal-Sentinel Sport Show in Milwaukee, while Tom Lager of the Fox Valley Chapter teaches a youngster to tie a fly.

# BAZZELL: Secretary discusses issues of interest to TU

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*What is the type of groundwater regulation that you would be supportive of?*

I think we need legislation that really allows us to better assess groundwater impacts to allow us to perhaps deny permit applications at times based on impacts on the groundwater resource. At present we have virtually no authority.

Interestingly enough, I would argue that what we need are provisions that are akin to the kinds of provisions in that agreement we had with Perrier. I know how highly charged that is.

But it allows us to basically do an environmental assessment and really take a look at the impacts. It allows the department some digression to regulate pumping rates and, perhaps, some authority to just say no, even when you're not impacting a municipal water supply.

*The cranberry industry in Wisconsin may bypass surface water permitting by DNR to divert a stream for crop production. That exemption dates back to 1867, and TU is very concerned with resulting stream pollution and degradation. What is your take on this issue?*

I have some concerns there. There is a school of thought that says industry ought to be treated the same, and obviously the cranberry industry is being treated a bit differently here.

But it's very difficult for me to really quantify the extent that there might be a problem, in part because we have very limited information in terms of what is happening. Because again, we don't have the kind of regulatory oversight with this industry that we enjoy with other industries.

So as a first step, I'd like to have a better understanding of what those impacts are from the cranberry industry and use that as a discussion piece to see whether or not we ought to be considering additional regulation.

For us, we have a tough time getting our arms around the issue because there's a lack of data. Obviously, TU sees some impacts, and we've had some discussions with TU on what they see as some of those impacts. But we have an incomplete data set.

*Recently Midwest Environmental Advocates criticized DNR for not enforcing pollution laws. What is your response?*

I think what they did was really raise an important discussion. And here's the debate — should our focus be issuing as many citations and refer as many cases as possible to the department of justice as a way to deter violations of our water pollution laws, or ought we continue on the track we are now, which is to work hands-on with industries and municipalities who might be out of compliance with permits to bring them back into compliance. [Focusing on the latter] might at times result in not issuing a fine or referral. And that's how I would frame the debate.

Because of that report, I have taken a step back, and I am in the process now of working with our staff — in air and waste and our water quality program — to ask that fundamental question to see if we do in fact have the proper balance.

*I think if you asked most people, they would opt for the path that you're on — no need to make a "federal case" out of everything. But if we're going to have a cooperative give-and-take on this, is that co-operation being demanded or not even asked for?*

That's a fair question. As part of this review right now, I'm also going to be reviewing and asking for some additional data collection.

I think we need to get a better feel for where our compliance rate really is. When we get a violation, what is our tracking system? One of the things people have raised concerns about is that

we don't have a good ability to track animal waste violations. For example, in that area, we get a complaint, but we don't have a tracking system in place.

So one of the things that's fundamental here is to get a better feel for what exactly is happening out there. How many significant violations are out there? And what's our rate of referral versus our rate of looking for other ways to, in fact, resolve those kinds of issues? If we have a better set of data, I think we can draw better conclusions in terms of whether or not we're being strict enough.

Given the current budget cuts, our capacity to explore some of those sorts of things will be limited.

*At our last TU State Council meeting, Larry Claggett reported that since the last statewide stream classification, 600 miles of Class 1 trout streams and 400 miles of Class 2 streams have been added, and 192 miles of Class 3 streams have been reduced. We think this is an incredible accomplishment. Can we look for more in the future?*

Let me give you a one-word answer — absolutely. This is one of our true success stories, no question about that. I want to continue building on those successes.

One of the positives in terms of this whole discussion of the size of our water budget is that our fisheries budget is not impacted by the current budget-cutting exercise. So as long as we are able to protect our fiscal resources associated with this activity, I think we look forward to continued accomplishments in this area.

*The Senate Environmental Resources Committee sent the DNR's polluted runoff rules back to you to consider adding buffer zones to the rules. What is your staff doing now in reaction to the Senate suggestion?*

The move the Senate made was not unexpected. As you might recall, the decision made by the Natural Resources Board not to include mandatory buffers reflected the fact that there was uncertainty as to whether or not we would be jeopardizing federal CREP dollars.

I've written a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture asking them to clarify that issue — whether we'd be jeopardizing dollars if we in fact require buffer strips across the state. The answer from the federal government will guide our response to the Senate action.

I'm cautiously optimistic because Brown County has received such a letter. Their program is very consistent with what the Senate would like to see us do. So given the precedent we see within the state of Wisconsin, I'm cautiously optimistic that we'll get a positive response from the federal government.

*TU members are concerned that fish kills are becoming more commonplace. What is DNR doing to bolster your efforts in this area?*

This goes back to a couple things we just alluded to. We need to have a better record-tracking system to better document where fish kills are occurring and what our follow-through is.

The most important thing we're doing is moving forward with implementing the nonpoint source performance standards. I think the most important thing we can do right now is to address that water quality issue.

*What are your expectations for the upcoming coaster brook trout restoration efforts?*

As the legislature considers providing funding for that restoration project, we're very excited. There are a number of partners who have stepped forward to work with us. TU is one of our important partners there. I think it's an exciting opportunity, and our staff I know is genuinely excited about the opportunity to restore important species.

*We heard a rumor that you have an interest in getting into fly fishing. Is that true?*

Actually it is true. The person who — pardon the pun — got the bug in me was Jeff Meyers. Jeff came in to interview me when I first became secretary, and, as you may know, he's the author of a couple books on fly fishing. He shared those with me, and I've read them.

All I need is someone who's skilled enough and is patient enough to show me the ropes. It looks like a real interesting and enjoyable activity.

## Summary of Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Actions Affecting the WDNR

Cut	Description	Water Division	WDNR Total	Water Div. % of Cut
Act 16 (Biennial Budget)	5% GPR cut	\$2,016,200	\$2,474,100	81%
	GPR forced lapses to state general fund	\$ 324,200	\$ 763,000	42%
Governor's Budget Repair Bill	Additional 5% GPR cut	\$ 862,400	\$2,523,800	34%
Joint Finance Action	Reallocation of cuts from Governor's proposal	\$ 470,400		
	Additional 1% GPR cut	\$ 457,900	\$ 457,900	100%
	Additional reduction related to "membership dues"	\$ 15,900	\$ 37,000	43%
Assembly Action	Water Integration Team cut	\$ 435,200	\$ 435,200	100%
	Additional 0.5% GPR cut	\$ 228,900	\$ 228,900	100%
Total GPR cuts		\$4,811,100	\$6,919,900	70%

Despite having just 40% of the DNR's GPR operations spending authority, the water division absorbed 81% of the first 5% GPR cut taken by the agency in the current biennium. Further, if all proposed GPR reductions through the Assembly action on the budget repair bill were imposed, the water division would be forced to absorb 70% of all GPR reductions taken by the DNR.

Through the Governor's repair bill, the water division cut \$3,202,800 of GPR and 18.50 GPR-funded FTE. This represents over 16% of the water division's base GPR allocation. Cuts taken through the Governor's repair bill resulted in, among other things, elimination of the water integration team, a reduced stormwater permitting effort, reduced groundwater assessments and investigations, reduced spending on monitoring and analysis, reduced LTE spending, and greatly reduced spending on computers and computer programming.

All additional GPR cuts imposed by the Joint Finance Committee and the Assembly are proposed to be taken from the water division's GPR appropriation and would increase to 24% the total percentage by which the water division's base GPR allocation is cut.

The additional 1% and 0.5% GPR cuts (highlighted in the table above) resulting from Joint Finance Committee and Assembly action may — in theory — be partially reallocated to other areas of the DNR by submitting a request to the Joint Finance Committee. However, the JFC has denied past Department requests to distribute the cuts more equitably.

The Assembly's action to eliminate the water integration team amounts to a double cut. The division already cut the water integration team to accommodate the cuts imposed in the Governor's repair bill, so the Assembly's action would force the division to cut another \$435,200 beyond the water integration team.

If the additional \$1,608,300 in GPR cuts imposed on the water division by the Joint Finance Committee and Assembly remain in the final budget repair bill, the Department estimates that the water division will be forced to cut between 25 and 30 additional positions (i.e. beyond the 18.50 positions already cut) and reduce or eliminate critical program areas, possibly including:

- A significant reduction in efforts toward developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters;

- Significant reductions in waterway and wetland permitting efforts — resulting in substantially increased permit processing times and reduced customer service (this would eliminate staffing gains made through the Wisconsin Waters Initiative from the 1999-2001 budget);
- Delayed implementation of Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) regulations, including rules related to arsenic, radionuclides, and drinking water vulnerability assessments;
- Reduced public water supply system inspections and enforcement;
- Reduced groundwater research into acute and chronic health risks;
- Reduced wetlands ecology work;
- Reduced lake management work effort; and
- Elimination of the division's animal waste permitting program. This would result in all animal waste related permitting, compliance, complaint follow-up, enforcement and technical assistance being turned back to the US EPA.

— Table and notes courtesy of WDNR.

# Nonpoint training session draws many chapter reps

By Laura Hewitt

TU Upper Midwest Conservation Dir.

As is the annual custom, the Wisconsin State Council updated, discussed, and decided important issues affecting the council and coldwater resources of Wisconsin Feb. 2 in Oshkosh.

But this year there was something else attracting volunteers to the Park Plaza Hotel that cold, clear day. Thirty-five TU volunteers from 16 chapters across the state participated in a training session led by TU staff members Russ Schnitzer, Volunteer Services Coordinator, and Laura Hewitt, Upper Midwest Conservation Director.

The training session is part of a capacity-building initiative that TU National is piloting in the Great Lakes and Southeast regions. The main goal of the initiative is to bring the full strength of the organization to bear on a campaign issue by combining volunteer and professional staff resources. The initiative is also intended to strengthen the involved councils and chapters.

Training is a critical component of the program. Funding from the C.S. Mott Foundation provides support for this program. Training topics included an overview of nonpoint pollution control and capacity-building issues for chapters and the council.

## Nonpoint pollution focus

The Wisconsin Council selected nonpoint pollution control as the topic for the combined conservation campaign.

In the morning, participants were introduced to the topic of nonpoint pollution, what it is, its impacts, and what can be done to address the issue. We went into greater depth about the new federal cost-sharing program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which will provide landowners with over \$240,000,000 in assistance for installing practices that control nonpoint pollution.

Participants also learned about the nonpoint rule redesign that the state departments of Natural Resources; and Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection have been working on over the past several years. The rule redesign will implement new rules for agriculture, urban development, and transportation to control nonpoint pollution in the state. They need a lot of support as they go to the State Legislature for debate and approval.

