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Monthly
Meeting

BACKCASTS

March Chapter Meeting

by Dee Lehman

Wednesday

May 17th

7 PM

Quality Inn
Lancaster

Program

“Valley Creek
Watershed and
Wild Trout”

by

Tom Prusak

Upcoming
Chapter
Activities

Chapter
Picnic
Meeting &
Swap Meet

Wednesday

June 21st

2006

6:00 PM

Millport
Conservancy
Lititz

Chasing Albies

Bob Wyble, our past Chapter President, recently acquired a nice center console boat and took to chasing Albies along the east coast...in Montauk, NY and off the Outer Banks in Harker's Island, NC. In his usual “principaled” style, he put together quite a travelogue of his adventures. Some of the stars of his show included himself, Bob Kutz, Ted Downs, Bob Bachman and other assorted characters.

First we learned the difference between a Tuna, a False Albacore (Albie) and a Bonito. He then got us off on our trip to Montauk, explaining that this most eastern point on the tip of Long Island is known as the “Serengeti of the Sea” due to the enormous fish migrations that pass that point every year. They stay at the Snug Harbor Motel and motor to the point past the historic Montauk Light, commissioned by President Washington. The southern side is great for Stripers, he points out.

Out at first light, they look for feeding birds that signal fish. The center console boat allows freedom to fight the fish from all sides and to use their intermediate and sinking lines to full effect. And of course, the backing on the reel must be color coordinated (in this case pink) to match your shirt, as Bob Kutz showed in one lovely picture. He also learned that it is crucial to keep the rod tip away from the boat to avoid breakage.

Albie's are caught in abundance and released head first to get the water rushing past their

gills. Stripers and Bluefish can also be caught, so have the wire or extra long shanked hooks at the ready.

Albies feed mostly on bay anchovies, about 2 inches long and tan in color. For stripers, they use half and halves and deceivers. Equipment is important, especially the reels that must have tough drags - he uses Ross Canyon Big Game reels and 9 to 10 wt rods. Two feet of twenty pound tippet is put on the end of a 40 pound butt section. He likes Seagaur fluorocarbon. There aren't any fly shops in the Montauk area so it is best to take everything you will need.

The places to eat are numerous, but special mention goes to the Crabby Cowboy Café - where the guides hang out. He notes that you can fish from the shore as well as from charter boats.

Harker's Island in North Carolina is another Albie haunt that Bob has frequented. An eleven hour drive in the Southern Outer Banks near Cape Lookout and the Shackleford Banks, it can be a busy place! He learned the importance of staying between the buoys, as there are shallows and shoals that the boat can hit or get stuck on outside of the boating lanes. Bob's timing there was impeccable as many Albie's were caught but the sharks showed up too...so not all of the Albie's were whole when they got them in.

Sure looks like fun Bob!

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WHAT'S EMERGING!

President's Report:

by Bob Kutz

Our 27th Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet was a great success. Dan Brandt, our Fundraising Committee Chairman, and his crew of volunteers did a great job of soliciting and procuring the best group of gifts we have ever had. Committee members **Glen Nephin, Kevin Fausey, Bruce Jones, Ted Downs, and Jim Stevens** are to be commended for their tireless efforts towards raising nearly \$20,000 in profit. **Wayne Boggs**, our Treasurer, will issue a final report after all bills are paid.

Special thanks also go to Dan's other volunteers. Those who helped set up the room; those who helped sell tickets; those who handled check in and check out; and those who operated the various games. The clean up crew also deserves recognition.

Other special "Thank You's" go out to all the donors. You saw some of the names of the donors, as well as 20 new advertisers in the Banquet Brochure. Please support these people with your business and thank them for their support of DTU. Your thank you will help ease the way for the 2007 Banquet Committee members.

Speaking of 2007, look for a bigger and better Banquet next year as we will be moving to a new date in March and a new site. Dan reports that **The Host Resort**, located on Lincoln Highway East, will be our new location. They offer ample parking, a larger room, and an expanded menu of great food. The quality of the food was an important factor in deciding to move to a new site. Dan thinks everyone will be very pleased with the food quality at the Host.

The committee is presently trying to expand the variety of items to win; including more family and fishing packages. Dan will announce the new items throughout the year as they become available.

On the Conservation front, **Rettew Associates** has recently completed their assessment of the **Conawingo Creek watershed**. On March 23rd, we held our first informational meeting for watershed residents and township residents. **Mark Metzler**, of Rettew Associates, gave a very good report on why the stream was surveyed and how to protect and enhance the watershed. In all, there are 128 impaired sites

within the Conawingo watershed. Those in attendance were very pleased with the survey and are anxious to get started.

