

# THE ROLLCAST

The eNews Letter of Cape Cod T U Chapter 460

January 2017

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## Presidents Message

As your new president of the Cape Cod Chapter of Trout Unlimited, I am honored to be able to serve our grassroots, conservation organization. I hope to be able to leverage my experience and passion to further the goals of our local chapter.

We can all be thankful for Dan Tobin's leadership in guiding CCTU the past two years. He brought a hands on approach to ensuring that the chapter's signature events (Fly Fishing School, Fundraising Banquet, Quashnet River Restoration, and Toys for Tots Christmas/Holiday Collections, etc.) were successful and something we can all be most proud. We are fortunate that he will continue to assist our chapter in many key areas (Guest Speaker Program, Fly Fishing School, and Winter Tying Nights). Thank you Dan and well done!

We have elected new members to the Board of Directors (BODs). Across the board, this is a winning team that is talented, dedicated, and motivated. Jim Driscoll and Tom Planert join us and have been active members on the Quashnet River restoration. Additionally, Fred Monahan recently joined our chapter and has previous experience in teaching fly fishing, and has put in some volunteer hours on the "river." We are happy to have them all on board; thanks for stepping up into a leadership role. Other changes to the leadership team include moving Charles Orr to be the Treasurer. He is smart and will do well in his new role. Last month, Dave Palmer took the helm as Editor of the "Rollcast" and has been making his mark. Lastly, we say goodbye to Dan McGovern who selflessly served us all by preparing the Coffee and Snacks; and then most recently, he helped run and organize the Monthly Raffle Table. So I add another big thanks and well done!

We have a strong and generous chapter. Over the last half dozen years, CCTU has contributed \$500 to Montana TU stream work and advocacy (2011), \$450 to Quashnet River (2013), \$3000 to Franklin Land Trust (2015) and preserve land in Crowningshield Conservation Area/1 mile of the West Branch of the North River), and the most recent 2016 donation or \$7000 to the Angeline Brook Land Purchase. Moreover, this short list didn't include the support to Red Brook or the countless hours invested in the Quashnet River. There is a still lot to do on many of our rivers here on Cape Cod and I hope you will join the effort.

For my part, I commit to you that I will serve to the best of my ability and am looking forward to sharing in all the future successes. Have a very happy and prosperous 2017!

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## *Random Casts* for January 2017

**Gossip, News, B.S. & Assorted Twaddle from Red & the Staff of Random!**

*New and archived Rollcast's can be read at the CCTU website: CAPECODTU.org*

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**Don't forget your 2017 Fresh and Saltwater Licenses.**

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### **2017 Fly Fishing Shows**

✓ **THE FLY FISHING SHOW — Marlboro, MA — January 20, 21, 22**

✓ **The FLY FISHING SHOW — Somerset, NJ — January 27, 28 & 29**

✓ **The BEARS DEN SHOW 19th Annual—— Taunton, MA —February 25th...FREE!**

✓ **FLY FISH NEW HAMPSHIRE SHOW— Manchester NH — February 25, 2017**

*(Use Google for more up-to-date info on these shows)*

### **Bridging**

Have you ever been bridging? Do you want to find the big fish? Reach out to Steven Williamson at our next meeting. He'll tell you how it's done.

# *Random Casts* for January 2017

**January's Meeting : Wednesday 1/11/2017** Andy Bonzagni will be our guest speaker. His presentation will be on the Massachusetts Landlocked Salmon. Want to learn more about this fishery? Where to find them? You won't want to miss this meeting.

**Andy Bonzagni** owner of Concord Outfitters (profile below is from his web-site)



Andy has been fly fishing all over the world since 1970. Following his passion for fly fishing, Andy decided to walk away from his chosen profession of cosmetology and opened up Concord Outfitters in 1999. Equally proficient in both fresh and saltwater, Andy will say that his favorite place in the world to fish is the Lodgepole River in British Columbia. This is not to say that the fish in New Zealand, the Bahamas, Belize, Patagonia, Montana, etc... are any safer. Andy can be found guiding on local rivers year round and when he's not guiding, he's teaching Fly Fishing 101 courses out of the shop to help people young and old get into the sport or spearheading local stream restoration efforts. Need a casting lesson?... Andy's your guy!

