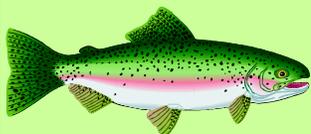


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T.U. PHILOSOPHY

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.



Tuesday, October 16, 2012 @ 7:30 PM
Meeting to be held at Caleb Smith State Park & Preserve

Chart Guthrie
New York State D.E.C.



I must tell you that I'm somewhat disappointed. At our September chapter meeting there were several signup sheets put out asking for volunteers for upcoming LITU projects and events. The response was quite low. True, it was our first meeting of the new season; also the attendance was lower than usual, probably due to the bad weather that night, but people, come on! You are a member of Long Island Trout Unlimited for a reason. We cannot accomplish our commitment to preserve and restore our cold water fisheries if we do not get adequate numbers of volunteers to help accomplish our goals. We are a VOLUNTEER organization. I'm asking you to step up to the plate when the call goes out asking for volunteers for one of our events or projects. We cannot do it without you. I hope that at our next meeting I get knocked down by the stampede of LITU members rushing forward to add their names to the volunteer sign up lists.

I just got back from an awesome weekend up in the Adirondacks with Jay Mooney. We 4 wheeled to some really beautiful backcountry water just relaxing and fishing remarking about how we were catching fish that probably never had been caught by man. This is what our organization really stands for-preserving these fisheries. It was a remarkable experience that I highly recommend.

Our LITU Fall Outing to the Farmington is this weekend (9/28-30). Hopefully we will bring back some good pictures and even better fishing stories. It looks like the weather is going to be more cooperative this year. There's still time for you to attend.

It's all set. Our second Comedy for Conservation fundraiser night at Governors Comedy Club is slated for Thursday, November 15. Please mark this date down on your calendar and plan to attend. It was really a fun night last year and we raised some money, too. The more people that attend, the better.

Mark this down- our October 16 chapter meeting will be held at Caleb Smith State Park in Smithtown. The speaker will be Chart Guthrie, N.Y.S. DEC. He will attempt to update us on DEC efforts on Long Island. There will also be a Q&A period so bring your questions for Chart. Let's have a large turnout.

Check the Paumonok and the LITU website for upcoming projects and events such as data logger removals and deployments, stream clean ups, Hempstead Lake Fall Fishing Festival, Cold Spring Fish Hatchery Fair, Casting for Recovery retreat, and many other activities.

Don't forget to buy raffles for our Holiday Rod Raffle to be drawn at our December holiday party meeting. We are offering a great Winston VSR 9 foot/5 weight/4 piece rod. Buy those raffles!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Peter Dubno (and friends) for the wonderful and exciting presentation, "Steelhead Fishing in Western NY 2011," that he gave at our September chapter meeting. A bunch of us will again be headed up to the Buffalo area the last week in October to chase some "Chrome". Hopefully Peter will have even more exciting footage for next year's presentation.

Remember to preserve, protect, restore, and **volunteer**.
Peter Harris

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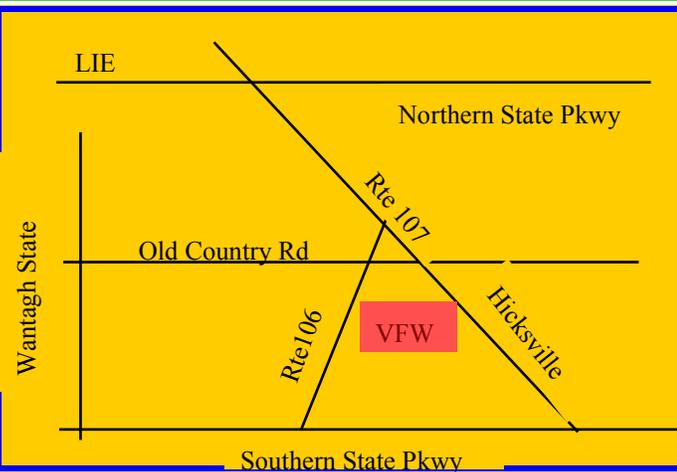
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L.I.T.U. Calendar