Trout In The Classroom

by Brad McClain

My name is **Brad McClain** and I teach at **Warwick High School**. I teach in the Agriculture Department, teaching such subjects as Wildlife and Welding. The other half of my teaching responsibilities is being the Diversified Occupations Coordinator for High School Seniors who go out on paid work experience with a variety of employers in the local area.

In the fall I attended a **Lititz Run Watershed Alliance meeting** and talked with **Greg Wilson** who perked my interest about raising trout in the classroom. I told him that I would be interested especially since I am teaching an introductory Wildlife course at Warwick. **Greg Wilson, Bob Kutz, and Robert Wyble** from Donegal TU helped me greatly by purchasing the equipment along with scheduling a time for me to meet with Jim Hovan at Conestoga Valley HS. Mr. Hovan had first-hand experience raising trout in the classroom and it was through communication with him during the school year that helped ensure a successful hatch and a viable population of trout.

My fall semester wildlife class was involved with the trout tank set-up and monitoring as well as witnessing the eggs hatching. The spring semester wildlife class got to monitor the trout tank each day recording such things as mortalities, water pH, and temperature. The spring class was also fortunate enough to take part in the stocking of the trout in a tributary of Lititz Run.

As an instructor I was better able to explain watersheds and general aquatic ecology by using the trout as a tangible organism/ educational tool to help wildlife students make the connections between water quality, aquatic species survival, and overall watershed ecology. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. I am looking forward to raising trout again next school year.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Fundraising Committee

Chairman - Dan Brandt

Our 2006 Banquet is complete and I can report it was a great success. As of today, with all but one bill paid, the total profit from the banquet is just under \$20,000. I would like to thank everyone who helped or donated to this event. Without you, this would not be possible.

As my committee grows and looks to next year, we have started to make changes already. As you know we have had our Annual Spring Banquet at the Quality Inn for many years. In 2007 this will change. We have booked the **2007 DTU Annual Spring Banquet** at the **Lancaster Host and Resort**. The date will be **March 10th, 2007**. Mark your calendars now!

The Fundraising Committee is diligently working on new and bigger things for our move. Currently we are working with our local fly fishing shops to set up the fishing trip of a lifetime. This would be your choice of one of eight trips we are setting up from Canada to Brazil. I will keep everyone posted through the year as to how it will all work. Another thing we are looking into is bringing back some of the bucket drawings along with the general raffle table. Many people have asked about the buckets and I am always open for more ideas for a better Banquet. Some of the things we are currently looking at are: a shorter vocal auction; splitting the general auction table into buckets, entertainment, larger quality auction items; trips not limited to certain times of the year; changing the food menu; and making the registration and check out easier.

If you have any feedback on the past banquet or suggestions for the upcoming one, please contact me at flyguy66@ptd.net. Remember **March 10th 2007 at the Host Resort**. I'll keep everyone up to date on our committee's progress through the newsletter as we make the final choices.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Initiative

by Glen Nephin

At the recent State Council meeting Amy Wolfe from TU National gave us an overview of the restoration efforts on the West Branch Susquehanna. Here are some amazing facts about the area:

- 4.4 million acres or 7000 square miles (twice the size of Yellowstone)
- 2 million acres public land
- Population 580,000 - 12 counties
- Home to PA's elk herd
- Several thousand miles of quality streams

While many factors affect water quality, the biggest single cause of impairment is acid mine drainage. AMD characteristics are high acidity (low pH); high metallic

concentrations; and high sulfate levels. There are 36,800 acres of unreclaimed mine land features. 887 known mine drainage discharges have a combined flow of over 300,000 gallons per minute. There are 1,153 stream miles impaired.

TU National has been at the forefront of task force to restore water resources within the watershed. The task force is comprised of various public and private groups with a goal of ultimately improving the quality of life for those living and visiting the watershed. Planning is underway to have the Susquehanna River Basin Commission develop a remediation plan for the West Branch Susquehanna River Basin. Tactics include both passive and active treatments. In addition to the watershed improvements the PFBC estimates there is a \$16,400,000 economic impact from fishery restoration.

TU continues to be involved:

- Kettle Creek AMD Remediation Program
- Support to local TU chapters working on AMD problems
- Free technical assistance for AMD remediation
- Strategic comprehensive West Branch remediation plan
- Economic benefits study
- Support for the reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Land Fund
- Promote the restoration of Brook Trout streams in conjunction with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture

Most of us fish this watershed. We've seen some of the impairment. Restoration comes one step at a time. Every time we volunteer for one of our projects we can and do make a positive step.