Wait, did I say "cosmetology"? I meant "construction".

**Favorite Rod/Reel:** Orvis Helios 9' 5wt, Hatch 3 Plus

# Upcoming Events

## January Meeting:

A reminder that our next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 11th. Our guest speaker will be Andy Bonzagni of Concord Outfitters . See his profile under Random Casts. The topic will be Massachusetts Landlocked Salmon. Secrets about this fishery you won't want to miss .

## Winter Fly Tying Nights: Dates are in! **Bring a friend.**

The CCTU fly tying nights will start in January. If you have never tied a fly before or have been tying for many years come out and join in. There is no cost for this and equipment and materials are available if needed. Tying will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm or even later if there's interest to stay. These events will be held at Liberty Hall on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting in January: **January 18th, 25th** February 15th, 22nd March 15th, 22nd

## Quashnet River Workday:

Our next meet-up will be **Sunday January 15th**. We'll be meeting at the Martin Road gate at 9:00AM. Come on down and join the gang as we continue to work to improve the habitat for wild native brook trout in this river. The work to preserve wild fish is very important here on Cape Cod!

## Spring Banquet:

Plans are underway for the CCTU Annual Banquet. We need folks to step up and help plan the event. Look for more details in future Rollcast Newsletters.

## Fly Fishing School: **Spread the word!**

The date for Our 2017 annual CCTU Fly Fishing School has been announced. It will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge in Sandwich from Friday May 5th to Sunday 7th. This is our great school that includes lodging and meals with the same low price. Look for more details ahead and think about someone that you might know that would really enjoy learning to fly fish at this school. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

**May 5th, 6th, and 7th 2017**

## Upcoming Events—continued

### **CCTU Spring Fishing Trip:**

Our CCTU spring fishing trip will be going back to Grand Lake Stream in Maine. The dates will be the first week in June 2017 from roughly June 3rd to 6th. Look for more information on this in the newsletter and at our upcoming meeting .

**RED BROOK** workdays are held on the 1st Saturday of the month meet @ the Lyman Reserve parking lot, Head of the Bay Road in Wareham 9am-ish. Those of you who cannot make the Quashnet Workday due to it being held on Sunday can get your conservation “fix” on a Saturday! This project is an ongoing MA/RI Council conservation project staffed mainly by Southeastern MA TUers. Red Brook info? Warren “Windknot” Winders @ 781-878-1074. CCTU-ers! It is highly recommended that you call the “Windknot” before trekking all the way to Red Brook. Cutting edge **QUASHNET** info ? [Capecodtu.org](http://Capecodtu.org)

### **Share a Story or an Event with Our Readers:**

We’re looking to see if some members would want to share a short story of experiences they have had. Or perhaps an upcoming event that the chapter maybe interested in. This can be anything from a couple sentences, paragraphs to a couple of pages. If you have something you would like to contribute please email it along . We would love to included here. Email to: [ccturollcast4@gmail.com](mailto:ccturollcast4@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events—continued



### MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSN-63rd Annual Boston Dinner-

**Saturday, February 4th, 2017**

The 63rd ANNUAL BOSTON DINNER for support of the MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSN will be held Saturday, February 4th, 2017 at the Burlington, MA Marriot, Burlington, MA. A Forum of four speakers will make presentations from 3:00 to 5:00 pm followed by cocktails, dinner and fund raising auctions.

Our own Ron Lasko, CCTU Member, Author & Lecturer, will be one of the four presenting speakers at the Forum 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Ron will speak on how the Sea Run Brook Trout & Atlantic Salmon have migrated together historically across New England and still do so today in the Canadian Maritimes. Ron is the author of 'A TALE OF TWO RIVERS' which is the first full length book written about Sea Run Brook Trout (the Quashnet & Mashpee) & has received Editorial acclaim from TU National HQ; the American Museum of Fly Fishing; other Editors across the USA and in the United Kingdom. Other speakers will be presenting issues impacting the Miramichi River system such as Striped Bass, invasive Smallmouth Bass & various Salmon and Watershed River Restoration efforts.