The topic then switched to capacity-building, specifically how to engage more members and recruit new leaders. Participants were introduced to the concept of the "leadership mountain" and discussed why they first joined, why they stayed engaged, and what kind activities help move members up the "mountain" from member, to one-time volunteer, to steady volunteer, to leader.

There were several exercises where volunteers were able to practice their new skills, including a role-play where they "made the ask" to get a volunteer to step into a new role, and an activity planning exercise.

Throughout the day, we used examples of activities that would help control or raise awareness of nonpoint pollution control to emphasize the need to integrate conservation objectives with chapter-strengthening needs.

The volunteers appeared to really enjoy the day — the subject matter, the ability to interact with other volunteers from across the state, and the chance to meet and see some of the workings of the State Council. The participants were engaged and maintained good humor even despite rather cramped quarters.

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## CHAPTER REPS DEVELOPING NONPOINT SKILLS

Some 35 chapter representatives met Feb. 2 for a TU National capacity-building program focusing on nonpoint pollution.

We've already heard about training participants putting the new information and skills to work.

For more information about this campaign contact Laura Hewitt or Russ Schnitzer at (608) 250-3534.

# Eight chapters help buy Maxwell Springs

By Pete Segerson

Maxwell Springs in Langlade County was recently purchased by the WDNR with the assistance of eight Northeastern WI Trout Unlimited chapters.

Maxwell Springs is a 3.1-acre headwater spring pond of Mayking Creek. The 40-acre parcel that has been purchased will protect the watershed of the springs, allow public access, and provide a disposal site for the spring's rehabilitation.

Maxwell Springs is a high-quality natural spring pond that has aged rapidly in the last 25 years. Deposits of detritus and marl, plus dense growths of *Chara sp.* (an algae that has the appearance of a vascular plant) have greatly decreased living space for brook trout. Prime spawning areas of gravel with upwelling groundwater have been smothered with silt.

The pond's former owners wanted it dredged by a private con-

tractor, but decided to sell to the DNR so Trout Stamp funds could be used for the rehabilitation.

The DNR's Antigo habitat crew will pump out the springs using a cutterhead hydraulic dredge. Marl deposits, organic silt, and detritus will be pumped out of the spring pond to an adjacent upland depression. This will increase living space for adult brook trout. Spawning gravel areas will be flushed to improve conditions for brook trout reproduction.

The 40-acre addition to the Demlow Springs-Mayking Flowage Fishery Area brings the total acreage owned by the WDNR to 164 acres.

Lloyd "Duke" Andrews, former Northeast Region Vice President, coordinated the eight chapters' donations for this purchase. The following chapters and their contributions are:

- Marinette \$4,000
- Green Bay \$3,000

- Antigo \$2,000
- Shaw-Paca \$2,000
- Northwoods \$1,000
- Oconto River \$1,000
- WI River Valley \$500
- Wolf River \$500

This was a very significant purchase of trout water property. Increasing values of recreational properties statewide and several large WDNR land transactions make Trout Unlimited contributions like this project even more important.

Without the donations from the eight chapters of TU, it is likely this property wouldn't have been purchased as a public fishing area. Rehabilitating this spring pond with Trout Stamp dollars and long-term protection of the watershed and headwaters of the Mayking Creek would also not have happened.

*(Pete Segerson is a fisheries technician working out of the WNDNR's Antigo office. -Ed.)*



## NE WISCONSIN TU CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTE \$14,000 TOWARD MAXWELL SPRINGS PURCHASE

Marking their collective contributions toward helping purchase Maxwell Springs in Langlade County are (top, l to r) Herb Buettner (Wolf River), Dale Druckrey (Green Bay), Bill Wagner (Shaw-Paca), Scott Henricks (Antigo), Sheldon Schroeder (WI River Valley), Mitch Bent (Antigo), Peter Segerson (WDNR), Brian Hegge (Northwoods), (bottom, l to r) Dave Brunner (Oconto River), Jim Bereza (Marinette), Lloyd Andrews (then NE Region V.P.), Dave Ehrenburg (Shaw-Paca), Herb Hintze (WI River Valley), Dennis Gusick (Green Bay), and Paul Mongin (Green Bay). The group met for an NE Region meeting at the Wild Wolf Inn.



## Chapter News



Photos by John Gremmer

### LOTS HAPPENING AT CENTRAL WISCONSIN EVENTS

Scott Grady (top, left) of Oshkosh and Bob Keehan of Menasha demonstrate their bamboo rod making equipment, materials, and techniques at the Central Wisconsin TU Trout Fishing Funday March 9. A youngster gets a lesson from Larry Gravin (bottom, left) of Green Bay, while Rich Mlodzik (bottom, right) ties flies at Central's Master's Fly Tying Series.

### Blackhawk Chapter

Guest speakers at our monthly chapter meetings included:

- September, **Rich Osthoff** — Flies for Wisconsin Streams,
- October, **Vern Lunde** — Hot Spots Out West,
- December, **Ross Mueller** — Fly fishing Wisconsin's Best Streams,
- January, **Joe Solakian** — Fishing Steelhead in Wisconsin,
- February, **Terry Vaughn** — Trout Fishing in Norway, and
- March, **John Beth** — Trout Fishing Wisconsin through the Seasons.

The Blackhawk Chapter has approved funding for three stream improvement projects for 2002 on the **West Fork of the Kickapoo**.

The chapter's board has passed a resolution donating \$500 toward the "\$3 Dollar Bridge" land purchase

on the **Madison River in Montana**, preserving public access to this fishery. The **Orvis Company** will quadruple our contribution to the project for a total contribution of \$2,000.

Saturday, March 23, the chapter planned a workday building 30 fish structures at the **Hayes-Nugent** property north of **Avalanche**.

Plans are finalized for the chapter's annual **Trout Banquet** scheduled for **Monday, April 29** at 5:30 p.m. This year's banquet will be held at the **Holiday Inn Express** at 3100 Wellington Plaza, Janesville. For information please contact Chairman **Joe Putsch** at (608) 752-1955 or Treasurer **Don Studt** at (608) 752-4508.

—Vic Potocki

### Central Wisconsin Chapter

Some 22 members and friends of the chapter are participating in our five-part **Master's Fly Tying Series**. The sessions started February 7 and feature a different master tyer each week. The master tyer, with the aid of video equipment, leads the participants step-by-step through tying procedures.

**Jack Holewinski** of Green Bay, featuring streamer patterns, started off the series. **Gene West** of Wautoma presented his special Hex patterns. **Steve Nelson** of Green Bay and **Tight Lines Fly Fishing** of De Pere presented classic steelhead patterns. **Russ Bouck** of Amherst shared his wet flies and nymph patterns, while **Bob Arwine** of Green

Bay featured his "crossover" flies. Plans are already being made for next year's series.

About 250 people participated in our chapter's **Trout Fishing Funday** held March 9 in Oshkosh at the Algoma Town Hall. Admission was free. The program was highlighted by three special seminars.

- **Bob Chamberlain** presented "Rainbows Under Polaris," a program on rainbow fishing in Alaska.
- **Tim Landwehr** of Tight Lines Fly Fishing of De Pere presented "Carp On The Flats," the fundamentals of fly fishing for carp in Lake Michigan flats.
- **Steve Nelson** of Green Bay and

**Tight Lines Fly Fishing** of De Pere, and

- **Dave Pinczkowski** of Milwaukee featured a program on steelheading in the Midwest and the west coast.

Each seminar was standing room only and precipitated much discussion.

The Funday also featured demonstration fly tying by **John Gribb** of Mt. Horeb, **Gene West** of Wautoma, **Rich Mlodzik** of Princeton, **Tracy Moran** of Omro, 13-year-old **Nathan Neuman** of Pine River, **Bob Reeners** of Oneida, **Tom Young** of Waupaca, **Bob Arwine** of Green Bay, **Jack Holewinski** of Green Bay, **Dave Johnson** of Wautoma, and **John Nebel** of Menasha. **Jim Hauer** and **Gary Gillis** demonstrated **Blue Sky Fly Fishing's** furling leaders to the crowd, while **Scott Grady** of Oshkosh and **Bob Keehan** of Menasha demonstrated bamboo rod making.

**Al Niebur** represented the DNR with a special display. **Bob Hunt** of Waupaca discussed his book on stream rehabilitation and **Elward Engle** of Wautoma displayed aquatic organisms.

**Larry Gavin** of Green Bay, **Jim Williams** of Madison, **Jerry Bitter** of Oshkosh, and **Gary Herlache** all helped with youth tying instruction. **Dan Harmon**, leadermeister, provided leader making demonstrations. **Tom Deer** of Neenah presented material on the **Crandon Mine** situation. Flies were raffled off and rummage items were sold to raise revenue.

**Sue Gremmer** of Winneconne baked cookies, made coffee, and sold these items and later donated the profits to the chapter.

Our chapter's **annual banquet** will be held at the **Pioneer Inn** in Oshkosh. **Dan Colligan** is the chairman of the event. The annual meeting will precede this event.

Workday Chairman **Rich Mlodzik** has designated April 27 as the first workday of the new year. Brushing will be done on the **South**

**Branch of the Wedde**. The times are 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., and a picnic lunch will be served by **Jack Wahlers** at noon. Workers are encouraged to bring gloves and hip or knee boots. People with questions should call Rich at (920) 295-8772.

Central Wisconsin TU will be holding its **26th Annual Fly Fishing School** on May 31 and June 1-2 at **Nature's Edge**, located at Goose-neck Lake four miles south of Waupaca. Chapter instructors boast over 500 years of fly fishing experience. The curriculum includes fly casting, reading the water, understanding fly hatches, selecting fly patterns, tackle selection, knot tying, etc. A half day of one-on-one guiding is part of the program. All proceeds from the school go to fund graduate student scholarships. If interested call **Dan Harmon III** at (920) 235-1761 for brochures and complete details.

**Walter Thompson** of Wautoma **Public Schools** has asked chapter members **Gene West**, **Rich Mlodzik**, and **John Gremmer** to help with after-school fly tying instruction. Mr. Thompson has developed a complete fly fishing course for middle schoolers. The first tying session was on March 13.

May 11 has been designated as our chapter's **first Youth Day** where 24 mentors and 24 young people will participate in a day-long fly fishing and coldwater ecology learning session. The event will take place at the **Mecan River Discovery Center** south of Wautoma. Young people will learn fly tying, stream ecology, TU's mission, casting, and knot tying. A picnic around a bon fire will take place at noon. In the afternoon mentors will take young people fishing in the area.

A month later, mentors will bring their young people back for a stream workday and more fishing. Anyone interested in participating should contact **John Gremmer** at (920) 582-7802 or jhg@vbe.com.

—John Gremmer

### Coulee Region Chapter

The fishing year 2002 got off to an active start with new officers being elected:

- Nathan Barnhart** — President,
- Eric Rauch** — Vice President,
- Ken Kuhn** — Treasurer,
- Rich Bain** — Secretary, and
- Bob Hubbard** — Banquet Chair.

