

Trout Unlimited Grassroots Regional Meeting

Story by Dave Cella, Photos by Marcy Cella



Laura Hewitt National Trout Unlimited

The meeting, hosted by Laura Hewitt, was attended by members of the state council from Illinois as well as a member of the National Council. Also in attendance were members of the Wild River Chapter and CCCTU. No representatives from the Michigan or Minnesota state councils were present.

found between coasters and other brook trout. Or, it has not been able to be detected as yet. No discussion was made as to why brook trout in lower rivers migrate to the lake and those found above a natural barrier do not. A study of water temperature found in the lower rivers and streams would seem to be need for further research.

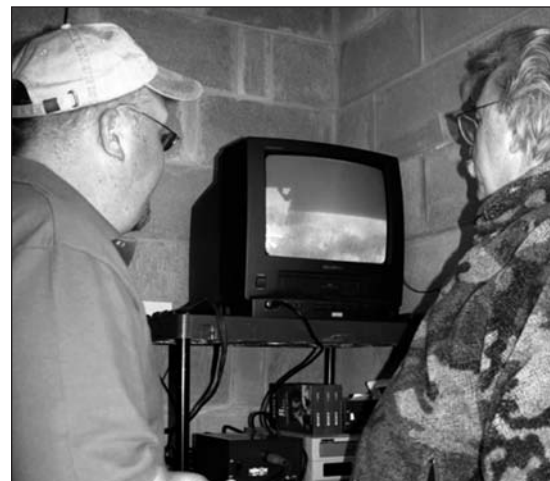
Trout Unlimited feels that planting of species not native to Lake Superior should be eliminated. Splake is highest on the hit list because people cannot tell the difference between splake and coaster brook trout. As for the other types of fish that have been planted, their numbers are supposedly self-sustaining.



A field trip to Whittlesey Creek to view stream bank stabilization and the working of an underwater camera was informative. The USFWS and the WDNR have a good small stream to work with. The headwaters

The focus of the gathering was to discuss the status of coaster brook trout restoration in the Lake Superior Basin, along with recommendations for future action. T.U.'s ultimate goal is to bring coaster levels in the lake back to pre-settlement numbers. It is also understood that this will take many years to accomplish, and that success to date has been poor. Many more streams that held coaster populations in the past will need to be evaluated for future planting opportunities. One of the areas that T.U would like to concentrate on is the east shore of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

One of the most interesting facts to come out of the discussion was that no determinable genetic difference has been



Mark Brouder Biologist U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service showing one of the club members the television and VCR set up recording everything that happens in the creek.

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Help Slow the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

By Jim Baker

The Great Lakes as well as many of our local streams and lakes, over time, have become a melting pot of introduced and invasive species of all manner, shape, size, and color. According to Michigan Sea Grant, there are currently more than 160 non-indigenous species living in the Great Lakes which cause economic losses with the Great Lakes Basin totaling \$5 billion per year.

While some of us, such as the steelheaders and salmon fishermen, may not agree whether all of the non-indigenous species are a bad thing, all of us certainly can agree that the accidental introduction and spread of invasive species is a concern and that we all should do our part to stop or at least control it to the greatest extent possible. The presence of non-indigenous species disrupts ecosystem dynamics including food webs, nutrient cycling, and habitat structure.

While the most notorious unwelcome visitor is likely the sea lamprey, the most recent and significantly concerning visitor to our waters is Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia or "VHS." VHS is a virus which can be fatal to many fish species and has

been suspected or confirmed in a number of fish kills in the U.S. and Canada. Following the discovery of VHS in inland lakes in lower Michigan and in Wisconsin, the Michigan DNR has instituted new regulations related to the acquisition, use, and retention of live bait. These rules can be viewed online at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

Anglers can help stop and slow the spread diseases by minimizing the likelihood of inadvertently transporting them between bodies of water. Specific recommendations from the Michigan DNR, taken from www.michigan.gov/dnr include:

- Clean boats, trailers, and other equipment [including waders and float tubes] thoroughly between fishing trips to keep from transporting undesirable fish pathogens and organisms from one water body to another, with special care to clean fishing equipment when you are done fishing known locations of the fish diseases. A light bleach solution is an excellent disinfectant for cleaning your equipment.
- After cleaning allow boats, trailers, and other equipment to fully dry for 4 to 6 hours in the sun.

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are in a natural sand basin. There is quite a bit of flashing during spring break-up, but the upper reaches nearly dry up in the summer. The stream flows underground for a



Dave Cella checking out the camera in the creek

ways and then resurfaces when it encounters a clay layer as it nears the lake. There is a lot of upwelling ground water, which makes for ideal spawning habitat. Marcy felt drinking the water from an Artesian spring was worth the trip.



Laurence Wiland one of the Authors of "The Coaster Challenge"

Marcy and I enjoyed the day, meeting nice people and having a wonderful lunch. On the return trip we were able to feast in one of our favorite restaurants.

