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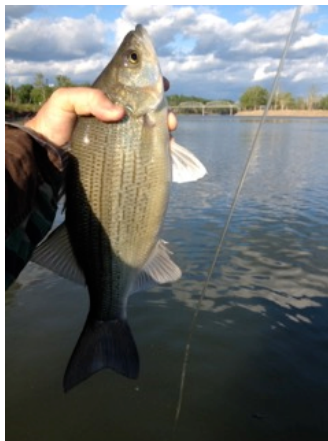
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We will meet at the Nature Center on February 5th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

We will have Kim Schultz speaking to the members.

“The program for the February meeting will be local fishing for white bass. I will tell you the places to fish and the time of the year. Most of these waters are within an hour’s drive from Springfield with public access to the water. A six-wt rod is ideal for small streamers and jigs and has proven to be very effective taking white bass. If you want to use a bigger fly, like a Clouser minnow pattern, I find an eight-wt rod to be essential. I will have my fly box on hand and provide a short power point presentation for your viewing pleasure. Tight lines and fish on”... Kim Schultz



This will be a great evening for members and guests. Thank you Kim.

John Dozier, President MTFA

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar for February 2015

February 5	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
February 14	Sweethearts Banquet at Heritage Cafeteria 5:30-7:30 PM
TBA	Fly tying at Bass Pro 10 AM - 2 PM

From John Dozier

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Chorice <Linda.Chorice@mdc.mo.gov>
Date: January 30, 2015 at 8:31:05 AM CST
To: "'flytyer88@gmail.com'" <flytyer88@gmail.com>
Subject: Fly Tying Demonstration

Hello, John,

I wanted to thank you and all the members of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association for providing the fly tying demonstration at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center last Saturday. We had huge crowds of interested folks who benefitted from visiting with all of your members. While there were plenty of visitors who simply dropped in without knowing about the demonstration, many came specifically to watch and learn. For those who didn't know about the demonstration, they were treated to a great experience. We so appreciate your members and the wonderful relationship we have with the MTFA. Please share my thanks with your members.

We estimated the crowd that visited with your members to be around 250. We had over 700 in the building on Saturday with most of those here between 12-5pm.

Regards,

Linda

From Ralph Eicholz:

The MTFA had a successful tying demonstration today (Jan 24th) at the Springfield Nature Center. Ten of our members tied from 1-4 PM. The Center was very crowded, it was difficult to find a parking place. We had lots of visitors, aged from 5-80. Some fly fishers and tiers, most just stopped to watch and learn. I had one lady tie her first fly, while her husband watched. They visited for at least an hour and said they would be at our next meeting. Several of our cards were handed out with information about meetings and website. I'm guessing we will have at least three new members



This coming Friday evening (Jan 30th) we will be with 15 Conservation Teens from 6:30 until 8:30 at the Nature Center. Alan Reed with the MDC is coordinating this event with John Dozier our president. We will tie woolly buggers with them and I believe fish with them later in the spring. Come on over and help if you have time.

Alan Reed is a naturalist at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center.



LACLEDE COUNTY, Mo. – The Missouri Conservation Department told KOLR10 Friday the warmer weather has allowed more people to get out to the state's trout parks for the winter catch-and-release season.

The department said more than 200 people came out to Bennett Spring State Park last weekend, when there are normally just a few dozen fishermen on weekends when temperatures go below freezing.

The peace and serenity of Bennett Spring brings Steve Boone down from the Kansas City area at least ten times a year.

Boone said he came down for the day Friday to avenge his last outing. "I caught 5 or 6 in about the last hour, [it was] a lot better than it was last weekend," Boone said. "Beautiful weather last weekend but the fishing was not all that good last weekend."

There are often hundreds if not thousands of people lined up on the stream banks during the other three seasons of the year.

Boone said he likes to fish then too, but he said this time of year is special.

On a peak weekend in the summer, the conservation department will take as many as 2,000 trout out of the hatchery each day and stock them in the stream. In the winter, that stocking is limited, presenting a challenge for fishermen.

The department said the purpose of the catch-and-release season is to give sportsmen an authentic experience.

"It's a sport where they're matching their own wits against what the fish actually want to bite on in the wintertime," said Hatchery Manager Mike Mitchell.

Although catch-and-release draws serious sportsmen, Boone said any fisherman would be glad to tell a beginner what's working.

