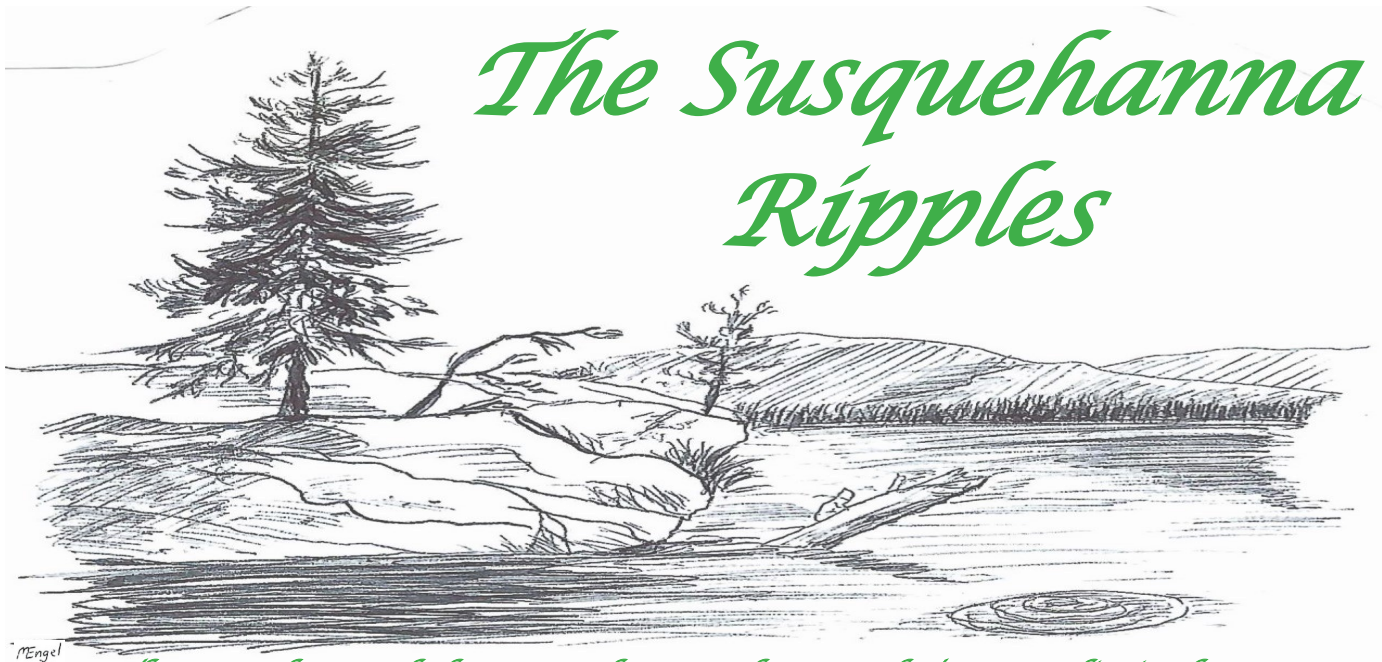


The Susquehanna Ripples



The Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

Youth Fishing Event Scheduled

PA State Representative Jamie Flick will be hosting a Fishing with Flick event on Saturday April 20, 2024 on Lycoming Creek behind Bowman Field. This event was originally scheduled for March 30 but was rescheduled.

The Susquehanna Chapter will be there from 10 am until 2 pm to help and will have our Velcro fishing pond for the younger kids. Representative Flick's office is working with the Fish and Boat Commission on this and fishing will be along Lycoming Creek behind Bowman Field. There will be a limited number of rods and reels available to use and you are welcome to bring your own.

We need your help to make this event a success. We will be baiting lines, teaching casting, helping reel in and net fish, answering questions, helping with the Velcro fish pond, and anything else that may need done. The most important thing that is we have individuals watching over everyone on or near the water to keep everyone safe.

If you would like to help, please contact us for more information.

