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Drilling For Dollars

Heating with gas predominates in the northeast and, while gas has been relatively cheap, tapping a huge gas-rich field that lies nearby may keep prices low or even reduce them. But freshwater anglers, hunters and hikers may not like what happens if the gas is extracted as planned.

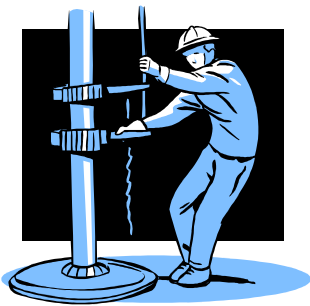
The gas is held in the Marcellus Shale Formation, a shale bed that lies a mile beneath most of New York's southern tier from Erie County east to Albany County and south to the Pennsylvania/New Jersey border. The formation then swings southwest through Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio,

West Virginia and eastern Kentucky to central Tennessee where it ends.

You might think that a few gas wells in an area this large might not cause problems but the extraction process entails more than just poking holes into the ground and piping the gas to local towns.

To remove the gas from the shale a process called hydro-fracturing, or fracking, is used. A deep well is drilled and then a high pressure mixture of water, sand and chemicals is pumped into it, thus cracking the shale and freeing the sought after gas.

However, this description of the process omits some peripheral actions. Roads must be built so equipment can



When: October 14 at 7:30 PM

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

October Speaker

Dwight Landis

Flyfishing the Limestone and Freestone Trout Streams of Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania

Dwight Landis, author of Trout Streams of Pennsylvania: An Angler's Guide, will present a program about flyfishing for trout in central and northcentral Pennsylvania. His presentation will cover the famous, fertile limestone spring creeks of central PA, as well as some lesser known, less crowded limestone streams in the region.

He will then discuss the forested freestone streams to the north, where good trout fishing can be found on countless miles of streams within the scenic "Big Woods" country, which consists of vast acreages of publicly accessible state forest and game lands. In this region also, Dwight's program will cover some of the famous waters, but will emphasize the enjoyment found in the exploration of lesser known, sometimes remote, trout streams. These "woody" streams are scenic, quiet, uncrowded, and you often see wildlife in these areas.

Overall, his program will cover a great variety of streams, large and small, with an emphasis on streams

Tiny Trout

As part of our commitment to Trout in the Classroom (TIC), in mid to late October EJTU will once again deliver fertilized trout eggs to a number of local schools in northern New Jersey

This is an unusual but interesting few hours in the EJTU volunteer year. The eggs must be kept cool and oxygenated so they must be moved rapidly to their destinations. As a result, the project only takes our volunteers a few hours during one morning.



And when the eggs are delivered they are not accepted by bored adults but are met by classrooms full of animated students.

George Petersen, who coordinates our TIC activities with the trout hatchery and with the schools, will let us know as soon as the date is firm but he must know how many volunteers will be available on the delivery day. If you can spare a few hours on this interesting project please let him know as soon as you can. Be sure to set aside some free time for a fun morning.

You can contact George at grpetersen44@verizon.net

Congratulations, Bill Borowski

Bill Borowski won this year's Frank B. Hall Memorial Fly Tying Contest.



Our judges decided that the Henryville Special that Bill tied was the best of those that were submitted. Nice work, Bill!

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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.
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be moved to each five acre site, millions of gallons of water must be obtained and after it is used the polluted water must be stored and then disposed of, pipe lines must be constructed to carry the gas, and wells may require fracing more than once.

Water is expensive to truck to the drilling sites so using local streams is preferred - streams such as those that flow through the Catskill's Delaware, Greene, Ulster and Sullivan Counties all of which sit above the gas-rich shale.



Since gas companies will pay property owners a few thousand dollars plus royalties for drilling rights, sites on farms, in local communities and on state owned land can solve many financial problems. But is the resulting network of back country roads and pipe lines worth it to the rest of us?

**Clifton Fly Tying Classes
Not Cancelled**

EJTU's Clifton Fly tying classes have not been cancelled.

If you are interested in taking the fly tying class in Clifton you may register at the next session on October 5.

The class was mistakenly canceled; but has been rescheduled.

**Welcome to September's
new members:**

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Gregory S. Halliday Jersey City

EJTU Calendar

Advise Rich Malizia of changes to calendar events (E) at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

Ed Higgins (easyedh@verizon.net) plans fishing trips (F) to a number of locations. Let Ed know if you are interested in these trips well in advance because in many cases openings are limited and reservations for a firm number of participants must be made. 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 details.

October:

Friday, October 9 – NJ State Ramapo fall trout stocking; truck to arrive at 12:30 – 1 PM

Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 12: (F) trip to the Ausable & Saranac Rivers area of the Adirondacks.

