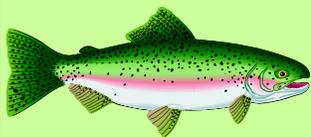


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T.U. PHILOSOPHY

We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't just fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than food, where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore, the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel. It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting your kill instead of killing your limit. It's communing with nature where the chief reward is a refreshed body and a contented soul, where a license is a permit to use not abuse, to enjoy not destroy our cold water fishery. It's subscribing to the proposition that what's good for trout and salmon is good for the fisherman and that managing trout and salmon for themselves rather than the fisherman is fundamental to the solution of our trout and salmon problems. It's appreciating our fishery resource, respecting fellow anglers and giving serious thought to tomorrow.



WEDNESDAY, January 23, @ 7:30 PM

Bob Dupont and Whit Carter

Fly Fishing the Rapid River and Rangeley Lakes Region of Maine for Brook Trout



Season's greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday. Did Santa bring you that new rod or reel that you had been dropping hints about all year? If not then you can still buy it at

the Somerset Fly Fishing show on January 25-27. Tom Loproto should have some discounted tickets available at our January chapter meeting.

Our Holiday party was a blast. Thank you to everyone that brought a dish for all to sample. Some of those dishes really went fast! Thank you John for those great selections that you brought for our "tasting" delight. The holiday rod raffle winning ticket was drawn at the party. It was nice to see a "first timer" win. I hope to see her at future meetings. We appreciate Tom Cooleen's daughter, Kyra, letting us know how much she enjoyed attending DEC camp this past summer. We are taking applications for those who would like to attend this year.

For our first meeting of the New Year on **January 23**, Bob Dupont and Whit Carter will stop by prior to attending the Somerset show and give us a presentation on "Fly Fishing the Rapid River and Rangeley Lakes Region of Maine for Brook Trout". Bob is a respected guide in that area and Whit is the owner of Lakewood Camps in Maine. No, I didn't make a mistake on the meeting date. This is a **change in the date** from our regularly scheduled meeting of January 15. **Mark your calendar to attend on Jan. 23.**

LITU has a lot on its plate for 2013. Casting Clinics are scheduled in March at both Caleb Smith and Connetquot parks. We plan to be doing some hands on stream restoration work in the spring. Stay tuned for details about all these projects. Volunteers will be needed for all these events. Please plan on volunteering some time to assist with these events and projects.

Our Annual Dinner Dance and Auction will be held on March 8, 2013. This date is fast approaching. Remember, this is our main fundraiser. We need every member to get out there and bring in donations. I would like to see a record attendance at this event so as soon as you get your invitation in the mail please quickly return it with the **"I Will Attend"** box checked. Get those RSVPs in early because this year we will have a drawing for a **cash prize** for all the early bird responses. Details will follow. Please plan on bringing friends and relatives.

I'm looking for people to become more active in the Chapter. I have an "At Large" position open on our Board of Directors. This will allow you to serve on the Board on sort of a "trial basis" and get to know how things work behind the scenes. You do not have to make a long term commitment. Please, give it a try.

How about trying out a new venue for an LITU fishing outing this year. All I need is for someone to come to me with an idea and a willingness to follow through on it. How about it!

I would like take this time to thank my Board of Directors, everyone who volunteered to help out at this past years events and projects, and to those of you that very quietly helped in the less visible aspects of LITU such as making coffee, supplying refreshments, buying supplies, and cleaning up at the end of meetings. Thank you so much.

Year 2012 really tried to break our backs throwing much devastation and tragedy at us. Here's to a much calmer and peaceful 2013.

From my family to yours have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year to all.