Program on Slate Run Brown Trout Club & Slate Run Sportsmen's Club to be Featured at Trout Unlimited Susquehanna Chapter Meeting

The public is invited to a meeting of the Trout Unlimited Susquehanna Chapter featuring a program about Slate Run area conservation clubs, presented by John Pastorek. John will provide an overview of the Slate Run Brown Trout Club (BTC) and the famous "Stretch" on Pine Creek, including its genesis, the current fishing opportunities and thoughts about the future. He also will explore the backgrounds of the different trout stocked by the PA Fish & Boat

Commission and the BTC. John will also touch on the conservation efforts of the Slate Run Sportsmen's Club.

John's outdoor experience includes decades of fly fishing, fly tying, backpacking, hiking and other pursuits. John's creative talents include painting and writing. He currently serves as editor of the Slate Run Tackle Shop's monthly e-newsletter, as well as for the Slate Run Sportsmen's Slate Drake newsletter. Professionally, John has served in executive management in the social service, higher education, and hospital / healthcare sectors for many years. While John lives in western, PA, he and his wife, along with their Australian Shepherd dog, frequent their cabin in the Slate Run Area.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W. 4th Street, in Williamsport.** Parking and entrance to the Church is at the rear of the building with access off of Campbell Street.



A Message from the
PRESIDENT

It's mid-March and I really want to do some fishing. It's a cloudy afternoon; damp and chilly...maybe 40 degrees. I decide to grab my gear and go for a walk on the stream that runs through my property. It's a small, wooded stream, maybe 10 feet wide on average, some sections narrower, some a bit wider. This stream is a non-stocked tributary to Lycoming Creek and well downstream of where any trout are dumped, but yet, it does have wild Browns and even a few native Brookies. I approach the first pool cautiously from downstream and I'm higher up on the bank where my binoculars afford me a nice view into the pool. Many Creek Chubs and White Suckers are holding in the slack water and two Fallfish are swimming aimlessly about. I also see a Brown Trout holding closer to the current that sweeps against the far bank. His position is well protected by a screen of drooping Hemlock boughs. This will be tough, not only to present my small, black nymph without spooking fish, but also keeping my presentation away from the ever-hungry Creek Chubs and wandering Fallfish. I work into position very slowly on my knees; camo coat and hat helping me to stay undetected. I get lucky on my first cast and land my offering directly above where the main current enters the pool, while also avoiding the Hemlock boughs. Dang, sometimes it appears as though I actually know what I'm doing! A couple of feet into the drift there's a subtle flash and my line goes tight as a fish hooks itself. After a brief sprint around the pool, a beautiful 10 inch wild Brown comes to net.



With hook removed, I snap a quick picture and slide him back into the water. Dimples now show on the water's surface as a cold rain begins to fall. I had hoped to fish longer than this, but I'm happy with the gem that I just brought to net. Besides, my wet hands are cold and the wood fire back at the house would feel pretty good right now.

Be safe and have fun out there...don't wait for the perfect conditions...just go. Happy fishing!

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Jesse Knowlden with a rainbow trout he caught using a San Juan worm. He was fishing in the East Fork of the Whitewater River in Indiana in early February.

***WARMING UP KNOWING, ITS
GONNA BE ME CATCHING ALL
THE FISH TODAY 🎣***



Anybody you know
do this?

Our Official Newsletter

The **Susquehanna Ripples** is the official newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is published 8 times a year: January, February, March, April, June/July, September, October, and November. Please consider submitting something of interest to our readers; a story, stream report, recipe, photograph, gear review, etc. Submissions received will be placed in the next available issue. All submissions received can be sent to susquehannatu@gmail.com / boblaker@comcast.net.

Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) and are always free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm . Meetings are held at the **Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W 4th St, Williamsport, PA 17701**, in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted). Parking is at the rear of the Church and enter off of Campbell Street.