Fly tying seminars were supported by members at the **Gander Mountain** store in Onalaska in both January and February. In both sessions, at least five benches were set up and favorite patterns were tied. Slant wing duns, Klinkhammers, the infamous Pink Squirrel, and Eric's Hopper were among personal favorites that members tied for interested onlookers.

Well-noted regional author, fly tyer, and guide, **Rich Osthoff**, presented his new book, *No Hatch to Match*, at the February meeting. Many fine points concerning Coulee region fishing were discussed by this talented and helpful angler. Awesomely beautiful patterns, tied by Rich, were shown and his catalogue was presented. His duck shoulder duns, among others, drew especially favorable comments.

Other highlights from this winter's meetings included a detailed slide presentation by **Jeff and Lynette Moore**. Their four-week

epic journey to **Wyoming and Montana** in August and September was carefully documented and the printed description they provided was filled with helpful hints on patterns, techniques, access, and camping. Other meeting highlights included an action-packed video of member **John Bethke** landing a 27" brown at some undisclosed pool, way back somewhere in the Coulee region.

The annual banquet held on February 26 was a success with about 120 tickets being sold. The silent auction and the Chinese raffle were particularly effective in gathering good prices for quality items.

Activities remaining for the year include a workday on our project stream, **Mormon Coulee Creek**, on March 16. The final April 16 meeting will feature everybody's favorite Coulee Wizard, **Ross Mueller**.

Area stream levels appear to be normal to low, with water clarity being extremely high in most places. Net precipitation for the Coulee region since January stands at about 3.5 inches, which is below normal. Dark midge adults (#20-22) and BWO (#22) have been recently observed on **Timber Coulee** and related feeders. Best wishes from



# Chapter News



the Coulee Chapter, pray for rain, and, as always, tight lines.

—Rich Bain

## Frank Hornberg Chapter

This winter, if you can call it that, has been fairly quiet for the Hornbergers. We did, however, have a good array of general meeting presentations.

December saw **Mitch Bent** give a fine slide and video presentation on two years of flyfishing the **Black Hills** streams for trout. Looks like many people are missing some great fishing and scenery en route to more famous destinations further west.

**Rich Osthoff** was the chapter's January general meeting presenter, speaking on Flyfishing Wisconsin's Spring Creeks. This was the third time we've had Rich as a speaker, and I am continually impressed by his top-notch, polished presentations and great photography.

The presenter for our February general meeting was **Al Niebur** of WDNR. While habitat is always the

key, we knew that DNR has been shifting some trout management emphasis toward rearing and stocking trout from wild stock. I think we were all extremely impressed with how successful this initiative has been! Thanks, Al.

Also in February, we held another basically unscheduled flyfishing Saturday. We had good and enthusiastic attendance, but it seems that we may try to improve on this in the future by better promotion, although the laid-back, informal atmosphere has been kind of nice.

Our March speaker was **Dave Vetrano** of WDNR on Coulee Country streams. Also this time of year it's back to stream work for the chapter. We just hope the weather is at least seasonal.

—Jim Friedrich

## Green Bay Chapter

The Green Bay Chapter had a productive winter studying threats to our coldwater resources and how best to combat them. The chapter will invest \$3,850 in beaver control this next year. We also are supporting efforts to control nonpoint pollution.

Additionally the chapter is once again funding the **Hank Bredael Memorial Scholarships** for area students who attend conservation camps and will again stage its popular **Kid's Fishing Day** in August.

We will also fund rainbow trout stocking in the **Lower Oconto River**. The stocking will be done in the area where the DNR completed a stream restoration project this past summer. The Green Bay Chapter — along with the **Southern Chapter, Marinette Chapter, and the Oconto River Watershed Chapter** — were the main contributors toward this endeavor. The project transforms a flat, barren stretch of water into an area which has holding spots for trout and other fish species.

On March 14 the chapter brought together over 400 area conservationists at the Swan Club in De Pere for **Banquet 2002**. It is expected that this event will raise about \$20,000 for the betterment of trout and our coldwater resources.

On December 6 the chapter held its annual **Christmas Dinner and Awards Meeting** at the **Stadium View Sports Bar** in Green Bay. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to people whose efforts on behalf of the coldwater resource have been exemplary.

Three members were inducted into the President's Club, which

honors those whose attendance at work projects has been outstanding. This year's inductees were **Larry Kriese, Paul Kruse, and Paul Mongin**.

For the first time in several years, the chapter recognized a New Member of the Year, **Larry Kriese**. Larry joined Trout Unlimited and the Green Bay Chapter after retiring from the DNR in the past year and immediately became active in all that the chapter does for trout.

The chapter also gave Distinguished Service Awards to **Leo Nikowitz** and **Jim Vanden Branden**. These gentlemen have contributed to the success of the chapter for many years with involvement in work projects, meetings, and fundraising.

The chapter Member of the Year was awarded to **Wally Hall** for his contributions to the chapter during the past year. Heil serves on the Board of Directors, attends work projects whenever a busy work schedule permits, and is also a mainstay on the banquet committee.

Finally, the chapter presented the Silver Trout Award to **Pete Harris**. Harris joined us in the early 1990s and has been one of the driving forces in the chapter ever since. He held the position of president for four years and remains on the Board of Directors. He spearheaded the funding and completion of the **Lower Oconto River Restoration Project** and recently took on the position of program director. He is truly worthy of the Silver Trout Award.

—Gary Stoychoff

## Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter

We held our annual meeting in March and elected our 2002 Officers and Directors:

- Dave Fritz** — President
- Don Pluemer** — Vice President
- Chuck Steudel** — Secretary
- Mike Gingrich** — Treasurer

Directors include **Steve Fabos** (three-year term), **Dave Peterson** (three-year term), and **Bill Wisler** (one-year term).

Bill will be taking over for Dave Ladd who will be stepping down from the Board this year. Dave is

not only a founding member of the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter, but has served this club in many leadership roles for more than 25 years. Our many thanks to Dave for his energy, wisdom, and outstanding efforts on our behalf.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past year, and I look forward very much to continuing on the board as past president and working with Dave Fritz and the new leadership team to continue our work to protect the



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— **A** shared love of the sport of trout fishing and a concern for the environment led to the formation of the Green Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited in 1988.

— **O**ur chapter currently has over 200 members who believe that wild trout and cold water streams are nature's symbols of environmental quality.

— **W**e are actively working to preserve cold water fishing and angling enjoyment. To learn more about us, please see the following:

- Meeting Locations
- Current Events
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## Green Bay TU starts web site

The Green Bay Chapter now has started a web site. You can access it at [www.greenbaytu.org](http://www.greenbaytu.org).

The chapter says the site is "not one of those web sites that stay the same visit after visit." Vice President Paul Mongin and his son, Andy, built the site. Currently, Paul and Andy Kruse are maintaining the site.

There are now seven WITU chapters on line:

- Fox Valley [www.foxvalleytu.org](http://www.foxvalleytu.org)
- Green Bay [www.greenbaytu.org](http://www.greenbaytu.org)
- Harry & Laura Nohr [www.members.tripod.com/nohrchapter](http://www.members.tripod.com/nohrchapter)
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- Southern Wisconsin [www.swtu.org](http://www.swtu.org) —NEW ADDRESS—

The State Council's web site is [www.lambcom.net/witu](http://www.lambcom.net/witu).

coldwater resource and enjoy the fellowship of TU.

—Jeff Ware

## Lakeshore Chapter

Under the guidance of banquet chairman **Jeff Preiss**, the Lakeshore Chapter's Annual Conservation Banquet is set for Saturday, April 20, at the **Club Bil-Mar** in Manitowoc.

Chapter member **Bob Melcher** received a conservation recognition award at the **Manitowoc County Fish and Game Association's** banquet in March.

Recent chapter meetings included presentations by:


- author **Ross Mueller** on trout fishing in Wisconsin,
- DNR fisheries biologist **John Nelson** on the status of stream temperatures in the **Onion River** and the rehabilitation of the **Silver Springs** property, and
- **Dave Ruetz** on nymphing techniques on Wisconsin trout streams.

The **Onion River Committee** continued its efforts to restore the river. In January, committee members met at the river with consultant **Roger Widner**. Roger is from southwest Wisconsin and is the architect of much of the great stream work done in that area. Roger helped develop additional plans for our river restoration efforts. Additional work days were planned. The Committee has also developed a strategy to have special regulations adopted on the river. Also, the largest trout pond left on the **Kamrath** property at the headwaters of the Onion has been drawn down to improve water temperatures.

—Doug Leppanen

## Harry & Laura Nohr Chapter's 25th Annual Banquet

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# Chapter News



### TU HONORED FOR MECAN PURCHASES

Three Wisconsin TU chapters and the State Council were honored recently by the WDNR for contributions they made toward the purchase of critical lands on the Mecan Springs in Waushara County. John Cantwell (left) holds a commemorative photo of the protected land, while WITU State Chair Jon Christiansen holds the plaque. Besides the State Council, the DNR presented awards to the Green Bay, Central Wisconsin, and Fox Valley chapters.

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### Oconto River Chapter

The February meeting included a presentation by guest speaker **Larry Kriese**, Vice President of the WITU's Northeast Region on items

of interest to TU members in north-east Wisconsin.

Earlier we heard a report on trout raising from **Dave Brunner**. There are approximately 24,090 brook and brown trout measuring approximately one inch in length. The DNR has asked if our chapter would raise 20,000 more trout that are overflow from the **Navarino Hatchery**. The chapter agreed this would not be a problem as long as they can be released into the **Oconto River** system.

An **Oconto County Youth Fair 2002** report was given by **Dale Druckrey**. Members of the Fair Board have asked the chapter not bring the fish tank for trout fishing this year.

**Bob's Bait and Tackle** will have Bob's weekend on May 18 and 19. Classes will be given throughout the day including topics like fly tying.

A river grant protection application report was read. A motion was

passed to have the grant writers contact the Green Bay office on how exactly to fill out the grant applications correctly.

**Kurt Hansen** reported on beaver trapping. The season started in November and runs through April. One can apply to trap year round if beaver are doing damage. The chapter voted to continue paying Kurt per beaver trapped with a \$500 yearly cap.

**Dale Halla** reported that the **Annual Banquet** will be Thursday, April 25. A license has been

ordered. We reviewed those on the Banquet Committee. **Mike Sunnich** has contributed a bench painted by **Virgil Beck** to the banquet. The price is to be negotiated.

**Ron Lietke** reported on the **Sportsman Alliance Banquet** where coloring books are to be ordered for this year's contest. **Jim Trochta** reported that 415 books were given out last year. Sportsman Alliance would like to pay for the coloring books this year.