Peter Harris

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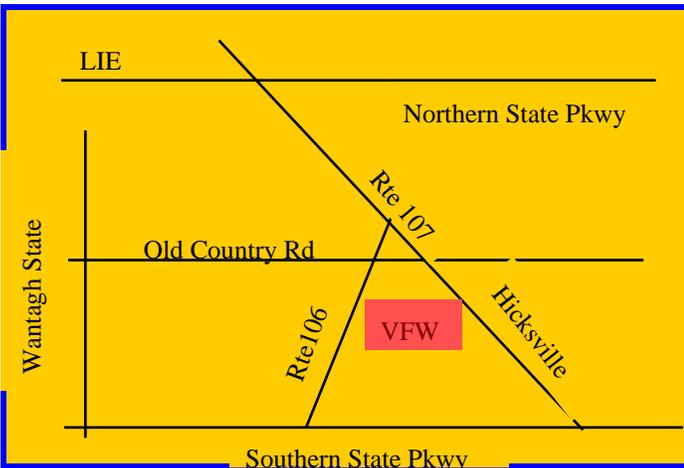
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L.I.T.U. Calendar

January 2013	February 2013
Jan. 2 - Board Meeting	Feb. 5 - Dinner Dance Meeting
Jan. 8 - Dinner Dance Meeting	Feb. 6 - Board Meeting
*Jan. 23 - Chapter Meeting	Feb. 19 - Chapter Meeting
<u>*NOTE DATE CHANGE*</u>	Feb. 20 - Dinner Dance Meeting
Jan. 20 - Deadline for Paumonok	Feb. 20 - Deadline for Paumonok
Jan. 22 - Dinner Dance Meeting	
March 2013	April 2013
March 6 - Board Meeting	April 3 - Board Meeting
March 8 - Annual Dinner Dance	April 13 - Junior Angler Fly Fishing Clinic Caleb Smith State Park
March 16 - Fly Fishing Clinic @ Caleb Smith	
March 19 - Chapter Meeting	April 20 - Deadline for Paumonok
March 20 - Deadline for Paumonok	
March 23 - Fly Fishing Clinic Connetquot Park	

Editors Notes

I haven't had much faith in humanity nor our government lately. For that matter, I don't think too many of us have. The tragedies of late haven't helped my faith in my fellow man either. And, as the proud parent of two young boys, I've felt my usual cynicism dip even deeper.

The always predictable "knee jerk" reactions once again followed by the over the top counter-reactions are just getting to be too much for me. And, as I've been listening and hearing, for many of us. Too much grandstanding, too many political games, and not enough help or actual representation of, or for, the constituents.

One "good" thing to come out of Hurricane Sandy was all of US, the people, pulling together to help ourselves and our neighbors. Lord knows I've seen it all in the thirty five days straight I spent down in Long Beach, Breezy Point and other areas along the South shore of Long Island helping supply those most in need.

One morning in particular stands out for me. It was down at the Red Cross feeding station at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford.

As I pulled in and started off loading another delivery of bottled water and flashlights, I took a second to look around. I mean to really "**LOOK AROUND**". To look around me and see just who was there lending a hand.

There were two troops of Boy Scouts, one from Bethpage and the other from Roosevelt, standing together proudly by the water and helping to off load and pass it out. There were conservative Republican leaders standing alongside far left leaning Democrat leaders passing out food. Together. But it didn't stop there.

There were wealthy and not so wealthy folks. There were business owners, bikers, Moms, Dads, and whole families. There were Veterans, county officials, church groups, state officials, and local community groups. All of them showed up in force. All of them showed up to help.

For one brief moment, we put our differences aside and were a true community in the greatest sense of the word. Helping one another. Helping friends, family, neighbors and strangers. A true concern for one another.

In the weeks to come there will be much discussion on topics that will no doubt divide us more than they will unite us—perhaps some of the answers lie in ourselves as well as our elected officials, I don't know. But I do know, that on that morning, we as a community put aside differences, and gathered **for** something, instead of against something.

That alone gives me a tremendous amount of hope.

Until next month!

Jay Mooney

Editor -In-Chief
LITU Editor @ AOL.com

Save the Date

Upcoming Events

Future Guest Speakers

January 23 - Bob Duport and Whit Carter -
"Fly Fishing the Rapid River and Rangeley Lakes Region of Maine for Brook Trout"

February 19 - Bruce Corwin—Celebrity Fly Tyer

March 8 - Annual DINNER DANCE FUND RAISER

March 19—Bryan Moore TU National

TU Helps Sponsor Didymo Conference

Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) is a microscopic alga that is invading our rivers and streams and threatens TU's mission to conserve and protect North America's cold water fisheries.

Also known as 'rock snot', Didymo can smother entire stream beds with mats as thick as eight inches and can ruin just about any river or creek altering benthic communities and impeding or even eliminating angling opportunities.