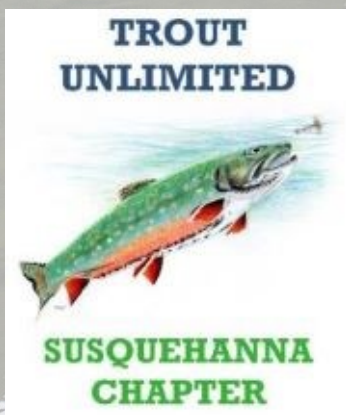
No meetings are held in May, June, July, August or December



Susquehanna Chapter of TU to hold Stream Cleanup on Saturday, April 13th

On Saturday, April 13th the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding a stream cleanup on Lycoming Creek. Volunteers should meet at 9:00 AM at the Trout Run Park Pavilion, which is just south of the town of Trout Run and accessed from old Route 15. At noon, volunteers can return to the park for hotdogs, one-on-one fly fishing and casting tips, and information about local fishing opportunities.

Please consider helping out with this worthwhile event. In addition to the environmental benefits, it will give participants an opportunity to meet fellow anglers who are working to keep Lycoming Creek a great fishing stream.



How Long Does It Take Trash to Decompose?

Paper towel – 2-4 weeks

Paper bag – 1 month

Newspaper – 1.5 months

Apple core – 2 months

Cardboard – 2 months

Orange peel – 6 months

Milk carton – 5 years

Cigarette butt – 10-12 years

Leather shoes – 25-40 years

Styrofoam plastic cup – 50 years

Plastic container – 50-80 years

Plastic bottle – 450 years

Disposable diaper – 550 years

Monofilament fishing line- 800 years

Plastic bag – 200-1000 years



In Memoria
Kristoffer Krebs
By: Charlie Knowlden

Pennsylvania Game Commission Supervisor Kris Krebs, age 46, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on March 12, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 20 years Angela, and his daughters, Rebeka and Danika. Kris was a member of TU and part of our Veterans Service Program. He built a fly rod in one of our classes at the church. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting and fishing whenever he could get the chance. As an Eagle Scout and a game law enforcement officer, he was a steward of the environment. His pleasant demeanor put everyone at ease soon after you got to know him.

I got to know Kris when he was first assigned to Lycoming County. I had already been teaching Hunter-Trapper Education classes for the Game Commission for about 5 years and enjoyed teaching with him for the next 15 years. He would call me when he needed assistance relocating bears and we had a couple of exciting times when he trapped females with cubs. We also had the opportunity to fish together in Maine and New York for Brook Trout, Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon. It brought me great satisfaction to watch him catch brookies with the rod he built and flies that he tied.

His drive and determination were to be admired. About a year ago, he was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer. Despite the prognosis and taking treatments, he still managed to hunt and fish. In the past year, he managed to harvest four deer between PA and Ohio, and two bears in Canada. We spoke at the end of February and he told me that he had been declared cancer free. He was leaving the next day for Pittsburgh to have his colostomy reversed. I spoke with him after the surgery and he said it was successful and they were starting therapy. He was looking forward to coming home and planning another fishing trip to Maine. Five days later, he suffered the heart attack. I'm sure he will be missed by everyone who knew him.



Kris with a huge black bear he harvested.

The Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited sends our deepest condolences to Kris's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers and please know what an impact Kris had on everyone he met and for his devotion and work to the wildlife and environment. His impact will be felt for many years to come.

One of the many beautiful lake trout Kris was able to catch over the years



2022-2023 Trout Unlimited Annual Report

Earlier this year, Trout Unlimited’s CEO Chris Wood released the 2022-2023 Annual Report. Please click the following link to see the report: [Trout-Unlimited-2022-2023-ANNUAL-REPORT-1.pdf \(tu.org\)](#)

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

PROTECTED
OVER 10,000,000 ACRES
of watershed landscapes

9,278 MILES
of rivers and streams






RESTORED
467 MILES
of rivers and streams

301 ACRES
of habitat

RECONNECTED
692 MILES
of rivers and streams

SUSTAINING THIS WORK IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Trout Unlimited’s 400+ chapters and councils connected our communities to:

