

TU chapter 420 – Tulsa FLY FISHER'S

Streamline

Special Summer Edition

TU 420 OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
TULSA FLY FISHERS AFFILICATE CLUB OF FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

Saturday June 25

TFF Members and Trout Unlimited Members! Do you know someone that wants to learn to fly fish? Here's your chance to let someone else teach them. The Gadget Co.

(www.thegadgetcompany.com) is hosting a FREE Orvis Fly Fishing 101 Clinic on Saturday June 25th from 10am to 2pm.



Scott's 7 lb Rainbow trout on Lower Ill June 2011

A Message from your President:

Hello everyone. Welcome to the summer of 2011. Let's all hope it doesn't continue to get hotter and hotter until August. We might all just vaporize!

This is a special edition to your newsletter. The reason is because it's letter writing time again. Many of you have already written to our Congressmen and Senators from Oklahoma regarding the water issue and establishing a minimum flow (any flow for that matter) on the Lower Illinois River. Progress is being made on a long term fix, but as we all know nothing is chiseled in stone when politics are involved. Right now we need a short term fix for the river.

The people at the ODWC have meetings scheduled with ACE and SWPA after the 4th of July to discuss the serious situation that is already occurring on the Lower Illinois River. They have supplied me with these addresses and are encouraging our membership to write. Please write your own "personal appeal" letter. I'd rather not provide a template for everyone to follow this time. Here are the next people you should consider writing to, **NOW** :

Colonel Micheal J. Teague
Commander, Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1645 South 101st East Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128-4609

And ...

Mr. Jon Worthington
Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration
One West 3rd Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3519

Pay attention especially to SWPA. They need to be aware of the public's concerns. It can have an effect; SWPA changed their actions due to public pressure at Lake Eufaula.

Facts you may include in your letters.

- 1 Since repair work began last summer on the sluice gate at Tenkiller Ferry Dam water quality in the river at low flows has suffered significant degradation.
- 2 If something is not done soon to insure some minimum flows to the river when power generation is not occurring all the trout in the lower Illinois River will die due to high water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels or the combination of both. Low dissolved oxygen in the river could also kill other species of fish in the river. (It's not just about the trout!)
- 3 SWPA has the storage capacity in the reservoir to assist the ODWC during no generation time frames to see that this fish kill is avoided.

That's pretty much it in a nut shell. Please take the time now to write your letters. Before July 5th and before the meeting between the ODWC, ACE and SWPA.

On another subject. I'd like to take a moment to thank all 28 members of TFF who showed up at 7am Saturday 18th at LaFortune Golf Course pond. We caught and transferred over 500 bluegill to the Gardens Park Pond where people of all ages can fish for them. A special thanks to Tyler Gottula owner of Wings In Flight Outdoors for supplying us with an aerated water tank to transfer all the fish in. Thanks Tyler and if anyone wants a special guided fishing trip in the waters above Euche or Spavinaw Tyler is your guy. [918-633-4589](tel:918-633-4589). You will be sight fishing for some major bass!
Go write some letters!

Scott Hood

President, Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter 420 & Tulsa Fly Fishers

Notice Meeting Location is changing!

Our fall meetings in September, October and November will be held at the Hardesty Public Library watch for more information on your web site. www.tulsaflyfishers.org

There are FISH in the Lower Illinois River!

Yes, lots of them and some major fish too. Here's what we know. During the flood many fish of various sizes and species flowed over the dam with all that water. One species in particular... smallmouth bass. We first noticed some small on our first trip there on Saturday June 11th... then last Saturday both Doug Haskins and Scott Hood hooked major sized smallmouth. (Believe me you know one when he clears the water 20 inches in the air. And, Scott landed one in the 2 lb. class too.) If you catch any PLEASE let them go and ask others to do the same. They will be a nice source of fishing in August if all the cold water plays out before fall. You will also catch, bluegill, crappie, buffalo, drum, strippers, sand bass, skip jacks, channel cats, and we even heard of one reported blue

cat all caught on the fly! Did I forget to mention TROUT! Those big trout that ODWC were supposed to be released just before the flood... they are in there now too!

Fish Transfer June 18th

