

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Treasurers balance as of 12-31-75 is \$3550.92.....Peter Kemp has resigned as vice-president of promotion because of personal reasons. This position will remain open until a suitable replacement is found.....Eastern Council of CFFA- Ed Ertel will resign his post as chairman for 1976. Tony Lolli and Ken Coppinger will be the representatives. The February program will be on lake fishing. Work outing to be held on the Willimantic River.....Vibert boxes to be put in the Jeremy's River on Sunday, January 11, 1976. There will be a meeting on January 26, 1976 with the conservation officer in charge of the "No-Kill" section of the Willimantic River. There will be a clean-up day on the Farmington River this year. Hope to put the fish from the rearing pool in fly fishing areas.....Bumper stickers and belt buckles are available for sale. Auction donations are very slow.....So far there are 142 members signed up for 1976 which is ahead of last year.....Fly tying school to start on Friday, January 9, 1976 at Raymond Hall. The advanced fly tying school will be held at the Firemen's Fund Building at Bishops Corner. The class will be held on the third Wednesday of the month beginning on January 21, 1976 from 7 to 9 P.M. The cost will be \$12.00 for all 5 classes or \$3.00 per class.....Things are on schedule for the banquet.....CFFA will not participate in the State Hatchery Open House.....CFFA will hold a work and play outing on the Willimantic River in May.....The Eastern Council of FFF will have an outing on the Beaverkill River at the Campbell Inn on the first weekend in June.....A pond in Westford and a section of Bungee Brook are available to CFFA with a little work being the only requirement.

Anyone who would like to contribute stories, tales, jokes, cartoons, ideas, or anything else that would be of interest to the general membership, please forward it to:

Donald W. Johnston
9 Michael Drive
Vernon, Connecticut, 06066

Also, anyone that would like to sell, swap, or needs a particular item, forward the information to the above address, and it will be printed in the next issue of "Lines and Leaders".

1976 CFFA BANQUET DINNER RESERVATION

DATE: _____

I will require reservations for _____ persons at \$10.00 per person.
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Mail Reservation to:

Mr. Joe D'Addario, Jr.
3 Roxbury Road
East Hartford, Ct., 06118

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NOTES from Eastern Council of CFFA:

GALA FEBRUARY PROGRAM

WHO: Paul Kukonem, New England's outstanding fishing guide and photographer.

WHAT: Films of this region's hottest fishing - spotlighting the return of the fabulous COHO to New York state. Paul can give you details on where to go, what to use, how to fish, AND how to do it so that you can afford it.

WHEN: Wednesday evening, February 25th. Movies at about 7:30 pm, preceded by fly tying demonstrations and a general gab session, starting at 6:45pm.

WHERE: The Auditorium of Mansfield Middle School in Storrs (see map below).

INCLUDING door prize, (with a BIG one reserved for CFFA members only) refreshments available after the meeting, congenial conversation, and good fellowship.

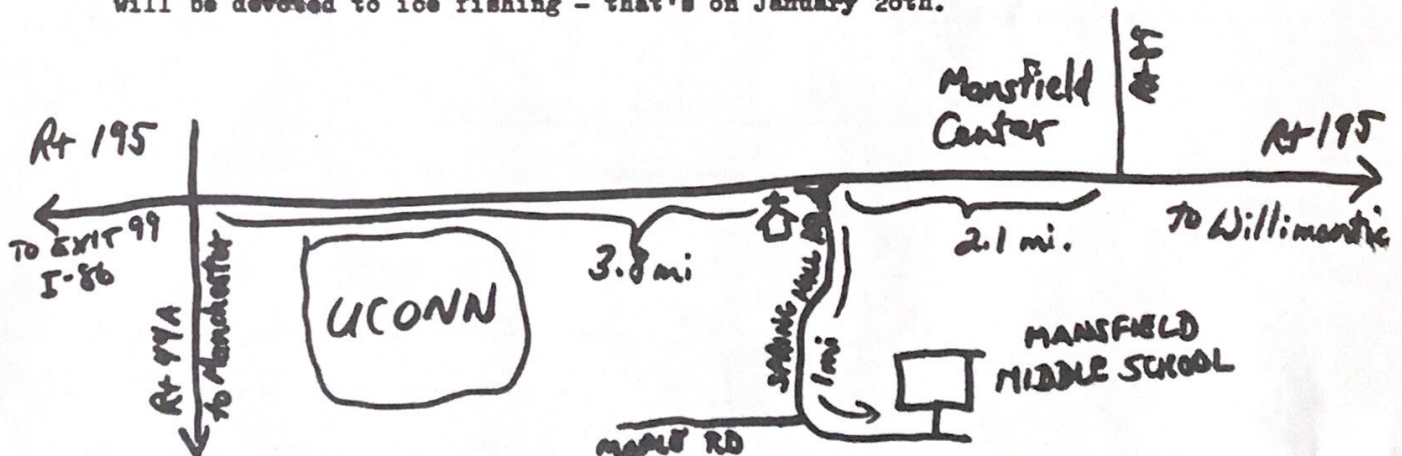
FLY TYING SCHOOL - we're planning on a short (approx. 5 week) beginners' fly tying course sometime this spring in the Manchester - Storrs area. Details are incomplete as of this writing, but if you're interested, contact Ron Irwin in Storrs, at 429-1550.