-  566,056 volunteer hours valued at \$18,000,596 invested in projects
-  3,058 conservation or science/monitoring projects involving 16,536 volunteers
-  3,124 youth activities that engaged 92,990 young people
-  93 events designed for under-represented communities that reached 2,388 people
-  4,328 community engagement activities reached 87,451 attendees

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4, 2024 Trout Season Tune Up. Virtual Event by PFBC (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/210801>)

April 6, 2024 PA Statewide Opening of Trout Season

April 9, 2024 Virtual Intro to Crappie Fishing by PFBC (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/210906>)

April 10, 2024 Chapter Meeting (Slate Run Brown Trout Club and fishing the Stretch)

April 8 - 19, 2024 Lycoming Creek Clean up

April 20, 2024 Pittsburgh Sports Expo

April 23, 2024 Virtual intro to Bass fishing by PFBC (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/210903>)

April 24, 2024 Virtual Event by PFBC: Private Fish Stocking in Pennsylvania (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/211626>)

May 4, 2024 PFBC Intro to Fly Fishing at Montour Preserve (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/206957>)

May 4, 2024 Opening day of Walleye and Sauger

May 11, 2024 PFBC Family Fishing Program and lunch at Rose Valley Lake (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/206958>)

May 23, 2024 PFBC Virtual Intro to Kayak Fishing Program (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/206960>)

May 26, 2024 Fish for Free Day, no license required

June 1, 2024 Summer Membership meeting of the Slate Run Sportsmen. RSVP by May 25. <https://slaterunsportsmen.com/calendar/>

June 8, 2024 Statewide Opening of Bass

June 29, 2024 PFBC Family Fishing Program at Rose Valley Lake (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/206965>)

July 4, 2024 Fish for Free Day, no license required

September 2, 2024 Last day of Regular Trout Fishing

September 3, 2024 Extended Trout Season

September 7, 2024 Fall Membership meeting of the Slate Run Sportsmen. RSVP by August 31. <https://slaterunsportsmen.com/calendar/>

September 11, 2024 Chapter Meeting

September 29, 2024 National Hunting and Fishing Day Event at Bald Eagle State Park (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/206966>)

October 9, 2024 Chapter Meeting

November 13, 2024 Chapter Meeting

November 20, 2024 Virtual Intro to Ice Fishing by PFBC (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/211480>)

Fly Tying Class another Success

We finished up our annual fly tying class in March and we believe it was another success. We had 21 students learning the techniques needed to tie their own flies as well as learning some secrets along the way.

A tremendous amount of time goes into the planning and running of the class and countless hours were devoted. Everything from inventorying material, organizing, putting together materials for each class and setting up and taking down each night, and handling any last minute needs that arose.

We want to give a big thank you to Dave Rothrock and Rick Kintzer who served as organizers and Lead

Instructors. Their knowledge and expertise in fly tying is much appreciated as was their tips and tricks, and stories that they shared with everyone.

The success of the class would not have been possible without the following individuals who gave their time to assist in helping the students with the new skills. We want to thank Steve Martin, Dave Walters, Charlie Knowlden, John Kolb, Rick March, Dave Craig, Jim Latini, and Walt Nicholson who all share the passion for tying and each provided their own experiences.

In all, with everyone helping out, their was well over 175 years experience. Walt Nicholson stated "Lots of fun and we all learned more about fly tying.:

As a follow up to the fly tying

class, the Chapter will be co hosting an Intro to Fly Fishing Event on May 4, 2024 at the Montour Preserve (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/206957>). This event is open to everyone and not just the fly tying class participants. Space is limited to 20 people so please register early.

If you have any suggestions or comments on the fly tying class, please let us know. We want to provide the best possible class's that we can and your input helps us do that.



Will You Be Part of the Chapter's Future?

The Chapter meeting on April 10 will be our last meeting until September. We have traditionally not held any regular meetings during the months of May through August because this is a time to be fishing, vacationing, and enjoying time outside with family and friends. No one wants to sit inside for a meeting when they can be outside.