#### **Tickets for the entire event :**

Please order your tickets by contacting ; Linda Guild

at [msa@guildassoc.com](mailto:msa@guildassoc.com) or 781.397.8870.

Or

Kate Flanagan at [kate@miramichisalmon.ca](mailto:kate@miramichisalmon.ca) or 506.622.4000;

For more information on the MIRAMICH SALMON ASSN Boston Forum & Dinner Event :

[www.miramichisalmon.ca/boston-dinner/](http://www.miramichisalmon.ca/boston-dinner/)



# Fly of The Month

## Scott's Midge Fly



### Scott's Midge Fly - tied by Scott Dietrich

**Hook:** size #14-18

**Body:** stripped peacock herl wrapped to the eye  
W/ fine red wire palmered over stripped herl

**Wing:** either small wood duck wing laid over body  
Or small natural CDC wing.

**Hackle:** One wrap of grizzly hackle wrapped at the eye  
(wet fly style, not Catskill style).

\*\*\*This fly can be fished greased as a dry





# Grand Lake Stream

As some of us consider a trip to the Grand Lake Stream in northern Maine this June, let me share with you an experience I had two years ago on this very trip. Somewhat surprising, as my eighteen-year-old son is not a great traveler, Justin joined me and truly enjoyed the TU members he met.

Justin was the proud recipient of a fly rod and reel that TU Cape Cod presented him for his participation in the Fly Fishing School the year before. With tutoring from Pat and Ted that weekend, he picked up the rhythm like an athlete which still makes me jealous.

One day on the Grand Lake Stream trip will live in my memory forever. We had a quick lunch at the Pine Street General Store right before you cross the stream enrooted to the Dam Pool. This pool is a favorite spot so we wanted to get there before the crowd. After lunch, we hopped over to the parking lot and put our waders on in record time to secure the tip of the sand bar in the middle of the pool. As we set up our lines, we could look down to the right and left of where we stood, in calf deep water, and see the land lock salmon stacked up waiting for the bugs to come down the current from the dam. Justin remarked that we really didn't need rods, we could just reach down and net the fish.

We started with nymphs but couldn't get the salmon to rise. As other anglers started coming down the bank, we were concerned that our window of the water to ourselves was closing. Within the hour, there were eight guys settled into the pool. Even with a head start, Justin and I could not figure out how to get the attention of the fish. The frustration continued as the new comers began catching the fish we were targeting. Well, this went on for at least another hour. Justin does enjoy the outdoors, but he is not at the stage in life where he can appreciate fishing more than catching. His shoulders started to slump and I was afraid I might lose him. Not until I changed my fly to a caddis after taking note of the other fly rodders, did I start to have any luck. My first fish was a beautiful twenty-inch salmon and I was excited because it was the first of that species for me. But my enthusiasm faded when I looked over to see that Justin was noticing everyone catching fish but him, including me. I tried to give him some ideas but he wanted nothing to do with his old man. So I moved over to the opposite end of the pool.

Now at this time, all of the fishermen in the pool could see what was going on. This young kid, who they admired for giving the fly rod a go, was the only one striking out. At one point, a complete stranger waded over to Justin and pulled out a fly from his box. "Try this one son. I've been having luck right in that pool over there." Justin tied it on, and with the direction of this older gentleman, set that fly into the eddy. After a half a dozen casts, the line went tight and he was on. Every guy in the stream stopped fishing. We watched until Justin landed that salmon. Once in the net, there wasn't a cheer, but all of us looked at each other with big smiles and a few laughs. We knew that the kid was hooked for life. Once we figured out the pattern, Justin and I enjoyed catching more than a dozen fish that day.

In some circles, fly fisherman get a bad rap. They're thought of as elitists, snobs, and unapproachable. But I can tell you, that being in that pool, with those men, humbled me. I've never felt better about this fraternity of anglers than I did that day.

I hope you consider the Grand Lake Stream Trip that the Millers will so generously organize again this year. It will always be a special place for me.