October 2012

- Mon. Oct. 1 Dinner Dance Meeting at TBD 7:00 PM
- Wed. Oct. 3 - Board Meeting
- Sat. Oct. 6 -
 Data logger removal
 Massapequa, Beaver Brook, and Nissequogue
 Orvis Days
- Sat. Oct. 13 -
 Fall Fishing Festival
 Hempstead Lake St. Pk.
 Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery Fair.
- Tues. Oct. 16 - Chapter Meeting at Caleb Smith SPP - 7:30PM
- Oct. 20 - Deadline for Paumonok

November 2012

- Fri. Nov 2 & 3 - NY-SCTU Mtg. in Pulaski
- Wed. Nov. 7 - Board Meeting
- Thurs. Nov. 15 - Comedy Club Nite- Governors Comedy Club of Levittown
- Tues. Nov. 20 -
 Chapter Meeting
 Deadline for Paumonok

December 2012

- Wed. Dec. 5 - Board Meeting
- Tues. Dec. 18 - Chapter Meeting (Holiday Party)
- Dec. 20 - Deadline for Paumonok

January 2013

- Wed. Jan. 2 - Board Meeting
- Tues. Jan. 15 - Chapter Meeting
- Jan 20 - Deadline for Paumonok

OPENING DAY OF LOWER FLY FISHING AREA ON SALMON RIVER POSTPONED DUE TO LOW WATER LEVELS

An emergency regulation will postpone the opening of the Lower Fly Fishing Area on the Salmon River from September 15th until October 31st the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today. The intent of the emergency regulation is to ensure that adequate numbers of salmon enter DEC's Salmon River Hatchery in order to provide eggs for salmon stocking that supports Lake Ontario and tributary fisheries. Due to unusually warm water temperatures and low water flow, DEC is concerned that unintentional fishing mortality of Pacific salmon could impact egg take operations and result in fewer fish for anglers in future years.

The quarter mile section of the Salmon River that comprises the Lower Fly Fishing Area is located immediately downstream of the Salmon River Hatchery and upstream of the County Rt. 52 Bridge in Altmar. The upper boundary of the area is just downstream from Beaverdam Brook. This location is a staging area for various species of fish, including Chinook and Coho salmon, as they prepare to enter the hatchery via Beaverdam Brook.

Flows in the Salmon River are partially maintained through controlled releases from the Salmon River Reservoir. Under normal conditions, water releases from the reservoir are regulated through a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license intended to provide year-round minimum or "base" flows to the lower 18 miles of the Salmon River accessible to trout and salmon returning from Lake Ontario to spawn. In a typical year, base flows are increased on September 1 from Summer level (185 cubic feet per second (cfs)) to fall level (335 cfs). However, the recent drought conditions have left the reservoir at a near historic low level (14 feet below dam crest on September 5, 2012) with no significant rain in the forecast. As a result, the executive committee of the Salmon River Flow Management Team agreed to conserve water in the reservoir by eliminating several high volume whitewater releases and delaying the transition from summer to fall base flow. Without these actions, there was a strong potential to deplete reservoir water by mid-October, based on current precipitation levels.

Should salmon returns to the hatchery be inadequate, DEC has developed a contingency plan to secure additional salmon eggs from other Lake Ontario tributaries, including the Black River and Orwell Brook. Further information on this regulation can be obtained by contacting the DEC's Cape Vincent Fisheries Station at fwfishlo@gw.dec.state.ny.us or call 315-654-2147.

Save the Date (upcoming events)

Sept. 28th thru Sept. 30th -
Fall Outing on the Farmington River.

Oct. 1st -Data Logger retrieval on the Carl's River, Massapequa Creek, Beaver Brook and Nissequogue river.

Future Guest Speakers

October 16 - Chart Guthrie—N.Y.S.D.E.C.

November 20 - Adopt a Trout program-Peter Daniels Hofstra University

December 18 - Holiday Party

January 15 — Fly fishing Show Guest Speaker TBA (Tentative)

March 19—Bryan Moore TU National

Comedy for Conservation 2013

Once again Long Island Trout Unlimited will be hosting a Comedy for Conservation Night on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Governor's Comedy Club in Levittown.

Come on down and join us for an evening of hilarious, homegrown and hometown comedy while helping to keep the fresh waters of Long Island clean, cold, and pure. All monies raised will help LITU continue our mission of conserving, protecting, and restoring the rivers, lakes and streams of our home - Long Island.

Donations are \$20.00 per ticket and will be on sale at the October monthly meeting. Please see Jay Mooney. Tickets MUST be purchased by Monday November 12. Unfortunately tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Last years date was phenomenal and a GREAT time was had by all! So, bring friend (or two), enjoy an adult beverage (or two) and come have a great time while supporting a great cause!

