

**Trout Unlimited General Meeting**  
**November 27, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Shott at 7:10 p.m.

**General Announcements:**

The TU Logo cups (\$15.00 ea.) are in and ready for distribution to those who are interested. Requests for purchasing should be referred to Lee Squires.

An e-mail was sent by Nancy Walsh to members who purchased the Outerbank polo and denim shirts from One Hour Martinizing. Purchasers can pick up their shirts (\$18.50 each) during regular business hours. Future purchases will have a 2-3 week waiting period and should be made at One Hour Martinizing .

**Fishing Reports:**

A recent North Carolina trip to the Laurel and Nantahala Rivers yielded an abundance of trout for TU member Larry Drake.

**Program:**

Tony Brown, Third District Wildlife Commissioner was unable to speak at this meeting, and Sidney King graciously stepped in to present a program on Bonnieville Cutthroat Trout.

During the '90's Mr. King conducted a research project on several species of trout in western Wyoming. The four major river drainages studied during this project were: the Yellowstone, the Snake, the Colorado, and Bear Rivers. These rivers were individually isolated and enabled distinct species of cutthroat to reproduce, and it is believed that the original species originated in the Columbia River and migrated to the western Wyoming area.

The pure cutthroat stock that gives rise to these isolated species can only be found in the high country headwaters. Each drainage area has developed special characteristics, i.e., the Smith's Creek species feeds down to 40 degrees and is fast growing, and every drainage produces a specific shape and spotting pattern.

Although there are presently distinct species, hybridization does take place with the exception of the Fine Spotted species located in Flat Creek (Jackson Hole area). Rainbow trout are the culprits in the hybridization process, and fish barriers that were erected by the USFS to prevent cross breeding are no longer in place. To raise awareness of the fact that there still remain several distinct individual species, there is a Cut Slam Award for the individual who nets the respective species caught in the Snake, Yellowstone, Colorado, and Bear Rivers.

**Minutes:**

The October Minutes were posted on line, and no additions or corrections were made.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The TU Local Annual Report has been completed and sent to TU National.

**Outings:**

The North Carolina trip is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. No future outings are scheduled at this time.

**State Council:**

The general meeting was informed that the Board would be discussing the Chapter's involvement with the state council. The Chapter's current representative Frank Elsen will be ending his term, and another representative must be chosen. Also, questions have arisen concerning the intermittent activity of the Lexington TU Chapter.

**Old Business:**

Wolf Creek Dam:

Now at 679' and rising. Fishing is still good.

Otter Creek Update: Tom Walsh

Good fishing has been reported both up and downstream from the picnic area.

Trammel Creek: Barry Morris

TU is still awaiting a decision.

**New Business:**

New Directions: George Smith

Four non-binding, informal meetings will be held to examine past history and future undertakings. TU members will be asked to sign up for participation in these meetings.

Casting for Recovery: Mike Lubeach

The Casting for Recovery retreat was held the last weekend in September.

Reel Recovery 2008 will be held May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that these dates are during the week and not on the week end. Casting for Recovery will be the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> of September. TU will host a RR and CFR booth at the Derby City Fly Fishing Show.

December Meeting:

The December meeting will be held December 18<sup>th</sup>. Those individuals who wish to participate in a gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift in the \$10-15 range. Refreshments will be served.

**Raffle:**

Meeting Adjourned  
8:40 p.m.

Diane Miller  
Secretary