Charles Orr



# Conservation News

The Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition (SRBTC) : Check out SRBTC's newsletter, "The Salter" which will be coming out January 1st, [www.searunbrookie.org](http://www.searunbrookie.org)

SRBTC is starting to explore possibilities for Santuit River restoration. MDFW Steve Hurley is looking into the feasibility of moving adults from the Mashpee River over to the Santuit River after he's confident with the population status of the Mashpee. Over the past 10 years groups of people have been clearing wood and leaves from the Santuit to promote the herring run. SRBTC have gotten everyone involved to agree to stop, but the damage is done.

SRBTC's Justin Fleming is interested in using the practices that our Quashnet leader Fran Smith has planned for the Quashnet River. He's especially interested in the Root Wad project- to see how the root wads look before placing, the process of securing them and the final product.

Justin is coordinating a project for SRBTC that they're calling the Advanced Angler Science Initiative (AASI). In October they purchased a BioMark wand and since then when fished Red Brook or the Quashnet have wanded the fish for PIT tags. "The Salter" which will be coming out January 1st, will be detailing more about the project.





# Quashnet River *News*

Roberta Mazzoli alerted us to the below article from the Mashpee Enterprise

## **The Mashpee Enterprise**

### Conservation Looks To Improve Quashnet Fish Passage

- By SAM HOUGHTON
- Dec 16, 2016

The Mashpee Conservation Department is also looking for state funds to improve fish passage at the Johns Pond Fish Ladder.

Historically, the Quashnet River, which connects Johns Pond, has had the lowest herring numbers in the town's three main rivers. One of the reasons is erosion from the banks upstream and downstream from the fish ladder. Wind and other elements erode the banks into the river clogging the ladder with detritus and decreasing the depth of the river. Both interfere with fish passage.

Assistant conservation agent for Mashpee Katelyn W. Cadoret submitted a grant request to the Massachusetts Environmental Trust to pursue structural engineering options for remediation of the erosion at the ladder's banks.

Ms. Cadoret states in the grant request that engineering designs could cost upwards of \$15,000 and that the entire project, including construction, could be as much as \$35,000. The project would improve the habitat for river herring fisheries and brook trout.

The conservation department, along with several other state and local entities, has looked at rerouting the Quashnet River to its original layout. The river was disrupted for cranberry bogs in the late 1800s and has since hurt fishery habitats; in 1976, a dam was replaced with a fish ladder at Johns Pond when the bogs closed. The ladder was then replaced with an updated ladder in 2003, Ms. Cadoret stated in the grant application.

# Quashnet River Electrofishing Results

Steve Hurley our MDFW Southeast District Fisheries Manager has provided the following 2016 numbers/results.

Steve and Crew captured a total of 477 trout (measured 475 and dropped 2 before measuring) in our electrofishing from Below Martin Road to the old fish ladder on September 21 and 22 and October 5th. They tagged 183 new trout (over 80 mm) and recaptured 137 previously tagged trout. Largest fish captured was 333 mm (13.1 inches) and it was the 4th time this fish was captured.

