

# In The Trout's Window

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Pioneer Valley TU Chapter 276

**March 10, 2009 Meeting**



Our chapter upcoming meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Tuesday, March 10th at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Lodge, 422 Morgan Rd., West Springfield, MA. (Fly Tier's Corner begins at 7:00pm)

## **Guest Speaker: Jennifer McCarthy** **“Salmon Aging, Migration, and Depletion”**

Join us for this fascinating presentation from an expert in the field of salmon growth, salmon marine life, and their currently declining population.

Jennifer McCarthy, a PhD student in the Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Program at the University of Massachusetts, completed her undergraduate degree in Zoology at Colorado State University, and studied at the James Cook University in Queensland, Australia where she concentrated on tropical marine ecology.

Currently studying under Dr. Kevin Friedland whose lab at UMass, Amherst, conducted some of the first analyses of fish scales to gain insights into the marine life of Atlantic salmon, Ms. McCarthy has utilized these analytical methods to examine the growth patterns of Atlantic salmon from the Drammen River in Norway. The Drammen is the site of a long running scale collection program, providing a unique opportunity to analyze samples from the last twenty years. Ms. McCarthy's data highlights critical periods of growth for salmon in the marine environment and identifies the possible causes of the rapidly declining salmon runs in the northeast Atlantic. This is not a presentation to miss!

### **Fly Tier's Corner — Join us at 7:00pm for a live demonstration**

“As you know there are wet flies and there are dry flies. I will be tying a damp fly. That's damp with a "p". The moment of transition into the wing fly” says Chapter member and featured fly tier, Terry Connolly. Join Terry as he demonstrates this very effective version of a mayfly emerger.

***Last Chance to purchase your ticket for our  
Annual Conservation Banquet Announcement  
...see enclosed invitation!***

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## Quick Notes From The Prez

By PVTU President, Paul Beaulieu

Room is sparse in this edition of "In the Trout's Window", so I'll briefly add my two cents by simply encouraging you to purchase your conservation banquets tickets ASAP! (see page 3).

Last year's banquet tickets sold out before all requests could be honored... so don't be left out in the cold. It is a fun event, a nice way to meet fellow Chapter members, and a very important means of supporting your Chapter.

Fishon!

### Annual Westfield River Symposium, You're Invited

Westfield, MA — Fun is the focus of The Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA)'s 15th Annual Westfield River Symposium on Saturday, March 28. Speakers and exhibitors on fishing, hiking, biking, birding, paddling will present a host of wonderful ideas for enjoying low cost activities close to home in our watershed.

Entitled "Have Fun in Your Watershed" the symposium will be held on Saturday, March 28 at Westfield State College Scanlon Auditoriums. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Fishermen may be especially interested in Marla Blair's program on "The Hatch, Fly selection and Making It Easy" (9:50 -10:30) and Jeff Penn's presentation on "Waterfalls of the Watershed" (11:00 – 11:40). TU will have an exhibit and The Western Mass Fly Fishermen will be on hand demonstrating fly tying.

Sponsored by the Westfield River Watershed Association with support from Westfield State College, the symposium is open to the public free of charge. The full program, updated as new information becomes available, can be accessed at [www.westfieldriver.org](http://www.westfieldriver.org) or by calling Kathy Meyer at (413) 568-4252.

### Chapter Member Sought for Advisory Committee

Kirt Mayland, Director of the Eastern Water Project, is looking for a member of our Trout Unlimited Chapter to attend the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

It would be beneficial for our Chapter if a member steps forward to represent us at these monthly meetings held in Southboro, Massachusetts. This is a great opportunity for a member to learn about water supply issues. (No previous experience necessary!).

For more information, please feel free to contact Kirt Mayland:

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### Massachusetts/Rhode Island Council Seeks Secretary

The Massachusetts/Rhode Island (MA/RI) Council of Trout Unlimited serves as the regional representative of Trout Unlimited chapters throughout these two states. Our Chapter has maintained an active roll with the MA/RI Council and attending the Council's quarterly meetings it is a great experience for anyone who would like to learn more about Trout Unlimited and their activities in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The MA/RI Council is presently seeking a volunteer to serve as the Council Secretary. This involves taking minutes at the quarterly meetings and sending them out to attendees.

If you are interested in helping the Council in this capacity (no experience is necessary as it is a volunteer task and the Council will provide all the necessary guidance), or if you want to learn more about this opportunity, you can email Peter Schilling, Chairman of the MA/RI Council, at [pmacds@aol.com](mailto:pmacds@aol.com)

### Indian Hollow Weekend Announced

The annual angler campout at Indian Hollow Campground will begin on Friday, May 15, 2009 and continue through Monday, May 18, 2009.

Those Chapter members who have attended in the past are very familiar with the fun and camaraderie this excellent outdoor event offers. For those of you who have yet to enjoy this fantastic weekend, bring your pop-up, full-sized trailer, or pup tent, fish the beautiful East Branch of the Westfield River, sit around nighttime campfires, and enjoy a Bar-B-Q picnic sponsored by the Massachusetts/Rhode Island TU Council on Saturday May 16th (at 1:00pm).

For our Chapter delegates to the MA/RI Council, the Council meeting will be held on the morning of May 16th (and will end just in time for the picnic).

