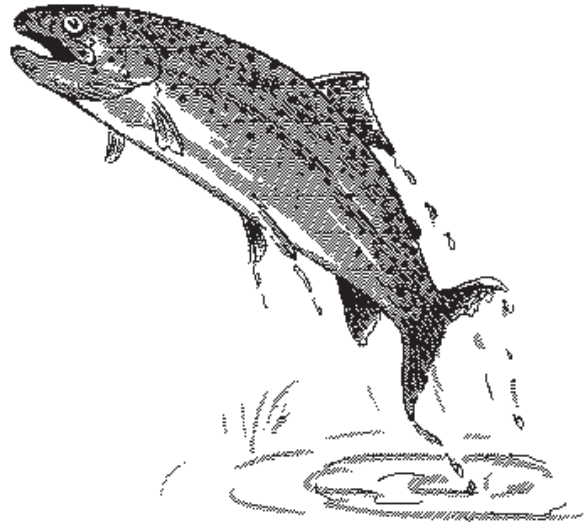


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The Evergreen Trout



February 2005 The Newsletter of the Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited Vol. 23 No. 2

From The Prez,

A change is blowing in the wind this month.

After many years, we finally have nominees together for election of new officers to be conducted at the February 16th general meeting. Thus far the nominees are: President - Hal Garwood, Vice President - Ken Wilbert, Secretary - John Haile, Treasurer - Steve Murray (the only carry over). Additional nominees will be accepted up until the time we vote that night. After the elections, the new officers will take over on a gradual basis so we have a smooth transition. Having Steve volunteer to continue as treasurer is logical/essential, since he's still very involved wrapping up all the Fishing is Fun Grant/ O'Fallon Park project paperwork.

Speaking of the project, as we told you last month, the DOW finally agreed to cut us a partial payment check from the grant monies. This helped, but we are still trying to wrap up the remaining project items, so we can receive the final ~\$11,500. Until then, we have less than \$1000 in the kitty, although Steve assures us we still have plenty of checks left -- not very negotiable ones though!!! Along those lines, we want to thank the 11 members who donated monies to the chapter at the end of last year in response to our greenback cutthroat postcard

mailer. Their names were mentioned last newsletter, but not the reason why. Thank You!

Continuing the Bear Creek theme, we are in the process of talking to legislators, the Canyon Courier, and other potential allies to petition the EPA to list the stream as impaired. You may remember this was all settled last fall, but then the elections held up the final decision which has been tabled ever since. We're still keeping our hopes up and will let you know if we could use your letter writing help....again. Additionally, we're voicing our opinion as to keeping the tighter fishing regs for Bear Creek in force for another 5-year cycle. We'll provide "in-person" comments to the wildlife commission at the March 10-11 hearings.

I don't know about you, but after having taken the last 5 months off from fishing, I'm ready to hit the waters. To get you further in the mood, we'll have a fly tying demo setup before (and possibly after) the next meeting, starting at 6:00. Plan to come early and learn the basics of fly tying from some of our resident experts. Then enjoy a wonderful program on the Arkansas River by Greg Felt of ArkAnglers.

And please attend the next board meeting at 6:30 pm, Wednesday February 23rd at Beau Jo's.

Rich

The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of the month at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen (across from the Little Bear). Join us for Dinner/Chapter Business/Classes at 6:00pm followed by the program at ~7:30pm. We look forward to seeing **YOU** there!

ETU Book Auction

Over the course of the last year, we have acquired some vintage fly fishing books, many of which were donated by Al Marlowe. In lieu of putting them all in bucket raffles or in silent auctions at our next fund raiser, I proposed that we run an e-mail silent auction. Therefore, through March 16th (our general meeting), members can e-mail me (Ron Belak - belakr@gao.gov) a bid on one or more of the books from the list below. If e-mail is not convenient, you can call me at (303) 674-2239 and leave a message with your bid. If there is more than one bidder on a given book, I will notify the bidders by e-mail or phone. Books can be viewed at the February general meeting and picked up at the March general meeting, or thereafter.

