



Streamline

March 2014

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited

Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

- March 13 - General Meeting, Crappie on Flies with Terry and Roxanne Wilson
- March 20 -23- Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home AR, Dinner Saturday night at Fulton Lodge

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

A Message from Your President



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Hello Mike ,
Last weekend a group of us went to the TU Mid South Regional Meeting at Beavers Bend State Park. We met with clubs from Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, our fellow Oklahomans from OKC as well as several people from TU nationals.

There were a number of highlights from the meeting. Scott gave a great presentation on the work we did with the low flow pipe and oxygenation system on the Lower Illinois. Kerri

General Meeting

Crappie on Flies

This month's meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Tulsa Fly Fishers will be held Thursday, March 13th. We will meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the North side of the Creek Turnpike off Memorial Drive.

Our speakers will be Terry and Roxanne Wilson from Bolivar Missouri. They have presented lectures on bluegill, largemouth and small mouth bass fishing in the past. This topic is based on their new book.

Terry and his wife Roxanne have explored the life of the crappie and found many good things about a fish that hasn't got much respect in

Russell from the Fayetteville chapter, and the national Women's Initiative Committee Chair, gave a presentation on TU's women's initiative. We will talk more about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

There was a celebratory air to the meeting as Zach Cockrum, TU's Manager of Government Affairs talked about the major announcement from the EPA the day before the meeting that they will be using the Clean Water Act to deny approval of the proposed Pebble Mine that would threaten Bristol Bay. This isn't a final victory on this issue, but a major step in the right direction.

Closer to home for me, Hillary Coley, TU's CFO, talked about Succession Planning for leadership within TU's Chapters. The main theme of her presentation was that we want to avoid having leaders entrenched in their positions for years, but instead have people constantly moving into leadership positions with ideally, a stepping stone path where people start with committee roles and eventually progress through officer positions.

To a large extent, our chapter adheres to this philosophy, but we probably have room for improvement in expanding our coordinator and committee systems. As I look at our current organization structure, in addition to 4 officer positions (President, VP, Treasurer & Secretary) we have chairmen/coordinators for the following: Project Healing Waters, Outings, Webmaster, Speakers and Raffle. In addition, when we take on specific projects like the Fly Fishing Film Tour, we have had people step up to help plan those events. We have talked about possibly adding additional coordinator positions such as a Youth Coordinator, a Conservation Coordinator and Women's Initiative Coordinator. We don't really have formal committees that support any of these positions and that could provide more opportunity for members to transition into leadership roles.

Going forward, whether we further develop committees or add new coordinator positions, I would love to see more members stepping forward to express an interest in getting

the past. Crappie are voracious feeders and strong fighters and you can fish for them year round. Listen in to hear about crappie behavior, habits, how to catch them and what flies to use.

They are regular contributors to The Flyfisher and staff writers for Outdoor Guide and Driftwood Outdoors. They are the authors of three other books, *Bluegill Fly Fishing & Flies*, *Largemouth Bass Fly Fishing: Beyond the Basics*, and *Smallmouth Bass Fly Fishing: A Practical Guide*.

They are the creators of many warm water flies including "Bully's Bluegill Spider." Terry and Roxanne are affiliated with Whiting, Redington, Sage, and Rio. Terry is President of the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers and both Wilsons serve on the board of Missouri Outdoor Communicators. Their newest flies can be seen at www.thebluegillpond.com.

Mark your calendar and we'll look forward to seeing you there. If you haven't paid your Tulsa Fly Fisher dues, bring green, checks are also accepted.

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involved. We will be having elections again next fall and it will be time for most of us on the board to leave our current role and for a new person to step in. If you have an interest in an area, let us know. If we don't currently have a position in that area, if it makes sense, we may very well create a new position.

David

TU Women's Initiative

As part of a drive to encourage women membership in TU, until June 15, first-time women members will be able to sign up for a free membership their first year and half price (\$17.50) their second year.

Click on the link below if you want to apply.

<https://gifts.tumembership.org/women>

Adult Education Program

Fly Fish Oklahoma

Your significant other, child, or grand child wants to learn to fly fish, but you've heard the horror stories of trying to teach someone close.

Consider enrolling them in the continuing education program at Jenks High School.