Beginner Fly Fishing Day Held

By Bill Leder

CHASSELL - The rain and fog on June 3 didn't dampen the enthusiasm of six students who turned out to learn about the sport of fly fishing. Instructor Jeremy Shannon did a great job of

CCCTU would like to thank all the students for their interest and time: John Marshall and his son, Matt; John Kirk and his son, Johnny; Laura Mahon; and Jay Glandon. We hope that these folks will soon be tying their own flies and hauling in some lunkers on 6x leaders.

This event got really good press coverage. Kelly Fosness, a staff writer with the Daily Mining Gazette, asked many interesting questions and wrote an informative front page article. Gerry Heikkinen with TV-6 interviewed Jeremy. His interview was on the six o'clock news on the 4th of June.



Jay Glandon

Thanks to all CCCTU members who helped make this event successful.



John and Johnny Kirk

explaining fly casting, and then it was time for the students to practice. Fortunately, the rain had let up by that time, so the program moved from the park shelter to the grass. Later in the afternoon there were some fly tying demonstrations. Jeremy was assisted by Chris Ipson, Bob Hudson, and J.P. Suchoski. Dave and Marcy Cella participated too. Marcy tried her hand at casting. (Watch out Dave, you might have some competition!)



Left: Jeremy Shannon with Marcy and Dave Cella



Matt Marshall and Chris Ipson



Laura Mahon and J.P. Suchoski

Burroughs is New Michigan Council Executive Director

From the July/August Issue of Michigan Trout

The Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited has hired Dr. Bryan Burroughs as its new Executive Director. Bryan possesses a PhD in fisheries science from Michigan State University. His expertise includes fish management, fluvial geomorphology, stream ecology, aquatic entomology, and dam removal.

Pat Kochanny, Chairman of the Michigan Council, stated, "Bryan brings a strong conservation background and a wealth of knowledge of our natural resources."

Burroughs said, "So...I am very excited to be your new Executive Director. It is an incredible

opportunity for me to professionally commit myself to a conservation mission that I am already personally invested in. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months and working with you to conserve, protect, and restore our coldwater fisheries resources."

SAVE THE DATE!

This Year's
CCCTU
Conservation Banquet
Will Be Held
October 20th

CCCTU is Online

Do you want information about meetings, events, or projects? Would you like to read back issues of *One More Cast*? Are you interested in the Michigan Council of TU or our national parent organization? Do you want to join CCCTU? All this and more is now available online at <http://coppercountrytu.org> It's all just a few keystrokes away, so check it out.

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- Do not move fish or fish parts from one body of water to another.
- Do not release live bait into any water body.
- Handle fish as gently as possible if you intend to release them and release them as quickly as possible.
- Refrain from hauling the fish for long periods in live wells if you intend to release them.
- Report unusual numbers of dead or dying fish to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division offices.
- Educate other anglers about the measure they can take to prevent the spread of fish diseases and other aquatic nuisance species.

Online Resources:

Michigan Sea Grant – Aquatic Invasive Species Website: <http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ais/>

Great Lakes Information Network - Invasive Species in the Great Lakes Region Website: <http://www.great-lakes.net/envt/flora-fauna/invasive/invasive.html>

Great Lakes Commission – Aquatic Nuisance Species Website: <http://www.glc.org/ans/>

Don't Miss the Summer Social

A Family Oriented Day of Fun

The Public is Invited – Bring Your Friends!

When: Saturday, August 11 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
(Registration starts at 1:45pm.)

Where: Nels Christopherson's Camp on the Salmon Trout River (Come rain or shine!) On M-26 in Houghton, turn on Houghton Canal Road ~ 5 miles to Schmidt's Corner. There turn west on Liminga road again about 5 miles to Covered Road. It tees to Liminga Road from left. Turn left on Covered Road ~1/2 mile to sign that reads "Christopherson" and green 911 number = 11995. Turn in and ~3/4 mile straight in to camp. Four wheel drive not needed!

Activities: Door prizes!!
Games, including activities for kids

Food: A complete picnic dinner, including BBQ chicken, will be served between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 5-12.

Raffle: First prize: Half Day Guided Fishing Trip
with Rivers North Guide Service
Second prize: Fly Rod / Reel with box of assorted flies
Third Prize: \$50 Cabela's Gift Certificate

Raffle tickets will be available at the picnic: \$1 each, \$5 for six.

Tickets: Meal tickets are limited and should be obtained in advance by contacting any of the following TU Board members: Gloria Strieter (296-9422) Vici Burrows (337-4555) Shawn Hagan (288-3405), Bob Hudson (482-0888), Bill Leder (482-0158), Jim Baker (523-1139), Steve Albee (482-2615), Bill Deephouse (482-6607), Jeremy Shannon (523-6321), Chris Ipson (482-7257)

RSVP: By July 30 to Gloria Strieter (296-9422) or Vici Burrows (337-4555)

**SEPTEMBER MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 — 7pm
Ramada Inn, Hancock Waterfront**

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Any amount given above regular membership is an additional gift to help Trout Unlimited promote coldwater conservation.

Trout Unlimited is a 501(c)(3) organization. Membership fees and other contributions to TU and the local chapter are tax exempt to the extent allowable by law.

If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Strieter, CCCTU Treasurer, at 906-296-9422, gstrieter@pasty.com