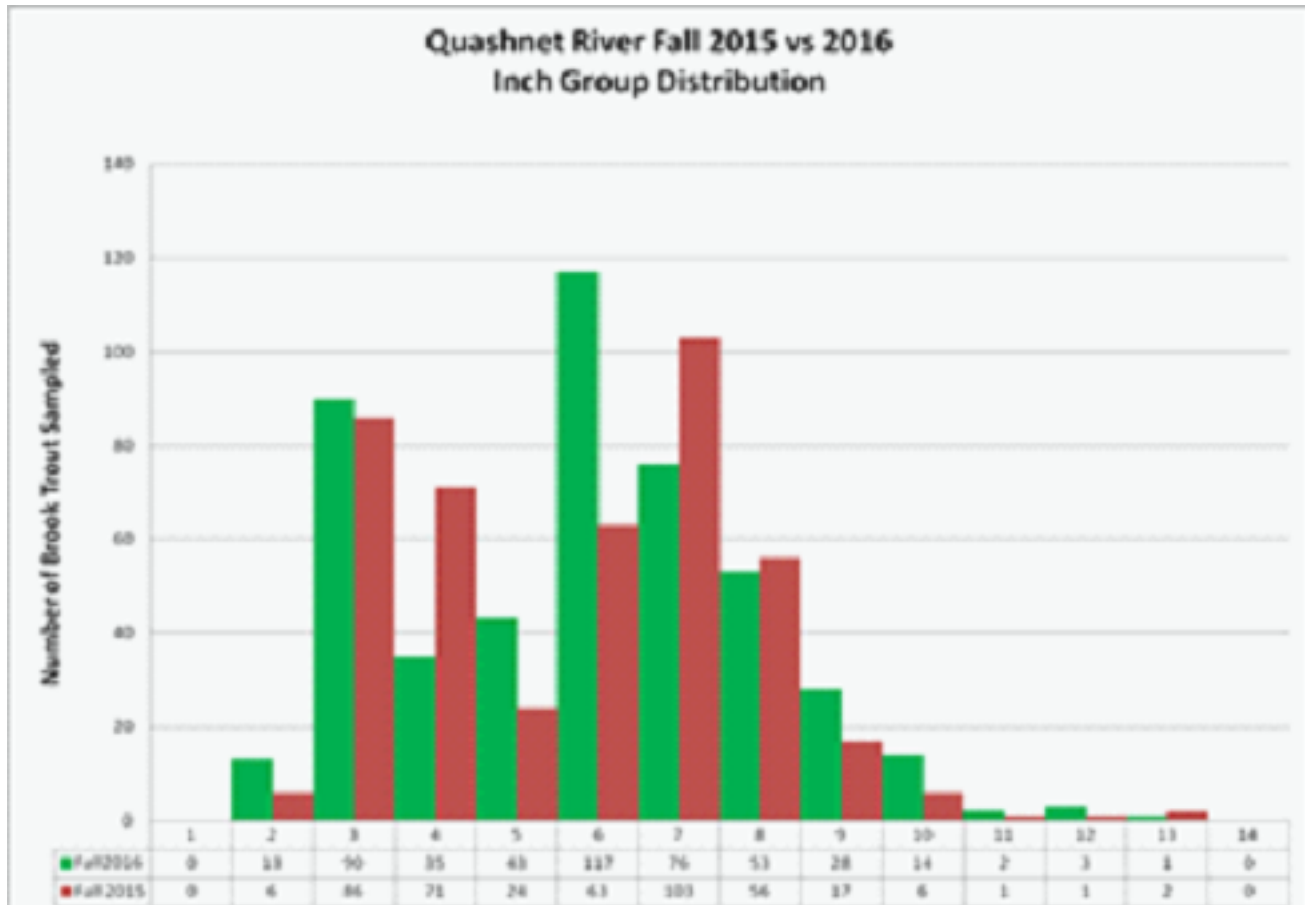
Date	time	tagnumber	Length	location	run	code	capture	yearclass
22-Sep-16	10:11:34 AM	989.001002012677	333	Section 4 lower	1	R	4	0
27-May-16	10:40:30 AM	989.001002012677	327	Section 8 lower	2	R	3	0
23-Sep-15	9:52:32 AM	989.001002012677	205	Martin Road to Big Bend	1	R	2	0
20-May-15	11:05:29 AM	989.001002012677	177	gage to big bend	2		1	0

The second largest fish had been captured 5 times:

Date	time	tagnumber	Length	location	run	code	capture	yearclass
22-Sep-16	4:08:47 PM	989.001002011751	327	Sections 1 and 2	4	R	5	2013
26-May-16	1:59:00 PM	989.001002011751	330	Section 1	4	R	4	2013
24-Sep-15	2:53:35 PM	989.001002011751	317	Sections 1 2 and 3	3	R	3	2013
30-Sep-14	12:41:48 PM	989.001002011751	224	section 1 and 2	3	R	2	2013
20-Sep-13	1:01:36 PM	989.001002011751	89	Section 1	3		1	2013

# Quashnet River Electrofishing Results

Total number of trout captured was up slightly over 2015 ( 477 in 2016 compared to 437 in 2015).



