

# THE ROLLCAST

THE eNews LETTER of CAPE COD TU CHAPTER 460

April 2016



## No Regular April Meeting

**April Annual Banquet  
Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm  
Riverway Lobster House  
Yarmouth, MA**

No meeting this month as it is the month of the

### **Annual Banquet**

Please attend this social / fundraiser.

This is the single most important event for the Chapter  
The Banquet is **Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 3 to 7pm @ the  
Riverway Lobster House Restaurant Rt. 28 Yarmouth

Ticket details email Barbara Miller: [wamdoc@verizon.net](mailto:wamdoc@verizon.net)

It's not too late for donations. Bring them to the Board of Directors meeting at Liberty Hall on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

## President Message

Well it's that time of year again to ask all Cape Cod Trout Unlimited members and their friends to come out and support the Chapter at our annual Spring Banquet. This year we will again be at the Riverway Lobster House where we have had a very enjoyable event the past two years. The CCTU Board asks all members to consider purchasing tickets to this event. This year we will be honoring the man who has lead our Chapter in restoring the Quashnet River for 40 years **Francis Smith** with the ***Al Brewster Award***.

This event is our primary fundraiser that makes the many things that the Chapter does possible. These include rental of Liberty Hall where our meetings are held. Funding local and regional conservation projects that help preserve and protect cold water fisheries. Funds raised also make possible the speakers at monthly meetings and other Chapter events. I hope you will consider contributing to the annual banquet by attending, purchasing raffle tickets or making a donation. If you have something to donate please contact me at [ccturollcast@gmail.com](mailto:ccturollcast@gmail.com).

We are also rapidly approaching our Fly Fishing School in May. If you know someone who would like to learn fly fishing there is no better school than what we have right here on the Cape. This year the school will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge on Peters Pond in Sandwich and will be a great location to conduct this school staffed with many experienced fishermen teaching all aspects of the sport. If you know someone who might be interested please send along the flyer in this newsletter.

I hope you start your spring out with some good times outdoors and enjoying some good fishing. I hope to see you at one of the CCTU events too.

Tight lines,

Dan Tobin  
President Cape Cod Trout Unlimited

## 2016 Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Spring Fundraising Banquet

We are pleased to announce that our 2016 Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Riverway Lobster House on Route 28 in Yarmouth, MA starting at 3 p.m. The cost for dinner, including appetizers and dessert, will be \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar available. In addition to dinner, there will be many silent auction and live auction items, bucket raffles and a special raffle for the Jim Stewart Memorial fly box -- a hand-crafted, large display box filled with hundreds of flies tied by CCTU chapter members. We will also be presenting the Al Brewster Award to the 2016 Recipient, Francis Smith.

This is the main fundraising event for the Chapter, so please keep that in mind when bidding on auction items and purchasing raffle tickets. There will great selection of items to bid on and raffled, both fishing-related and not. If you are unable to join us at the banquet, please consider purchasing tickets for the special raffle by sending in a check with the form below.

For more information and directions, please see <http://www.capecodtu.org> or contact Wayne and Barbara Miller at [wamdoc@aol.com](mailto:wamdoc@aol.com)

Thanks for your support and looking forward to seeing you at the banquet.

----- (Clip and send with your check) -----

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the **2016 Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Spring Banquet** to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I can't make the banquet, but please send me \_\_\_\_\_ raffle tickets for the Jim Stewart Memorial Fly Box (\$10 Each).

Make checks payable to **Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**. Mail your check with this form to: **Barbara Miller, P.O. Box 711, West Barnstable, MA 02668**

***Cape Cod Trout Unlimited  
Annual Banquet Menu***

***April 17, 2016***

***3:00pm to 7:00pm***

***Upon Arrival***

*Cheese, fruit & Cuddies*

*Bruschetta*

*Scallops & Bacon*

*Coconut Chicken with Honey Ginger Dipping Sauce*

***Buffet***

*Garden Salad*

*Baked Cod with Lobster Sauce*

*Chicken Piccata*

*Carved Prime Rib of Beef*

*Roasted Potatoes*

*Vegetable Medley*

***Dessert***

*Chocolate Overload Cake*

*Coffee, tea & soft drinks included*

*\$35 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity  
Raffle tables around perimeter of room & cash bar*

## **CAPE COD TROUT UNLIMITED - UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Quashnet Workday:** The workday on the Quashnet River will be Saturday April 9th this month. We will meet at the Martin Road gate in Falmouth at 9:00am and work to about 12:00noon. This will be a tree planting day on the river. Bring waders, work gloves and dress for the weather. Come by and join in with other CCTU members.

For questions and/or additional info contact Tim Lynch at [cctuflyfish@comcast.net](mailto:cctuflyfish@comcast.net) or call him at: 508-274-0936.

### **Spring Banquet:**

Mark your calendar and make plans for the CCTU Annual Banquet this which will again be held at the Riverway Lobster House in Yarmouth. The date will be on **Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 7:00pm**. Look for more details and to purchase tickets in future Rollcast Newsletters. Always good raffle and auction items so plan to come and support the Chapter for this important annual event. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle or auction please contact: Dan Tobin: [ccturollcast@gmail.com](mailto:ccturollcast@gmail.com) or 774-353-7066

### **Fly Fishing School:**

Our 2016 annual CCTU Fly Fishing School will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge in Sandwich from Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. This is our same great school at a new location. Look for more details ahead and think about someone that you might know who would really enjoy learning to fly fish at this school. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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

The CCTU group fishing trip this spring will be returning to the rivers of the Catskills. The trip is scheduled to take place during the week known as "Bug Week" in that area and should have conditions for lots of rising fish and dry fly fishing. The dates will be Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> and leaving on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. We are planning on staying at the Riverside Café and Lodge in Roscoe, NY.

