

# Susquehanna Ripples



Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

March 2019

## Bugs and Brews coming March 31



A new event in our area will be taking place on Sunday March 31, 2019 from 1 pm to 4 pm. This event is a joint venture between the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited and New Trail Brewing Company of Williamsport.

The Statewide start of Trout Season in Saturday April 13 and this will be a great event to come out and share fish stories, ask questions, learn about gear, tie some flies or learn to tie, and meet members of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited. All materials and tools will be provided.

New Trail Brewing Company is a Williamsport based company and everyone who works there loves the outdoors. They are very active with many groups in our region and with preserving and protecting the outdoors. We are excited to join them in this venture.

This is an event for the entire family and all ages. There will be a food truck on site, non alcoholic drinks available and you will have the ability to taste many of the beers that New Trail Brewing Company has to offer. There is no charge to attend the event but there will be minimal charge for food and refreshments.

This is going to be a fun event with something to do for the entire family so please plan on coming out and spending time with the New Trail Brewing Company and the Chapter.

New Trail Brewing company can be found at 240 Arch Street, Building 18, Williamsport. A map of the location can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

## Public Meeting on Cleaning Streams after Flood Events

In light of the record amounts of precipitation and flooding we have had on many of our local streams, the issue of cleaning out streams to remove debris piles and gravel bars has been a concern to many, and Susquehanna TU has arranged for Dr. Larry Brannaka of the U. S.

Fish & Wildlife Service to present a program on scientific practical approaches to post-flooding stream cleaning. Dr. Brannaka has years of experience in designing and supervising stream restoration projects, and all local and county municipal officials are encouraged to attend this timely presentation. The meeting is open to the public and will be held on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 pm at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, at the rear of 807 West Fourth Street in Williamsport (enter off of Campbell St.) For more information, please see our website at <https://susquehannatu.com/>.

Walt Nicholson

## Flooding and Maintenance of Pennsylvania's Streams

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection strives to assist Pennsylvania communities experiencing the damage and disruption that flooding can cause. DEP has resources available to help municipal officials, property owners, and others affected by flooding of local streams to better understand the regulatory requirements that apply to working in streams. When stream maintenance work is performed in a well-planned, environmentally responsible manner, the likelihood of future problems is reduced.

DEP wants to help Pennsylvania communities complete all necessary stream work in a way that is environmentally-responsible, reduces the likelihood of future flooding problems, and complies with regulations. When in doubt, contact PA DEP for assistance before you start stream work projects. (North-central (Williamsport) Regional Office, 208 W. 3rd St., Suite 101, Williamsport, PA 17701-6448, Phone: (570) 327-3636)

DEP has issued a booklet, Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in your Community, and can be downloaded at

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/PrivateWells/Pages/Stream-Maintenance.aspx>

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Map of New Trail Brewing Company, Williamsport

**Fly Tying Class**

The Chapter fly tying class started February 5, 2019 and has been meeting weekly. The class filled up rather quickly this year and this is a compliment to everyone who works so hard to put on a quality class. The class format is slightly different this year and an effort was made to keep the students with similar tying experience together. The beginning tiers have several instructors available to them and they are taken step by step through various tying techniques and flies. They watch a video of the technique or tying method, the video is stopped and they then do what they just saw. This seems to be a big plus in helping the students learn. The intermediate and advanced tiers are working on more advanced flies and techniques. As always, there is so much more to learn and experience other than tying flies. There are lots of stories and countless years of experience being shared with anyone willing to listen and learn.



The brook trout at the top of page 1 was caught on Boulder Mountain in Southern Utah. The picture was taken by Jason Morrison and was featured in the 2014 Trout Unlimited Calendar for the month of April. The picture is used with his permission and we thank Jason for allowing us to use it.

