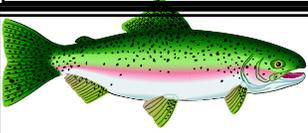


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T.U. PHILOSOPHY

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.

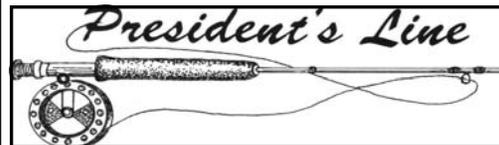
Next meeting:

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

Fly-casting (and some fly-tying)

with Mark Sedotti

The master caster will be on the premise!



A big thanks to John Mordach for coming down and sharing his presentation: "Under-Fished Catskill Streams and Ponds" with us. Although I could not attend this

meeting, I have heard nothing but rave reviews about it. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I heard about it! So thanks John! We look forward to having you back in the future!

As most of you know, we held our annual Conservation Banquet on April 16. Thanks to Peter Dubno and Boyd Shockley, the banquet chairmen, as it was once again a fun night and a great success. Most of all, thanks to all of you who attended and helped us make it so.

Coming up at the May general meeting we are proud to once again have Mark Sedotti as our guest speaker and caster. Mark, I'm sure, will once again amaze us with his trick and long distance casting – along with some great tips to improve ours. After the casting demonstration, he will share with us some of his favorite flies (both large and small), and also how and where to fish them.

As we are now "officially" in fishing season, besides tuning up our gear and getting it all ready, please remember to take a moment to disinfect and clean your equipment, especially any of your felt bottom wading boots. As I read about all sorts of "aquatic hitchhikers" and other transportable diseases, it bothers me to think of what COULD happen if we did not. It will take you a matter of minutes to do this, but you could potentially save a watershed by performing this minor maintenance. We should try to remember to do this before and after we go fishing.

Last but certainly not least, be safe and enjoy yourself on a stream, but remember, it is up to us to Educate, Conserve, Protect and Restore!

See you on the stream!

Best Fishes,

Jay Mooney

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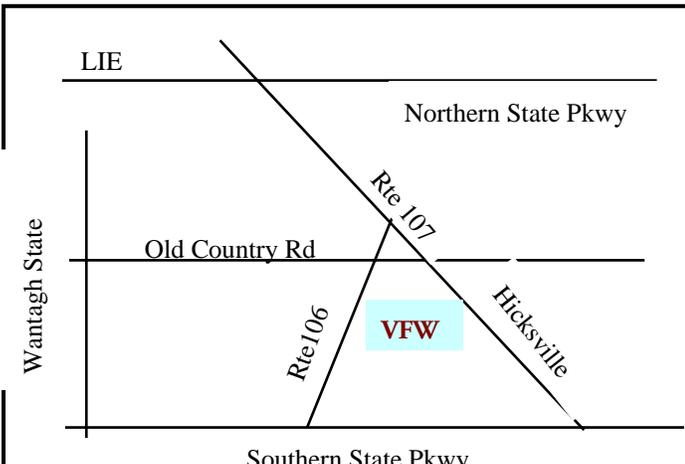
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5/01/2010	Wantagh Creek cleanup Forest City Park 9 AM Also Orvis Days at Orvis Greenvale
5/05/2010	Directors Meeting, Kwong Ming Restaurant 3342 Jerusalem Ave @ 7:30 PM **1st WEDNESDAY**
5/15/2010	Newbie Fishing trip to the Croton River—contact Peter Harris 631-421-4876 Open to new members (2 years or less) wanting to learn fly-fishing and reading the water
5/18/2010	General Meeting, 7:30 PM **Tuesday** Extreme Fly-casting
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Annual General Election SLATE

The June General meeting is the annual meeting at which we elect LITU officers and Board members— Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must be members in good standing. Nominations can be made from the floor at the June General Meeting election You can contact any LITU board member or President Jay Mooney to express your interest to serve on the board or to seek election to office. The LITU Nominating Committee announces the following slate:

President— Jay Mooney

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EVENTS....Up and Coming

This is the middle of the busy season for our membership.

Wantagh Creek Clean-up May 1, 2010

Meet at 9 am - meet at Forest City Park.
contact Jay Mooney (516) 659-3202 .

Orvis Day's at Orvis Greenvale May

1,2010....Orvis Greenvale is having its Orvis Days for LITU members

Featured speakers are Peter Dubno and John Fischer

Trout in the Classroom Releases—During April and early May the TIC schools will release Brook Trout into Beaver Brook or Upstate at Ward Pound Ridge.

There are various dates and times available so see John Fischer at the General meeting to sign up.

New Member fishing on the Croton May

15th....If you are a new member and want to learn where to fish, join the LITU mentors for a day of fly-fishing on the Croton River ...just one hours drive from NYC. New members only.. This is a one time offer. If you know the watershed and want to help out you can volunteer to be a mentor. Contact Peter Harris or John Fischer at the meeting.