Some Rules: Minimum bid is \$10. Bid increment is \$5. Bidding closes at 5 PM on March 16th. I will not deliver books, but you can pick them up at the March general meeting or afterwards at my house in Kerr Gulch. Books are all hardback unless otherwise stated. Books are in good condition with no underlining or highlighting and no creased or torn pages. Dust jackets display normal wear. The approximate value of each book is listed in parentheses, although first editions may be worth more. Arbona, Fred L. 1980 (First Edition) *Mayflies: The Angler and the Trout* (\$75)

Bates, Joseph D. 1973 *Fishing-An Encyclopedic Guide* (\$25)

Bergman, Ray 1964 (Fourth Printing) *Trout* (\$15)

Brooks, Charles E. 1979 (First Edition) *The Living River (A fisherman's profile of the Madison River)* (\$15)

Brooks, Charles E. 1976 (First Edition) *Nymph Fishing for Larger Trout* [signed by author] (\$35)

Brooks, Joe 1972 *Trout Fishing* (\$?)

Caucci, Al and Nastasi, Bob 1975 (First Edition) *Hatches: A complete guide to fishing the hatches of North American trout streams* (\$40)

Gingrich, Arnold 1973 *The Joys of Trout* (\$20)

Harder, John 1978 *Index of Orvis Patterns* [three-ring binder] (\$25)

Herter, George Leonard 1973 *Professional Fly Tying, Spinning and Tackle Making Manual and Manufacturers' Guide* [paperback] (\$15)

Heacox, Cecil E. 1974 (First Edition) *The Compleat Brown Trout* (\$18)

McClane, A.J. 1975 *The Practical Fly Fisherman* [paperback] (\$30)

McDonald, John 1972 *Quill Gordon* (\$25)

Orvis, Charles F. and Cheney, A. Nelson 1989 *Fishing with the Fly* (\$15)

Shaw, Helen 1963 (First Edition) *Fly-Tying: Materials, Tools, Technique* (\$15)

Swisher, Doug and Richards, Carl 1971 *Selective Trout* [signed by author] (\$25)

Ron Belak

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February Meeting And Chapter Elections

We will begin our February meeting with the **election of new ETU Officers**. After that task is done...

Learn how to fish the infamous "Mothers Day caddis hatch" on the Arkansas River! Greg Felt, co-owner of ArkAnglers fly shop (www.arkanglers.com) will present his outstanding slide program on flyfishing the Arkansas River. Additionally, Greg will discuss when and how to fish the Arkansas River, throughout the year, as well as the location of public access points to this wonderful fishery.

Greg has been flyfishing for nearly 30 years and guiding fishing and rafting trips on the Arkansas River for the past 20 years.

This month, we'll also have several Evergreen Trout Unlimited members on hand beginning at 6:00 pm, to provide a **free introduction to fly tying** - covering equipment, materials and basic techniques. The monthly meeting begins, as usual, at 6:30 pm and the program at ~7:00 pm.

Randy Huiting



ETU Needs A Lawyer

As Evergreen TU has become more deeply committed to the long-term restoration of Bear Creek, we have been more frequently confronted with the daunting complexities of Colorado water law, federal and state administrative law (particularly enforcement of the Clean Water Act), special district law (particularly regarding water supply/discharger entities), and even personal injury law.

Among our membership of several hundred, we figure there must be several of you who are practicing attorneys. We earnestly invite those who are to consider joining our board to help steer us through the pitfalls and possibilities of our legal options. We need at least one reliable volunteer who can simultaneously coordinate with the Colorado Water Project (which shares offices and duties with CTU in Boulder) and help us focus on our practical problems here in Evergreen. For further information, please contact Hugh Gardner at 303-697-5876 or hgardner@dim.com.

Hugh Gardner

Kudos...

...to **Hugh Gardner, the entire Huiting family, Rich Reynolds, and Ron Belak** for their help with the newsletter.

...to **Master Printers Inc. of Evergreen** for copying and folding.

Ed.

Critical Salmon Habitat Proposal

As President Bush begins his second term in office, his administrative attacks on protections for our nation's endangered fish, plants and wildlife continue. The most recent rollback of protections involves critical habitat designations for endangered and threatened salmon and steelhead in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California.

The Bush administration's proposal removes up to 90 percent of salmon and steelhead habitat from protection. One of the most effective ways to protect species is to protect the places where they live. Salmon and steelhead need healthy habitat to survive and thrive. The Endangered Species Act protects the critical habitat that is needed to prevent the extinction of endangered fish, plants and wildlife. The administration's proposal leaves out most of these important habitat areas for salmon and steelhead.