## Recipe of the Month



## Hot Walleye Dip

**Ingredients:**

- 3/4 pound walleye or similar fish
- 1 small onion diced
- 2 tbs butter
- 4 oz softened cream cheese
- 2 tbs lemon juice
- 1 tbs paprika
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tbs hot sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 cup parmesan cheese

**Instructions:**

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2) Melt butter and add chopped onion and walleye
- 3) Cook about 5 minutes until fish is done
- 4) Use a spatula to flake the fish and stir onion and butter together
- 5) In a large bowl, mix the cream cheese with the mayo and cheddar cheese
- 6) Add the hot sauce, parsley, lemon juice, and paprika. Stir well
- 7) Press the cream cheese mixture into a pie pan or baking dish
- 8) Press the walleye flakes on to the top of the cream cheese being sure to add the cooked onions
- 9) Top with bread crumbs, parmesan cheese, and a sprinkle of paprika
- 10) Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until hot and bubbling

Above recipe taken from  
<https://www.nelliebellie.com/hot-walleye-dip-recipe/>

**The Fish Commission Needs your Help**

At the February 2019 Chapter meeting, we heard from Waterways Conservation Officer's Chad Lauer, Justin Boatwright, and Emmett Kyler.

They indicated that trout stocking for the 2019 season is about to start and as always, they need your help. Fish and Boat Commission personnel stock Pennsylvania streams each year but they need the help of anglers and others to do this. The number of places stocked and the numbers of trout require a lot of people to do this.

The videos mentioned on page 6 of this newsletter show stocking and the importance of having a lot of people. If you are interested in helping or finding out more information, please call the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Bureau of Law Enforcement at

**Welcome New Members**

**Robert Bertin**  
**Michael Boland**  
**Edward Kanley**  
**John Hess**  
**Michael Laychur**  
**Charles Myers**

**Loren Thomas**  
**Richard Thomas**  
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814-359-5250 and they will take your name and information and the WCO in your area will contact you. You can also look on the PFBC website under stocking and the schedule will tell you when and where the stocking will take place, and the number of trout they will be stocking. They also list a meeting place for those who want to help.

**Youth Wanted for Rivers Conservation Camp**

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding the 25th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp from June 16-21, 2019. The camp will again be held at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. The camp begins on a Sunday and ends on Friday.

Admission will be limited to 32 selected qualified students, ages 14 to 17. The applicants must have been born between June 21, 2001, and June 16, 2005. The 32 students will be selected through an application process where they must state why they want to attend camp and obtain a support letter from a school science teacher or guidance counselor.

The camp tuition is \$550 per student. All meals and accommodations are included for the residence camp. A student doesn't have to be an accomplished fly fisher or a budding aquatic biologist to attend. The student only needs to be highly motivated and willing to learn.

The camp will begin accepting applications for the 2019 camp on November 1, 2018. All applications for early acceptance must be received no later than March 31, 2019. Applying via our website is preferred. For more information, a camp brochure, or to apply, visit the camp website at [www.riverscamp.com](http://www.riverscamp.com). Be sure to watch the camp video there. Questions may be submitted at the website or via email to [riverscamp@gmail.com](mailto:riverscamp@gmail.com).

If you know of any youth who would be interested, please let us know as well as start the application process via the [riverscamp.com](http://www.riverscamp.com) website. The Chapter can sponsor individuals and pay the tuition for you.

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT! EMERGING INVASIVE PLANTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Over the next few weeks, we will be heading out to our favorite fishing spots or just to take a walk. While out, please keep in mind that there are invasive plants throughout Pennsylvania. Below is an article from the DCNR website <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/GoodNatured/pages/Article.aspx?post=75> and written by Rebecca Bowen, Ecological Services Section Chief, DCNR's Bureau of Forestry

“Invasive” is a name for plant species that are not native to Pennsylvania, grow aggressively, spread quickly, and displace native vegetation.

Invasive plants are undesirable because they are difficult and costly to control; and can dominate entire habitats, making them environmentally destructive in certain situations.

Some invasive plants came to the commonwealth by accident, and others were brought here and planted in gardens or landscaping.

Invasive plants, even when grown in a cultivated yard, can spread, escape into native ecosystems, and cause landscape maintenance weeding problems for years to come.

### Emerging Invasive Concerns

Pennsylvania has learned to be on the lookout for invasive plant species that are up-and-coming threats. The following plants have been identified as emerging invasive concerns to the commonwealth. These plants species were ranked for their invasiveness” using information available from invasive species databases, scientific literature, expert opinion, and observation by the [Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program](#) through a [Wild Resource Conservation Program](#)-funded project.



