

# Susquehanna Ripples

Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

March 2020

## Public Meeting on Health of the Susquehanna River Fishery

PA Fish & Boat Commission Susquehanna River Biologist Geoff Smith will make a presentation on the research findings and status of the health of the ecological and recreational fisheries of the Susquehanna River, including the concerns over fluctuations in the smallmouth bass populations. Geoff did his undergraduate work here at Lycoming College and is very knowledgeable in the issues affecting fish in our local rivers and streams. The Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited encourages the public to attend and learn about the Commission's important role in conserving our environmental and recreational resources and share their thoughts, concerns and ideas. The meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. and held at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, at the rear of 807 West Fourth Street in Williamsport (enter off of Campbell St.)

Walt Nicholson

## Lewisburg Fisheries Forum - March 19 - 6:00-8:00 PM

Join the Raymond B Winter Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on March 19 at the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn in Lewisburg for a conversation about the Commonwealth's fisheries and the future of our aquatic resources.

We're fortunate to be joined by PFBC Executive Director, Tim Schaeffer, and Commission President, Eric Hussar. They'll talk about the Commission's plans for the upcoming year, and more importantly, they want to hear from you, the anglers of Pennsylvania!

The event is open to the public and free to attend. In order to secure a headcount for the venue, please register through the link below if you plan to attend. We'll start with a guided discussion led by TU then proceed with an open Q+A from members of the audience.

Follow this link or click to register <http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5313402/tu-pfbc-lewisburg-fisheries-forum>

Please reach out to Rob Shane, Mid-Atlantic Organizer with TU by email ([rshane@tu.org](mailto:rshane@tu.org)) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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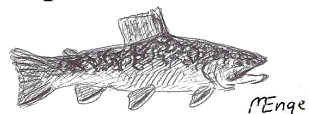


## ***Welcome New Members***

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### **Recipe of the Month**



### **Salmon Scrambled Eggs**

#### **Ingredients**

4 eggs  
1 tablespoon milk  
1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1 tablespoon butter or margarine  
1/4 cup sliced green onions  
1 (7 1/4-oz.) can red salmon, drained, bones and skin removed, flaked or use fresh salmon  
1 oz. (1/4 cup) shredded Jarlsberg or Swiss cheese

#### **Steps**

1. Beat eggs in medium bowl. Add milk, dill, pepper and salt; beat well.
2. Melt butter in medium nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Add onions; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add egg mixture; gently stir in salmon. Cook until eggs are set but still moist, stirring constantly.
3. Sprinkle cheese over eggs. Cover; cook 1 minute or until cheese is melted.

*Above recipe taken from <https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/salmon-scrambled-eggs/73899789-d303-422c-80c0-021152e95d21> by Betty Crocker Kitchens - November 18, 2010*

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.

## **Gov. Wolf Announces New Funding to Repair 10 Hazardous Dams**

“Governor Tom Wolf announced the release of \$23.8 million in funding for a comprehensive, multi-year \$43.5 million plan to repair 10 hazardous dams managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). “The lakes formed by these dams not only offer recreational opportunities in communities, they provide tremendous economic benefits through tourism,” Gov. Wolf said. “Proactively replacing and upgrading hazardous dams is an important safety measure that will help ensure these tourist attractions remain available to Pennsylvanians and our visitors.”

Projects identified for funding assistance under this announcement involve dams that are nearing the end of their designed structural lifespans. Proactive rehabilitation or replacement of these dams is intended to reduce potential failures, substantial property damage, and increase protections for recreation.

“We are extremely grateful to Gov. Wolf for recognizing the importance of preserving this vital infrastructure and the fishing and boating opportunities it provides,” said PFBC Executive Director Tim Schaeffer. “With the commitment of these funds, our agency can move forward with plans to ensure that these lakes continue to be focal points for local recreation and drivers of regional economies.”

The remaining \$19.7 million in funding to complete the dam repair projects is being provided by the PFBC. Priority projects identified for funding assistance include:

- Cloe Lake, Jefferson County
- Fords Lake, Lackawanna County
- Harris Pond, Luzerne County
- Hemlock Lake, Indiana County
- High Point Lake, Somerset County
- Hunters Lake, Sullivan County
- Kahle Lake, Venango County
- Rose Valley Lake, Lycoming County
- Stevens Lake, Wyoming County
- Virgin Run Lake, Fayette County

Facilities listed above will remain open to public fishing, boating and other recreation during the design and permitting phases, which are expected to take several years. Construction timelines may vary based upon design, permitting, funding and environmental considerations.”

Taken from <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-announces-new-funding-to-repair-10-hazardous-dams/> and was posted on February 14, 2020.

## **Streams Continue to be Considered for Reclassification**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission continue reclassify streams to Class A Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout Streams. The Board of Commissioners will consider adding 33 streams to the list of Class A stream and 85 streams to the list of Wild Trout Streams at their meeting on April 27 and 28, 2020.

The Commissioners will also consider revisions to the section limits of streams on 8 streams.