Contact the Riverside Café directly to make your reservations:

16624 County Highway 17  
Roscoe, NY 12776  
**(607) 498-5305**

**Fly Casting Tune-up:** Take some time to tune up you fly casting. Pat Grenier a FFF Certified casting instructor will be running a casting tune up and lessons. These will be held at Burgess Park in Barnstable right on Rt. 149. They will be help on Wednesdays April 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm until dark. If you have any questions or need more information please call Pat at 774-270-2870.



**Cape Cod Trout Unlimited (CCTU)**

# ***Fly Fishing School***

***May 13-15, 2016***

***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**

*Additional information and application at [www.capecodtu.org](http://www.capecodtu.org) or contact:*

Alan Alai

Cell: 508-468-5194

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## **From Massachusetts / Rhode Island Regional Council of TU**

**To All,**

It is very important that you share this email with your members and implore them to reach out to the parties listed in the enclosed file. This is a very important matter that could cause reverberations across the Commonwealth.

### **Call to Action to Safeguard Coldwater Conservation**

**A serious issue has arisen that has significant implications for the conservation of cold-water resources and trout habitat. The GBTU Board of Directors needs your help and asks you to take immediate action. This involves the issue of the federal government (FERC) overriding the independence and authority of the state to protect its public and private conservation lands.**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Recently, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) a Certificate of Convenience and Public Necessity, empowering TGP to build a natural gas pipeline known as the Connecticut Expansion Project (CEP). Two miles of that pipeline will impact over 20 acres in Otis State Forest, Sandisfield Mass. Our state conserved lands are protected by Article 97 of the Articles of Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; once placed into conservancy, a two-thirds majority of both houses of the state legislature is required to remove land from conservancy for other uses. FERC's certificate, left unchallenged, will override Article 97 and allow development of this land with the pipeline.

A group of Sandisfield citizens recently filed a motion to stay the FERC certificate, seeking to prevent tree cutting which TGP plans to begin immediately. This group also filed a Notice of Intent to file suit against FERC in U.S District Court, asserting that FERC is violating the Clean Water Act by issuing the certificate without proper Massachusetts permitting. TGP has filed suit in Berkshire County Superior Court to allow it to immediately begin clearing trees in Otis State Forest – that case will be heard on March 31.

We are asking you to write to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to:

- Oppose the Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) request of FERC for a notice to proceed with tree-cutting for the Connecticut Expansion Project (CEP), and
- Request a rehearing of FERC's decision to grant a certificate for this project.

DCR has the jurisdiction and responsibility to take these actions.

#### **HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU AND TU**

These events set a precedent for the Northeast Energy Direct Project (NED), a pipeline project that directly affects cold-water habitat and that Trout Unlimited is already involved in as an

Intervenor. NED would impact numerous watersheds in Mass, comprising several thousand acres. This will affect numerous privately conserved lands where landowners have transferred rights to the general public, with the help of land trusts, through the use of a Conservation Restriction (CR) or Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR). If FERC is able to successfully assert its federal preemptive power over Article 97, no conserved land, either public or private, like the West Branch acquisition in Heath would be safe from development.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

It is urgent that you contact DCR Commissioner Leo Roy as soon as possible. Also, please write Gov. Baker, Secretary Matthew Beaton, your state representatives and Congressional delegation, and ask them to fight for Article 97 and the Commonwealth's authority to protect conservation land. Please see contact information below and a letter template for your convenience. The GBTU BOD will be issuing updates on the progress of TU efforts to ensure that NED does not impact cold-water habitats in Massachusetts.

John Troiano, Council Chair

MA/RI Regional Council Trout Unlimited

### ***Sample Letter***

Dear <government official>:

With respect to the Connecticut Expansion Project (CEP), I am writing to ask you to take action now to prevent Tennessee Gas Pipeline's (TGP) attempt to begin tree cutting in Otis State Forest. As a member of Trout Unlimited, I am concerned with the precedent that this will set, namely to override Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution. This precedent could have significant implications for cold-water resources.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued a certificate for this project that could, if left unchallenged, allow use of this land that was not anticipated when this land was placed into "permanent" protection just nine years ago. Not only does this land have rare and irreplaceable natural resources, this action could set a precedent leading to the impairment of conservation efforts in the Commonwealth. .

Therefore, I respectfully ask you that you defend the Commonwealth's interests at the March 31 hearing in Berkshire County Superior Court. I ask that you take this action to ensure that our conserved lands remain protected in perpetuity. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
<Member, Chapter or Council Name>



Order of Priority of Contact:

Commissioner Leo Roy  
Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation  
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Phone: [617-626-1250](tel:617-626-1250)

Secretary Matthew Beaton  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
Email: [matthew.beaton@state.ma.us](mailto:matthew.beaton@state.ma.us)  
Phone: [617-626-1000](tel:617-626-1000)

Governor Charlie Baker  
Governor Baker's Office, Constituent Services Director  
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