**Hardy Kiwi Vine**  
Hardy kiwi vine (*Actinidia arguta*), also called tara vine, is a north-east Asian native used for landscaping. This relative of the kiwi fruit was introduced from horticultural cuttings in 1886. It forms dense mats of twining vines that invades forests, shrublands, and meadows. The vines can overwhelm other plants, including trees. Trunks and branches can break under their weight, especially in ice and snow.

Hardy kiwi vine can tolerate very cold weather (-

25° F or lower) and can grow up to 20-feet each year. This invasive plant has been reported in Philadelphia County.



### Asiatic Sand Sedge

Asiatic sand sedge (*Carex kobomugi*) is native to coastal northeast Asia, first noted on the U.S. west coast in 1907, and on the east coast in 1929. It was used to stabilize east coast sand

dunes until the 1980s. It out-competes natives, but leaves dunes more vulnerable to erosion. In Pennsylvania, this threat is specific to Presque Isle State Park and the Lake Erie shoreline, but it is found along the Atlantic seaboard.



### Policeman's Helmet

Policeman's helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*) out-competes natives by creating dense thickets in riparian areas, moist forests, and wet meadows,

and can lead to soil erosion. It draws native pollinators away from nearby native plants and leads to overall reduction in biodiversity and decline in ecological value. This ornamental from the Himalayas is prone to escaping and spreads easily due to its exploding seed pods. It was introduced in North America in the early 1800s and is now found in Canada, New England, and some Midwest states. A better alternative to plant on your property is the native spotted jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*) or pale jewelweed (*Impatiens pallida*).



### Chinese Privet

Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) is often found on the edges of swamps, riparian areas, and woodlands. An ornamental introduction from southeast Asia in the 1850s, this shrub has naturalized and been spreading since the 1950s. This shrub is a prolific producer of berries, which are eaten by birds and other wildlife, then scattered far and wide. Wildlife eat the berries; however, they have little nutritional value. Chinese privet forms dense stands, displacing native shrubs and shading the

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understory. It has been found in the southern U.S., but also in neighboring New York and New Jersey, as well as other New England states. Its range is expanding northward. Better choices to plant in your backyard include native juneberries, blueberries, or hollies.



### Water Primrose

Water primrose (*Ludwigia grandiflora* ssp. *hexapetala*) is another species whose range is expanding north. This rooted aquatic is native to South and Central America, and was first introduced into Tennessee and Kentucky in 1968 and 1988, respectively. Water primrose grows by stolons, or runners, and can spread on land and water forming a floating mass that chokes out native vegetation, clogs waterways, and hampers outdoor recreation, such as boating, swimming, and fishing. Water primrose is found in the southern U.S., but has been reported in Berks County. Avoid planting this in your water feature or pond.

### How You Can Help Stop the Spread

Be on the lookout for these invasive plants! Learning to identify invasive plants is the first step in understanding and combatting the problem.

They can be difficult to control, but by taking some steps at home and in the wild, you can help limit the spread of these troublesome plants.

Learn more about these and other emerging invasive plants at <https://www.paimapinvasives.org/be-on-the-lookout>

Learn more about invasive plants in Pennsylvania and how you can help control their spread at DCNR's website.

### Donation Received

The Chapter was given a \$100 donation in the memory of Courtney Miele who passed away unexpectedly on January 21, 2019. Courtney was a senior at the Jersey Shore High School and had attended the Chapter's fly tying class's the last 3 years. She was an avid angler and fly tyer and loved everything outdoors. We want to thank her family for their generous donation and they have our deepest sympathy.



### STATE FISH ART CONTEST



Since 1999, the State-Fish Art Contest has introduced students to conservation education through art. Students, grades K-12, submit original artwork of any official state fish along with an essay detailing its habitat, behavior and efforts to conserve it. Winners are selected for grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

The contest involves two parts. The first is to "create and original horizontal 9" x 12" art illustration of any State fish. Secondly is a personally written essay (one side of one page) relating to their chosen fish species, its behavior, habitat or conservation issues and /or needs."

For more information or find out how to register, please go to <https://www.wildlife forever.org/home/state-fish-art/> The registration deadline is March 31.

Above Brook trout picture from Carina Sun won 1st place in Pennsylvania for grades 7 - 9. in 2018.