With that said, there have been times in the past where we have had fish outings / camping, picnics and other get togethers over the summer. Whether we have gotten together at someone's cabin or just gathered along a stream, we did so to bring everyone together and share in everything the great outdoors has to offer. Whether you fish or not, we all share the same thing and that is to protect, conserve and restore our cold water fisheries and watersheds.

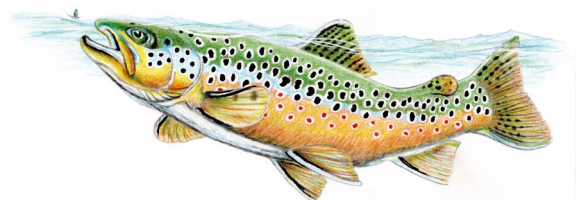
Even though there are no regular membership meetings during the summer months, the Officer's and Directors still meet or exchange lots of emails and phone calls as they plan for the next year.

How can you help?

1. Do you want to have an outing, picnic, or other get together? Many years ago, we had Holiday parties and get togethers. Does this interest you? How about a yearly banquet?
2. What programs do you want to see in the next year? We need topics for 8 Chapter meetings starting in September and running through April 2025. If something interests you, there is a high chance that others will be interested as well. Do you know of someone who would could be a speaker and present a topic of interest? Do you want to learn more about fishing a certain stream or planning a fishing vacation to somewhere across the Country or in some foreign land?
3. We have an annual fly tying class for beginners but is there any interest in an intermediate or advanced fly tying class? Any other class's you would like to have: rod building, lure making, etc.
4. Do you have ideas for fundraising activities? We have been fortunate to have been given enough materials over the past year to have another sale, but are there other ways that we can offer our inventory to the public. There are many ways to raise funds but we need your ideas and help: fish fry, flea market where we offer tables to the public to sell their items, sell items with the Chapter logo, etc. What is the best way for us to market our large inventory?
5. Is there a fishing film that you want to see? If so, let us know and there are places that we can use to accommodate larger audiences.
6. Are there any events that we should be attending? We have been to World's End Day, Cross Forks Music Festival, First Saturday Events downtown, outdoor shows by the East Lycoming School District, and many others. We know that we may miss some events or find out about them late and can not attend.
7. Where should our focus be in the coming year? Should we focus on a specific environmental concern, education, a particular project or issue?
8. Is there a specific project that you would like to be part of? Our last project as a Chapter was building the fishing platform at Trout Run Park. Depending on the project, we need to start planning early because there are many approvals that we need to obtain and it could be a long process.
9. We are doing a stream clean up along portions of Lycoming Creek on April 13. Do you want to see more clean-ups? Do you want to remove invasive species along a section of stream? Do you want to plant trees in a riparian buffer zone?
10. Are there any similar likeminded groups and organizations that we should be partnering with on a project or issue?
11. Do you want to help with the Service Partnership Program? The individuals learn to tie flies or make lures if they choose, build a rod of their choice and go out on the stream. Do you want to help with an outing for these participants? Do you have an idea to further make our program a success? A picnic, friendly fishing contest, a day trip to a secret fishing stream?

I have said this many times before, and that this is your Chapter and we want to give you the things that you want. If something interests you, there are others that share the same interest. The Officer's struggle at times to find presenters or topics for our monthly meetings. There is so much more that we can do but we need your ideas and help in accomplishing this. Please let us know your thoughts and the direction YOU would like us to go.

Trout stocked from Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission state fish hatcheries are subject to the blanket one-meal-per-week consumption advisory that applies to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania.



The Trout Brook

By Sir Charles G. D. Roberts

The airs that blew from the brink of day
Were fresh and wet with the breath of May.
I heard the babble of brown brooks falling
And golden-wings in the woodside calling.