The Trout Unlimited Science Aquatic Invasive Species program is pleased to announce that TU has partnered with the Invasive Species Action Network to help sponsor the International Didymo Conference to be held March 12-13, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The conference will bring together natural resource managers, researchers, conservationists, and anglers to learn about the Didymo threat.

If you are interested in more information, following is a link to the conference website:

[http://www.stopans.org/
Didymo_Conference_2013.htm](http://www.stopans.org/Didymo_Conference_2013.htm)

If you have any questions, please contact TU AIS program director Dave Kumlien at DKumlien@tu.org or by phone at 406-570-0023

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L.I.T.U. Dinner Dance 2013

Even though it is only December of 2012, the 2013 Dinner Dance Committee has already had it's first meeting with another one already planned. And yes, we do have a date.

The date for the Long Island Trout Unlimited 2013 Dinner Dance is **Friday March 8, 2013**. The festivities will begin at 7:00 and last until 11:00. The venue will once again be the **Milleridge Cottage** in Jericho, and the cost will remain the same at \$75.00 per person for a great evening of food, dancing, and fun!!

If you missed last years event, be sure **not** to miss this one as it promises to be even better and more action packed. There will be yet more updated and interesting prizes, more food, and more dancing! What else can you ask for?

However, to make this years Dinner Dance even more successful, we still need your help. We are already looking for donations for prizes and/or auction items. This is our major fundraiser of the year and the proceeds are needed to keep our chapter running and our work progressing.

If you are interested in supporting a great cause (LITU), and enjoying outstanding food, excellent drinks, and awesome friends and prizes, come down and join us. If you would like to attend, please see any board or committee member – we would love to have you there!

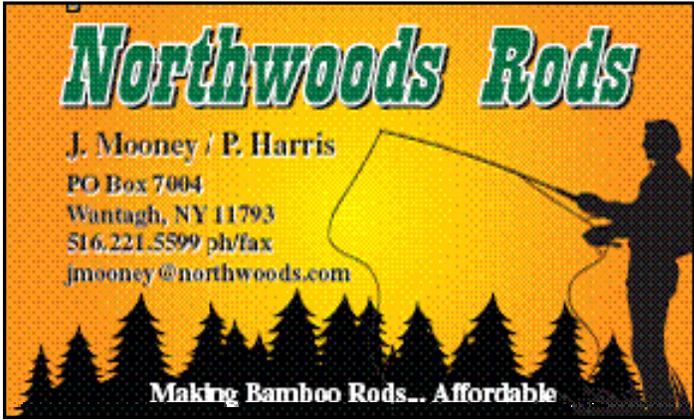
Cocktails will be served at an open bar beginning at 7:00 p.m., with Hors d'oeuvres being served waiter style. Dinner, dancing and silent auction will begin at 8:00. Bar will remain open until 10:00 p.m. Just ask anyone who was there last year just how good and plentiful the food was!

This is a great opportunity for you to come out and win some awesome prizes, besides having a great time with some old friends while making new ones!. Don't forget to buy a balloon from the balloon game. While your at it, enter into the 50 / 50—which had a whopping \$1400.00 in it last year! And, of course, one of our highlights, the dart game will be back this year. You can win some really great gifts at this one.

Each month we will bring you updates on the progress of the event planning. If you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to help out, please contact any of the committee members listed below.

Committee members:

Jay Mooney, Pete Harris, Joe Odierna, Peter Dubno, Tom Lo Proto, Mike Russell, Ron Krisch, Ed Ciano, and Jim Minogue.



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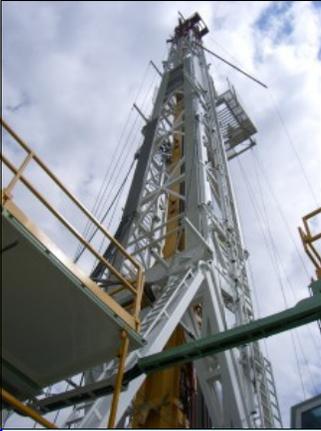


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NY to Issue Fracking Regulations

What will they mean for Trout Streams?