Conservation Committee Report

Chairman: Greg Wilson

Dee Lehman and Mark Metzler presented some preliminary information to the residents in the Conowingo Watershed about the assessment that is in progress. Several residents seem very interested and hopefully will get involved in forming a watershed organization. Mark Metzler will be doing the electro-shocking on Saturday, May 13, at 9 AM. If anyone is interested in assisting please call Dee or Mark (394-3721) for meeting locations. Hopefully we will find some areas with wild trout populations. The Lititz Run Watershed Cleanup and Tree Planting was a huge success with over 100 volunteers. We picked up a lot of litter and some other mysterious finds. Volunteers also planted over 300 trees and shrubs. Matt Koffroth will be doing some electro-shocking in Lititz Run in early May. Hopefully he will find more evidence of stream bred trout. He is also doing the chemical and macro invertebrate sampling which should show continued improvement of insect diversity.

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Fly Of The Month

“Dave’s Hen Wing Sulphur Dun”

Submitted by Dave Larsen
from www.flyfisherman.com



Description

This fly is a spin-off from a posted wing thorax pattern I guess, but when I started to experiment with this pattern ten years ago, I tried it because it was easy to tie, and because I always thought the split hen wings looked better. The wings have a translucency that has to help a fish make up it's mind that this is lunch! Also, in Vince Marinaro's old classic " In The Ring of The Rise", he proved that as the dry fly enters a Trout's window, the upright "split" wings are the first recognizable feature the trout sees. The fly also rides in the film- another important feature on clear spring creeks where the Trout gets a good look. I think the splayed lemon wood duck tail fibers make a good looking shuck too. Finally, this fly is so easy to tie, almost any one should be able to get good results right away, and the materials are all readily available.

Recipe:

HOOK: TMC 100 or 101 #16 - #22
THREAD: Uni-thread Light Cahill 8/0
TAIL: Lemon Wood Duck
BODY: Harrop Tannish Yellow
HACKLE: Hoffman Medium Ginger or Cream
WING: Hoffman Light Ginger Hen

Tying Instructions:

Start the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a smooth thread foundation back to the bend. At the hook bend, make a small thread bump to splay the tailing fibers. Then tie on an appropriate number of lemon wood duck fibers (you need enough to float the fly, but don't over do it.) The tail should be as long as the hook shank. Advance the thread to about 1/3 the shank length behind the eye, and tie on two matching light ginger hen feathers with lots of web, on top of the hook. Then stand them upright and secure them in this position with several tight wraps of thread immediately in front of the wings and figure eight some thread around the stems to keep the wings split. They should equal the length of the hook shank. Take your thread back to the bend and touch some fly tying wax to the thread, then dub a nicely tapered body to just behind the wings. Right where you ended the body, tie on an appropriate sized dry fly quality neck hackle with the dull or concave side facing the hook eye. Now add another small amount of dubbing material and wrap a thorax for a foundation for the hackle ending slightly behind the eye. Take your hackle pliers and grasp the tip of the hackle feather and wrap forward to just behind the eye. Take just two wraps behind the wing, and two wraps in front of the wing. Trim off the excess hackle tip and wrap a small head and whip finish. Don't forget to trim the hackle off the bottom of the fly. Also, on light colored patterns I don't use head cement, it discolors the fly.

Conservation at Home

by Greg Wilson

Last week, on the spur of the moment, I was invited to talk to a Boy Scout pack in Brunnerville. I wasn't really sure what they wanted me to speak about other than wildlife. Assuming they must know of my involvement with Trout Unlimited and the Lititz Run Watershed Association, I attempted to babble a bit about all the good stuff we have accomplished at streams in the area. At the end of the presentation I asked if anyone had questions. The question that really got me thinking was "What can we do at home?" As I thought about this question I realized that we have over 570 members in Donegal Trout Unlimited. How great it would be if each one of us did a little conservation at home. We feel good helping with a project of "rolling some rocks" as our president says, or planting some trees. We go home feeling like we are really helping the environment. We are great conservationists. But when we get home to our household chores are we being conservationists? Are we really thinking about the long term effects on the environment that our lawn chemicals, cleaning products, etc. have? Everyone wants a weed-free lawn, but the reality is that the weed-free lawn is just a desert without the clover and other plants mixed in. Our typical Lancaster County mentality is to have a very sterile landscape. My challenge to our Donegal Chapter members is to live and lead by example. Research the chemicals you are using if you need to use them, and use only the amount needed. Reduce the amount of chemical you are using. Any chemicals we use ultimately end up in our watershed. Our water treatment plants were never intended to remove chemicals that we pour down our drains. They are discharged into our waterways with the treated water from the plant. Our drain fields are a direct discharge into the groundwater. Hence, our chemicals are also being directly discharged into the groundwater. When you look at your landscape think about what kinds of native plants you could use to "naturalize" your gardens. Native plants provide food and habitat for native animals, thrive better than non-native plants, and reduce the amount of maintenance needed in the garden. Just by "naturalizing" a small corner of your yard you will provide food and habitat for many birds and other animals, and many hours of enjoyable bird-watching for yourself. **"Build it and they will come."**