Contact: Jay Mooney at 516-221-5599 for tickets or additional information

License Renewal Time Is Here!

Annual NY freshwater fishing licenses expired at the end of September and we wanted to remind our members to renew before they fish into the fall.

The NY fishing license can now be purchased Online. However, the downside to purchasing online is it can take up to 2 weeks before your license arrives. The state will allow you to print out a receipt which is acceptable proof of having a license. The receipt is only good for 14 days.

It would be a good idea to also sign up for the NY Marine Waters registry for 2012 at the same time you purchase your license. You can do this at many of the usual places you purchase your license. This NY Registry will be enforced for marine waters sometime in the future.

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If interested contact Jay Mooney at AdirondackJ@aol.com.

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Dinner Dance 2013

Even though it is only October 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!

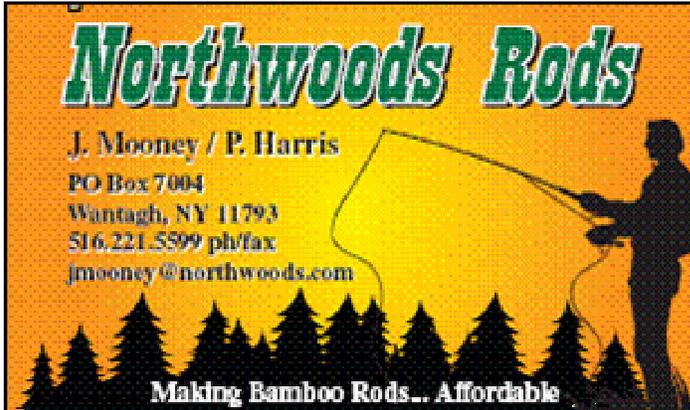
Cocktails will be served at an open bar beginning at 7:00 p.m., with Hors d'oeuvres being served waiter style. Dinner, dancing and silent auction will begin at 8:00. Bar will remain open until 10:00 p.m. Just ask anyone who was there last year just how good and plentiful the food was!

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.

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



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A Nice Way To End Trout Season

By Joe Odierna

I went up to the Catskills for apple picking this past weekend with the family. Normally a 3-3.5 hour ride. Then finally after 4.5 hours in bumper to bumper traffic when we arrived at the cabin, my wife said to me, "why don't you just go fishing?" Who am I to argue with sound reasoning like that, so I headed down to the creek for some evening fishing.

On the drive up you could see the weather was changing. The rain was on and off and cold front was coming in so I thought this would be a good time to go. I didn't bring my fly gear, but I had my spinning rod and some lures.

The stretch of water I normally go to has changed over the years. There used to be a deep hole next to a small waterfall with a boulder in the pool. The water split upstream and came back together just at this boulder. The fish could usually be found here. Now, mostly due to Irene, the pool is much shallower, the boulder gone, or buried, the waterfall more of a plunge pool. Where some nice riffles once were is now dead slow water. Some years the water runs fast, others slow. But overall, today it looked just right. The water was moving, the pool deep enough, the outside temperature brisk. I wasn't sure of the water temperature but I was here to fish so I tied on a small white rooster tail and cast away.

As I approached the slower water I cast upstream and across and let the lure drift down toward me. On the second cast I caught a tiny bass, about 2". A couple of casts later, the same, and then a bit later a 6" bass. Now I was starting to get worried that this stretch of water had become too warm for trout and that the bass had moved into this spot. Another cast, another 2" bass.

I tried again, this time I targeted the faster, deeper water in the run. As the lure dropped out of sight, I felt the hit of a bigger fish and got a harder pull on the line. I saw some brighter colors and a golden flash. It's a trout. A nice sized brown trout. After a little fight I landed the biggest fish I had ever caught on this creek, a 16" brown. Thank God my theory of the water being too warm was not right.

I put him back in the water and he swam happily away.

I decided to move upstream to try my luck in the riffles above the plunge pool only to lose my lure on a rock in the middle of the creek. No waders, no easy way to get it back. I tied on a different lure, but to no avail, and again only to lose my lure on the rocks below. I'm used to losing flies but I have never lost so many lures before. So I decided to move back down to where I was successful before.