### Fly of the Month Simple Green Fly

Hook: Partridge SLD2 sz14

Tail: dyed kip tail

Body: turkey quill

Thorax: olive dry fly dubbing

Wing: deer hair

Hackle: chartreuse Dry fly hackle

Light coat of Solarez bone dry over the body



Posted by Lee Barbee on the Solarez Fly Tying - North America Facebook Page

### YouTube videos highlighting the Keystone Select Waterways in Tioga County

Check out the "Step Outdoors" video to witness community partnerships working together to stock one of PA's "Keystone Select Waterways". Thank you "Visit Potter Tioga" for creating the "Step Outdoors" Video, showcasing the Keystone Select Waterway (Pine Creek), and PFBC WCO Chad Lauer, in your area! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2nESaEcMyM&feature=youtu.be>

"Pine Creek, flowing through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, is a great destination for your next trout fishing adventure! Under the new Keystone Select designation, many trophy sized trout are being stocked between Darling Run and Owasee Slide Run. This area is managed under Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only regulation and is a great destination for fly fishing and spin fishing with artificial lures. Located minutes from Wellsboro, in Tioga County, PA. Learn more about all of the great fishing opportunities in Potter and Tioga Counties at [www.visitpottertioga.com](http://www.visitpottertioga.com)"

Here's another great video of the stocking of Pine Creek in Tioga County!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JejUeqM9lw&feature=youtu.be>

*Information above provided by WCO Chad Lauer and from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Facebook page.*

### Memories of Trout Season

It's always great to see old friends and we look forward to the second weekend of April each year. The opening day of trout season in Pennsylvania, and probably around the country, is a holiday. For many, it is one of the biggest and most anticipated days of the year.

For as long as I can remember, I have looked forward to this day because of all the excitement and fun the day brings. No matter the weather - sunny, raining, snowing, cool, or warm - the same people come out year after year. Whether or not any trout are caught, that first day and the days that follow, are a chance to see the outdoors and to see the many faces of the past as well as some new ones.

I want to tell you a story that starts many years ago with a young girl named Catie. My grandfather (Pap) said she was probably in her late teens or early twenty's at that point. He said that she would be one of the first Anglers on the stream each opening day and started every trout season at the same spot on the stream year after year.

Pap said how much joy he had in watching her grow as an angler. The first few years she was on the stream, she was using redworms, night crawlers and the occasional salmon egg. Over time, and as she grew, so did

her fishing abilities. She moved up from worms to using spinners and various spoons before evolving into fly fishing.

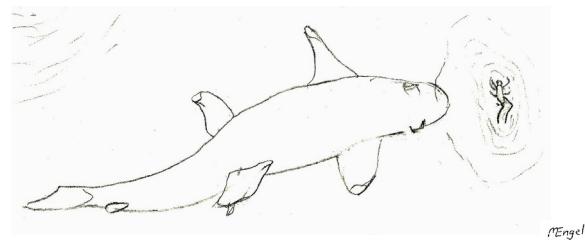
Without a doubt my Pap enjoyed seeing Catie each year. He kept his distance from her and usually upstream. There was a large oak tree that had fallen across the stream and Pap said he liked to stay near it.

Catie met her future husband and he started accompanying her to this spot each year. They were a great pair and each helping the other. What made it really fun was that neither one wanted to out catch the other. Each was content in watching the other and helping them catch their fish.

My Pap passed away several years ago and my Dad could be found on the same stream and got the same joy watching Catie. Dad could usually be found around that old oak tree, just as his father, but he also had a spot on the downstream side of the riffles. There were several large boulders that created some nice pockets of still water and these were a favorite spot for Dad.

Catie and her boyfriend Josh did get married and her new husband was quite the angler. He seemed to be able to catch trout all the time and in all conditions. He liked to use an old rusty swiss swinger that had seen its better days and shared that it was given to him by his father. It was old, well used, and the beads barely had any color left on them but still worked, had a history of catching trout, and was quite nostalgic.

Pap and Dad said that they saw Catie and Josh catch a lot of fish during their time on the stream and they always released what they caught. This is a great thing because if they kept my Grandfather, or Father, I would not be here to tell you their story. You see, I am a brook trout.



### We want your Old Gear

With fishing season just over a month away, many will begin going through their gear and equipment. Some will buy new things while others will use one of the many duplicate items they have.

