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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### **NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, Oct 1st, 7 PM at the Big Flats  
Community Center**

**Dave Rothrock**

### **Presents Pennsylvania's Prime-Time Limestoners**

October 1, **Dave Rothrock** will present a slide show to overview limestone-influenced streams in central Pennsylvania. The talk will cover streams from the Little Lehigh in Lehigh County to the Little Juniata River in Huntingdon County to Spring Creek in Centre County. Dave will highlight tactics for fishing these streams, important hatches, and effective patterns for fishing "hatch" and "non-hatch" situations.



These streams are within 2 hours drive of Corning. Many club members fish them regularly. They are worthwhile destinations through the winter, fishing well when many local streams don't.

Dave is a member of our TTFR – FFF club. He is a guide from Jersey Shore PA, FFF certified casting instructor, former LL Bean casting instructor, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, and author of a number of articles in *Fly Fisherman* and *Pennsylvania Angler*.

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### **Last Month's Program- Salmon and Steelhead on a Fly Rod**

Mike DeTomaso gave a very informative talk at our September meeting, on using various fly rods and riggings for salmon and steelhead in Lake Ontario and Finger Lakes tributaries. His preferred approach for most situations is a 'right angle indicator' setup, coupled with a 12'-6" two-handed rod for better fish control after hooking them. Afterwards he allowed the audience to look over his equipment and his fly boxes and answered questions for another half an hour. He also cautioned that the Salmon River may not have sufficient flow this season to make for decent fishing, due to the repairs and resulting low water condition at Redfield Reservoir, which feeds the river. He suggested other rivers and streams might be a better bet provided we get some additional rain.

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### **Business meeting minutes for September 10**

After Mike DeTomaso's talk, the business meeting began, covering the following subjects:

1. National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 22 – the Chemung Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs hosted an open-to-the-public event and we were invited to participate. We planned a table with FFF membership information along with demo fly tying and fly casting.
2. Insurance – Jim Drake of the Chemung Federation, and Renee Dicken, of the Farm Bureau Insurance agency, have informed the club that it could not be included under the Chemung Federation's coverage. The agency is working up a separate quote for our chapter. A proposal was made, seconded, and approved, to authorize spending of up to \$300 on insurance.
3. Programs – the fall schedule is full, and there are openings in the spring schedule, so if you have any ideas for speakers, contact Kirk Klingensmith.
4. Fly tying – rooms are reserved for open tying starting the first Tuesday in November, 6 – 9 PM. Allan Podell agreed to contact the Star Gazette re a public notice. Another room is

reserved for a fly tying class (should we decide to hold one) in the months of January and February.

5. School programs – Dick Paul reports that the Broadway School program is inactive until January 2008.
6. Healing Waters – Dick Naylor reported that over the summer, 8 class sessions or field trips have been held with military veterans convalescing at the Bath VA Hospital, covering the basics of fly fishing, with an emphasis on getting out and having fun. A one-time ‘intro to fly tying’ is planned for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dick could still use additional volunteers to assist with this program.
7. Treasurers report – the club account has a balance of \$2,989.

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#### A few notes from President Lively:

Please keep your national FFF dues paid up. That is the only requirement for membership in our local chapter. If you drop off the national list for too long you will be dropped from our mailing list.

Elections are due to be held in November, with a new term starting in January 2008. Anyone wishing to serve in any capacity, please talk to one of the current officers.

We are still trying to locate the DVD titled “Feeding Lies” by Ossie Osefevitch. Please give librarian Dick Paul a call if you know where it is.

Every organization of people has some complainers, some cheerleaders, and some doers. Which are you?

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## Joe Cambridge

Presents on

### Strategies for Rising Trout

Monday November 5 7:00 pm

In November we welcome back **Joe Cambridge** to present on **Strategies for Rising Trout**. This talk will focus on approaching situations when trout are taking on top. This presentation promises to be helpful to those just getting started in the sport, yet Joe’s insight will be interesting to those who have faced rising trout many times.

Joe will explain riseforms and how to interpret them. He will discuss how to choose flies (emergers, duns, and spinners) and strategies to fish them.



Joe adds: ” I’ll try to get in a little something for everyone. What’s important is that people know a few tricks to try,

especially when trout are being snooty.”