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# Quashnet River *continued...*



This is a picture from electrofishing that took place this past September. This was taken by Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition (SRBTC ) volunteer Justin Fleming, and includes Steve Hurley's hands.



This fish officially measured at 333mm or 13.1 inches. The angler's name is Geoff Klane, and the picture comes from him. He is a Sea-Run Brook Trout Coalition (SRBTC) volunteer . This was from this past November.



## December CCTU Meeting

Our members came through once again at our December meeting. We filled several bags for the Toys for Tots program. Toys that will be allocated to those in need right here on Cape Cod. Below are a few pictures from the evening.



# **Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**

## **2017 Officers and Board Members**

**President: Tim Lynch**

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**Board Member: Tom Planert**

**Board Member: Jim Driscoll**

**Past President: Dan Tobin**



Kiosk at Martin Road parking area. Quashnet River.





**Cape Cod Trout Unlimited (CCTU)**

# ***Fly Fishing School***

***May 5, 6, 7, 2017***

***Oak Crest Lodge, Peters Pond***

***Sandwich, Cape Cod, Massachusetts***



- Experienced, enthusiastic instructors
- Hands-On Learning with lines, knots, fly tying & fly casting
- Techniques for fly fishing streams, ponds, and saltwater
- Trout stream entomology, conservation, and restoration

**All instruction, meals and lodging for one very reasonable fee**

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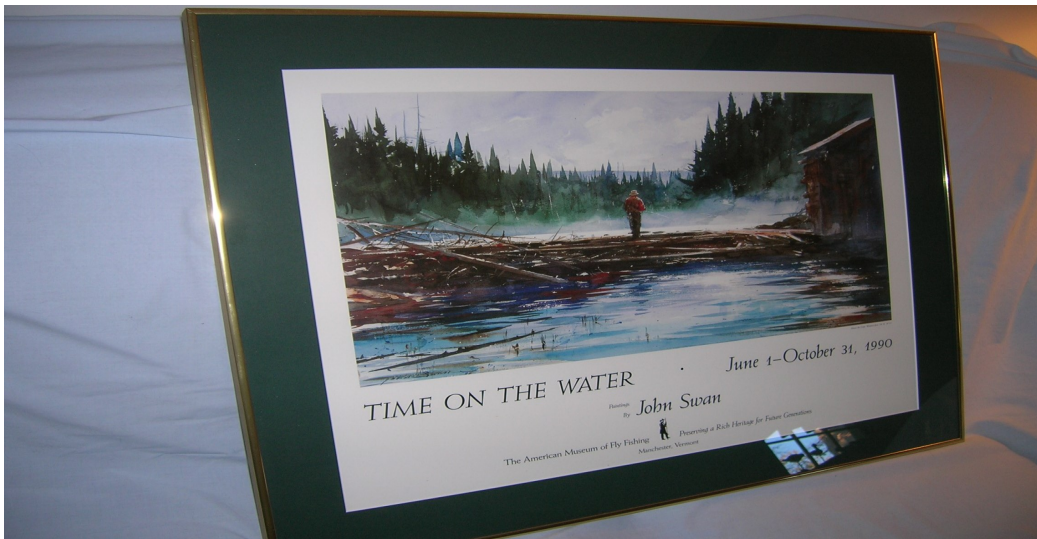
I have a beautiful framed fly fishing print for sale.....

**"Time on the Water" by John Swan for The American Museum of Fly Fishing (1990), Manchester, VT**

**28" x 24"**

**\$75 cash & carry**

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**Orvis Encounter fly reel NIB**

**Line (6wt), backing and leader.**

**\$50**

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# Cape Cod Cow!



This Striper was caught by VP Pat Grenier this past Fall on an 8 wt rod with a 7 wt line. It was allured by a 2" Clouser. Fish was released in a short time and in good shape. **44 1/2 "**

**Cover Photo** is from section 6 of the Quashnet River Falmouth / Mashpee

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If you would like to write an article on fishing, fly tying, trout, or share a picture, fishing tip, or write a short story, we welcome your contribution. Let us know about a recent trip, outing, etc...

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