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Proceeds from this year's raffle will benefit the NYSCTU Conservation Fund. Help support the fund that gives back to chapters, providing financial assistance for projects on our home waters. The drawing will be held at the June NYSCTU General Meeting on Saturday, June 5th, 2010 held in Lake Placid. Tickets will be available at the next three Council meetings (September, November and June) or you can purchase them through Longcasts via mail by sending a check and this coupon to:

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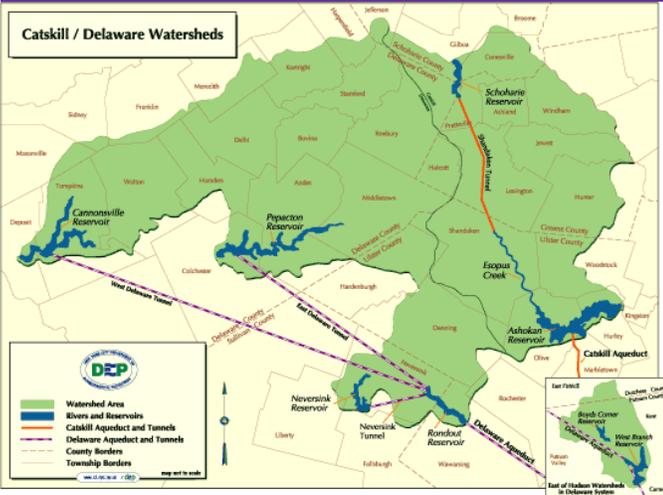
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See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/24/science/earth/24drill.html?ref=nyregion>
 From Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy: *Is New York City's Water Supply Safe? (Not Really.)*
(And we here in the Southern Tier are living in a sacrifice zone!)

Today (April 23, 2010) the NYS DEC took the extraordinary step of suddenly announcing that the Supplementary Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) that has been in the works for almost two years will not apply to the New York City watershed. The DEC attempted to justify this abrupt policy shift by claiming that unfiltered water supplies have to be treated differently than other parts of the state. But since the DEC made no attempt to say how or when it would regulate drilling in areas that supply unfiltered drinking water, the announcement effectively blocks drilling in NYC watershed for the immediate future.

This action won't really protect New York City's water supply, but it may achieve another end. It may lull eight million New Yorkers into believing that they don't have to worry about drinking water contaminated with the hundreds of toxic chemicals used in fracking fluid.

At a recent federal EPA hearing on fracking and drinking water safety, environmental scientist Dr. Duncan Patten reportedly remarked that toxic plumes in aquifers can travel hundreds of miles. If Dr. Patten is correct, then today's action by the DEC will do little to protect New York City residents. Hopefully New Yorkers, their elected officials, and the media won't be fooled into thinking that city water supplies are safe because drilling won't be permitted in the watershed right away.

There is only one way to protect New York City residents **and all New Yorkers** - the state must observe a strict moratorium on all hydraulic fracturing until the EPA has had a chance to complete its ongoing study of fracking and drinking water safety.

Take Action Now!

A bill in the New York State Assembly (A10940) will impose a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until 120 days after the results of the EPA report are made public. Another important bill, A10633, will once again give our towns the power to pass ordinances that apply to gas drilling. Please take a moment and let your legislators know that you support these two crucial bills.

Enacting legislation takes time, but Governor Paterson can protect our drinking water today. Call on Governor David Paterson to declare a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until the EPA has had a chance to complete its study.

From Catskill Mountainkeeper: *DEC Attempts End Run Around Natural Gas Drilling Concerns*

"At first glance it appears as if the State's announcement today to offer separate reviews of gas drilling in the New York City and Syracuse watersheds is being done to protect the drinking water of New York

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Gas Fracking and Cement Cracking

By Jilda Rush

City and Syracuse. However, in reading the DEC's statement closely, it is clear that they are not offering any special protections to these cities but are instead saying that *the rules to determine permitting for gas drilling will be different in the New York City and Syracuse watersheds than in the rest of New York State.*

The DEC statement said that gas drilling in the watersheds will NOT be regulated by the rules in the GEIS and that each individual well in the watersheds will need to go through an environmental review. They did NOT say that drilling is banned in the watershed and they did NOT say that each individual well permit in the watersheds would need a supplemental impact study. Based on what they did say, the regulations governing permitting for gas drilling using hydrofracking in the watersheds will be different, which means that those regulations could even be less rigorous than those that would cover the rest of New York State.

There is no way to know the motivations or thinking behind the DEC's statement, however it appears as if *the DEC is trying to give the impression that there won't be drilling in the watersheds to remove political pressure from New York City officials.*

It also appears as if *the DEC decided to exclude the watersheds from their final GEIS so that they won't have to address the comments from the comprehensive scientific study that was prepared by the New York City DEP as part of their review of the Draft DGEIS.* We would like the DEC to clarify whether or not they will analyze these comments as part of their review process.

Whatever their motives, this announcement does nothing to further protect the people of New York State from health and environmental threats posed by industrial gas drilling.