Joe Cambridge teaches flyfishing and English at ‘Tompkins Cortland



Community College’. Check out Joe’s article on “Fishing the Finger Lakes” in the current edition (Dec ’07) of *Fly Fisherman*.

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Monday Dec 3 7:00 pm

Amy Wolfe

Presents



TU Kettle Creek & West Susquehanna Restoration

We are very fortunate to have **Amy Wolfe** with us in December. Amy is the director for Trout Unlimited’s much-celebrated **Abandoned Mines Program** – which is overseeing vital watershed restoration efforts in Central PA. Amy directed Home Water’s restoration of Kettle Creek – and now is overseeing the critical West Susquehanna Restoration. You may have read about these projects in the Summer’s Trout Unlimited’s magazine *Trout*.



Under Ms.

Wolfe's leadership since 1999, the Kettle Creek Home Rivers Initiative has grown into a \$4.1MM watershed restoration program that focuses on abandoned mine drainage abatement, fish habitat improvement, and landowner stewardship education

Hold your calendar's open. This meeting will be a do-not-miss opportunity.

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If you have a good program to suggest - call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at [kklingensmi@stny.rr.com](mailto:kklingensmi@stny.rr.com)  
Club meeting programs are also on-line on the club's web site: [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org)

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### **DEC DELAYS THE FISHING SEASON OPENING OF A SMALL PORTION OF THE SALMON RIVER DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

Measure Employed to Reduce Mortality of Fish Prior to Entering DEC Hatchery. In response to dry conditions and low water levels, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today will be issuing regulations delaying the fly fishing catch-and-release season opening for one month along \* of a mile on the Salmon River in Altmar, Oswego County. The start date for the 2007 lower Salmon River fly fishing catch-and-release area will be changed from Sept.15 to Oct.15 for this small portion of the river.

The \* -mile-long lower fly fishing area runs from the County Route 52 bridge in Altmar upstream to just below the mouth of Beaverdam Brook and is the staging area for trout and salmon waiting to enter DEC's Salmon River Hatchery. As a result, there is a high density of fish in the area. DEC is concerned that catch-and-release mortality would be significant under the current river conditions and that the conditions are not conducive to ethical fly fishing at this time. The current low flow, combined with relatively warm weather and high density will be stressful to fish health and has already resulted in noticeable mortality in the lower 15 miles of the Salmon River that will remain open to angling.

The recent drought has left the Salmon River Reservoir at 14 feet below dam crest as of September 10 and base flows to the river have been adjusted from the normal

335 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 100 cfs. There is no significant precipitation in the long-term forecast.

DEC will be initiating emergency regulations to delay the season opening in order to provide necessary protection to the fish in the lower fly area to ensure that enough fish will enter the hatchery to meet salmon egg requirements for hatchery production. The Chinook salmon egg take is scheduled to begin on October 9, and delaying the opening of the lower fly fishing area until October 15 should ensure that sufficient numbers of fish enter the hatchery for full salmon production in 2008. By the middle of October, water temperatures are anticipated to drop, and expected Fall rains will likely result in increased base flows for the Salmon River, which would enhance sport fishing opportunities in the portion of the river affected by the delayed opening. Anglers are reminded that the upper Salmon River special regulations fly-fishing area, which is located above the hatchery, remains open to anglers. DEC's fishing regulations guide, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html>, provides information about this and other special regulations. The section of the guide pertaining to the upper and lower Salmon River fly fishing catch-and-release season can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31420.html>.

DEC's Salmon River Fish Hatchery supplies almost all the trout and salmon for New York's world-renown Great Lakes fisheries. Each year, the hatchery stocks 3.5 million trout and salmon, and nine million walleye fry. Serving an eleven-county area, hatchery personnel travel many miles delivering fish to their designated stocking sites. For more information about DEC's Salmon River Hatchery, go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/21663.html> on the DEC website.

[Submitted by Jake Trimmer]

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The TT-5R Chapter has its own library. If you have books, periodicals, tapes, or CD-ROMs involving flyfishing in any aspect that you wish to donate for this program, please bring your donations to any meeting..

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Directions to Big Flats Community Center: Exit off NY Rte 17/I-86 at Exit 49. Go south. At tee turn left onto Maple St. Follow Maple St. for approximately 0.2 miles. Community Center will be on your right just beyond the town hall.

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