Big drops hung from the sparkling eaves;
And through the screen of the thin young leaves
A glint of ripples, a whirl of foam,
Lured and beckoned me out from home

My feet grew eager, my eyes grew wide,
And I was off by the brown brook's side.
Down in the swamp-bottom, cool and dim,
I cut me an alder sapling slim.

With nimble fingers I tied my line,
Clear as a sunbeam, strong and fine.
My fly was a tiny glittering thing,
With tinsel body and partridge wing.
With noiseless steps I threaded the wood,
Glad of the sun-pierced solitude.
Chattered the kingfisher, fierce and shy,
As like a shadow I drifted by.

Lurked in their watery lairs the trout,
But, silver and scarlet, I lured them out.
Wary were they, but warier still
My cunning wrist and my cast of skill.

I whipped the red pools under the beeches;
I whipped the yellow and dancing reaches.
The purple eddy, smooth like oil,
And the tail of the rapid yielded spoil.

So all day long, till the day was done,
I followed the stream, I followed the sun.
Then homeward over the ridge I went,
The wandering heart of me well content.

<https://www.poetrynook.com/poem/trout-brook>

Golden Rainbow

Silver shimmers swirl and eddy,
Gurgle, splash, slip-slide away.
Rounded river rocks unsteady
Underneath my feet today.

Hiding in the water's shadows
Hungry trout are standing by
Hoping that the nearby meadows
Feed them with a juicy fly.

Carefully I creep and tarry
With my fishing pole held tight.
Hoping the dry-flies I carry
Trick the trout to take a bite.

With a practiced flick of wrist
I cast my line and float my fly.
Rising trout has hit—but missed!
I'm ready for a second try.

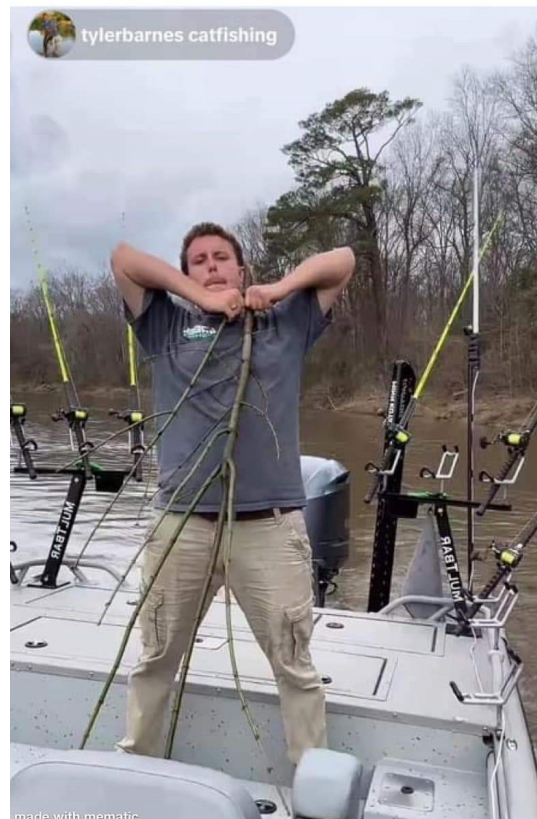
With my fly adrift I'm jerking
It to make it look alive.
Splash from where the trout is lurking—
Barbless hook—it takes a dive.

Carefully the fish is landed,
Lifted to the light of day.
As the fish is held wet-handed—
Golden rainbows on display.

Quickly now, the fish will be
Released into the rushing stream.
Then, when it has been set free,
I'll ever hold it as a dream.

Poems by James A. Tweedie
<https://classicalpoets.org/2022/08/04/fishing-on-the-fly-three-poems-by-james-a-tweedie>

When you are happy enough to start the
fishing season again and finally reel
something in



A push to update PA stream designations for wild trout protection

Pennsylvania's wild trout streams are getting some much-needed attention and outdoor enthusiasts across the state can voice their views on safeguarding fisheries.



A Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership survey found 92% of Pennsylvania sportsmen and women support designating streams for protection when they meet the right criteria.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has collected data on 24 proposed Wild Trout Streams, recommending they receive official designation to preserve their "exceptional" trout habitats.

Nate Walters, Coldwater unit leader for the commission, said protecting streams supports healthy, self-sustaining wild trout populations, which in turn is vital for water quality.

"It's important to protect them from any kind of human impacts that can further degrade these streams," Walters asserted. "Again, it's important to protect these streams for the water quality and habitat protection standpoint, whether it's for instream or the wetlands surrounding the streams."

Walters pointed out all Pennsylvania residents can submit public comments about the Wild Trout Streams designations online. Pennsylvania has more than 80,000 miles of streams and rivers, most of which support fishing, kayaking and boating activities.

Alexandra Kozak, Pennsylvania field manager for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, said officially adding streams to the state's Wild Trout Stream roster will not only preserve world-class fishing opportunities but boost local economies and tourism.

"We have a \$58 billion outdoor recreation economy," Kozak explained. "Considering that roughly 40% of the streams across the state are not suitable for fishing, swimming or even drinking water, according to the DEP, it makes sense to safeguard these exceptional waterways that are already meeting top standards, that can continue to support our outdoor recreation and then continue to drive, you know, our economy."

Kozak noted their 2020 survey showed 1.2 million

Pennsylvanians fished local waterways. She added local businesses like fly shops, fishing guides and bait stores benefit from anglers visiting these areas.

Article written by Danielle Smith of the Public News service. Taken from their website

<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2024-03-22/environment/a-push-to-update-pa-stream-designations-for-wild-trout-protection/a89431-1>

CALLING ALL PENNSYLVANIA ANGLERS!

We need your help. Pennsylvania is home to two giant salamanders, the Eastern Hellbender and the Common Mudpuppy. Both species are regularly found by anglers, often caught accidentally on fishing hooks or in minnow traps.

Anglers have a great opportunity to help herpetologists figure out the distribution and status of these species by simply taking a picture of any specimens encountered and e-mailing the picture, date, time, and location of the observation to info@machac.org.

The Common Mudpuppy is found in the Ohio River and Lake Erie Drainages, in the western third of Pennsylvania. Mudpuppies have large, feathery gills on either side of the head. Adults grow to 19 inches in length.

The Eastern Hellbender was historically found in the Susquehanna and Ohio drainages, covering 2/3 of Pennsylvania. Hellbenders do not have external gills as adults and look wrinkled due to skin folds used for respiration. Adults grow to 29 inches in length.



Common Mudpuppy



Eastern Hellbender



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“I came to light in ‘ninety-six,
In the “Pool” at Upper Dam.
And while lots of folks think I’m a myth,
I’m not, for here I am.

I go to the Lake to summer
And come back here in the Fall.
I’ve met fishermen from all over,
Yes- met and defeated them all.

I’ve got a collection of tackle,
Lines, leaders, flies, and such.
To me they are trophies of battles,
And I prize them very much.

I took one from a man named Parish,
Away back in ‘ninety-nine.
Then Daugherty made a donation
Of fly, leader, and piece of line.

I tackled both Morgan and Morton,
And my souvenirs will show
That I licked them both to a standstill,
Though, they certainly made me go.

Then I mixed it with “Old Man” Barber,
And wrestled with Calkins, too.
The “Old Man” fought me the hardest,
For fishing to Arthur was new.

I had it out with Parker.
And collected from all of the Fairs,
I now have in my collection,
Flies and leaders that since were theirs.

I next took a crack at Van Dusen,
And then gave Bugbee a whirl.
But their tackle to me was as easy
As nuts to a hungry squirrel.

One day I got foul of Tom Miner,
He gave me a heck of a chase,
Down over the reef, through the “slaughter.”
All over the dog-gone place

But I’ve got his “Silver Doctor”
Hooked fast in my lower jaw
When the leader broke, Tom also broke
A part of scriptural law

I had a tough scrap with Steve Palmer,
‘Twas down in the lower pool.
I tangled his gear in Dougherty’s stumps,
And he’ll say I’m nobody’s fool.