Ramsay Adams, Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper said, *"This is an attempt to take the watershed issue off the table without actually dealing with it, to fast-track drilling for the rest of us. And it's not even protecting the watersheds. It's bad on both levels. It's a really unfortunate turn of events, because it doesn't address any of the fundamental problems."*

Catskill Mountainkeeper calls on Governor Paterson and DEC Commissioner Grannis to hold up the issuance of any final report until all the scientific evidence (including the results of the recently commissioned report by the EPA) can be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated AND a second draft is issued so the public has the opportunity to review and comment. The stakes are too high and the potential danger is too great to do otherwise."

Ask for a moratorium on unconventional drilling until the EPA has concluded its study of the effect of fracking on drinking water safety.

Protest the DEC's decision to exclude the watersheds from their final GEIS. Tell them to protect the water of all New Yorkers equally.

Please write AND call the following people:

DEC Commissioner Alexander "Pete" Grannis:

- 518-402-8545
- pgrannis@gw.dec.state.ny.us
- Please bcc: info@nyrad.org so we can maintain a record of all contacts.

EPA Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck

- 212.637.5000
- enck.judith@epa.gov
- Please bcc: info@nyrad.org so we can maintain a record of all contacts.

Governor David Paterson

- 518.474.8390.
 - governor@chamber.state.ny.us
- Please bcc: info@nyrad.org so we can maintain a record of all contacts.

Visit the nyrad.org website to view videos and other gas fracking articles

Everyone is familiar with cement. But have you ever thought about its use in gas wells? In the gas industry, cement plays a crucial role.

First, the driller penetrates all the strata and the "cuttings" are removed, leaving a bare borehole. Next, a metal pipe called a casing is placed in the borehole. Most people believe fluids and gases can't possibly get through the casing, therefore the casing will protect underground aquifers from contamination.

Wrong. Pollution can still occur in the space between the outside of the casing and the inside of the borehole, called the annular space. This is why drillers force a cement mixture down the inside of the casing, then up the outside of the casing into the annular space until the cement fills this area and returns to the surface. This cement is the chief mechanism for protecting water sources from contaminants.

Having been an asphalt/concrete materials tester, I am concerned over the extreme conditions deep drilling operations will exert on this concrete. Portland Cement by nature is too brittle and low in tensile strength to withstand pressures and vibrations. A study, conducted by the petroleum industry itself and titled "From Mud to Cement-Building Gas Wells," illustrates the results of improper cement selection and design. (Google this title to download the study.) "Since the earliest gas wells, uncontrolled migration of hydrocarbons to the surface has challenged the oil and gas industry. Gas migration can lead to sustained casing pressure (SCP). By the time a well is 15 years old, there is a 50 percent probability it will have measurable SCP in one or more of its casing annuli. However, SCP may be present in wells of any age. Cement damage can occur long after the well construction process. Even a flawless primary cement job can be damaged by rig operations occurring after the cement has set. The mechanical properties of the casing and the cement vary significantly; consequently, they do not behave in a uniform manner when exposed to changes in temperature and pressure. As the casing and cement expand and contract, the bond between the cement and casing may fail." editors note: This article appeared in the Binghamton Sun 4/25/2010

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Sportsmen Commend Introduction of House Clean Water Bill

New legislation would restore Clean Water Act protections, conserve fish and wildlife habitat and hunting and fishing opportunities

WASHINGTON – The nation's leading sportsmen-conservation groups today commended the introduction of legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives that would restore critical Clean Water Act protections for streams, lakes, wetlands and other important waters. The America's Commitment to Clean Water Act would help sustain the healthy habitat, robust fish and wildlife populations and range of economic benefits that rely on America's waterways and wetlands and would reverse recent Supreme Court decisions that jeopardize the nation's water resources.

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, the Izaak Walton League of America, the National Wildlife Federation and Trout Unlimited have been vocal proponents of legislation that reinstates safeguards previously in place via the Clean Water Act. The bill introduced by Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota responds to these groups' calls for congressional action that strengthens conservation measures for water and wetland ecosystems essential to American hunting and fishing traditions.

Continued next column-

"America's waterways and wetlands form the cornerstone of our fish and wildlife populations and our continued ability to enjoy the outdoors," said Tom Franklin, TRCP director of policy and government relations "and so the nation's sportsmen speak together in commending Congressman Oberstar's leadership in introducing the America's Commitment to Clean Water Act – and urging his House colleagues to exercise similar sound judgment in supporting this crucial legislation's speedy passage into law this spring.

We Need Mentors?

Do you want to get involved but don't know how? We will do our best to help you get started. You'll be informed about when and where we hold our meetings, what we discuss at these meetings, committees which could use your help, and we'll even take you to a stream where we we'll fish together. Please contact [Peter Harris](#) at the meeting for more info.

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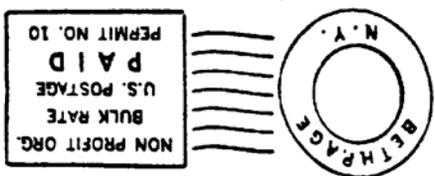
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