—Dave Brunner

### Shaw-Paca Chapter

We have just completed our annual fly-tying class. We hoped we helped some beginners on their way and gave the more experienced some new ideas. The highlight for myself was the creation of what I would call the **Horse Hair Caddis** using horse hair for the wings and llama fur for the body.

We will now go back to our monthly informal sessions on the first Thursday of each month at the **Prime Time** in Marion.

We awarded our annual scholarship to UW-Stevens Point student, **Josh Blankenheim**, of Tomahawk. We also voted to assist Waupaca County Fish Manager **Al Niebur** with a project on the **Crystal River** in Waupaca County.

Our annual crusade against the beaver continues. At the NW Wisconsin Regional Meeting in December, we pledged funding toward beaver control in the **Nicolet National Forest** and adjacent areas.

—Lee Kersten

### Wild Rivers Chapter

Wild Rivers Chapter was awarded a grant of \$1,200 from the **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**. This grant will enable us to produce 20,000 identification cards to help anglers tell the difference between brook trout, lake trout, and splake. We hope to have these printed before the **Conservation Congress Hearings** on April 8 so we can hand them out at the county meetings.

The chapter has also been awarded full funding of \$2,500 for our project related to the **White River** from TU's **Embrace-A-Stream** program. Along with this grant, we will be holding a raffle for a great fly fishing package, including a Sage 590-4 SLT fly rod, Sage rod and reel

carrier, Sage 3300 reel, Sage performance taper fly line, Umpqua leader and tippet, Umpqua trout flies, and a Simms fly vest. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00. Contact me, any chapter member, or area fly shop.

The information for our **angler survey** has been tabulated. We had eight anglers fish seven streams for a total of 60 hours. We caught 18 brook trout (largest was 14"), 3 rainbows, 14 brown trout, 10 Coho salmon, 1 splake, and 1 northern. We will be holding the survey in the fall of 2002 and hope to expand on our efforts.

At our February meeting, **Greg Fischer**, Hatchery Manager at the

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### LUNKERS AWAY

Nohr Chapter members assist with the placement of luncker structures on a recent stream improvement work day.

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**Red Cliff Tribal Fish Hatchery** gave a slide show and talk about his re-introduction efforts for **coaster brook trout** in the waters of Lake Superior. The hatchery has developed a Lake Superior coaster brook trout broodstock (**Lake Nipigon strain**) consisting of three year classes of actively spawning fish. This is the only known broodstock for this strain of brook trout that is available in the U.S. The broodstock is producing up to a million production and broodstock eggs a year. Eggs and fish from the hatchery are used to stock Lake Superior by the Red Cliff Tribe as well as many other state, tribal, and private agencies.

The chapter had a booth at the **Douglas County Fish & Game League Sports Show** at the **Wessman Arena** in Superior the weekend of March 22-24. We are trying to get the word out about our chapter and the projects that are planned. We had have members tying flies and selling raffle tickets.

—Bill Heart

## Wolf River Chapter

The chapter began the new year with a meeting on January 9 at the **Wild Wolf Inn**. Vice President **George Rock** gave an update on our concerns that the proposed **Crandon Mine** would have long-term adverse effects on the Wolf River as a trout fishery. He reported that the State Senate passed two important bills which would help protect it:

- SB160, which would prohibit the use of cyanide, a chemical very deadly to fish, in metallic mining in Wisconsin, and
- SB271, which would end the lax special treatment for the mining industry from the state's surface and groundwater laws.

Electors must be aware whether their legislators vote to enhance the profits of foreign mining corporations at the expense of our clean



## SOUTHERN LEADERS RELAX WITH ICE BREAKER HEADLINERS

Southern Wisconsin members (left to right) Larry Meicher and Ice Breaker Chair Tom Fendrick relax with the stars of the Ice Breaker, authors Rich Osthoff and Dave Whitlock.

waters, or if they vote to protect and enhance them to assure the constitutional rights of their children and future generations to inherit them undiminished in quality or quantity.

Members were urged to attend the State TU State Council meeting and banquet on Feb. 2. Our chapter donated \$100 for prizes.

President **Herb Buettner** and others gave a report on trout stocked in the Wolf River last year.

The chapter renewed its membership in the **Langlade County Waterways Association**, and members were urged to attend those

meetings. They are starting a purple loostrike eradication plan for Langlade County, and it was agreed that our chapter would commit to working the section of Wolf River from the **Irrigation Hole** landing to the Langlade-Menominee county line.

Trout regulations were discussed. Feelings were expressed that members saw no improvement in the resource since the regulations have been complicated statewide. They expressed, as has been conveyed to **Larry Claggett** for several years, that the brook trout inhabiting small feeder streams should have the

same regulations as the **Wolf River** and the **Oxbow** section which has been artificial lures, and catch and release should be one trophy trout per day, browns and rainbows 20+ inches and brook trout 15+ inches.

There was discussion on whether the abandoned railroad should be open for fishermen vehicles from Lily down to the Wolf Road (three miles paralleling close to the river) and from Hwy. 64 north to the railroad bridge at **Hollister**. Members should give their thoughts to our county representative.

—Herb Buettner

## Nohr school program awards water grants

By David J. Petersen

The Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter has long felt it important to support the education of young people on the issues of maintaining viable water resources and environmental sustainability in general.

To help support this education, the chapter offers grants to help finance relevant projects, trips, curriculum, supplies, and field work studies in recent years.

This year the chapter is distributing \$4,000 to these middle and high schools in Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, and Richland counties:

- Barneveld Middle School \$400,
- Boscobel High School \$400,
- Cassville High School \$400,
- Cuba City High School \$500,
- Doudna School Richland Center \$400,
- Iowa-Grant Middle School \$350,
- Pecatonica High School \$500,
- Richland Center High School \$400,
- Saint Joseph School Dodgeville \$250, and
- Saint Mary's School Platteville \$400.

This school grant program is an extension of our group's concern for young people and for clean, cold water and related environmental issues.

It is the intention of the Nohr Chapter that everyone in southwest Wisconsin will benefit from the projects these grants will fund for our area schools.

If your chapter would like more information



## HEY, HOW COME I DON'T HAVE ANY BAETIS?

Marcia Hartwig (left) from the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association engages students in an interactive watershed model during last November's Water Celebration, another of the Nohr Chapter's events that focuses on young people. The cause-and-effect relationships in the model give students a point of departure for making real-life decisions in the use and stewardship of water.

on starting a school grants program, contact Nohr President Jeff Ware at (608) 822-4646.

(David Peterson is the School Grant Coordinator for the Nohr Chapter. —Ed.)



## Banquet committee lists donors, volunteers, and helpers

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Our Banquet Donors are businesses and individuals who support our conservation efforts, and we appreciate your support. Members are encouraged to support these people when you can, and encourage others to support them as well.

### Our Volunteers

Banquet volunteers give of their time and resources in many ways to make this event possible. 2001 banquet volunteers include: Gina Phillips, Patty Holland, Jeff Phillips, Dan Holland, Topf Wells, Dave Westlake, Dave Johnson, Jack Wahlers, Larry Meicher, Bill Heart, Dick Berge, Jim Friedrich, John Cantwell, Lou Gauen, Mike Guth, Jon Christiansen, Darrell Tolliver, Karen Jewell, Jim Hlaban, and Duke Welter

### Our Participants

You, our banquet attendees, make many of Wisconsin TU's efforts possible by your support. We hope you have a great time, and we look forward to seeing you next year! We also welcome your suggestions and participation to make our 18th annual banquet even better.

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### NASH WILLIAMS WITH CPR ITEMS

Former WITU State Council Chair Nash Williams holds the "Consider Proper Release" streamside poster and video he helped underwrite in 1996. Nash was recently paid a visit by Clint Byrnes, who took this picture. Clint says Nash would love to hear from members. Nash can be reached in care of Attic Angel Place, 8301 Old Sauk Road, Middleton, WI 53562 or (608) 662-8842.

## State Council banquet organizers thank supporters

By John Welter, 2002 Banquet Chair

Wisconsin TU will have almost \$7,500 to fund its work on behalf of trout this year after the 17th annual Conservation Awards Banquet at the Oshkosh Park Plaza February 3.

A crowd of over 125 attendees enjoyed an evening of conservation awards, a wide array of prizes, and some healthy camaraderie.

Those in attendance included former Wisconsin DNR Secretary George Meyer, who received the Joan and Lee Wulff Award for Outstanding Conservation Leadership (see separate story on p. 1).

Featured offerings

This year's featured offerings included:

- a trip to the Legends Lodge on Lake Iliamna, Alaska, donated by lodge owners Jack Johnson and Judith Krueger,
- a painted-while-you-wait brook trout by state Trout Stamp award winner Virgil Beck, and
- an outstanding bamboo fly rod built by Donald G. Schroeder of D.G. Schroeder Rod Co. in Janesville.

Handmade items included carved trout by Jeff Welhouse and

John Bethke, an Amish rocker, a Leopold bench made by Bud Nehring of the Hornberg Chapter, and many other fine items.

A fine cast — if that's the right word — of both professional and amateur Wisconsin guides donated guided trips around the state to provide a memorable tour of the state's waters.

We should recognize the contributions made to Wisconsin TU and its chapters by a number of outstanding donors, not only this year, but consistently from year to year. They include St. Croix Rod Company, Sheldon's of Antigo, Hodgman, Inc., and Weinbrenner Shoe Company. If you get a chance to thank these donors in the coming year, do it on behalf of TU and Wisconsin's trout resources.

The proceeds will be used for Wisconsin TU's communications, projects, and other activities on behalf of trout. Banquet volunteers, and those interested in volunteering, will be welcome at the April State Council meeting, where banquet planning will be an agenda item.

## NONPOINT: senate sends package sent back to DNR Board

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tion Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

The CREP program is currently being implemented and will provide \$200 million in federal money, matched by \$40 million in state funds, to purchase 15-year and permanent conservation easements and establish buffer strips along targeted lakes and streams in 55 counties in central and southern Wisconsin.

Wisconsin TU and its coalition partners have proposed an amendment to the rules package that would phase in a buffer requirement following the end of the federal CREP program, thereby resolving the USDA's eligibility concerns. The amendment would also estab-

lish a minimum width of 35 feet for these buffers.

Despite objections by representatives of the Farm Bureau, the Senate Committee appears to have decided this proposal has merit, and has directed the DNR to re-evaluate the rule's approach to buffer strips.

The committee also directed the DNR to reconsider another last-minute change to the rules regarding buffers for wetlands. This change increased the buffer width from 50 feet to 75 feet for "high quality" wetlands affected by non-agricultural and transportation-related activities, but reduced the buffer widths for "low quality" wetlands to as little as 10 feet.

The Clean Water Coalition is

offering the DNR compromise language on this provision as well.

Next steps

The DNR can now decide to modify those portions of the rule identified by the Senate committee, or return the package to the committee unchanged.