Directions to the Indian Hollow Campground will be available at all upcoming monthly Chapter meetings. Directions are also online at: [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) (type in "Indian Hollow Campground" once you open the home page). By the way, rumor has it that there will be a special fly rod raffle with all tickets sold, and winner announced, at the outing... so don't miss this opportunity!



## CONSERVATION BANQUET: ALMOST HERE!

Dear PVTU Chapter Member,

It's almost here! The 24th annual Pioneer Valley Chapter's Annual Conservation Banquet! Don't miss an evening of fishing camaraderie not to mention door prizes, raffle prizes, silent and verbal auction items worth \$8,000. An announcement and reservation form for this premier event...our social and fundraising highlight of the year... appear on the adjacent column of this newsletter.

Among numerous worthwhile endeavors over the past two decades, our banquet has helped fund stream and habitat improvements in the Pioneer Valley, the effort to restore Atlantic salmon in the Connecticut River Watershed, efforts to provide fish passage on the Manhan River, the current Swift River Improvement Project, provide quality monthly programs, and provide support for TU's conservation efforts nationwide.

Attending the banquet is a very important way for you to insure that these and similar activities will continue. This is our principle source of funds as we do not impose Chapter dues. So please keep your calendar clear for Friday, April 3, 2009 and be sure to join us.

Another way to help is by donating an auction item or a raffle prize or pledging to purchase a gift from the list of items we buy from National TU Headquarters. Prize Chairman Jim Turcotte will be pleased to assist you in this regard. See Jim at one of our monthly meetings or call Jim at (413) 527-5863 for more information. All donations are tax deductible.

Send your reservation form to Ticket Chairman, Joe Babineau, at 3 Knight St., Belchertown, MA 01007. All ticket requests postmarked by March 1st will be eligible for our early-bird drawing prize.

I hope to see you on April 3rd! And bring a friend!

*Jim Lafley*

Jim Lafley,  
Banquet Chair

P.S. The next column contains your Banquet Invitation. Please take a moment to tear this off and mail it in today. Your attendance is not only a great way to support your chapter, but a fantastic way to meet new Chapter members in a fun, relaxing, setting. Return your invitation before March 1, 2008 and be eligible for the Early Bird Prize.

Editor's Note: Due to facility seating capacity, last year's banquet sold out. So, please do not wait to order your tickets as we must process reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to see you there!

## TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET

(Mail-in Invitation)

Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Friday, April 3, 2009

Location: West Springfield Elks, 422 Morgan Road, West Springfield, Massachusetts (Map provided with tickets).

Prize Viewing and Cocktails: 5:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM

Dinner will be provided by Bub's Bar-B-Q and the menu will include BBQ Spare Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, Sweet Potatoes, Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw & Dessert!

The Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited cordially invites you to an evening of fun, great food, and fellowship, including the most spectacular raffles in New England! Quality **door prizes**, an impressive **silent auction**, an electrifying **verbal auction**, the perennial favorite **limited sales raffle**, and great gifts of general interest featuring **thousands of dollars worth of fishing equipment**, outdoor gear, limited edition prints, and much, much more await you! Here's just a sample of banquet offerings:

**RODS...** crafted by Sage, Dan Trela, Heritage, Albright, Orvis, & Powell....

**REELS...** by such famous makers as Ross, Orvis, J. Austin Forbes, Scientific Angler & Fly Logic...

**OUTDOOR GEAR and MORE...** premium products including a Dan Vice, tackle bags, vests & chest packs, fly tying materials, fly fishing books, fleece, art work, binoculars, spotting scope, local hand-tied flies...too much more to list...

**REMEMBER...** all ticket reservations postmarked by **March 1st will be placed in the special drawing for the early-bird prize.**

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**YES! I WILL ATTEND THE TU BANQUET  
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd**

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ (number) tickets: \$20 per ticket

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to TU BANQUET and mail to Joe Babineau, 3 Knight St., Belchertown, MA 01007. For ticket info call Joe after 4:00 PM at (413) 323-6037.

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### Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held at 7PM on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May. We meet at the West Springfield/Agawam Lodge of Elks, 422 Morgan Rd., West Springfield, MA. The general public always welcome— no admission fee.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

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Jennifer McCarthy  
“Salmon Aging, Migration,  
and Depletion”

April 3, 2009

Annual Conservation  
Banquet

**See Inside... Last Chance for  
2009 TU Banquet Tickets !**

## State Fishing License Information and “Free Fishing Days” for 2009

### Massachusetts

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581  
Tel: (508) 389-6300 **Free Fishing Days June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
[www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/)

### Vermont

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
113 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671  
802-241-3600 **Free Fishing Day June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
[www.vtfishandwildlife.com/](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/)

### Maine

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
41 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0041  
207-287-8000 **Free Fishing Days February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>,  
and May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009** [www.maine.gov/ifw/](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/)

**Connecticut** Department of Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 (860) 424-3000  
[www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2696&q=322708&depNav\\_GID=1630&depNav=1](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2696&q=322708&depNav_GID=1630&depNav=1)

### New Hampshire

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department  
11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-3421 **Free Fishing Day June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
[www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm)

### Rhode Island

Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767  
401-222-6100 **Free Fishing Days June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
[www.dem.ri.gov/](http://www.dem.ri.gov/)

### New York

NY State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-0001  
518-402-8013 **Free Fishing Days June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
[www.dec.ny.gov/](http://www.dec.ny.gov/)