Taught by our own Scott Hood and other club members.

Scheduled for April 5th from 10:30 until 3:30 with an hour lunch. [Click on this link](#) to complete your enrollment.

Did You Know?

By: **Scott Hood**

Have you ever asked "What has TU done for me?" Why not ask "What has TU done for my kids or grandkids?" The article below describes why the EPA is taking this action. We weren't the only voice, but probably a significant one.

EPA considers blocking massive gold mine proposed for Alaska

· By **Juliet Eilperin**
 · February 28, 2014 at 12:01 pm

The Environmental Protection Agency announced Friday it will examine whether to block a massive gold and copper mine proposed in Alaska -- a major win for environmentalists, native tribes and commercial fishing companies that have been seeking to kill the project for more than three years. "Extensive scientific study has given us ample reason to believe that the Pebble Mine would likely have significant and irreversible negative impacts on the Bristol Bay watershed and its abundant salmon fisheries," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy in a statement. "It's why EPA is taking this step forward in our effort to ensure protection for the world's most productive salmon fishery from the risks it faces from what could be one of the largest open pit mines on earth. This process is not

17th Annual Sowbug Roundup

This spring event is the one not to miss. Three days of piscatorial excitement beginning March 20th. Fly tyers from around the country and seminars for the beginner to the professional.

We've tied our monthly outing to this event and are holding a picnic supper at Fulton Lodge on Saturday evening March 22.

[Click on this link](#) for specific information.

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something the agency does very often, but Bristol Bay is an extraordinary and unique resource." While the announcement does not mean the Obama administration has made a final decision to prohibit Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., a Canadian-based firm, from starting construction on the Pebble Mine project, it will delay it for months and make it much harder for the controversial project to move ahead at all.

White House press secretary Jay Carney framed the move as part of President Obama's broader effort to protect public lands and waters.

"The White House strongly supports that decision by the EPA," Carney told reporters Friday. "The step is consistent with the president's commitment to protect pristine American places for future generations."

During the course of the EPA review the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cannot issue a federal discharge permit which Northern Dynasty would need in order to dump waste into the surrounding Bristol Bay watershed.

EPA is invoking its authority under the Clean Water Act to determine whether it should permanently bar the Army Corps of Engineers from issuing the discharge permit for the mine.

The mine, which has also attracted investment from global mining giant Rio Tinto PLC, has become a major issue for the conservation community, which considers it one of the most important environmental decisions President Obama can make in his second term.

"It's difficult to imagine a more significant conservation achievement than protecting Bristol Bay," said Chris Wood, president of the advocacy group Trout Unlimited. "This is one of the few

places left on earth where nature works as it should, and it's a breadbasket for the world, supplying literally hundreds of thousands of people with wild salmon."

Bristol Bay is home to a critical fishery that supports nearly half the world's sockeye salmon, and EPA issued a scientific assessment last month that concluded up to 94 miles "of salmon-supporting streams and 1,300 to 5,350 acres of wetlands, ponds, and lakes" would be eliminated by the footprint of a mining pit, depending on its size. The fishery not only supports a vibrant commercial fishery, but several native Alaskan tribes that have lived there for centuries.

EPA has invoked its 404(c) authority under the Clean Water Act only 13 times in its history. In starting the months-long process, the agency is sending a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, the state of Alaska and the mine's sponsor to ask why they believe the operation would not damage the pristine watershed. These groups have 15 days to respond, though the agency can extend that deadline.

After that point EPA's regional administrator in the Pacific Northwest will issue a "proposed determination" that would lay out whether the company can discharge waste into the area, and if so, where and how much. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal, after which point the regional administrator will send a recommendation to EPA headquarters to be finalized.

EPA has already conducted two peer-reviewed scientific assessments of the project, though proponents of the mine questioned whether the reviews were adequate. Michael Conathan, who

directs ocean policy at the liberal think tank Center for American Progress, said in a statement the agency's decision "reflects the conclusions amassed over years of scientific and economic analysis."

NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?" is new feature to our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think ever member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- April 5 - Fly Fishing Seminar at Jenks
- April 10 - TU and the LIR by Scott Hood
- April 12 - Outing on the Lower Illinois River
- May - 2 & 3 - Small Mouth Rendezvous in Tahlequah

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