Please keep the Chapter in mind when going through and sorting your things. The Chapter main fundraiser is selling donated items. We will take any outdoor related item that you no longer have use for. If you wish to donate, you can bring items to any Chapter event or contact one of the Officer's on page 2 to arrange for a pick up.

Thank you for your consideration and for everyone who has donated in the past.

## Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

### 2019 Summary of Planned Adult Trout Stocking\*

Water	Number	Brook	Brown	Rainbow	Total	Trophy**
Streams	707	355,190	610,930	1,567,780	2,533,900	8,253
Lakes	127	79,280	32,560	510,560	622,400	1,340
Combined	834	434,470	643,490	2,078,340	3,156,300	8,583
<i>Cooperative Nurseries (approximately)</i>					1,241,927	
<i>Total to be Stocked</i>					4,398,227	

\* Numbers planned for the stocking year (2/1 through 12/31). Due to a number of variables actual numbers stocked may change.

\*\* Trophy are golden rainbow trout that average 1.5 pounds and 14 inches, their numbers are included with rainbow trout.

Above information taken from the PFBC website <https://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/Stocking/TroutStocking/Pages/>



## Trout Stocking Changes in our Area

### Penn's Creek, Union County

Due to stream re-sectioning, the stocking limits have been extended 0.8-miles upstream. The revised stocking limits will extend for 7.2-miles from the downstream extent of island near end of Jolly Grove Lane downstream to SR 235 bridge in Glen Iron. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in season stocking periods.

Located near the town of Millmont, a 4.3-mile section of stream extending from the SR-235 bridge in Glen Iron downstream to Creek Road Bridge near Libby Road will be added to the adult trout stocking program. Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in season stocking periods.

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brown Trout population, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.8-mile section of stream extending from 500 meters downstream of Cherry Run downstream to the downstream extent of island near the end of Jolly Grove Lane. Formerly, this water had been stocked in both the preseason and in season stocking periods. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in Penn's Creek (downstream extent of island near the end of Jolly Grove Lane downstream to Creek Road Bridge near Libby Road), Union County. This will result in more fish stocked in Penn's Creek in 2019 than in previous years.

### Rapid Run, Union County

Based on concerns for public safety due to unsafe stocking conditions, trout stocking will be terminated on the 3.1-mile section of stream extending from the outflow of Halfway Lake downstream to the Buffalo Path

trail. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a preseason only basis. Fish previously stocked in this stream will now be stocked in Buffalo Creek, Union County.

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/AnglerBoater/AnglerBoater2019/Documents/2019-0304ma06-stocking.pdf>

**Chapter meetings** held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). 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

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## All Major PA Hunting, Angler, Wildlife Groups Oppose Using Environmental Fund Project Money To Pay Agency Operating Expenses

“On February 28, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists, Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever, Quality Deer Management Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Trout Unlimited, and United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania wrote to members of the House and Senate opposing Gov. Wolf’s proposal to use money from environmental funds to pay the operating expenses of DEP and DCNR.

“We are dismayed that the Governor’s budget proposal would redirect much-needed resources from the ESF [Environmental Stewardship (Growing Greener)] and the Keystone [Recreation, Parks and Conservation] Fund in order to pay for state government operations in the coming fiscal year.

“We appreciate the need for the Commonwealth to properly fund the Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The work of those agencies is critical to ensuring healthy fish and wildlife habitat and plentiful outdoor recreational opportunities.

“However, these resources should come from the General Fund—not from dedicated sources established to support local, on-the-ground projects that conserve and restore our waters, set aside natural lands, and support state parks and recreation.

“In particular, the sportsmen and women represented by our organizations want to see more resources—not less—for the ESF, which funds the highly successful Growing Greener program.

“In 2018, a statewide poll conducted for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership found that 80 percent of hunters and anglers support funding the Growing Greener program at \$200 million annually. Under the Governor’s budget, expenditures for this critical work would be cut to \$65 million in the coming year.

“We urge you to work with your colleagues to craft a budget plan that leaves the ESF and the Keystone Fund intact, and going forward, to identify new sources to support the important and necessary work for which these funds were created.”