Inaugural DTU Swap Meet

by Pete Wise

The first ever Donegal Trout Unlimited Swap Meet is an event none of our members will want to miss. Where else can addicted anglers buy, sell, and browse all manner of fishing tackle while supporting our great club in the process? Nowhere else! Here's how it works.

Any DTU member interested in selling unused or unwanted fishing tackle may reserve a table, free of charge, by calling Pete Wise at 397-2498. A total of ten tables will be available on a first come, first served basis. This event will be held **Wednesday, June 21st** at the **Millport Conservancy** in Lititz (the night of our first Picnic Chapter Meeting). Those who have reserved tables may begin setting up at 5 PM, with the swap meet starting at 6 PM. Members selling fishing tackle are asked to donate 10 percent of their proceeds to DTU, both to support the club's conservation efforts and to help offset the cost of the rented tables. In addition, DTU is making every effort to secure the services of a fishing tackle appraiser, who will be on hand to evaluate any fishing related items members may bring to the event. This will be a fun-filled evening where you can say good-bye to the old stuff, make room for the new stuff, and perhaps find that rod or reel you've always wanted. Hope to see you there!

PA Trout State Council Meeting Wrap Up

by Bob Kutz

The weekend of April 22nd & 23rd proved to be very successful for both Pennsylvania. Trout, and the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Bob Wyble, Scott Trefny and the other volunteers did a fantastic job. The list of speakers was impressive and the Saturday evening show by Sam Talarico held the audience on the edge of their seats. The photos and descriptions by Sam, were very impressive. This was a presentation by a world-class photographer. I am sorry for those of you who could not attend. You missed a great event. Two other presenters, Mark Gutshall and Bob Bachman, also gave excellent presentations: Mark on "Legacy Sediment" problems; and Bob on the Lehigh River as a tail-water fishery. Amy Wolf, a full time TU employee, gave a presentation on how TU National will help tackle the Acid Mine Drainage problems on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. Now this is an ambitious project. Dr Doug Austen, Director of the PA Fish & Boat Commission was also there. Dr. Austen gave several presentations & was available for a question & answer period. Doug implied that 2 new Commissioners will come onboard in a few months. Bob Wyble's objective of presenting DTU as a first class chapter was well met. All of the Officers & Board Members of PA T.U. couldn't say enough "thank you's" to Bob & the DTU volunteers for their efforts. Great Job Bob!

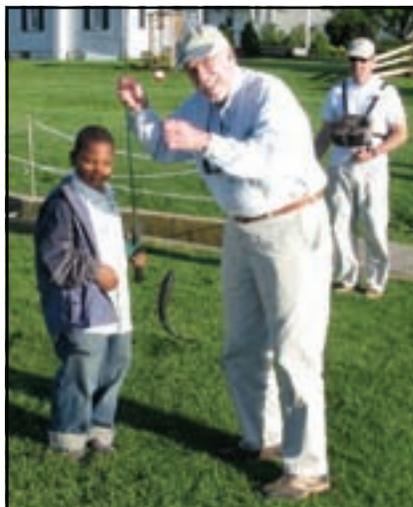
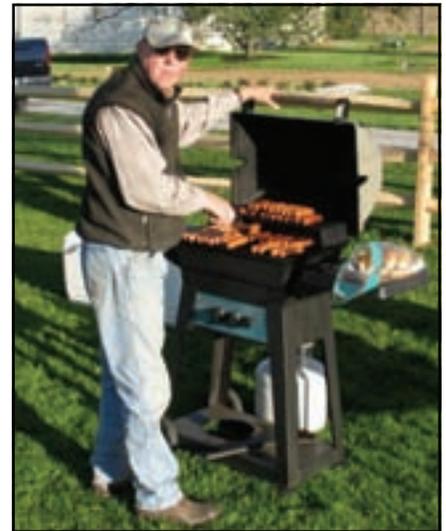
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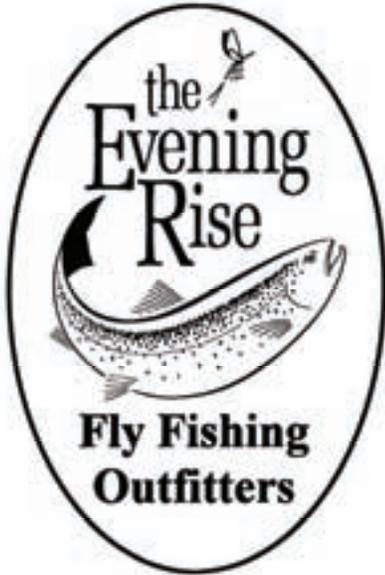
by Wayne Boggs