Last month New York officials announced that the state will move forward in issuing revised regulations on hydraulic fracturing for shale gas drilling, despite the fact that its environmental review—a process that should inform how hydraulic fracturing is regulated—is not yet complete. New York’s move is both procedurally and substantively flawed.

The revised regulations— which will govern hydraulic fracturing throughout the state — will be released to the public in mid-December, kicking off a 30-day comment period. However, New York has decided not to hold a hearing to allow the public to voice its concerns. The state will then have 90 days to finalize the regulations, potentially hastening the permitting process for hydraulic fracturing.

What does this mean for TU members and other anglers? It means that we are denied the opportunity to provide meaningful input and determine whether the state’s revised regulations provide adequate protections for our trout streams.

New York did not have to take this course of action. The state could have let the draft regulations expire and then issued new regulations once the environmental review was complete. Instead, New York is rushing through the regulatory process.

Given that the draft regulations released last fall did not require that drilling be located some distance back from streams other than for drinking water supplies and did not address many additional concerns raised in the environmental review, New York’s 7,500 TU members can hardly be optimistic that the revised regulations will adequately protect New York’s rivers and streams.

Ron Urban, chair of the New York Council of TU, hit the nail on the head today when he told me that without knowing what is in the final environmental impact statement, trout anglers are being left in the dark about the kind of protections the state has planned to safeguard our beloved trout streams.

And we have many of these streams about which to worry... coldwater rivers and trout populations throughout the Delaware River basin and streams such as Owego Creek and Catatunk Creek in Tioga County in the Southern Tier all stand the chance of being impacted by hydraulic fracturing and shale gas development.

What can TU members do? Tell the DEC to withdraw the revised regulations, and wait until the environmental impact review is finalized before issuing new regulations.

Really, what is the rush?

Contact: Joseph Martens, Commissioner, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1011. Call him at 518-402-8545 or email him at: joemartens@gw.dec.state.ny.us

—Katy Dunlap, TU’s Eastern Water Project Director, Alpine, New York (kdunlap@tu.org)

Ken's Korner

T.U. Tips

Strategy – Fly Selection:

Using Weighted Flies During Winter Months - It's December, there won't be much dry-fly fishing for the next few months.

When the cold weather sets in, trout will seek deeper waters and the fly fisherman must resort to using split shot or weighted flies to get to the trout.

How deep to get your fly, depends on the depth of the water you're fishing. During winter months, trout will move into the four to seven foot pools. They're in much deeper holes than during the spring, summer and fall. Very few fly fisherman enjoy casting with split shot, but if you want to bounce the bottom of a six-foot pool, you need weight.

There are many ways to get your fly down deep but split shot is probably the best choice, because it's as simple as adding or removing shot until you reach the proper depth. Don't be lazy and simply add split shot, continue to adjust the amount of weight you put on your line until you feel your fly/split shot bumping along the bottom a little bit in every cast. Experiment until you get your fly to bounce along the bottom where the fish are and your success will increase. The Fly should be 12" to 18" after the split shot in order to provide the proper presentation.

When using split shot or any type of weight, be prepared to get a few snags on the bottom and sometimes you may have to break your line and add a new rig and fly. That is the cost of catching trout during the winter months.

If you tie your own flies, then add the weight to your fly when you are tying them. You can use beads or lead/copper wire. Tie several flies of the same type with different amounts of wire and gradually larger beads, so you can choose the fly with the correct weight to reach the depth you need to get to the trout.

Good luck let and us know if this tip increases your catch this winter. *Joe Pepe*

Winter Release:

Be Careful Releasing Trout in Cold Weather -

Removing trout from water in freezing weather can be lethal to the trout. With several streams open to trout fishing during the winter months, many of us do fish in the winter. An important thing to keep in mind when the air temperature is below freezing is that removing a trout from the water can be lethal. The cold air can freeze a trout's gills almost immediately. If you do catch fish under these conditions, try not to remove the fish from the water when removing the hook and avoid all handling of the fish out of the water.

Send your tips to me at:

KensTUTips@verizon.net

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News and Views

DEC Extends Closures of South Shore Shellfishing Areas in Nassau and Western Suffolk Counties

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today that it has extended the closures of particular shellfish harvesting areas in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. These temporary closures are necessary to protect public health due to the adverse water quality effects of the coastal flooding and sewage treatment plant malfunctions caused by Hurricane Sandy. DEC initially implemented the shellfishing closures on Monday, October 29.