I next ran into Nick Boylston
And Nick had some “Rooster’s Regrets.”
I took the first one that he offered
And it’s in my collection yet.

My last real fight was with Wilber,
For he’s a heavyweight too.
When he sat back on his haunches,
I surely had something to do.

He had a guide named “Gillie”
Who sat and watched the fun.
I heard him remark-that night in the dark,
Ain’t he a “snuff-colored son of a gun”?

We neither asked nor gave quarter,
We fought a square fight and I won.
I finally parted his leader,
Though it seemed that I pulled a ton.

I’ve taken on all comers,
And I’ve met some tough ones too.
But they’ve all gone ashore without me,
And I’m out here- READY FOR YOU.



White Nose Pete hangs with our friends at the Rangeley Outdoor Museum because, despite the joke, he is the only three dimensional fish carving by noted waterfowl carver "Shang" Wheeler, and Carrie Stevens' only known reverse-tied bucktail streamer resides in White Nose Pete's kype.

Taken from the American Museum of Fly Fishing Facebook Page

New Video Explains Why Some PA Trout Streams Lack Full Protections

TRCP's short production explains how the state's best waters receive necessary safeguards, but also why a growing list awaits full protections

With Pennsylvania's 2024 trout fishing season opener slated for this Saturday, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is sharing a short explainer video that highlights the problem of a growing backlog of streams that have been recommended for additional environmental designations, but have not yet received them.

The hunting and angling-focused conservation nonprofit will post the video (embedded below) on social media channels in its entirety on April 6, the Pennsylvania trout fishing opener, to ensure that anglers are aware of the issue.



Some trout streams that the state's Fish and Boat Commission have designated as Wild Trout or Class A streams, and recommended for full protection to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection years ago, still haven't received these safeguards. Thus there is a growing backlog of streams awaiting designation at the department. TRCP's video will ensure that anglers are aware of the problem and urge officials to resolve the bottleneck in the process by describing it in an easy-to-understand structure.

"We want to ensure that everyday anglers are aware of how Pennsylvania's streams and trout fishing opportunities are safeguarded, and how they can take actions to help protect their favorite waters," said **Alexandra Kozak, Pennsylvania field manager for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**. "This is a somewhat complicated process, but with a single issue preventing the realization of full protections for many streams."

In Pennsylvania, as in other states, TRCP works to build coalitions from the sporting and conservation communities to identify and work toward shared policy goals around conserving habitat and funding conservation programs. The organization seeks to advance public policy in the state's General Assembly through strategic campaigns, grassroots organizing, and scientific research. This is accomplished by maintaining relationships with the Governor's office, state agencies, hunting and fishing organizations, and regional and local businesses that help champion a hunting, fishing, and conservation-focused agenda.

Top issues TRCP focuses on in Pennsylvania include securing water quality protections for the state's trout streams and the Chesapeake Bay watershed, ensuring legislative support for the outdoor recreation economy, defending hunter and angler access, and promoting the benefits of state-level conservation funding.

To learn more about TRCP's conservation efforts in Pennsylvania, visit the organization's webpage dedicated to state issues at trcp.org/pa.

You can also [send DEP a message to clear the streams backlog through our simple comment form](#).

Banner Image Credit: Noah Davis

<https://www.trcp.org/2024/04/01/new-video-explains-why-some-pa-trout-streams-lack-full-protections>



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Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
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SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:



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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES*

- New Members Only \$17.50
- TU Teen (\$14) (13 - 18 y/o)
- Regular (Renewal) \$35
- Life Membership (\$1500)
- Family (\$55)
- TU Business (\$295)
- Stream Explorer (\$12)
12 years old and under

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check
 - Visa
 - MC
 - AMEX
 - Discover
- Make checks payable to Trout Unlimited

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Name on card: _____

Membership contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law

To ensure correct New Member Rebate, enter Chapter/Council #:

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