At our annual banquet on April 1st members showed their support for Casting For Recovery. CFR allows women whose lives have been changed by breast cancer to learn a new sport while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors and reclaiming their mental, physical and emotional health. **Faye Haering** once again did a great job of selling raffle tickets for the rod & reel combo given away to the lucky winner. Because of Faye's sincere effort Donegal TU will be donating **\$390 to CFR**. Thanks to all who contributed.



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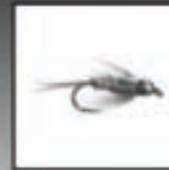
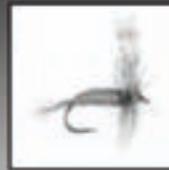
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WHAT'S NEW AT:

Donegal Creek

by Bob Kutz

April 8th, 2006 looked gray and dreary, as rain drops pounded my kitchen windows. Do I really want to do this in these conditions? Yes, I had to answer that question. After a shower, a few cups of coffee and some breakfast, I decided to live up to my commitment to **Kurt Enck** of the **Donegal Fish & Conservation Association**. That commitment was the result of an email from Kurt about a Trout stocking project, which I had of course replied back with a yes.

The windshield wipers were busy as I drove to the hatchery at Pinkerton Road in Mt. Joy. Along the way I stopped at Sheetz to fill my DTU travel mug of coffee for what I thought was the last time. Upon arrival, there were already many cars, SUV's and pickup trucks with numerous volunteers and kids waiting to scoop out the Trout and put them in an aerated tank on the back of a pickup.

Introductions were made and some fishing stories were told before ramrod, **Ken Depoe** said "Hey, let's get going". Immediately nets were put in the race ways to catch the 11" to 13" trout. Once the tank was full, we drove to our stocking point on the Donegal.

Ken asked for volunteers to help float-stock a one half mile section above Rt. 772. Having never float-stocked in my life, I thought why not? I certainly couldn't get any wetter than I was already. Ha! Little did I know.....

I then met with two other volunteers, **John Kelleher**, a DTU member and **Dennis "Denny" Brown**. Denny took the lead rope and I took the rear rope. My job was to keep the fish box from bumping into his legs while he pulled the branches out of the path for our course downstream.

It was interesting to see how 3 strangers could become friends as we worked our way downstream, depositing our precious load along the way. We all traded fishing stories and conservation stories and laughed at a few experiences as well. However I think the final laugh was on me!

As we came to a ripple in the water with a deep hole just beyond it, Denny gave a great pull of the rope to get it over the stones. Since I was always walking in the muddy water created by the lead man, I never saw that slippery rock. Just as the box entered the deep hole, so did I! Water reached all the way up to my sleeves and

into my waders. I was glad at this point that the water temp was in the 50 degree range. Although I was nearly fully immersed, I am happy to report that I did not lose my DTU hat, nor did it float, so technically I hadn't fallen in! John extended a helping hand between chuckles and helped pull me to an upright position. Denny was so courteous with his comment, "Are you OK?", but I knew he was cracking up on the inside.

We finished our appointed task and walked up the bank to Rt. 772 to our pick up site. Kurt Enck, Ken Depoe and the other volunteers soon appeared from stocking the fly stretch and gave us a ride back to our cars. As I drove home, (with one final stop at Sheetz for more hot coffee), I had a good feeling deep down. I had met two new friends while doing something that I really enjoyed. I have come to the understanding that while catching a fish is fun, it's getting to know the rivers and the friends that abound around them that really make life worthwhile.