Effective at sunrise today, the following areas are designated as uncertified and the harvest of shellfish is temporarily prohibited until water quality testing determines that the areas meet certified area water quality criteria.

Towns of Hempstead and Oyster Bay (south shore): All of Hempstead Bay, East Bay and South Oyster Bay and their tributaries.

Town of Babylon: All the normally certified shellfish lands in Great South Bay, including tributaries, lying west of a line extending southeasterly from the southernmost tip of Bergen Point (also known as Fleet Point) to the eastern side of Nezeras Island (lying east of Fox Creek Channel) and continuing southeast across the State Boat Channel to Jones Island at the eastern side of Cedar Beach Park.

The action to extend the closure was taken to protect the public health. Water samples that DEC recently collected and examined showed elevated fecal coliform levels in these areas. Fecal coliform bacteria are indicators of the likely presence of fecal material and bacteria and viruses that can cause illness in shellfish consumers. DEC will re-open these areas as soon as possible based on the results of water quality testing samples to be collected during the period of the closure.

DEC has reopened many other bays and harbors around Long Island to shellfishing based on its testing of samples it has collected in those areas following the storm event.

If you would like a more detailed description of the closed areas, please call the office during normal business hours at (631) 444-0475. Additionally, information about temporary closures is available on DEC's website.

DEC Kids Camp

Each year the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited (LITU) and the Henry Prussen Jr. Memorial Fund sponsors up to Two (2) young adults to a One (1) week summer Environmental Education Camp held at one of New York State's Environmental Campgrounds.

Nominations are now open.

Applicants will be required to fill out the NYS DEC application and return to Robert F. Lutz at the address below no later than the last Tuesday in January:

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c/o Robert F. Lutz
122 Ridge Road
Wheatley Heights, NY 11798

LITU will file the applicant's registration form with New York State DEC no earlier than February 7th

Qualifications for Sponsorship

- Applicant must be between 12 & 17 years of at the start of camp.
- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen
- Applicant must be within regional area of our chapter

We look at a couple of items to help us choose a qualified applicant:

- Child of one of our members
- Friend of one of our members
- Child or friend of one of our Adopted Service Persons
- Student of our Trout in the Classroom program

For more information about these camps as well as their specific locations, please visit Department of Environmental Conservation Education Camps. On the web at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>

Camp application: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/2019.html>

Flat Screen TV For the Dinner Dance

This year's Dinner Dance and Banquet will be held on Friday, March 8th, 2013. We are once again making a direct appeal for monetary donations to have a flat screen TV (or two) there as a prize for our yearly fundraiser.

Last year's two flat screens were a huge hit and we were able to get a few additional electronics onto the prize list with the generous help we received from our chapter members.

At our Chapter meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, I'll be collecting money so we can once again purchase this item and make our event that much more special.

Last year we received donations from \$10 all the way up to \$100 in this direct appeal. We are depending upon your generosity and your desire to help our conservation efforts, which all begins with you.

So see me at the meeting, Peter Dubno, and I'll put your contribution in the kitty and make sure we get a good deal on a flat screen. If you can't make it to the meeting, just put your check in the mail, made out to Trout Unlimited, and mail it to me. My address is:

Peter Dubno
c/o Trout Unlimited
47 Greystone Rd.
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Thank you for your giving and your generosity.

Orvis / T.U. 1,000 Miles Campaign

Orvis, TU begin project to open 1,000 miles of water over next decade

A few weeks ago Orvis and Trout Unlimited announced the first two streams that will be improved to allow better passage for wild and native trout as part of the new Orvis / Trout Unlimited "1,000 Miles Campaign."

Murphy Brook in Vermont and Tabor Brook in New Hampshire—both tributaries of the Connecticut River system—will be the first beneficiaries of funding raised by Orvis and its customers. TU will oversee construction and reconnection projects on both streams. Migration-halting culverts will be replaced, and dozens of new miles of habitat will be available to brook trout and brown trout that need intact coldwater habitat to spawn and to escape the worst of summer's heat.