The 2 Eastern Council representatives for CFFA's Board of Directors for the coming year have been chosen as follows:

Eastern Council CFFA Chairman
Tony Lolli
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Storrs, CT 06268
Tel. 429-6656

Eastern Council Asst. Chairman
Ken Goppinger
Deer Park Apts. #41
Rt. 320, Ruby Road
West Willington, CT 06279
Tel. 487-1248

ICE FISHING? Yes, part of our January meeting (Fishing Lakes and Ponds) will be devoted to ice fishing - that's on January 28th.



We're now planning programs for Fall + for next year. Anyone wishing to join in the work + fun please get in touch with Tony or Ken - your suggestions are always welcome, too.

FEDERATION OF



FLY FISHERMEN

EASTERN COUNCIL

"CLEANER WATER - BRIGHTER STREAMS"

November 4, 1975

To all Member Clubs Officers and FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN Representatives.

Dear Sir:

The future of the Delaware River is getting more precarious every year and we must force New York City into a binding agreement on water releases.

We think there is a good opportunity to do it now if we act fast.

Enclosed is a sample of the type of letter that all your members must send now to Commissioner Ogden Reid. Please have them write it in long hand changing it a little or use some of the paragraphs.

Please ask everyone to take a few minutes of their time for the future of trout fishing. If they can use carbon paper or xerox, the FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN, EASTERN COUNCIL would like to have copies for its files and to assess the impact in Albany. You may include this letter, if you wish, with the sample letter in a special mailing to all you members.

If for some reason this is not possible, please make sure it is included in your next monthly mailing.

The FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN is planning a general meeting of all EASTERN COUNCIL representatives for January 10th. All travel expenses and meals will be paid for by the Eastern Council for one delegate from each club. We want to see all the clubs in action.

Meanwhile, please contact your club secretary or conservation chairman to get these letters to Albany.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN

LOU ROSSI,
Chairman of the Eastern Council

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Please send all carbons to:
Lou Rossi
20-37 21st Street
Astoria, New York 11105

November 3, 1975

Commissioner Ogden Reid
New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Commissioner Reid:

I am a resident of _____ and a dedicated sport fisherman vitally concerned about the releases from and operation of New York City's Catskill Reservoirs.

In March of 1974 your Department published a study -- "Proposed Alternative Releases from New York City Reservoirs in the Upper Delaware River Basin" -- proving that the fisheries and ecology downstream from the reservoirs could be protected and improved without jeopardizing New York City's water supply.

On March 8, 1975 at the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Annual Dinner you stated that -- "I have drafted and will send this week a communication to His Honor, Mayor Abe Beame of New York City. It will deal specifically with the needs of fundamental change and a coordinated and thoughtful program dealing with water release in the Upper Delaware River Basin. The arbitrarily and adverse fashion of management has resulted in killing of many fish. We will try to work out a solution to prevent this and when flood conditions arise, hopefully water will be diverted into reservoirs rather than spillage."

Eight months have passed and I have seen no progress in safeguarding these fisheries resources. Instead, in this summer of 1975, we have seen the catastrophic decline of the trout fisheries both in the East Branch of the Delaware and in the main stem itself below Hancock -- and this during a season of unprecedented rainfall. This was the result of New York City's arbitrary and thoughtless management of its reservoir releases.

I think both you and your Department must share a part of the blame for this sorry condition through failure to work out an agreement for suitable operation and management of the reservoirs. You have the facts at your disposal and at no time in recent history has the State of New York had more leverage in negotiating an agreement with the City of New York.

I feel that a golden opportunity to negotiate a binding agreement with New York City is slipping by and I call upon you to take a personal hand in negotiating a written agreement which carries with it the force of law. Nothing less than such an agreement will suffice when we recall the City of New York's casual disregard of a 1974 "Gentlemen's Agreement" with respect to the Esopus.

We call upon you now for the same kind of leadership with respect to the New York City Reservoirs that you so well displayed in the matter of the Tocks Island Dam.

Yours very truly,

THE MONTANA SITUATION

By
James A. Posewitz
for
The Federation of Fly Fishermen
August 21, 1975
West Yellowstone, Montana

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Federation of Fly Fishermen to Montana for your annual conclave. Montana is an accident in time and in geography. The present condition of our state is largely the result of progress and prosperity having passed us over in earlier times. What was once the liability of great distances from population centers, has, in fact, turned out to be the advantage that has given us Montana as it is today.

Montana is the Madison River, the Yellowstone, the Flathead. It is the Big Hole, the Jefferson, the Gallatin. These rivers with magic names are what have attracted you to Montana and they are perhaps Montana's most treasured resource.

Montana is home for substantially less than 1 million humans. It is shared with cutthroat trout and grizzly bear, grayling and elk, rainbow trout and mule deer, brown trout and moose.