Once the rules are implemented, \$65 million per year will be paid for by funds previously provided to the Priority Watershed Program, bonding authority already on the books, and some general revenue funds.

Recognizing that the new rules will increase the workload of county land and water staff, the program provides money to pay for at least one new staff position per county, with additional funds to pay part of

the cost of more staff if required.

As directed by the budget amendment that began this process, the rules provide 70 percent cost sharing to agricultural landowners who are required to implement practices to reduce their soil loss.

The rules provide no cost sharing for cities, towns, or others impacted by the new standards.

Finally, proponents of a mandatory buffer requirement note that while its cost is high, nothing in the rules requires the state to provide additional money to implement their proposal. Rather, it would enable county conservation personnel to require buffers on an "as needed" basis and to use available funds to cost share them.



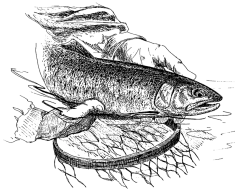


**REPORTING AT COUNCIL MEETING**

Southern WI Chapter President Bill Pielsticker (left) reports during the February State Council meeting on the state's impending revision to the nonpoint pollution rules. Newly elected Northeast Region Vice Chair Larry Kriese (right) updates the Council on a recent meeting in his region.



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**WOW, LOOK AT ALL THOSE FISH!**

About 35 intrepid creek and fish enthusiasts braved threatening weather to observe a fish shocking demonstration last fall during a gathering of the Friends of Rowan Creek. DNR Fisheries Biologist Tim Larson demonstrated how information is gathered from streams on fish populations and discussed how this data is used to make management decisions. Tim's data from previous years demonstrated a three-fold increase in fish numbers after stream improvement work on the Columbia County stream! The group was awed by the numbers of fish that magically appeared in the stream during shocking.



**THIS IS HOW I SEE IT, ED**

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk makes a point to Ed Thompson at the reception held just prior to the gubernatorial candidate forum at the Wisconsin Stewardship Network's annual conference in Stevens Point Jan. 25. Falk and Thompson joined U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, State Senator Gary George, and Green Party candidate Jim Young in discussing conservation, the environment, and other issues.

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### Self-sustaining population spawns in Emmons creek

# Migratory browns carving niche in Waupaca lakes

By Jeremy Hecht

On any day of the year, an angler can fish for brown trout in the Waupaca Chain of Lakes in southwestern Waupaca County. Along with panfish and bass, browns are known to live in 12 of the chain's 22 lakes.

These 12 lakes are not the only "two-story lakes" — those with both warm-water and cold-water species — in Wisconsin. Browns are stocked in other lakes with warm-water species. However, perhaps in no other lakes in Wisconsin are browns self-sustaining. Every fall, browns living in the Waupaca chain migrate up Emmons Creek to spawn.

Al Niebur, a Wisconsin DNR fisheries biologist stationed at Wautoma, has studied these browns migrating upstream to spawn and downstream to inhabit the lakes. He knows roughly when they migrate and their size and age ranges.

But Niebur knows little about what is caught out in the chain. Occasionally Niebur gets a call from someone telling him about some big browns he or she caught. In late January, someone said he had caught five browns that winter over 20 inches long.

"We simply don't know what the harvest is on the chain during the winter or any season. I know there are people that target them, but to tell you how many they catch a year or how many people are actually

doing it, I couldn't tell you," says Niebur.

Ed Avery can see Emmons Creek from his office in Waupaca. Avery, a DNR salmonid research scientist, sampled resident browns in Emmons Creek about halfway up and saw plenty of silvery, wide-

chain by DNR fisheries biologists. The tigers' poor growth and survival rates indicated that they did not feed on browns, among other species. Occasionally a tiger musky is caught in the chain but is undernourished and skinny.

To reasonably estimate how

being exploited by anglers while they are spawning." The trout season on the Emmons ends September 30 and, therefore, a serious problem would exist if fish started migrating upstream to spawn in September. "You could walk the stream and very easily see a 25-inch fish spawning," he added.

The first brown wasn't trapped in 1993 until October 8. In 1994, a fish wasn't seen in the trap until October 15. "They [browns] probably aren't in the creek until October," he said. "So we don't have to worry about any type of fall harvest in Emmons Creek or people targeting spawning fish."

Niebur's data indicated that the peak of the upstream migration happened from late October through early November for both years. He also found that the timing of the migration was correlated with water temperature, which he recorded just upstream of the weir, and rainfall,

which was measured at the DNR weather station at Wautoma. Significantly more fish were trapped on days when the daily low water temperature noticeably increased from the previous day and on days when it rained or the day after a rain.

The highest percentage of upstream migrants, according to Niebur's data, were in the three-year old class. Fish both years ranged in age from two to eight years. In 1993, 48 males and 96 females were trapped. The males averaged 15 inches in length and ranged from 10 inches to 26 inches long. The females averaged 16.9 inches and ranged in length from 10.5 inches to 32 inches.

The following year, 31 males and 75 females were trapped. The average length for males was 15.2 inches and for females was 16.1 inches. Males ranged in length from 8 inches to 23 inches, females from 9 inches to 31 inches. The decline in the number of fish trapped the second year was probably due to trapping efficiency, said Niebur.

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### BUSY TOURIST TRAFFIC ISN'T DETERING BROWN TROUT

Paddlewheel cruises, canoe barges en route to Crystal River canoe trips, and a parade of pleasure boats on weekends appear not to be affecting the brown trout population in the Waupaca chain 'o lakes, but researchers wished they knew more about what makes this population tick.

girthed browns that were migrating upstream from the chain to spawn. He has never sampled spawning migrants on the creek, but he saw a lot more of them in the creek 25 years ago than he does now.

Avery, like Niebur, said there never has been any information on the fishing pressure or harvest on browns in the chain. Niebur and Avery do know that browns in the chain are not being eaten by the tiger muskies that were released into the lakes in the 1980s and followed extensively throughout the

many browns anglers are harvesting, at least two full-time creel clerks working year-round on the chain would be needed, according to Niebur. With 22 lakes on the chain, several access points, and many boats entering and leaving, Niebur knows a thorough, year-round creel census for the chain would cost a small fortune.

### Spawning monitoring

Despite not knowing the extent to which browns are harvested on the chain, Niebur's work on the Emmons provided some much-needed data. Given the challenge of trying to catch and sample browns out in the chain, he set up a one-way weir on Emmons Creek about one mile upstream from its mouth.

From September through December of 1993 and again from October through December of 1994, he monitored the upstream migration of browns. In addition to sexing, measuring, and tagging fish, he took scale samples to determine ages. An important question was the timing of the spawning run.

"One concern we had," said Niebur, "was whether these fish were

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Newsletter back issues sought for CD

# Scanning project preserving WITU history

Wisconsin TU is embarking on a project to collect and scan back issues of the State Council's various newsletters dating back to the organization's founding.

The long-term project is under the direction of WITU Publications Director Todd Hanson.

"When I took over editing *Wisconsin Trout*, I inherited a number of back issues of *Wisconsin Trout*, *Reflections*, and the *Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Quarterly Report*," said Hanson. "Since my 'official' collection of newsletters is not complete, it is occurred to me that we should collect these newsletters before they are tossed out and forever disappear."

Hanson gave chapter leaders a CD at February's State Council meeting with a complete set of *Wisconsin Trout* under Hanson's editorship dating back to July of 1999. The text of these issues is fully searchable because they were created as electronic Acrobat Reader documents instead of physical paper pastes-ups.

The "scans" of older newsletters will not be searchable. Instead, viewing them will be more like looking at photographs or documents on microfilm.

"But just because we won't be able to search for specific names or places in the scans doesn't mean these files will be difficult to work with. Viewing these old newsletters on a computer will be much easier than working with microfilm because we will combine individual

pages into one Acrobat Reader file," says Hanson.

"We will also create a story list for each issue that summarizes its contents. That will be a big help."

Scans will be made at a resolution that will let people print good-looking pages.

Plans call for the completed CD collection to be given to chapters for their records.

The first task in this process is to collect back issues. Aldo Leopold Chapter President Clint Byrnes is donating a large collection of newsletters for scanning. So has Marinette Chapter President Jim Bereza.



FALL 1983 QUARTERLY REPORT

### Fall State T.U. Meeting - Oct. 22nd

DATE: October 22, 1983

LOCATION: Nicolet-Marquette Room, Union Center, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.

TIME: 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the latest.

PROGRAM: Chapter reports and slide presentations of habitat improvement projects recently undertaken. A report by Dr. Jack Henton on the Little Plover River. Election of new council officers and a report by Rick Penn on the Four-Mile Creek controversy.

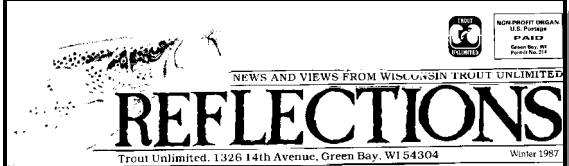
LUNCH: Lunch will be served by Northwoods T.U. The menu is: BEAVER STEW & BEAVER BARK-OUIII! Have the opportunity to try a meal that was once a widely utilized food in the Native American diet.

### Chapter Activities

**Aldo Leopold:** On August 13th the Chester Field Club held at the Beaver Dam Conservationist Clubhouse. About eighty people attended and took part in fine food, conversation and a multitude of door prizes all in the interest of cold water conservation. Awards for outstanding work within the Chapter were given. Recipients were: Earl and Joan Little, Cy and Tooni Sandelbom, Lytle Winkler, Dale Gomerling, and Clint Byrnes. The Chapter has completed two recent work days on Rowan Creek. On August 18th brush was cut for deflector. A total of 4 man hours was logged. On August 20th five brush bundle deflectors were installed requiring 36 man hours.

**Klap-TU-Wish:** Nineteen people showed up Saturday, September 24th, to help stock the Willow River, near Hudson, with 19,500 fingerling brown trout. Those helping were: Curt and Dick Schwartz, Herb Johnson, Chuck and Mark Goossen, Don Curtis, Mike Spittler, Roger and Ruby Fairbanks, Bob Mitchell, Dick Franke, Ted Mackeniller, Eune Johnson, Ted Potvin, Ken and Dorothy Bergmann and Mike Aitler. Special thanks to Dave Simpson and Scott Stewert of the Wisconsin DNR. The fingerlings weighed in at 15 to the pound. The Chapter also reports that on September 17th the Eau Claire-Rush River Sportsman's Club planted 20,000 brown trout in the Rush River.

**Editor's Note:** The Klap-TU-Wish Chapter has been very active regarding small scale hydro and its potential threat to our cold water fisheries. On page 6, Chuck Goossen discusses some of their concerns. Chapter Activities are continued on page 4.