Turning its back on habitat is just one of three major rollbacks that the administration has proposed which threaten to allow pollution and destruction of the Pacific Northwest and California's rivers, streams, forests, salmon, and salmon-dependent businesses and economies. First, several months ago, the administration proposed a policy to allow agencies to count hatchery salmon as wild salmon when determining whether or not to give federal protections to imperiled wild salmon. Second, the administration announced a plan for the Columbia and Snake Rivers that claims the four dams on the lower Snake River are a permanent part of the natural landscape and claims those dams do not hamper future recovery of the salmon. That plan significantly lowers the bar for salmon recovery and protection and will likely drive the fish to extinction. The third policy -- to eliminate or reduce up to 90% of protections for critical habitat -- is strike three! Tell the Bush administration that we will not tolerate such a blatant disregard for our nation's values - send in a comment letter today!

DEADLINE: March 14, 2005

The proposal to reduce protections for so much salmon and steelhead habitat is just one of many attacks on endangered fish, plants and wildlife and the places they live by this administration. We expect such attacks to continue. The administration wants the public to believe that each is just an individual action, but when the puzzle is put together, the American public can see that this is a concerted effort to weaken the Endangered Species Act and the species and landscapes it protects. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home. Let's put the administration on notice that we will not let this happen and we will be vigilant in our efforts to watch their actions.

Addresses and information:

For Pacific NW (ID, OR and WA):

Docket Number [030716175-4327-03] and RIN Number [0648-AQ77]

Email: critical.habitat.nwr@noaa.gov. Include the docket number [030716175-4327-03] and RIN number [0648-AQ77] in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 503-230-5435. Address fax to Chief, NMFS, Protected Resources Division.

Address: Chief, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR, 97232-2737

For CA:

Docket Number [0411233291-4329-01] and RIN Number [0649-AO04]

Email: critical.habitat.swr@noaa.gov

Fax: 562-980-4027

Address: Assistant Regional Administrator, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, California, 90802-4213.

Endangered Species Coalition Action Alert - 1/27/05

The Economic Value Of Healthy Fisheries In WY

Years ago, the conservationist Aldo Leopold observed that, "conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest." This insight holds true today. Only by exploring ways that economic incentives for landowners can be linked with habitat protection can we protect the open space and wildlife habitats that benefit all Wyoming residents. Toward this end, Trout Unlimited supports the Wyoming State Legislature's creation of the Wildlife and Natural Resources Funding Act as an effective policy vehicle through which landowners and non-profit organizations can work together to ensure that fishery and wildlife habitats remain intact and healthy for current and future generations.

Of Wyoming's 62.5 million acres, public lands cover 57% and private land covers 43%. Agricultural landowners own nearly 98% (about 26 million acres) of the state's private land. Healthy fishery and wildlife habitats exist on both public and private lands and depend on sound stewardship, regardless of land ownership. Terrestrial and aquatic wildlife recognize no land ownership boundaries and depend on migration corridors to cross public and private lands. These corridors have been used by fish and wildlife for thousands of years, and are similar in concept to the migration routes that domestic cattle and sheep have used to move between winter and summering areas for the past 150 years. Migration corridors for fish and wildlife, and the habitats they connect, are essential to protecting the long-term viability of these populations in our state.

Together with the open spaces that support wildlife habitats, healthy fishery and wildlife populations are crucial to Wyoming's economy. Tourism is Wyoming's second largest industry, contributing nearly \$1.9 billion annually to the state's economy and providing over 28,000 jobs. Fishing, hunting and other wildliferelated recreation are key components of the state's tourism industry, and occur on both public and private lands. The environmental and economic integrity of these recreational activities depends largely on the stewardship of private landowners, especially ranchers and farmers.

Like agricultural economies across the country, Wyoming's agricultural industry faces a number of pressures that threaten traditional activities, as well as the fishery and wildlife habitats that agricultural lands typically provide. The ongoing health and vitality of agricultural communities depends on decisionmakers' willingness to support policies that bolster the interwoven and mutually dependent relationship between healthy habitats, healthy economic development and a healthy agricultural industry.

Wyoming Water Project report - January 2005

{You can read the full report at www.tu.org - Ed.}

??? What's Happening ???

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ETU Officer Elections!!!

AND...

SOMETHING NEW!!!

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New Members

Please join me in welcoming **Larry Gerlinski, Mike Jeffres, Bill Quinn, Robert Swysgood, John K. Litzke, Robert Chapman, Joe Morris Sr., Kelly Bainter, and Tom Love** to ETU.

If you need help with a membership problem of any kind, call me and I'll do my best to get it straightened out.

Creel count: **355**

Randy Huiting

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 Contact any of us with questions, suggestions, or spare time.

New faces here next month! Come to the February meeting, and meet the new ETU Officers!!!

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