I was still having no luck with the current lure so I cut it off and put on a bigger, black rooster tail. I noticed a rock on the opposite bank that looked promising. The water was passing by the rock creating what I thought would be a nice place to hang out if I were a trout. So I cast once across the creek, but not quite where I wanted it. I tried again, right ahead of the rock and I let the lure start to move and BANG.... I'm in.

Now this felt different. This was no 2" bass! The fish was stronger than I was expecting. After a couple of turns of the reel I saw him. A BIG Brown. Could this be? Did I hook my first 20"er?

Now me not in my fly gear, no waders, no net, what am I going to do to land this fish? I didn't want to lose this monster. Then I heard a little voice inside my head. It sounded like Sergeant Steelhead (John Fisher), saying, "Side Pressure! Side Pressure! Back up and beach him!!!" The typical directions I have been given for landing a steelhead. So I did.

Not the 20"er I was hoping for, but clearly the biggest fish I have ever caught on the Catskill Creek, hell, the biggest trout I have ever caught! 19" with a hooked jaw!



Maybe next year he'll be my 20"er since, after a long revival, he made it back into the water safely.

NICE WAY TO END THE TROUT SEASON. (Now on to Steelhead!)

DEC TAKES MEASURES TO CONTROL DISEASE OUTBREAK AT ROME FISH HATCHERY

A portion of the fish being reared at the Rome State Fish Hatchery have been suffering from a severe outbreak of *furunculosis*, a bacterial fish disease, for the past several months, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today. In an effort to eliminate the disease from the hatchery, 131,000 brown trout and brook trout were destroyed earlier this week.

“DEC does not stock sick fish into the wild and, unfortunately, this was the only way to address this disease outbreak at the Rome Fish Hatchery,” said DEC Commissioner Joe Martens. “Our Fish Culture staff takes great pride in the fish that they produce and this was not an easy decision for us to make. The DEC fish hatchery system produces 2.4 million catchable size brook, brown, and rainbow trout for spring stocking each year, and lethal measures are only considered after all other attempts at disease control are exhausted.”

Fish health concerns at the hatchery began in November of 2011, when large numbers of brown trout fry succumbed to a number of diseases. The loss left DEC facing a shortage of brown trout that would be stocked in the spring of 2013 as catchable-size yearlings. Neighboring states were contacted to see if surplus fish were available to help alleviate DEC’s shortage, and 175,000 fingerling brown trout were imported from the State of Virginia to the Rome Hatchery in the spring of 2012. These fish had been tested before being brought into the hatchery and were determined to be disease-free.

Furunculosis was first diagnosed at the Rome Hatchery in late June 2012, when samples from the Virginia brown trout tested positive. Within a month, the *furunculosis* infection was severe and had spread to Adirondack and mixed-strain brook trout – both known to be susceptible to this disease. It is not known if the disease came in with the Virginia fish or had some other origin. The disease, combined with a number of secondary infections, led to high mortality despite repeated therapeutic treatments. Most of the Virginia brown trout did not survive, and by early September only 47,000 remained. Heavy mortality was also seen in brook trout, which numbered 84,000 by early September. These brook trout were intended for stocking this fall in the Adirondacks, constituting almost 25 percent of DEC normal stocking into Adirondack lakes and ponds.

In early September, hatchery personnel removed heavily infected lots of fish from the Rome Hatchery. Brook trout intended for fall stocking would not be able to be stocked in accordance with sound management practice and DEC regulations. Given their disease status and the long-term best interest of the state’s hatchery program, it was decided to eradicate the disease from the hatchery as soon as possible. Targeted lots included the Adirondack and mixed-strain brook trout and the Virginia brown trout – roughly 131,000 fish in total. The fish were humanely destroyed using carbon dioxide on September 10 and September 11.

A hatchery mitigation plan has been drafted outlining measures to be taken to clean up the hatchery, including restrictions on transfers of fish in and out of Rome Hatchery, biosecurity measures, and a testing plan to determine if and when remaining lots are free of infection.

Due to pre-existing shortages and the *furunculosis* outbreak, it is expected that 224 lakes and ponds in the Adirondacks will be stocked with brook trout – 102 less than originally planned. Many of the ponds not stocked will still have holdover fish from previous years’ stockings and continue to provide excellent angling. There will also be fewer brown trout yearlings to stock in the spring of 2013 than usual, but final inventories will not be conducted until early next year.

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