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## BULLETIN - New Governor Seeks To Destroy DNR

### Exxon Suspends Crandon Mine Operation

MINING AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS - In a surprise move last Wednesday, Exxon announced it was suspending plans to open the 200-acre mine in Crandon, Wis. The move followed a coalition of conservation groups concerned about the mine's potential damage to the environment including the Wolf River. Exxon reported that low world metal prices prompted the action.

As this issue goes to press, Wisconsin has a new governor, Tommy Thompson. It's fairly difficult to understand why a person stepped in to resign and background in resource management and public administration. Thompson provides a good example of this. From the time that Robert Herber (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 the Governor, current Minnesota DNR chief who has received heavy charges in the administration of Minnesota government through why political tactics, Minnesota went through four DNR heads in a span of years. All were appointed because of POLITICAL FACTS.

stay overnight and per diem at available motels. Roadstar Inn at 401 / 715/344-8312; 44-3424; Burr Oak Motel on in Rapids; Camelot Chateau Motel at 715/423-1542/2350.

ing is open to all and encouraged to attend. In sharing with members contact your chapter representative.

If you have some back issues, first call Hanson at (608) 243-9025 to see if your issues are on the list of needed issues.

Future issues of *Wisconsin Trout* will list issues still needed for scanning.

Wild Rivers Chapter Heart, the owner of a graphics company, has volunteered to scan the tabloid-sized back issues using his large-scale scanning equipment.

The scanning project is expected to be completed by the end of 2002.

## TU members help organize Appleton mining legislation meeting

Trout Unlimited members were instrumental in organizing and promoting a Jan. 14 meeting in Appleton that brought legislators, experts, and the public together to review

two mining bills passed by the State Senate and under consideration at the time in the Assembly.

Wolf River chapter members George Rock and Herb Buettner

and Fox Valley member Tom Deer helped organize the meeting through the Wisconsin Stewardship Network and the Wolf Watershed Education Project.

and groundwater laws. In attendance were the Assembly co-sponsors of the two bills, Rep. Judy Krawczyk of Green Bay and Terri McCormick of Appleton. Rep. Dean Kaufert of Neenah was also in attendance.

Both bills eventually died in the State Assembly when Rep. Neal Kedzie's Environment Committee kept both bills from reaching the Assembly for a vote.

Proponents of these bills have vowed to renew their efforts in the next legislative session.



### MINING EVENT PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS

TU's George Rock (top, left) talks with the Sierra Club's Dave Blouin. Below (left to right) State Representatives Terri McCormick and Judy Krawczyk meet emcee Bill Kordus of the Twin Cities Rod & Gun Club and WSN Northcentral Hub Coordinator Jim Wise.

The meeting was called to discuss the provisions of the Assembly versions of the already-passed Senate bills:

- SB160, which would prohibit the use of cyanide in metallic mining in Wisconsin, and
- SB271, which would end the special treatment for the mining industry from the state's surface



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Bayfield	Lake Superior & tribs. All other inland waters	Dennis Pratt Scott Toshner	Superior Brule	715/329-7990 715/872-8539
Brown	Western 2/3 and Lake Michigan Eastern 1/3	Terry Lychwick Dave Bougie Steve Hogler & Steve Surendonk	Green Bay Green Bay Mishicot	920/448-5140 920/448-5127 920/755-4982 920/755-4982
Buffalo	Inland waters - north Inland waters - south Mississippi River	Heath Benke Brian Brecka	Eau Claire Black River Falls Alma	715/839-3709 715/839-3709 608/685-6221
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Pierce	Inland waters Mississippi River St. Croix River	Marty Engal Brian Brecka Ron Benjamin	Baldwin Alma Lacrosse	715/684-2914 608/785-6221 608/785-9012
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Rock		Don Bush	Edgerton	608/868-7273
Rusk	Lower Rock Basin South of Hwy. 8 North of Hwy. 8; rivers & their flowages	Jim Lealos Frank Pratt	Park Falls Hayward	715/762-3204 715/634-2688
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Taylor		Dan Hatleli	Black River Falls	715/284-1428
Trempealeau	Inland waters Mississippi River	Dave Heath	Lacrosse	608/785-9993
Vernon		Dave Vetrano Dave Heath	Lacrosse Lacrosse	608/785-9009 608/785-9993
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# NICHE: browns surviving in busy Waupaca-area lakes

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Cooperative anglers did call in to report tagged fish they had caught in the chain. By October of 1994, at least 11 of the browns Niebur had tagged were caught in Long Lake, Beasley Lake, and Columbia Lake. "It was kind of interesting. There was this same group of older anglers who would fish all winter targeting these big browns at the time I was doing the study. Sometimes they wouldn't kill the fish and would take the tag number off and report what they caught," said Niebur. He added that now there is another group of anglers who target big browns in the winter but that all of the fish he tagged have probably died by now.

## Migration back to lakes

Niebur has also analyzed migration out of Emmons Creek into the chain using a rotary-screw fish trap in the creek approximately nine-tenths of a mile upstream from the mouth. He ran the trap from in 1994 from May through July.

The fish ranged in length from 2.9 inches to 21.6 inches. The average length was 5.9 inches. The first fish trapped was on May 18 and the last one on July 25. The data indicated that peak migration downstream was from May 18 to June 15 and was triggered by increasing water temperature and rainfall. Niebur said most of the fish, like all migratory salmonids, waited for streamflow to pick up before swimming downstream in order to use less energy.

Additional studies of browns migrating upstream and downstream between the chain and Emmons Creek is unlikely, according to Niebur. Monitoring traps, especially during leaf fall, is incredibly time consuming, he said. During both of his earlier fall studies, Niebur slept in a trailer for one month to keep leaves from clogging up the weir.

"I froze my butt off (the trailer wasn't heated) and was so worried about leaves clogging the weir that I couldn't sleep for more than two hours at a time," he said. He recalled having a vivid nightmare in which leaves clogged the weir and water was backing up to the door of the trailer.

The thought of having to haul rock and dirt to fix washouts at the sides of the weir, which did shut down sampling more than once, likely contributed to some of those memorable nights in the trailer.

## Watershed management

Although the status of the brown population in the chain isn't known, steps are being taken to help keep the chain's water hospitable.

The County of Waupaca strictly enforces shoreline zoning regulations designed to help safeguard the water quality of the chain's lakes. Every shorefront home is connected to a sewer line. Impervious surface covers no more than 25 percent of most shorefront lots. The county also works with farmers in the Waupaca-Tomorrow Watershed to reduce sediment- and nutrient-laden runoff into waterways.

The Waupaca Chain of Lakes Association is also active in protecting water quality in the chain's lakes. Ken Hurlbutt, a past president of the association, said that its members avoid overusing fertilizers and herbicides.

Hurlbutt said members are encouraged to buy cleaner-burning four-stroke engines when they shop

for a new one. "That is brought up at every meeting," he said.

Boat traffic is a big problem, according to Hurlbutt, who lives on the shore of Long Lake. On several days during the summer, it is so bad that he won't go out to fish on the lake.

## Winter fishing pressure

Niebur and Avery think more trout might be caught in the winter than during the rest of the year because the boat traffic keeps many anglers off the lakes for most of open-water season.

The lake association along with the City of Waupaca and local citizens contribute money to help combat Eurasian milfoil and purple loosestrife, which have invaded some of the lakes. "The milfoil has been kept under control and, slowly, we are winning the battle against loosestrife," said Hurlbutt.

Purple loosestrife exists at the mouth of Emmons Creek but has not advanced upstream. The money to combat loosestrife goes to the science department at Waupaca County High School.

For the past four years, Bob Welch, a science teacher and environmental consultant to the lake association, has coordinated the effort to keep loosestrife from spreading in the chain. With the help of students over the past four years, he has built up populations of two beetle species that eat the leaves and stems of purple loosestrife. Beetles are released in loosestrife patches two to three times per summer.

"The program is in full force now and we are seeing good results," said Welch. Because a single beetle costs \$1.20, he says it is important that they know what they are doing.

Browns can live in the deep lakes of the Waupaca Chain because those lakes have cold, well-oxygenated hypolimnions in the summer and are inhabited by an abundance of cisco, a year-round food source for the trout. And a hard-working science teacher and students, a vigilant lake association, and well-enforced shoreline zoning regulations help keep the water in the chain suitable for trout.

If this unique population isn't overfished, big, silvery brown trout can continue to make their way up Emmons Creek every fall.



## WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

Frank Hornberg member Stu Grimstad gave the State Council an update on the issues being followed by the Water Resources Committee he chairs for the Council.



# Careless culverts harmful to streams

By Larry Kriese

Northeast Region Vice Chair

With 112,362 miles of state, federal, and local highways, Wisconsin has a transportation system to serve the needs of almost everyone.

However, when one considers that in addition to these highway miles Wisconsin also has 12,600 rivers and streams covering over 44,000 miles of terrain, it becomes obvious that these two categories of "highways" can, and frequently do, intersect at virtually every corner of our state.

It is little wonder that the threat of degradation to these natural highways is constantly present. Recent years have seen major degradation, even destruction, caused to our rivers as a result of major highway construction or maintenance projects. Some of these have held a high profile in the public's eye and have resulted in severe penalties being assessed against those responsible for the damage.

Culverts deserve attention

Perhaps the one aspect of local roads that has the greatest chance of negatively impacting a river is the use of culverts. We all drive over them almost daily, and yet many of us may not even realize it. For some local road authorities a river can be viewed as simply a hurdle over which they must jump. Dropping a culvert in, or replacing an old culvert with a similar one, is clearly not always the best choice for the river.

Likewise, doing road grading or shoulder maintenance over an existing stream crossing can exacerbate an already bad situation. Costs for replacing or installing a culvert can vary greatly depending on the location. However, estimates for culverts alone range from \$20 a linear foot for a 12" culvert to \$50 per linear foot for a 36" culvert.

Preparation and installation of the culvert represents additional costs. Given the fact that the size of the culvert used will often be one of the most critical decisions that must be made in order to avoid damage to the river, what will take precedence — cost or the health of the river?

Training for road crews

Larger units of government may be able to afford employees on their staff who have been formally trained in road planning and construction, including addressing environmental concerns.

Small rural government bodies (still prevalent across Wisconsin) may not have had the opportunity to receive the information they need to properly do road work with the environmental quality of rivers in mind.

While they may employ highly qualified personnel with a great deal of expertise in roadwork, these same people may never have been asked to consider their actions on the waterways they work around every day.

What is sometimes unknown, or at

least not considered, is the fact that properly installing and maintaining roads with the environment in mind can actually represent a cost savings on a long-term basis, in addition to protecting the quality of life of all.

A good demonstration of the value of this philosophy can be found in a recent report from the U.S. Forest Service. That report indicated that a road project in Forest County saw 12 out of 15 culvert installations fail and now need repair work. In this writer's opinion, doing a poor job twice is seldom more cost effective than doing a good job once.