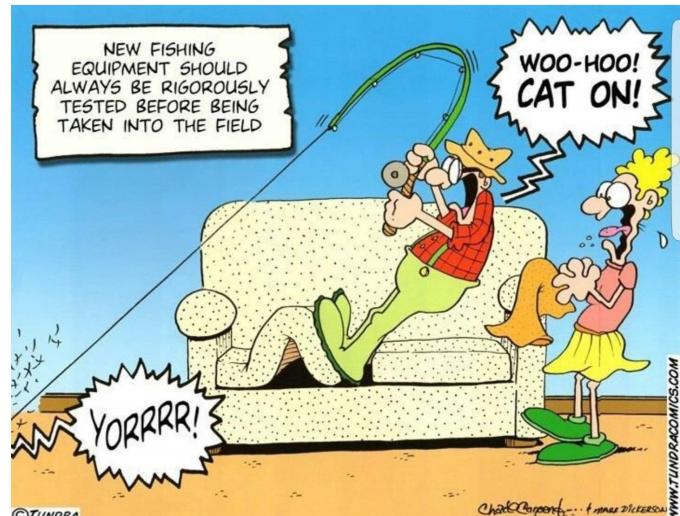
Together, members of these organizations have contributed tens of thousands of hours of volunteer work to help restore Pennsylvania’s stream, woodland and lake habitats. They are doing more than their share to restore Pennsylvania’s environment.

This unprecedented coming together of hunting, angler and wildlife groups (Pennsylvania’s first environmentalists), joins Pennsylvania’s major environmental,

recreation and mine reclamation groups in opposing the use of Environmental Stewardship and Keystone Fund project monies to pay the operating expenses of DEP and DCNR.”

The above was taken from the PA Environmental Digest and a copy of the letter that was sent to Legislators can be found there as well.

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2019/02/all-major-pa-hunting-angler-wildlife.html>



## The Way of the Trout

When it comes to trout- and fly fishing-related video content, the good old days really are now. A search of Web-based platforms will turn up anything and everything, from simple (but interesting and informative) “home” videos to incredible professional productions. The challenge is not finding content, it’s deciding what content to consume.

That said, there is something to be said for the days of yore, before the age of information overload. Especially for those of us who have been around a while, watching classic fishing movies can take us back to those simpler times.

TU’s 1969 movie “The Way of the Trout” is one of those timeless classics. It dates to 1969 and that era’s unique flavor impossible to miss, from the shooting style to the narration to the background music. But the way of the trout hasn’t changed. They still need clean, cold water to thrive. And we still love to fish for them. Most of today’s Internet-based fishing movies are just a few minutes long. That suits modern society’s need for instant gratification. “The Way of the Trout” clocks in at just over 30 minutes. Don’t start watching it unless you’ve got those 30 minutes, because you may a hard time hitting the “stop” button. Watch the video at:

<https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/video-spotlight-the-way-of-the-trout>

## Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Waters

### April 2019

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission continue to add streams to the list of Class A Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout Streams throughout the State. The comment period for the most recent proposed changes will open March 9 and continue through April 9, 2019. There are some local streams listed and to see them, as well as the entire list, please go to <https://www.fishandboat.com/Regulations/Pages/ProposedRecentRegulations.aspx>.

To comment, you must use the online form on the PFBC website or by sending your comments in writing.



### A Letter to Pennsylvania TU Members from President Greg Malaska

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are proposing to significantly weaken protections for our streams and wetlands by rolling back an important regulatory safeguard.

**In 2015, Trout Unlimited members fought for the adoption of the Clean Water Rule. Today, we must make our voices heard to prevent efforts to weaken its protections. We urge you to visit [www.standup.tu.org/stand-up-for-clean-water](http://www.standup.tu.org/stand-up-for-clean-water) today to learn more and to submit public comments to protect your streams.**

The proposed "Waters of the United States" rule would strip Clean Water Act protections from half of the wetlands in the United States and at least 20 percent of stream miles that run dry during part of the year.

The adoption of the proposed rule could bring unchecked pollution into these watersheds, degrade our drinking water supplies, and harm fish and wildlife habitat.

The small headwater streams at issue are the capillaries that feed the Delaware, Penn's Creek, the Little Juniata, and every other blue-ribbon trout fishery in Pennsylvania. These important tributaries provide wild and native trout with cold water refuge, spawning habitat, and nursery grounds for young-of-the-year fish. A

recent analysis by TU's science team concludes that these flows are critical to the health of Pennsylvania's 16,000 miles of wild trout waters.