The state, or rather the territory of Montana, has been regulating angling since 1865. For a bit of perspective, that is 11 years before General Custer died at the Little Bighorn. Unfortunately, while we have been regulating the taking of fish since that time, the fishery resource we protect and defend today is in a compromised condition compared to what it was at the time we began imposing regulations. Obviously, simply regulating the taking of a fish or wildlife resource assures it no future. Its future can only be assured if we protect the habitat that produces it.

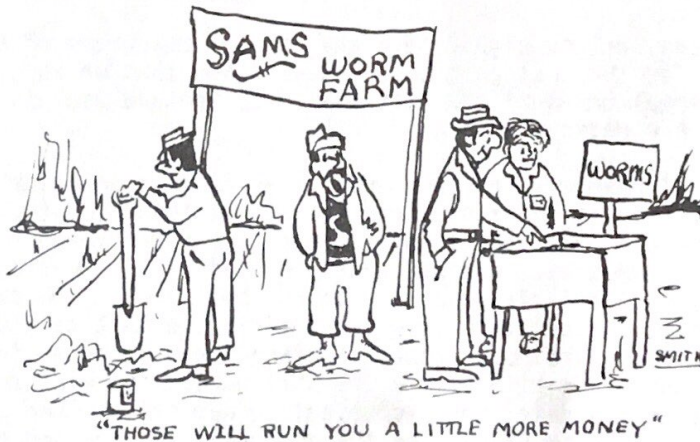
When the American society high graded the natural resources of the United States, Montana was for the most part passed over. Now that we as a nation are picking the raw material bones of the United States, Montana and its waters occupy center stage in the new national struggle.

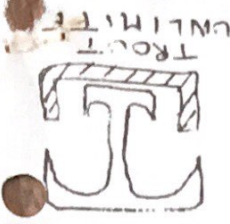
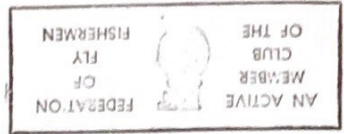
As far as natural resources go, Montana has an immense quantity of coal. But you can't talk about the utilization of coal without talking about the Yellowstone River, deer, antelope and prairie grouse. Montana has unrecovered reserves of natural gas. But we cannot discuss the subject of natural gas without talking about the Flathead River, grizzly bear, wolves and bull trout. Montana has a substantial timber resource, and yet to talk about timber we must talk about Rock Creek, elk, brown trout and rainbow trout. Montana has hard rock minerals, but we find them always impacting rivers like the Stillwater, the Blackfoot and the Clarks Fork. Montana has undeveloped hydroelectric dam sites. And under this particular subject we stand in defense of the Missouri, the Sun and the Upper Yellowstone. And finally we have one of the newer natural resources, recreational home sites. But to discuss this topic we must acknowledge what is becoming the tragedy of the Gallatin and a thousand obscure creeks whose names are not famous, but that are nonetheless home for Montana trout.

The demand for these commodities is not Montana's demand alone. And while the demand for these natural resources is of a national scope, the defense of these resources has largely fallen into local hands. In the defense of her natural resources, Montana has taken positive action. The Montana state legislature has passed what is probably the most stringent surface mined land reclamation act on earth, while on the national scene the commitment to land protection was the presidential veto of the strip mining bill. Montana passed a hard rock mined land reclamation act in 1971, while the federal government clings to the mining law of 1872. Montana has a strong utility siting act. The federal government does not even have an energy policy. Montana has a water use act. The federal government has given us Libby Dam. Montana has a stream preservation act and a shoreline preservation act and from the national scene we are offered the Corps of Engineers.

Montana has a good start and a solid basis on which to build a worthy defense of the fish and wildlife resource found here today. We have been and will continue to defend it. We will defend it for ourselves and for you, our visitors, but we can't stand alone against the national pressure, the national demand and the business-as-usual economy. We need help, not only from the citizens within Montana, but from all citizens of the United States - help that you can offer through your personal commitment and through your personal activism in the defense of all the resources of the United States.

The Montana Department of Fish and Game has a slogan which reads, "A livable environment for wildlife is a quality environment for man." If we are somehow to prevail in the defense of our fish and wildlife resource, there will always be quiet waters to cast a fly upon in Montana. If we fail, at least it will have been while daring greatly. Thank you.





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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Program: CFFA Annual Banquet

where: Tobacco Valley Inn-Dunfey's Tavern on Bloomfield Avenue in Windsor.

when: Saturday Night, February 7, 1976

Time: Annual Business Meeting-5:30 P.M.
Cocktail Mixer-6:15 P.M.
Dinner-7:00 P.M.

No one will want to miss this year's banquet. Sid Neff's slide shows of his fishing experiences are out of sight. This proves to be a program that will be entertaining to everyone including the ladies. The prizes have been pouring in and the raffle should be better than ever. There will also be plenty of prizes for the ladies. If you have not already got your reservations in, a reservation form is included on page 1 of this newsletter. See you at the banquet!!!!!!!!!!!!

"CFFA ANNUAL BANQUET!"