Proper culvert placement

There are three major factors to consider when placing culverts in a stream.

- Culverts must be adequately sized to handle the *maximum* flow of water that will pass through them during the year.
- The elevation of the installed culvert must be proper to ensure that water flows freely through it at the *lowest* water level possible during the year.
- The angle of the culvert in relationship to the stream must not change the natural course of the water.

It is also important to keep in mind that some rivers — particularly those of the highest quality — will require that a bridge be con-



## CULVERTS CHALLENGE FISH PASSAGE

Fish are nearly left high and dry in the culvert shown above. Below a mature anadromous fish tries to leap into the water coming from a culvert placed too high above the stream grade.

structed over them if their quality is to be maintained. While bridges are usually more costly than culverts, a rural bridge may cost \$50-\$55 per square foot, not including approach work. The choice must be made between ruining a river and spending extra dollars.

TU eyes and ears

Do problems with road crossings and streams exist where you live or travel? Road and rivers are resources that are important to all of us. Are they important enough to you to get involved?

When you stop your car this spring on your favorite fishing stream, take a minute to study the interaction of the road and river.

When you hear of local road projects, be they new construction or simply maintenance, give your local road authority a call and tell them you are concerned with how the work might affect the river.

Become informed as to the kind of practices carried out by road workers that can harm a river. After all, the river you save might just be your own!

## Resources for good culvert placement

Here are three resources with information on building culverts across trout streams:

1. **Road Commission of Oakland County, MI** — One of the most valuable information tools currently available is a video dealing with the construction and maintenance of rural roads produced by the Road Commission of Oakland County, MI. The video explains how the operator of a road grader can help protect the quality of a stream by simply creating a small berm of dirt alongside a road where it crosses a stream, thus diverting runoff water from the road into adjacent wetlands where it can be filtered before entering the river itself.

The video was produced with major support from numerous TU chapters from Michigan and several other conservation groups. It would seem a worthwhile project for TU Chapters throughout Wisconsin to consider purchasing copies of this video and providing it to their local units of government.

*Keep an Eye on It! Environmental Awareness for Gravel Road Maintenance* (2000), Road Commission For Oakland County, Permits & Environmental Concerns, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328-2742, (248) 858-4891, rccc@rcccweb.org.

2. **The Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department** — This is an excellent video demonstrating how citizens and governments alike can minimize adverse impacts to our lake and rivers as we go about our daily activities. Such forward-looking thinking on the part of Burnett County officials is undoubtedly founded in the belief that taking the time to protect the environment we live in has a direct impact on everyone's quality of life and helps to preserve an economy based on tourism.

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*Rivers: Ribbons of Life* (2000), Burnett County Land & Water Conservation Department. Call 800-876-8636 or visit [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu). Item#VH-7542.

3. **Great Lakes Better Backroads Guidebook — Clean water by design** (12-2000), prepared by Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development Area Council, Inc., 501 Norway, Grayling, MI 49738

## You can spot problem culverts

Here are some signs to look for to see if the above criteria for culvert placement have been met.

1. Does the stream look similar both above and below the culvert?
2. Is there a pooling effect above the culvert, a sign that the culvert is too small and restricting water flow?
3. Is there a deep pool immediately below the culvert? This is another sign the culvert is undersized and artificially increasing water velocity during high water periods.
4. Is there bank scouring immediately below the culvert? One bank being scoured is likely due to an undersized culvert and one installed at an incorrect angle.
5. Is the culvert allowing water through at a depth less than the normal depth of the river above and below the culvert? If so, the culvert elevation is likely set too high, and the culvert is said to be "perched." All of these conditions can be harmful to the aquatic habitat in the stream and will, over time, lead to an overall degradation of water quality.

254 miles of new trout water added

# DNR updates state's official trout waters

The 2002 Trout Streams Book — a county-by-county collection of all official Wisconsin trout waters and their classes — is now available, according to Larry Claggett, DNR coldwater fisheries ecologist.

The book can be accessed online at the DNR Fish Web site at [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/)

fish/faq/troutclass.htm. Copies are also available in paperback.

This comprehensive list of trout streams has been updated for 2002 using the latest trout survey information. Since the last publication of the *Wisconsin Trout Streams* in 1980, numerous changes have occurred.

- the total number of trout streams has increased by 254, and the

- miles have increased by 809.
- the miles of class 1 trout streams have increased by 600 miles,
- the miles of class 2 have increased by 401 miles, and
- the miles of class 3 have decreased by 192 miles.

Most of the increases have occurred in the southwestern and west central counties of Iowa, Rich-

land, Vernon, Pierce, Dunn, and Trempealeau. The reasons for these changes are numerous, including changing land use patterns, land conservation measures, habitat restoration and protection, and wild trout stocking.

**Legal status still to come**

All streams added since the 1980 edition satisfy the legal requirements for trout stream classification in Administrative Code, NR 1.02(7). The DNR will continue to update this list as more classifications are completed.

This classification is for fisheries management purposes and does not satisfy the legal requirements for classifying coldwater streams for water quality protection using discharge permits.

**Stream classification**

Wisconsin trout streams are placed into three classes for fish management purposes.

**Class 1** — These are high quality trout waters, have sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout at or near carry capacity. Consequently, streams in this category require no stocking of

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hatchery trout. These streams or stream sections are often small and may contain small or slow-growing trout, especially in the headwaters. There are 4,136 miles of Class 1 streams and they comprise 40% of Wisconsin's total stream mileage.

**Class 2** — Streams in this classification may have some natural reproduction, but not enough to utilize available food and space. Therefore, stocking is required to maintain a desirable sport fishery. These streams have good survival and carryover of adult trout, often producing some fish larger than average size. There are 4,644 miles of class 2 streams. They comprise 45% of the total trout stream mileage.

**Class 3** — These waters are marginal trout habitat with no natural reproduction occurring. They require annual stocking of trout to provide trout fishing. Generally, there is no carryover of trout from one year to the next. There are 1,591 miles of class 3 streams. Class 3 streams comprise 15% of the total trout stream mileage.

This edition does not contain maps of Wisconsin trout streams. Maps of trout streams using Geographical Information System (GIS) technology are being made and should be available soon.

County	Number	Class 1 Miles	Class 2 Miles	Class 3 Miles	Total
Adams	18	40.9	41.1	6.6	88.6
Ashland	66	31.9	141.9	119.8	293.6
Barron	31	31.0	67.7	5.7	104.4
Bayfield	102	207.7	145.4	67.7	420.8
Brown	4	1.6	8.4	5.3	15.3
Buffalo	21	0.0	33.0	56.6	89.6
Burnett	32	47.8	27.1	9.6	84.5
Calumet	1	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Chippewa	22	77.0	4.3	0.0	81.3
Clark	6	2.7	9.1	10.1	21.9
Columbia	9	12.0	33.0	8.5	53.5
Crawford	40	20.1	96.2	25.6	141.9
Dane	18	10.0	63.6	13.0	86.6
Dodge	3	0.0	5.3	3.0	8.3
Door	8	2.0	10.6	0.0	12.6
Douglas	61	111.1	55.8	66.3	233.2
Dunn	93	39.1	248.2	24.8	312.1
Eau Claire	44	25.1	78.6	71.5	175.2
Florence	104	156.1	82.9	65.3	304.3
Fond du Lac	6	3.0	11.1	0.0	14.1
Forest	98	89.4	351.3	62.4	503.1
Grant	47	30.2	134.7	9.5	174.4
Green	14	0.0	35.2	28.5	63.7
Green Lake	4	3.1	3.4	0.0	6.5
Iowa	50	28.8	139.0	0.0	167.8
Iron	69	51.5	172.3	91.9	315.7
Jackson	93	135.3	105.8	60.8	301.9
Juneau	15	19.0	16.0	34.4	69.4
Kenosha	10	0.0	0	2.5	2.5
Kewaunee	8	4.0	18.2	0.0	22.2
La Crosse	28	27.7	52.1	28.7	108.5
Lafayette	18	0.0	70.7	0.0	70.7
Langlade	171	142.6	246.2	6.0	394.8
Lincoln	126	144.7	230.5	11.0	386.2
Manitowoc	6	1.7	5.1	0.0	6.8
Marathon	64	119.1	81.1	1.0	201.2
Marinette	196	423.4	158.6	44.4	626.4
Marquette	13	40.4	31.9	10.9	83.2
Menominee	54	205.1	73.0	0.0	278.1
Monroe	80	91.9	114.2	54.3	260.4
Oconto	112	209.5	28.9	59.3	297.7
Oneida	73	50.3	88.8	54.8	193.9
Pepin	10	0.8	34.9	2.5	38.2
Pierce	47	51.7	104.0	3.0	158.7
Polk	36	26.4	51.9	11.6	89.9
Portage	44	122.1	34.1	5.0	161.2
Price	71	59.8	114.5	69.8	244.1
Racine	1	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4
Richland	85	110.5	157.0	0.0	267.5
Rock	3	0.0	8.5	7.0	15.5
Rusk	25	62.8	25.3	32.6	120.7
St. Croix	43	37.8	48.7	19.7	106.2
Sauk	28	25.3	60.3	0.0	85.6
Sawyer	65	115.2	70.8	21.9	207.9
Shawano	120	316.7	101.8	18.2	436.7
Sheboygan	13	8.9	28.1	0.0	37.0
Taylor	10	5.5	33.5	24.3	63.3
Trempealeau	72	53.6	67.6	102.5	223.7
Vernon	68	73.6	126.8	98.3	298.7
Vilas	33	46.0	47.4	16.0	109.4
Walworth	7	3.1	13.3	4.8	21.2
Washburn	29	29.4	40.5	15.6	85.5
Washington	1	0.0	3.5	0.0	3.5
Waukesha	14	24.6	19.9	10.0	54.5
Waupaca	38	111.5	68.7	0.0	180.2
Wausara	33	108.1	42.4	0.0	150.5
Wood	6	6.3	14.0	6.9	27.2
Total	2,931	4,036.5	4,637.8	1,591.9	10,266.2

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# Riness offers 'top 10 tips' for beginning fly fishers

Southwestern Wisconsin guide Clay Riness offers these as his top 10 tips for beginning fly fishers.

**1. Don't take yourself too seriously...**

It's supposed to be fun. You don't have to have the mind of Einstein or the hand-eye coordination of Stephan Edberg to enjoy fly-fishing — as much of the contemporary literature seems to suggest. True, catching trout can be difficult, but learning to have fun with a fly-rod is not difficult at all.

**2. Seek a mentor...**

All kinds of flyfishing instruction is available: books, videos, schools, clinics, ad infinitum. Each has its place, but nothing compares to standing at the side of a veteran angler. The friendship you develop can be very special too.

**3. Quit thinking of flyfishing solely in terms of trout...**

All fish are fun on a flyrod! Bass, bluegills, crappies, northern pike, even carp--go forth and figure out how to hook them.