The comment period for these streams continues until March 23, 2020. Any comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to

Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission  
P.O. Box 67000  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000.

Comments may also be submitted electronically by completing the form at

[www.fishandboat.com/regcvomments](http://www.fishandboat.com/regcvomments).

Some of the streams from our region for Class A Wild Trout Waters Include:

- ◆ Wallace Run in Centre County (tributary to Bald Eagle Creek)
- ◆ Pepper Run in Clinton Country (tributary to Long Run)
- ◆ Rockey Run in Clinton Country (tributary to Rauchtown Creek)
- ◆ Germania Branch section 1 in Potter County (tributary to Kettle Cree)
- ◆ Germania Branch section 2 in Potter County (tributary to Kettle Creek)
- ◆ Mille Run in Potter County (tributary to Little Kettle Creek)

Some of the streams from our region for Wild Trout Streams Include:

- ◆ Unknown tributary to Penn’s Creek in Centre County
- ◆ Laurel Run in Lycoming Country (tributary to Muncy Creek)

For a complete list of the streams up for consideration and to see the complete announcement, please go to:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Regulations/Pages/ProposedRecentRegulations.aspx>

## **Unique angling events this year in Pennsylvania: Fly-fishing triathlon and National casting competition**

Pennsylvania will play host to a pair of unique angling-related events later this year. Trout Unlimited will bring something called a fly tri to the Delaware River on May 16, while the Pittsburgh Casting Club will host the American Casting Association's national championships July 28-August 1 in Pittsburgh. A fly tri is a triathlon with a fishing twist added to it. The inaugural Delaware River Fly Tri will feature a run, bike and paddling legs with a dose of fishing thrown in, according to Rob Shane, Mid-Atlantic organizer for Trout Unlimited.

The event in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area near Bushkill, Pike County, will feature a two-mile trail run with some trout fishing, a seven-mile mountain bike ride and a four-mile paddle on the Delaware River. Race slots are limited, with participation capped at just 30 people.

"Our hope for this event is to bring new and diverse users to experience the vast recreational opportunities the Delaware River has to offer," said Shane. "We're also excited about the opportunity to challenge some of our avid local anglers, paddlers, bikers and trail runners to expand their recreational portfolio and experience the Delaware from a different perspective."

Participants must supply their own fishing gear and carry it during the entire race. Fly fishing is encouraged, but not required.

They also may provide their own kayaks and bikes, but rentals will be available from Edge of the Woods Outfitters.

The run leg of the fly tri will begin at Toms Creek trailhead. Toms Creek is a classic Pocono Mountain freestone stream and contains a healthy population of wild brown trout.

Racers will earn a two-minute time bonus for catching a trout based on its length. For example, a 10-inch fish will receive a 20-minute deduction. Only one fish may be entered, and the fish must be quickly photographed and released.

Racers who fail to record a trout in the allotted two-hour time limit for the run will be assessed a 10-minute time penalty.

From the trail, racers will jump on their bikes for an out-and-back course on the McDade Trail. The trail is not paved and has some rough spots so mountain bikes or gravel bikes will be needed.

Volunteers will be strategically placed along the trail, but riders will be responsible to fix their own flats or mechanical issues, so a repair kit is highly recommended.

The course ends at the Eshback Boat Access on the Delaware. From there it's just under four miles by kayak to the finish line at the Bushkill Boat access.

Fishing (for warmwater species) during the paddle leg is also encouraged and there will be a time bonus for those who catch a fish.

Save for one small riffle the water is mostly flat. If river conditions are unsafe, the paddle will be canceled, and the bike leg will be lengthened by a few miles.

All participants will receive a unique race shirt and other swag from sponsors. Following the event, participants and volunteers are invited for an after party at Shawnee Craft Brewery for food, drinks and awards, including grand prizes to the top three men and women.

The registration fee of \$60 includes food, a race shirt and first beverage at the after-party.

For more information, visit the **Delaware River Fly Tri** webpage.

The 2020 ACA National Casting Championships, July 28-August 1, hosted by the Pittsburgh Casting Club at Deer Lakes Park Multipurpose Field in Pittsburgh, will include competitions in fly casting and lure casting, both for distance and accuracy.

The ACA was founded to foster national and international amateur sport competition in angling and casting; to support, develop and train amateur athletes for the U.S. Casting Team and send them to international amateur competitions; to sanction national casting tournaments and maintain uniform rules governing tournament casting; and to educate members of the public about angling and casting.

According to ACA, "Tournament casting started in America in the 1860s with England following in 1881. Fly-casting was the first tackle involved in this sport. "James A. Henshall, the "apostle of the black bass fame," offered the first plug-casting tournament in 1884 in New York. Pioneers in fish management and conservation, Seth Green, Robert Barnswell Roosevelt, Henshall and several others were great casters and promoted tournament casting.

"In 1907, the National Association of Scientific Angling Clubs was formed. The NASAC later changed their name to National Association of Angling and Casting Clubs and its precursor to the existing organization, the ACA. The rods then were made split cane and steel and all casting was done on water in New York, Chicago and Kalamazoo, MI.