Pennsylvania's outdoor economy depends on clean water. Hunting and angling of all types supports more than 20,000 jobs, generates \$800 million in salaries, and contributes more than \$300 million to state and local taxes.

Anglers and hunters nationwide have worked to clean up our nation's waters; don't let these important efforts be negated. **Join together and let the EPA and the Corps know how important the Clean Water Rule is to our woods and waters.**

Please take a few moments today to visit [www.standup.tu.org/stand-up-for-clean-water/](http://www.standup.tu.org/stand-up-for-clean-water/), learn about the impacts of the proposed rule, and let those in Washington know how important clean water and healthy streams are to anglers like us.

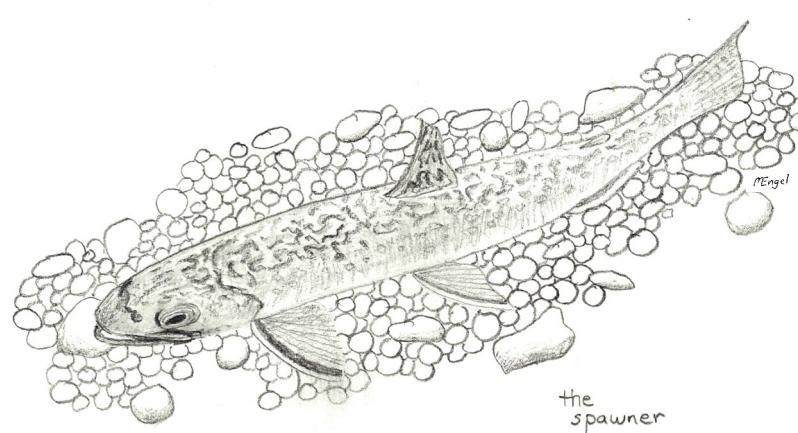
If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Dave Kinney, TU's Eastern Policy Director ([dkinney@tu.org](mailto:dkinney@tu.org)), or Rob Shane, TU's Mid-Atlantic Organizer ([rshane@tu.org](mailto:rshane@tu.org)).

Thanks,

Greg Malaska, President, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited

### Your Help is Needed

The Chapter is always looking for exciting programs and events. A lot of time is put into coming up with quality monthly programs and we want to give you the programs that you want. Do you want to learn about fishing a specific body of water, a certain fish, planning a fishing trip, making fishing lures, make your own rod, the history of fishing in our area, collecting antique fishing gear, fishing in exotic places? Let us know what you want!!!





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#### *Upcoming Events*

**November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018** Mandatory Life Jacket Requirement

**March 1, 2019**

Stocked Trout Waters Closed to Fishing

**March 5, 2019**  
Fly Tying Class

**March 9, 2019**

Lycoming Creek Anglers Club annual meeting at Trout Run Fire Hall at 6 pm

**March 9 - 10, 2019**  
The Fly Fishing Show  
Lancaster, PA

**March 12, 2019**  
Fly Tying Class

**March 13, 2019**

Chapter Meeting - Cleaning Streams after Flood Events

**March 19, 2019**  
Fly Tying Class

**March 23, 2019**

Regional Mentored Youth Trout

**March 26, 2019**  
Final Fly Tying Class

**March 30, 2019**

Regional Opening Day of Trout & Fly Fishing Film Tour in Wellsboro

**March 31, 2019**

Bugs & Brews at New Trail Brewing Company 1-4 pm

**April 6, 2019**

Statewide Mentored Youth Trout

**April 6, 2019**

Slate Run Sportsmen's Spring Membership Meeting at 10 AM

**April 10, 2019**

Chapter Meeting

**April 13, 2019**

Statewide Opening of Trout Season

**June 8, 2019**

Slate Run Sportsmen Summer Membership Meeting at 1030 AM

**July 27, 2019**

World's End Day Celebration

**September 14, 2019**

Slate Run sportsmen Fall Membership Meeting at 10:30 AM

**September 154, 2019**

PATU annual membership meeting

**September 11, 2019**

Annual Chapter Picnic with Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper's Book Club

**October 9, 2019**

Chapter Meeting

**November 13, 2019**

Chapter Meeting