Thanks in part to an Orvis grant and matching funds from the company's customers, the Orvis and T.U. hope to open up 1,000 miles of new coldwater habitat to trout and salmon all over America. Many streams with spawning and rearing potential—and fishing potential—are now blocked by faulty culverts and other man-made barriers. The campaign's goals include not only increasing overall trout habitat from coast to coast, but improving fishing opportunity resulting from stream improvements.

"Opening up 1,000 miles of new habitat for trout and salmon over the next 10 years is an ambitious goal, but we think we can do it," said Elizabeth Maclin, TU's vice president for eastern conservation. "We're lucky to have dedicated partners like the people at Orvis—they've always been very supportive of the work we do, and their commitment to this project means the world to us."

By opening up habitat in Murphy Brook and Tabor Brook to migrating fish, anglers will likely see improved fish numbers in downstream stretches of water, and enjoy more fishable water in the coming years. Two culverts will be replaced on Tabor Brook this fall, and work to remove a culvert that blocks upstream migration on Murphy Brook will begin later in the year.

The 1,000 Miles Campaign will help fund culvert removal projects on several other trout streams located all over America. These streams are:

- Kinne Brook, a tributary to the Westfield River in Massachusetts
- Coyner Springs, a tributary to the South River near Waynesboro, Va.
- Crazy Creek, a tributary to the Crooked River in the Upper Deshutes River drainage in Oregon
- Aldrich Brook, a tributary to Azizchos Lake and the Magalloway River in Maine
- Yellow Creek, a tributary to the Bear River in southwest Wyoming
- Big Slough Creek, a Driftless Areas stream in Jackson County, Wisc.

"Culverts are significant impediments to fish passage and survival — just as significant as a major dam — but the solution is dramatically simpler, costs less, and the overall benefits to many watersheds is profound," said Dave Perkins, Vice Chairman of Orvis. "By removing these impediments, we not only add vital habitat for fish, but we also open many miles of fishable waters for anglers. We're proud to partner with TU in this effort to engage the fly-fishing community in support of this often overlooked opportunity to dramatically improve fish habitat across the country."

Five T.U. Resolutions

As we head into 2013, many of us are making the typical New Year's resolutions. And for anglers, those resolutions often involve catching a new species or visiting a piece of water that's been on the "to-do" list for years.

That's all good stuff. (Certainly more fun than shedding pounds.) But I'd submit to you that as TU members, we should all also resolve to collectively have more... well... *resolve* when it comes to pushing the coldwater conservation agenda, as well as stewarding the sport of trout fishing.

Sure, most of us are already pitching in and doing our part. I think, however, if we outline five simple things that we consider key resolutions for the "complete" angler, 2013 will be an even better year for us here on Long Island as well as nationwide.

Those five things?

1. Contact at least one elected official to voice an opinion on a key conservation issue you care about. There's a difference between complaining or worrying about issues amongst friends and being on the record. Talk to someone be it in the village, town, county or state, or maybe even a senator. Go on record in 2013. Make your voice heard.
2. Take at least one day and fish with someone you've never fished with before. That person should preferably be a newbie to the sport whom you might mentor. If not a newbie, what about someone who you've always wanted to fish with but just haven't had the time? Maybe your Dad?
3. Dedicate time to actually making a river or lake better. Maybe that's taking part in an organized stream cleanup. Maybe it's just dedicating a few minutes from every fishing day to pick up trash. There's PLENTY of stream work going on at Long Island T.U., and we could ALWAYS use a hand. It all matters.
4. Recruit one angler or even a non angler friend to join TU. Or maybe someone "on the fence". We all know the guy who fishes all the time, but hasn't bothered to join yet. It's time for him (or her) to join the team. Or, what about the person who says "I've always wanted to learn how to fish"? Prime candidates one and all.
5. Catch a native trout or salmon. In the water where they've always been. I know, that's kind of a "wish list" thing, but the more we connect with the natives on any level, the better trout fishing as a whole will be. It doesn't matter where, just get out and do it.

As your checking off each of the above "Resolutions", remember, it is up to each one of us to follow towards our goals as fresh water conservationists as well as trout fishermen. If WE are not stewards of our waters and of our sport, no one is.

Happy New Year and Best Fishes to All.