"The National Casting Club held casting contests on the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington, DC. Their favorite game in 1939 was Fish-O, a simulation of real angling presentations. The rules of Fish-O evolved and with an updated name became Skish in 1940. The logic behind the name was that it was a companion sport to Skeet but honed the skills of fishing.

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*Unique angling events this year in Pennsylvania: Fly-fishing triathlon and National casting competition continued*

"In the 1940s and 1950s, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, D.C., Miami and other towns had very active casting clubs with large tournaments, including some in Madison Square Garden.

"From the late 1800s to about 1940, tackle manufacturers and outdoor writers promoted tournament casting. They helped increase participation while perfecting tackle and technique.

"During the first two decades of the twentieth century casters in many European countries organized into national federations and casting tournaments started to be held regularly. After World War II, many U.S. ser-

vicemen stationed in Europe competed regularly. This helped increase international interest in the sport and lead to the unification of rules on an international basis."

The above article was taken from

<https://www.pennlive.com/life/2020/02/unique-angling-events-this-year-in-pennsylvania-fly-fishing-triathlon-national-casting-competition.html>

and was posted on February 13, 2020 and written by [Marcus Schneck | mschneck@pennlive.com](mailto:mschneck@pennlive.com)

### Upcoming Events

**November 1 - April 30, 2020**  
Mandatory Life Jacket Wear

**March 3, 2020**  
Fly Tying class at 7 pm

**March 7, 2020**  
Great Lakes Walleye University in  
Erie, PA

**March 7 - 8, 2020**  
The Fly Fishing Show/Lancaster

**March 10, 2020**  
Fly Tying class at 7 pm

**March 11, 2020**  
Chapter Meeting - Geoff Smith,  
PF&BC Susquehanna River Biolo-  
gist, Smallmouth Bass and other  
new findings of Susquehanna River  
Fisheries Studies

**March 14, 2020**  
Fly Fishing Film tour at the Dean  
Center, Wellsboro

**March 17, 2020**  
Fly Tying class at 7 pm

**March 21, 2020**  
Central PA Fly Fishing Show (220  
Martin Street, Bellwood, PA)

**March 24, 2020**  
Fly Tying class at 7 pm

**March 28, 2020**  
Mentored Youth Trout Day for 18  
Southeastern Counties

**March 31, 2020**  
Fly Tying class at 7 pm

**April 4, 2020**  
Regional Opening Day of Trout for  
18 Southeastern Counties

**April 4, 2020**  
Slate Run Sportsmen Spring Meet-  
ing at 10 am at Hotel Manor.  
[slaterunsportsmen.com/calendar/](http://slaterunsportsmen.com/calendar/)

**April 8, 2020**  
Chapter Meeting - Shawn Rummel,  
Field and Research Manager  
of TU's Eastern Abandoned  
Mine Program & Eastern Brook  
Trout Habitat Initiative coming to  
present a program on Upper Loy-  
alsock Creek restoration work, ini-  
tiatives and potential project evalua-  
tion strategies

**April 11, 2020**  
Mentored Youth Trout Day  
Statewide

**April 18**  
Statewide Opening day of Trout

**May 2, 2020**  
Opening day of Walleye

**May 24, 2020**  
Fish for Free Day

**June 13, 2020**  
Opening Day of Bass

**June 13, 2020**  
Slate Run Sportsmen Pat Eroh  
Summer Picnic at 1030. at the  
Brown Township Fire Hall. [slat-  
erunsportsmen.com/calendar/](http://slaterunsportsmen.com/calendar/)

**July 4, 2020**  
Fish for Free Day

**September 8, 2020**  
Extended Trout Season Begins

**September 9, 2020**  
Chapter Meeting

**September 12, 2020**  
Slate Run Sportsmen Fall Meeting  
at 1030 am at the Brown Township  
Fire Hall. [slaterunsportsmen.com/  
calendar/](http://slaterunsportsmen.com/calendar/)

**October 14, 2020**  
Chapter Meeting


**November 11, 2020**  
Chapter Meeting

**December 1, 2020**  
Fishing Licenses for 2020 go on  
sale



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Since 1964, the Mission of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to work to conserve, protect and restore Central Pennsylvania's Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds



**March Brown Wet Fly**  
Mayfly Imitation

<u>Naturals Imitated</u>	
Name	Region/Season
American March Brown (Stenonema vicarium)	Eastern Mar - Jun

The March Brown wet fly can be used to imitate emergers and drowned American March Brown mayflies.

This pattern can also be used to imitate a variety of similar colored mayfly species.

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**March Brown Wet Fly**

Hook: Wet fly, sizes 10-14  
 Thread: Brown  
 Tail: Woodduck flank fibers  
 Body: Hare's mask dubbing  
 Rib: Yellow thread  
 Wing: Mottled turkey wing quill segments  
 Hackle: Partridge

**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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