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Our Next Meeting is June 2nd at Columbia's

A Special Note:

Congratulations to our very own Gary Rose for his new role on the Kentucky Council of Trout Unlimited. He was accepted as a member during the last Board Of Director's Meeting. Good luck and thank you for the dedication.

OUTINGS

Hope everyone has been able to get out and fish this spring, the fishing has been good!

We have a couple of trips planned for you to mark on your calendars. The first is a float trip down the Elkhorn Creek for smallmouth bass. Grab your canoe, pontoon or kayak and get in some smallmouth fishing with us! If you need a canoe, we will be hooking up with Canoe Kentucky who will be providing canoes and shuttle service.

The date for this trip is Saturday, June 13. We will meet at Canoe Kentucky's shop in Peak's Mill at 8:30 and go from there.

If you are planning on renting a canoe, please go to canoeky.com and print out their waiver and have it completed, this will save much time Sat. morning.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 859-227-1227 or call Ked Stanfield at 606-524-2159.

Please let us know if you are interested by June 6, we need to let the folks at Canoe Kentucky know how many people to expect.

We are also planning a trip to the Hiwassee River in East Tenn. This will be hosted by Dane Law, who owns and runs Southeastern Anglers. This river has very dependable dry fly fishing.

I will have more information at the chapter meeting or give me a call or drop me an e-mail. The tentative date is mid-July.

Hope to see you at the meeting or on the water!!!

Rusty

P.S.

I would like to thank Todd Martin for all his help and guidance these past two years, it has been my good fortune to work and fish with him.

TROUT in the CLASSROOM

“Hatch and Release”

The Trout in the Classroom Project at Liberty Elementary School concluded on Saturday, May 16th with the release of 40 to 50 Rainbow fingerlings into the East Fork of Indian Creek in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Mrs. Kristi Fehr, teacher, with nine of her students from the Science Club along with many parents, made a seven car caravan to the stream for this year-end event.

Prior to the actual release, and while actually in the stream, the students were provided nets by Mr. Brian Radcliffe, Project Instructor from the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment of the University of Kentucky. Mr. Radcliffe conducted an outdoor, hands-on class for everyone on stream entomology with the East Fork of Indian Creek as the living laboratory. Students discovered or netted crayfish, snails, hellgrammites, minnows, tadpoles, salamanders, stonefly nymphs, mayfly nymphs, caddis fly nymphs, as well as many other creatures of the stream. The object of the lesson was to classify all of these discoveries into three different classes to judge the water quality of the stream. The stream was given a very high mark therefore it was determined to be worthy for release of the project's Trout fingerlings.

All of the students then participated in releasing the fingerlings into the stream and said goodbye to the babies they had hatched and raised over the past seven months. After the release concluded, all present took a well-deserved time out for a streamside picnic lunch and reflected on the project's ups and downs over the course of the year. One parent was heard to comment, “My child had never been very interested in science or school in the past, however this program had motivated him to perform much better in all of his classes.”

In conclusion, this first ever Trout in the Classroom Project for our Chapter has been a tremendous success! Many teachers are now expressing interest in having the Project in their school for this next year. The Chapter is looking to expand the Program, so as many as six Projects can take root in 2010. That means we will need many volunteers to be mentors to each of the classrooms. If you have an interest and the dedication to be involved in a program that is designed to enhance our mission of conserving cold water fisheries and in teaching youngsters the importance of conservation as a way to preserve our planet for future generations, then please contact Sandy Broughman (859) 271-1778 or Gary Rose (859) 263-5889 to volunteer for next year.

-Gary Rose

Program Director

Our Very own Gary Rose volunteering with Liberty Elementary Students. In this picture Gary is showing off fly, which are representative of what the Trout that the science club raised will eat when they are released.



A Spotlight on National TU

Deadliest Catch Captain Sig Hansen and Crew Call Pebble Mine a Disaster for Alaska; Celebrity Crab Fishermen ask Gov. Sarah Palin to Halt Project

(ANCHORAGE, May 20, 2009) -- The crew of the F/V Northwestern and stars of The Deadliest Catch, America's top-rated cable television show, are speaking out about a massive hard-rock mine that developers want to build in the heart of Alaska's wild salmon country. The proposed mine, called Pebble, straddles the headwaters of the two of the world's most productive salmon rivers. If developed, Pebble could be North America's largest open-pit mine, generating 35 billion gallons of waste annually and exposing the Bristol Bay region to the risks of acid mine drainage and potentially catastrophic industrial accidents.

"We don't mind crab fishing in the dead of winter in the Bering Sea. But there's no way we'd take the risk of developing the Pebble mine. Putting the world's largest earthen dam holding toxic waste right in the middle of the Bristol Bay watershed is one of the most bone-headed ideas we've ever heard of," said Sig Hansen, captain of the F/V Northwestern, one of the fishing vessels featured on The Deadliest Catch, which airs on The Discovery Channel in over 150 countries.

"One earthquake, one leak, and we'd send a river of poison rushing down our best salmon streams, heading straight for Bristol Bay. Help us stop the Pebble mine before it becomes an Alaska disaster," Hansen said.

Hansen and his crew voice their opposition to Pebble in a series of print and broadcast ads slated to air in Alaska and nationwide this summer. In separate interviews, Sig and crew called on Gov. Sarah Palin to stop the Pebble mine from proceeding.

"I'm no radical greenie. I support responsible resource development. That's how I make my living. But in some cases, you have to draw the line. The Pebble mine is one of those projects and Sarah Palin, whose family fishes in Bristol Bay, ought to know that," Hansen said.

The ads are funded by the Renewable Resources Coalition and Trout Unlimited Alaska, two conservation groups working to protect Bristol Bay, home to the world's largest remaining wild salmon runs.

A consortium of mining companies called the Pebble Limited Partnership, led by London-based Anglo American, is aggressively moving ahead with plans to develop the huge copper and gold deposit, located on state-owned land, 250 miles southwest of Anchorage. The developers recently said that they plan to submit applications for mining permits within the next few months. In

addition to Pebble, Bristol Bay is also threatened by hard-rock mine leasing on millions of acres of federal land adjacent to the Pebble deposit.

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From the President

Due to some unforeseen circumstance, I have unfortunately stepped down as President of Bluegrass Trout Unlimited.

I cannot tell you how proud I have been to work with each and everyone of you. Keep up the good work, and I will rejoin as soon as I can. Thank you for your support.

Keep a drag free drift.....
Todd Martin, President

Editor's note:

I want to say thank you to Todd Martin for all of his love and dedication to our chapter and it's members. We wish Todd the best and hope everything works out the way it should for such a great man.

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Attention Members!!!

Renewals are required every year. You should receive a notice from National TU approximately four months before your membership expires. If you don't renew they will keep sending a notice monthly until some time after your membership expires. After a certain time your local chapter will send you a final notice. You will save a lot of unnecessary mail along with work and expense for the local chapter and the national organization if you renew right away. Please, when you get the first notice do not put it down. Send in the renewal right away or go online at www.tu.org and get it done immediately. You might get a valuable coupon as a reward. Thanks - Charlie Ebling