Wednesday, October 14: meeting – speaker Dwight Landis



November:

Early November – (F) Fishing trip to Ken Lockwood Gorge

2010 Trips

Frost Valley
Catskill Flyfishing Museum

Contact: Rich Malizia for Calendar Events (E) at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

Contact: Ed Higgins for Fishing Trips (F) at (easyedh@verizon.net)

Eight Pound Rumor

We will probably never know about the validity of the report but rumor has it that someone caught an eight pound brown trout in Shepard Lake. One of the officials who manages the lake says that he does not know if the story is accurate but that he keeps hearing about it, so he feels that it is probably true. Shepard Lake is in Ringwood State Park near the New Jersey Botanical Gardens



Final 2009 Trout Stocking



On Friday, October 9 the State's stocking truck will make its last 2009 visit to the Ramapo River. We expect that it will deliver 870 large trout, so fishing should be good during the Fall months.

We have been told that the truck will arrive at Glen Gray Road later than usual – sometime around 12:30 PM to 1 PM so our EJTU volunteers don't have to arrive assemble at Glen Gray

Road as early as they do during the Spring stocking months.

In November EJTU will do its own stocking just as we have in past years. We will send further information on this stocking soon.

Monofilament Recycling Bins

East Jersey TU has mounted Monofilament Collection Bins next to a number of lakes, rivers and ponds in our area. We now need someone who can simply keep a list of where the bins are located and keep track of who is responsible for checking them.

The person who does this for us will not have to empty the bins or visit them, just keep track of the existing bins and any that are added.

If you can help with this project contact Ray Cappock at raycapp@ptu@gmail.com

Chinese Mitten Crabs

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife would like recreational crabbers to be aware that Chinese mitten crabs have been caught in New Jersey waters, the most recent being those captured by both commercial and recreational fishermen in Raritan, Barnegat and Delaware Bays. Mitten crabs are native to Asia but have invaded portions of northern Europe and California.

Biologists would like to gather as much information as possible on any mitten crabs that have been caught this year or in recent years to help determine their current distribution. The

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Fly of the Month



The hatches of summer are winding down

and it's time to think subsurface. October's fly of the month will be bead head nymphs. Bead heads currently dominate the nymph category and for good reason. The patterns have the weight and flash necessary to provide some action when nothing seems to be happening. Tie up your favorite bead head 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 important, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it.

~Irish Blessing

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Say Thank You

It's nice to thank someone when they do nice things for you. Especially if, as you are offering the thanks, you are receiving more benefits.

Many of our members may not know that Ramsey Outdoor Store has always provided a great deal of assistance to EJTU. When we need something in a hurry, Ramsey is there with assistance; when our annual dinner comes around, we are sure to have a table full of Ramsey Outdoor employees.

You may think that you can get better deals via the internet than you can from a store like Ramsey Outdoor Store but you can say thanks by patronizing Ramsey and at the same time get some very good savings. The easiest way is to simply show your TU membership card when you make a purchase at Ramsey - the cashier will give you a ten percent discount!

However, if you want to save even more just go to the Ramsey web site - www.ramseyoutdoor.com - and sign up for their monthly coupon. Every month you will receive an emailed coupon that gives you \$5 off on purchases \$25, \$10 off on purchases of \$50 and \$25 off on purchases of \$100. That's a 20 to 24 percent discount and you don't have to pay for shipping. (According to "Chinatownconnection.com, the symbol at the top of the column is the Chinese symbol for 'thank you'.')

From EJTU's Past

EJTU membership:	
1976	233
2009	734



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public can help by providing information on any mitten crabs that are encountered.

The crabs are easy to identify and the online mitten crab poster lists identification



characteristics as well as some general information on the species. If a mitten crab happens to be caught, it is important to document as much information as possible and take a picture of the crab for identification and proof of capture.

For more information on the crabs, how to identify them the online poster and how to report them, please visit <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2009/mittencrab09.htm> on the division's website.

**Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:**

www.eastjerseytu.org

NY State License Fees

Effective August 17, 2009 New York State has a new schedule of fishing license fees for 2009-2010. The fees for non-residents have been raised.

Fresh Water Fees:

Annual Fishing \$70.00

7 day Fishing \$35.00

1 day Fishing \$15.00

Marine Fees:

Annual Fishing \$15.00

7 day Fishing \$10.00

1 day Fishing \$5.00

Note the Marine (Salt water) fees! They cover the Delaware River and its tributaries when fishing for "migratory fish from the sea", the Hudson River and the Atlantic Ocean within 3 nautical miles of the New York coast

New York also offers a non-resident "Super Sportsman" license that includes fishing, bow hunting, muzzle-loader hunting, and turkey hunting - \$250.

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad. ~A.K. Best

That's Not Smokey!



The October 2009 edition of *Outdoor Life* magazine carries a short article titled, "World Record Predictor" in which the magazine's editors list seven North American game animals and speculate about what locality will produce the next record breaker. After presenting their predictions and the justification for picking the locality, the editors then offer other areas that might also produce big game records.

The editors write that the next record breaking black bear should come from any county in Pennsylvania. They then offer Utah in the west as a possibility. However, they end the article with this statement, "And if New Jersey ever opens a season, the world record will fall within the first week".



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