



Riffles



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When Congress renewed the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act in 2007 the act contained this language:

“(1) FEDERAL PROGRAM – The Secretary shall establish and implement a regionally based registry program for recreational fishermen in each of the 8 fishery management regions. The program, which shall not require a fee before January 1, 2011, shall provide for-

(A) the registration (including identification and contact information) of individuals who engage in recreational fishing...

STATE PROGRAMS – The Secretary shall exempt from registration under the program recreational fishermen and charter fishing vessels licensed, permitted, or registered under the laws of a State if the Secretary determines that information from the State program is suitable for the Secretary’s use...”

Because many EJTU members restrict their fishing to fresh water streams and ponds, they don’t think much about the past years’ discussions about the salt-water registration that the Federal government requires. Moreover, since registration in 2010 was free, even if you fished for shad in the Delaware, or stripers in the Hackensack you might have felt that registering was only a minor inconvenience. It is a minor inconvenience no longer.

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When: December 8 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

December’s Meeting

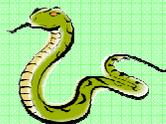
A Touch of Nature



The wonders of nature are but a touch away when you are introduced to the world of animals by Jerry, Laura, Michael or Chris Zalenka. While blending excitement and surprise with care and understanding, the Zalenkas help their audiences to develop an appreciation for all living things – from the ordinary to the exotic!



During this hour-long show our members and their children/grandchildren are encouraged to touch and pet a variety of animals including birds, tarantulas, lizards, snakes and alligators!



Give your children and grand children a treat and bring them to this year’s meeting.

There will be treats for the children

Time to Strip

Yes, it’s time to strip the fly line from the arbor, check it for nicks, swish it around in a little dish detergent and gently hang it (kink free) to dry.

EJTU Calendar

Advise Rich Malizia (973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net) of changes to calendar events; let Ed Higgins (easyedh@gmail.com) know if you are interested in fishing trips well in advance because openings are limited and reservations must be made in advance. Get your money in as soon as possible or someone else will take your place.

Please consult EJTU’s web site’s “Upcoming Events” for the most up-to-date and details.

2010

- Dec.4, 2010 – Catskill Fly Fishing Museum Holiday Open House
- Dec 8, 2010 - Members Meeting, Animal talk by Jerry Zalenka or his daughter

2011

- Jan 12, 2011 - Membership Meeting, FlyTyingNight
- Feb 9, 2011 - Membership Meeting, Rob Nicholas, the Housatonic & Farmington
- Mar. 3/6, 2011 - The Suffern Show
- Mar 9, 2011 - Membership Meeting, Mark Sedotti “Living” streamer fishing
- Apr 13, 2011 - Membership Meeting, John Punola Shad Fishing Outlook
- Apr 29, May 1 - Frost Valley Trip
- Apr. 30, 2011 - Hooked on Hudson
- May 11, 2011 - Membership Meeting, George Douglas Steelhead fishing
- May 14, 2011 - Fishing Trip - Shad Fishing on the Delaware
- May 28, 2011 - Mahwah Fishing Derby
- Jun 3, 5,6, 2010 - Picnic/Fishing Trip - Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
- June 11, 2011 - Ramapo River Day

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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The American Legion Hall,
33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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Riffles is your publication so we invite and encourage every member to contribute articles, tips, and stories. The articles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in general or conservation but all articles are published at the discretion of the editors and should meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our environment and the merits of 'catch and release' techniques. Pseudonyms may be used but the editors must be informed of the name of the member who writes the article. Email to raycapp@optonline.net

New Jersey Fish and Game Council

New Jersey's Fish and Game Council oversees the Division of Fish and Wildlife, adopts the game code and has great influence on our outdoor activities.

The eleven Council members, all appointed by the Governor, represent a variety of interests: three are farmers, recommended to the Governor for appointment by the agricultural convention; six members are sportsmen, recommended to the Governor for appointment by the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs; the Chairman of the Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee; and a public member "knowledgeable in land use management and soil conservation practices". Northern, central and southern areas of the State are each represented by one of farmers and two of the sportsmen.

When deciding a case that concerned the makeup of the Council the NJ Supreme Court commented as follows:

"The Fish and Game Council is invested with certain regulatory powers aimed at protecting and developing an adequate supply of fish and game for recreational and commercial purposes. These powers are expressed primarily

when and where in the State hunting and fishing shall take place, and which freshwater fish, game birds, game animals, and fur bearing animals may be taken and in what numbers. The wildlife thus regulated is those animals which are the focus of the sports of hunting and fishing. In addition, the Council supervises a program of wildlife propagation, the expenses of which are supported by fees for hunting and fishing licenses paid for by sportsmen and commercial fishermen"

Therefore, the Council's essential and primary responsibility as noted by the Supreme Court is aimed at protecting and developing an adequate supply of fish and game for recreational and commercial purposes. This limited responsibility is implemented through adoption of the Fish Code and the Game Code and in the development of comprehensive policies for the consideration of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Governor and the Legislature.

The acting Chair of the Council, Jeanette Vreeland, is completing her term on the Council and will be replaced on January 1, 2011. Beginning in January 2011 the Council will be chaired by Agust Gudmundsson, one of the most active of New Jersey's Trout Unlimited members.

Fly of the Month

The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. Maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big Rainbows the chapter stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.

Tie up your favorite midge pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites, and turn them in at the next meeting. You will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. If you're not into tying tiny flies, we will accept any pattern you care to tie. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.



