



The Long Cast



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Presidents Message

Greetings,

First I would like to thank Al Ball for his presentation at last month's meeting on his trips to Chile and to the Deschutes River in Oregon.

This month's meeting will again feature fly tying from 6:00 – 7:00. It is also a time to get together and exchange fishing stories if you wish. One change in our schedule however: the entomology demonstration that was mentioned last month, has been postponed until the November meeting.

As a reminder, we are approaching the December meeting and our election of officers and board members. If anyone is interested in serving on the nominating committee I will be trying to get it together at this month's meeting.

Finally if anyone has a change in the fishing regulations they would like to see, you can either e-mail me at jmccall02817@yahoo.com or write them down and give them to either Al Ball or myself at a meeting

John

A Tale of Two States

(The following is an editorial. It does not represent the official Chapter policy.)

The state of Connecticut maintains several streams as "Class 1" Wild Trout Management Areas. Such streams are not stocked and have generated self sustaining populations of wild brown and brook trout, including sizable browns. Regulations stipulate catch and release only and use of a single barbless hook. The restrictive fishing has ensured the health of these WTMA's and the year round fly fishing they provide.

Other streams are designated Class 2. These Connecticut streams receive light stocking and these too experience natural reproduction and wild fish as well, though mixed in with stockers.

The state of Rhode Island has no streams which are completely off limits to unrestricted fishing. Only one, the Falls River, is significantly restricted, though only for about two miles.

Holdover browns (surviving stockers) are caught in the Wood River system as are baby browns (apparently their offspring)

indicating the possibility for the generation of a wild trout stream with brown trout and brook trout.

However Rhode Island practices aggressive stocking, consistent with the allowance of all fishing techniques, just about everywhere. Stocked fish which are not dispersed are quickly removed (via power bait, worms, etc.) from where they are aggregated. Interesting fly fishing becomes a "hot and cold" game in the more accessible sections of the Wood River.

Float stocking solves much of the "problem" by manually dispersing fish along the river. This makes fish more difficult to remove quickly by power bait, worms, etc. The fish are distributed more widely and not concentrated around the areas where they are introduced by state stocking trucks.

Rhode Island is under no political pressure to revise its regulations and stocking policies. Quite the contrary: organizations like the Cranston Rod and Gun Club aggressively promote their right (as one testifier at a regulations hearing put it: "for me and my sons to bring home as many fish as we want to eat.") This popular

philosophy has driven the policies of Fish and Wildlife for many years.

The state has a long history of sustaining and expanding its hatcheries. FW is left with the imprimatur of its now retired former head who regarded reforms, such as suggested here, as the work of “damned elitists.” Politics and history leave the policies and practices unchanged over many years.

The Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited has nearly five hundred members, a potentially potent political force. However it has mostly eschewed campaigning vigorously for conservation and naturalizing policies which have gained traction in many other states.

There are lovely periods, when

stocked fish become acclimated and rise to hatch imitations. This is when the Wood River comes closest to a wild river and when fishing is most satisfying. The fish look drab but they have “played back” their stored evolutionary programs and behave like trout should. They may not be particularly handsome fish but they are fun to catch and many of our members have mastered catching them within our system.

For those of you interested in Connecticut’s wild trout I suggest obtaining a copy of the state’s fishing regulations and handbook. It annually updates the complete list of Class 1 and Class 2 streams.

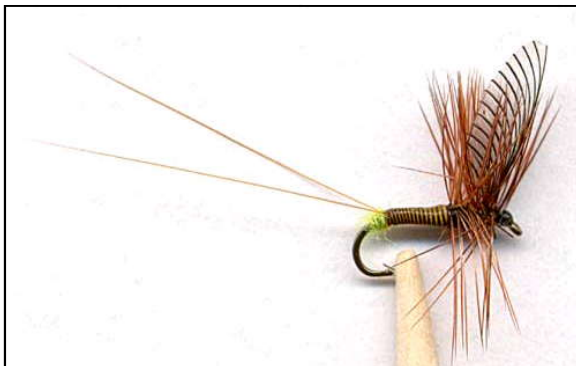
For example: sections of the Pootatuck River in Connecticut in their Deep Brook WTMA provide

excellent year round wild trout fishing. Beautiful wild trout can be caught, and released. This is unlike anything you will see in Rhode Island until the state’s trout management philosophy evolves.

Burt Strom

Atlantic Salmon

The Northeast Fisheries Science Center (a division of the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration known as “NOAA”) has an Atlantic salmon tracking program going on for Penobscot River salmon. One hundred fifty baby salmon smolts were surgically “enhanced” with implants of electronic tracking devices. These Penobscot River salmon



Fly of the Month

‘My Fly’

Tied by Vladimir Markov

Hook:	Dry Fly
Tail:	Microfibrils
Body:	Hackle stem or dubbing
Thorax:	Dubbing
Wing:	Hackle fibers covered AquaFlex, one
Hackle:	Rooster hackle
Coloration:	Select colors to match mayflies in your waters.

To do the translucent wing: Take an Indian cock hackle. Hold the hackle firmly by the tip in your right hand; stroke all the hackle barbs backwards between index finger and thumb of your other hand. Holding this barbs and the stem in your left hand, you take the butt of the hackle and very carefully begin to pull it through the fingers of left hand smoothly. Stop when your wing has a correct shape. Then coat your wing with a layer of suitable adhesive to give it the right shine. After a minute hang the hackle by the tip and let it dry for overnight. Gripping the coated hackle, cut it to correct shape and size of a mayfly wings. I recommend using only one wing because two wings can spin your leader and also your wing should not remind a propeller....Vladimir Markov

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*I leave my leftover worms in my hamburger container by the bank.
The guys at NCTU clean it up.*

October Presentation

Jeff Passante will be presenting at our October meeting. Jeff hails from Haddam, Connecticut and is the author of the *The Housatonic River Fly Fishing Guide*. It will be available (signed copies) at the meeting. Jeff has also published an excellent article on fishing the Farmington in a past issue of Fly Fisherman magazine.

Jeff will be doing his slide show he calls "Secrets of the Housatonic." In addition he may add his descriptive "The Year in the Life of a Fly Fisherman"- a photo journey thru one year of fly fishing experiences and then some suggestions for Montana and Idaho fishing.

Ed Lombardo



smolts were released in May.

Thirty tagged salmon have been "heard from" and successfully tracked by underwater sensors into their northward migration toward waters of the Labrador Sea, coastal West Greenland and northern Canada .

It is hoped that successful outer and inward migration will conclude that there are possibilities for recovery of Penobscot River salmon. You can read the full article at:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/08/080818184422.htm>



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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Lippitt Elementary School in Warwick, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 29**



Pootatuck River, Connecticut

**Our New Meeting Hall
is the Lippitt Elementary School
30 Almy Street
in Warwick**

Directions

From route 95, take exit 12
To route 113 East
Cross Rt 5 and stay on 113 by bearing
slightly right. (Main Ave.)
Travel 2.3 miles (crossing Rt. 1)
Turn left on to Liverpool St.
In 0.2 miles turn left on to Gulf St.
Then right on to Almy St.