Lititz Run

by Glen Nephin

New Stile on Creek Road - Tips of the fishing hat to Tom Tedrow and Scott Trefny for their getting a new stile in place at the upper end of Lititz run on the Thompson property. It will be easier to get over the fence and have easier access to that part of the stream. Tom built the stile and he and Scott got it installed on 4/28/06.

Collaborative Agreement For The Upper Delaware River

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13. We agree that releases from the reservoirs should be ramped (changed gradually) over an acceptable period of time, rather than abrupt changes, which damage trout habitat and aquatic insects.
14. We agree that stocking of the East Branch should be abandoned and the stream be allowed to become a wild trout fishery.

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
May	Board Meeting	Wed. 5/10-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 5/17-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Valley Creek Watershed and Wild Trout” by Tom Prusak
June	Board Meeting	Wed. 6/14-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Picnic Meeting and Swap Meet	Wed. 6/21-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Swap Meet and Picnic Meeting
July	Board Meeting	Wed. 7/12-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	No Chapter Meeting	No Chapter Meeting	No Chapter Meeting	No Chapter Meeting

Collaborative Agreement For The Upper Delaware River

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4. We agree that any scientific solution must include Rondout Reservoir (49.6 billion gallons); must scientifically evaluate and revise the current drought curves; and must change and improve the current management system of release implementation.
5. We agree that neither short term (i.e. Revision 8), nor long term solutions, should rely upon computer models that are acknowledged to be either sub-par or incomplete. In other words, solutions must be based models that have been independently validated as being complete, accurate and the best available for specific applications.
6. Using sound scientific information, we agree to pursue and educate our legislatures with complete and accurate data.
7. Research conducted to date suggests a relatively simple structure for a constant summertime release policy would suffice; we agree, however, that releases may at times need to be reduced, in accordance with reservoir levels, so that less water is released when less water is available. Deductions of releases for the fishery should be commensurate with New York City reductions and downstream user restrictions.
8. We agree that non-summertime releases are also important, and we recognize the necessity of formulating a sensible winter release policy.
9. We agree that it is extremely important that fall flow levels, commencing when Brown Trout begin to spawn (late September through October), be maintained through the winter so that the redds are protected and, further, that these winter flow levels also be sufficient to avoid anchor ice.
10. We agree that the DRBC should take the initiative to create a centralized - independently validated - and publicly accessible electronic database for analysis of Delaware River polices and practices.
11. We agree that any and all resolutions, policies, agreements, etc., need to be legally binding, with appropriate - public - enforcement and accountability measures.
12. We agree that West Branch/main stem silting problems must be addressed by restoration work on Cold Spring Brook and Butler Brook, and by avoiding draining Cannonsville below thirty percent when the Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs are relatively full.

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A Proposed Angler/Conservation Organization Collaborative Agreement For The Upper Delaware River

Literally for decades, individual anglers, various fly fishing organizations, area businesses, conservation organizations and interested citizens have all spoken with many individual voices in expressing their concerns about the upper Delaware River fishery. Yet, it seems that despite the differing rhetoric, often there has been a common ground; a common, if unrecognized, sharing of related concerns.

If that is so, then it would also seem that an agreed to framework - based on common agreement on at least some of the common issues - could be developed that would reduce the many individual voices to a few (perhaps even ultimately to one) collective voices. Certainly a single collective voice - on agreed to issues - would be far more influential than numerous individual voices on all issues.

To achieve a common ground - a framework that would enable a more unified, and accordingly, a more influential voice - it would seem necessary to first set forth a draft, then to solicit input to that draft from a broad a spectrum of interests, to consolidate that input, and then to put forth a second draft incorporating that input.

The following is that initial draft. We ask that you read and

evaluate each of the tentative points carefully and reply back to us as to (a) which of these points should be included in a common agreement; (b) if so, what if any modifications would you recommend? (c) are there any additional points that should be included?

1. We agree to advocate for a constant release based policy - that replaces the current complex and ineffective system of banks, flow targets and temperature targets - from the Cannonsville, Pepacton and Neversink Reservoirs.
2. We agree that any forthcoming release policy that does not safeguard the needs for the established coldwater habitat in the main stem is unacceptable. We oppose any policy that effectively 'writes off' the main stem fishery.
3. We agree that a scientific solution must continue to be pursued to determine the available water in the system for the fishery, NYC and other downriver municipal and commercial users. Within these constraints, coldwater releases from Cannonsville should be at levels sufficient to protect the wild trout fishery on the Delaware's upper main stem.

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