Bruce Seiden



Joyeux Noël

Buon Natale

Fröhliche Weihnachten

Feliz Navidad

Boldog Karácsonyt

Feliz Natal

Vrolijk Kerstfeest

Veselé Vánoce

Buon Natale God jul



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Since New Jersey authorities have done nothing toward instituting a New Jersey registration system – a step that would have ensured that license fees and other funds accrue to the State – NOAA has announced that beginning in January 2011, if you wish to fish in salt water or waters that hold anadromous fish, you will have to pay the Federal Government \$15. The new fee applies to “anglers, spear fishers and for-hire fishing vessels.”

If you are unsure of whether you must register, New Jersey fishermen must register if they:

- + Fish for or catch anadromous species in tidal and salt waters; these are fish like river herring, shad or striped bass that live in the oceans but spawn in fresh water, or
- + Fish in the Federal waters more than three miles from the ocean shore or from the mouths of rivers or bays, or Don't meet any of the exceptions in the law.
- Those exceptions include anglers who:
 - are under the age of 16.
 - have a currently valid saltwater license from another state whose license meets the criteria of the Angler Registry.
 - are already registered with NOAA in 2010 to fish saltwater in another state.
 - only fish on vessels that are holders of for-hire (or charter boat and party boat) permits issued by NOAA Fisheries.
 - hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling permit.
 - are fishing commercially under a valid license.

Keep in mind that it is the Federal Government that requires that saltwater fishermen be registered. If New Jersey does not have a license in place, there will be federal funds that New Jersey will not be eligible to receive. Also, apparently there are landlocked states that have saltwater licenses and, as a result, receive some funding.

Some groups have suggested that New Jersey have free registration.

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The Library Display

Doug has once again moved to a new location. During December the EJ TU library display will be in the Elmwood Park library.

If you know of a library that has a suitable display area tell Doug and he will see if he can move the display in.



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This seems attractive until you consider that someone must administer the “free” program and the someone would probably be New Jersey’s Division of Fish and Wildlife.

If the Division were to be given this added responsibility, additional personnel and equipment would most likely be necessary and the personnel and hardware expenses would have to be paid for. Would New Jersey’s politicians be willing to add expense lines to the State’s budget, particularly in the midst of cost cutting moves, or would they expect the Hunters and Anglers Fund to pay for this added “angling” expense? If the Hunters and Anglers fund is tapped, it, it would mean that dollars that come from hunting and fresh water fishing licenses would allow salt water fishermen to fish at no cost to them.

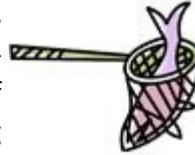
Meanwhile, Delaware has instituted an \$8.50 resident license that covers fishing, crabbing, and clamming. Will Federal funding be based on the number of registered salt water anglers? If so, will little Delaware be able to obtain more federal funds than New Jersey if it shows a registry with more anglers than New Jersey? If New Jersey does not institute a license, will the Federal government charge New Jersey for the cost of monitoring the catch reports? When licenses are issued by the government rather than New Jersey, will New Jersey wish that it was receiving the \$15 per New Jersey angler that instead will go to NOAA?

Freshwater Fisheries Forums

The NJDEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife will hold public forums to discuss freshwater fisheries culture, research, management and recreational angling in New Jersey at 10 AM on Saturday, December 4 at the Hacktstown State Fish Hatchery in Warren County.

Another forum will be held in South Jersey on February 26, 2011 at the Batsto Village Visitors Center in Wharton State Forest.

Anglers are invited to share their views and recommendations for the future of freshwater fisheries research and management in New Jersey with staff biologists. These forums are of particular importance as fisheries staff will soon be developing recommendations for regulations changes for the 2012 Fish Code.



There are two areas on the agenda on which biologists would like input. One is the types of waterbodies that anglers believe should be stocked as part of the Division's Winter Trout Stocking Program. Waterbody size, access type, ice fishing restrictions, etc., are areas open to discussion.



The other is to hear from the public which characteristics biologists should consider for a stream to have a Wild Trout Stream designation. This would include type of fishery, access, etc.

Anglers are invited to ask questions and comment on any aspect of the division's fisheries management programs. By providing input, the public can help guide the development of all New Jersey's freshwater programs and the regulations which govern them.

Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated, and will help ensure that all attendees can be accommodated. Individuals can pre-register by calling 908-236-2118 or by sending an e-mail to njfwfish@earthlink.net. Be sure to include name, address, phone number and the number of people attending.

Looking for stream-flow information? Or, do you want to know who is speaking at our next meeting and what topic will be presented? Perhaps you'd like the latest info on an EJTU upcoming fishing trip. If so, visit the EJTU web site www.eastjerseytu.org

Welcome to October and November's New Members

Gerald Band	Totowa
William Buchanan	Ramsey
Evan Cruz	Ridgewood
Joseph D'Onofrio	Glen Rock
Cohi Elyasaf	Tenafly
Ellen Frey	Mahwah
Dean Gauf	Mahwah
Jefferson Goodwell	Jersey City
John Hartung	Hawthorne
Christopher Henrickson	Bayonne
Laura Hirsch	Englewood
Irene Hort	Fort Lee
Gale Inwood	Hackensack
Stephen Jacobs	Twnshp of Washington
Fred Madura	Emerson
Jennifer Maroon	Clifton
Ann Martino	Glen Rock
Charlie Maurice	Cliffside Park
Thomas McDonough	North Bergen
Ryan Moots	Hasbrouck Hts
Amier Mouzon	Paterson
Thomas Mullane	Jersey City
Shane Nuara	Hillsborough
Antonio Panasit	Passaic
Bill Peet	Ridgefield Pk
Marlon Quast	River Edge
Irina Smith	N Haledon
Stanley Speich	Mahwah
Ian Stanton	Old Tappan
Liam Stanton	Old Tappan
Jeanne-Marie Thomas	Ridgewood
Crystal Wahl	Bergenfield
Ryan Wahl	Bergenfield

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.
~ Thoreau