**4. Choose your tackle wisely...**

Forget about buying an "entry level" rod, reel and line. You'll blame yourself for its lack of performance, and it won't have any resale value. Check around; try different rods; ask your mentor's advice. As a general rule, a 4-weight outfit is ideal for the majority of Wisconsin's inland flyfishing.

**5. Join fishing-related organizations and clubs...**

Trout Unlimited or the Federation of Fly Fishermen, for examples. You'll meet people who share your interests, and who are willing to share their expertise as well.

tool of great precision; you'll catch a zillion more fish in the long run by knowing how to use that tool before you face your quarry.

Besides, if you can't get your fly to the fish, you can't fish.

**7. Take up a little basic fly-tying...**

Losing flies is much easier when it's a ratty old thing you tied for eight cents, instead of a two dollar bit of fluff with an intimidating name. Catching fish on your homed-tied creation is a lot more fun too.

And if you keep at it, you'll eventually be able to tie fancy bits of fluff with intimidating names.

**8. Get free catalogues...**

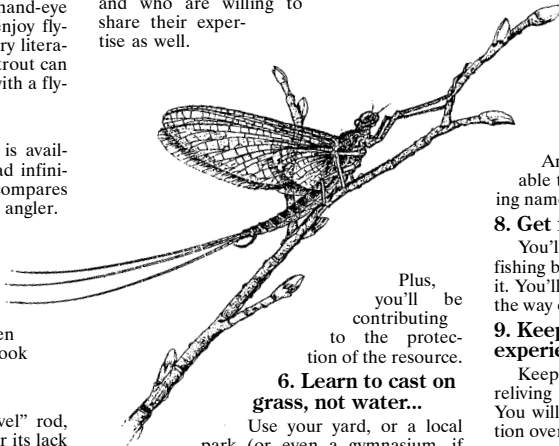
You'll learn an incredible amount about fly-fishing by studying the wish books that cater to it. You'll also get an idea of what's out there in the way of tackle.

**9. Keep a notebook of your experiences...**

Keeping a journal affords you the luxury of reliving your adventures in your own words. You will also be able to process this information over the seasons, and learn from it.

**10. GO FISHING!**

*(These tips originally appeared in the April, 1992, Wisconsin Trails magazine as a sidebar to an article entitled "Casting A Spell." It is reprinted here with the author's permission. -Ed.)*



Plus, you'll be contributing to the protection of the resource.

**6. Learn to cast on grass, not water...**

Use your yard, or a local park (or even a gymnasium, if one's available). This way, you can concentrate strictly on developing and improving your casting, without having to worry about anything else. The flyrod can be a

# Varied patterns help you catch spring steelhead

By Bill Sherer

Steelhead season is upon us, and anxious anglers should take some

time to prepare for before the runs get heavy. Getting your flies to the bottom is one of the secrets to being successful with spring steelhead.

Here are some other tips to make your steelheading better:

- Use bright streamer flies as the fish are moving upstream and then switch to egg-type patterns once they begin to make redds.
- Fluorocarbon leaders and tippet are much more abrasion resistant and will sink more uniformly and faster, giving your fly more contact with the bottom.
- Constantly adjusting your weight to match the stream flow is critical in keeping your fly near the fish.
- Look for steelhead to hold in deeper pools and around large submerged boulders or log jams on cold front days.

**Bill's favorite patterns**

My favorite patterns for spring steelies are:

- 1. Tongue Depressor, #6**  
Tie these in bright colors. (See the October 2002 issue of *WisTrout* for pattern details.)
- 2. Egg Sucking Stone Fly Nymph, #6-2**  
The stone nymph is a well known food source that is easily recognized by many anadromous fish. Increase its effectiveness by adding the bright orange underbody. This is one of my "go to" early spring patterns. Use this fly before the fish settle into their redds, as once they begin to make redds, egg-type patterns will work better.
- 3. Bill's Polar Shrimp, #6-12**  
Tie as you would a small Woolly Worm and fold the egg yarn over the entire back — the oversized



**BILL'S STEELHEAD FAVORITES**

Bill's spring steelhead flies include (clockwise from top left) the Tongue Depressor, the bead head strip leech, Bill's polar shrimp, and the egg-sucking stonefly nymph.

hackle allows this egg pattern to roll across the bottom better without hanging up as much. Make them in as many colors as you would egg flies and see how this improved egg pattern helps your success!

**4. Bead Head Strip Leech, #6**

I use this streamer throughout the season as an attractor. It has

great action in the water, is very durable, and the fish love it. Tie it with brighter thread for steelhead.

I usually use this fly in a size #6 with a 5/32" brass bead for the head. It is also an excellent smallmouth and walleye fly. You should tie some without the bead head also. Try fluorescent chartreuse in the summer!

**STEELHEAD PATTERN MATERIAL LISTS**

**Egg Sucking Stone Fly Nymph**

**Hook:** Dai-Riki 700B weighted in the front 1/3 with .035 un-leaded wire

**Thread:** 3/0 Danvilles dark brown or black.

**Tail:** Dark brown goose biots.

**Body:** Fuzzy Back colored brown.

**Rib:** Brown Vynil Rib, medium

**Wing Case:** Super Shell back, 3/16" wide strip mottled black and brown

**Hackle:** Dark brown partridge folded forward toward eye.

**Under Body:** Fuzzy Back colored hot orange

**Bill's Polar Shrimp**

**Hook:** Mustad 80200BR #12 - #6

**Thread:** 6/0 Danvilles hot pink

**Body:** Yellow medium chenille

**Rib:** Stiff yellow saddle hackle, oversized

**Wing case:** Hot orange egg yarn

**Bead Head Strip Leech**

**Hook:** Dai-Riki 700 or Mustad 9672 #8-2

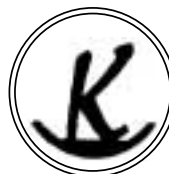
**Thread:** Danvilles 3/0 black or hot orange

**Tail:** 3-4 strands red or pearl Krystal Flash

**Body:** Olive or brown 3/16" rabbit strip, tapered at end

**Rib:** Medium copper wire palmered through body over rabbit strip

**Collar:** Golden pheasant rump



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So, before you begin gearing up for another great trout fishing season in the Badger State, please consider in being a Friend of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Fill out the application below and mail in your Friends donation today.

You'll be glad you did. And so will future generations of trout anglers yet to come. Thank you so very much for your support!

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 8. \$500 for bank, stabilization, and structural improvements on the North Fork Thunder River (Oconto Co.)  
 9. \$1,000 for land acquisition along the White River (Waushara Co.)  
 10. \$1,000 to assist with acquisition of 64+ acres of land along Upper Middle Inlet Creek (Marinette Co.)  
 11. \$7,000 to purchase a Rotary Screw Fish Trap for DNR Coldwater research  
 12. \$3,000 to fund stream improvements and riparian protection in and along streams of Middle Kickapoo River watershed. (Vernon and Crawford counties)  
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 14. \$514 to help purchase recording thermographs to monitor thermal regimes in trout streams in the Buena Vista and Leola marshes (Portage, Wood, Adams counties)  
 15. \$3,372 for installing bank cover and closing side channels in Sand Creek (Jackson and Monroe counties)  
 16. \$3,296 to continue and extend stream bank brushing along Chaffee Creek (Marquette Co.)  
 17. \$1,000 to continue population and movement studies of brown trout in the Mecan River (Marquette County) for potential stream reclassification  
 18. \$1,700 to conduct follow-up surveys on wild brown trout in the Namekagon River (Sawyer/Bayfield counties)  
 19. \$2,000 to conduct studies of fall movements and concentrations of spawning wild brood fish in the Namekagon River (Sawyer/Bayfield counties) for capture and use in raising wild trout for the river  
 20. \$1,000 to assist with the third year of dredging silt and detritus from Elton Springs (Langlade Co.)  
 21. \$1,000 for stream brushing, debris removal, and brush bundle installation in Swanson Creek (Forest County), a tributary to the Rat River  
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 23. \$2,750 to purchase materials for fencing projects approved under the Streambank Easement Program  
 24. \$350 to conduct trout population studies in the lateral ditches listed as trout waters (Portage, Wood and Adams counties) that are under threat from agricultural/cranberry operation encroachment  
 25. \$250 toward habitat work on the West Fork Kickapoo River (Vernon and Crawford counties)  
 26. \$2,000 to fund dredging (silt/debris removal) from McCintock Springs in the southern unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest (Waukesha Co.)  
 27. \$2,000 to create overhead bank cover in and remove beaver dams from Whitewater/Bluff Creek (Walworth Co.)  
 28. \$2,000 for stream improvements in Billings Creek (Vernon Co.)  
 29. \$1,500 for materials for in-stream structures in the Tomorrow River (Portage Co.)  
 30. \$2,500 for stream restoration in Mormon Coulee Creek (La Crosse Co.)  
 31. \$1,500 to assist in production of an educational video on development impacts along the Kinnickinnic River (St. Croix and Pierce counties)  
 32. \$7,000 for stream improvement on Elk Creek (Chippewa Co.)  
 33. \$4,000 for rock hauling and restoration work on Duncan Creek (Chippewa Co.)  
 34. \$1,750 to purchase materials for stream improvements on the North Fork Buffalo River (Jackson Co.)  
 35. \$2,000 to fund backhoe work on intensive habitat improvement in the Prairie River (Lincoln Co.)  
 36. \$500 for stream rehabilitation in Tainter Creek (Crawford Co.)  
 37. \$1,000 for expenses to study the long-term effects on brook trout following the removal of beaver dams on the Pemebonon River in northern Wisconsin (Marinette Co.)  
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 39. \$1,000 to defray expenses involved in holding the Midwest Trout Angling Workshop in La Crosse in July, 2000 (La Crosse Co.)  
 40. \$2,000 to fund stream improvement work on Mormon Coulee Creek (La Crosse Co.)  
 41. \$2,000 to fund restoration work on the Little Pine River. (Waushara Co.)  
 42. \$2,000 to the WDNR to help purchase an easement on Tenmile Creek along Hwy. 13.  
 43. \$2,000 in 2001 plus \$2,000 in 2002 to Wisconsin River Chapter for Prairie River work (Lincoln Co.)  
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## How to request Friends funds

Water Resources Committee Chair Stu Grimstad reminds chapters that his committee approves all requests for Friends of Wisconsin TU funding.

Requests should be sent to Stu (see p. 2 for contact information).

When Friends of Wisconsin TU was created, the following criteria for funding approval were established:

1. Resource projects (materials, supplies, labor),
2. Education (signs, programs, schools, etc.), and
3. Land purchases (assist in or outright purchase of significant land).

**Yes, I want to join the "Friends" of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Enclosed is my check for \$100 or more.**

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