Even if the fish aren't biting, Boone said there is something special about wading in that stream.

Normally fisherman can use live bait like minnows, as well as scented and plastic baits, but during the winter only flies are allowed at the trout parks. Fishermen need to have a valid license and trout permit.

All, please be sure to attend this years Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home Arkansas, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26, 27 and 28.

North Arkansas Fly Fishers, Steve Blumreich, Program coordinator, 417-839-0193

I've made sure we are not teaching at MSU on Thursday evening this year.

This is always a fun event with lots of good tiers. And the price is hard to beat.

Tight lines,

Ralph

Sent from my iPhone



Library Update

We have added two new DVD's to our library. See Attached.

1. The Best of Lefty's Tips, Tactics & Techniques for Fly Fishing
2. Lefty Kreh on Fly Casting

Librarians:

Dennis Stead – dmstead@aol.com

Harry Morgan – h.topwater@att.net

Also from Dennis:

Just thought I would let everyone know- the fly tying guide that I have been sending out, Kim has added it to the MTFA web site.

Web: MTFA-Springfield.org. Get latest Fly Tying Guide. Go to Web site, click on Library Tab, find Fly Tying Guide – click it. PDF file will be downloaded.

The down load is fast.

Also, Jim Stouffer at the Plateau Fly Shop has also included it in his web site- check it out and the file was also downloaded super fast

<https://plateau-fly-shop.myshopify.com/pages/fly-tying-video-database>

Fly Tying Video Database

This database was provided to us by Dennis Stead, Librarian for the Missouri Trout Fishers Association. It is a comprehensive database featuring nearly 3,000 linkable patterns featured on You Tube. Thank you Dennis!

When you go to the Plateau's web site and click on the link>>>> the file is downloaded

This is so great and it will make getting the PDF file downloaded very easy. By having it on the web site, the download will not tie up your email, like some of our members were concerned about.

I have to get the next release ready and send it to Kim and Jim. Just to let everyone know – the next release will have 2,500 videos and PDF recipes. The index in the back has also been updated.

Thanks Kim and Jim.

Received by Charles Gregory from the MDC *Legislative Update:*

Hello Charles

As you know, the Missouri Stream Team is a program supported by the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Federation of Missouri. You may be aware of the recent newspaper articles, which highlight proposed legislation that would greatly impact the Missouri Department of Conservation. We want to pass along communication from Conservation leadership which provides answers to questions you might have or may have been asked as a volunteer associated with the Department.

Sincerely,
Stream Team Staff
January 7, 2015

Dear Conservation Volunteer:

As the New Year begins I wanted to say "Thank You" for your time and energy to help enhance the conservation experience for so many Missourians. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your involvement is one reason why conservation is successful in Missouri.

We have received several questions from volunteers about legislation that has been introduced related to the Department of Conservation. Outlined in the attached document are three legislative proposals; one doubles the size of the Conservation Commission from four to eight members, another repeals the Conservation Sales and Use Tax, and the third eliminates hunting, fishing, and trapping permit fees for Missouri residents. To understand the full impact of these proposals on the Department, please take a moment to review the details in the attached document. Please understand the proposed legislation must work through the legislative process and there will likely be considerable debate.

This information is being provided to keep you informed as you work daily with citizens and you may receive questions.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. ZIEHMER
DIRECTOR

SJR1 (Senator Brian Munzlinger): Modifies the composition and terms of service of the Conservation Commission.

Summary: This legislation has been around for several years. The legislation proposes doubling the size of the Conservation Commission from the current four members that serve statewide to eight members with one from each Department administrative region.

Citizens approved a constitutional amendment in 1936 to create the four-person Conservation Commission to manage, conserve and restore the forests, fish and wildlife of Missouri. The constitutional amendment was approved by a margin of 71 to 29 percent, one of the largest margins by which any amendment to the state constitution has ever passed. Each commissioner serves to represent the entire state and they work together to manage and restore forests, fish and wildlife throughout the entire state, instead of focusing on regional issues. Experiences elsewhere have shown that large commissions can allow regional preference to take precedence over what is most important for the entire state.

HJR8 (Representative Craig Redmon): Repeals the Conservation Sales and Use Tax.

Summary: The proposed legislation will have a significant negative fiscal impact on the Department. Conservation Sales and Use Tax proceeds account for about 60% of the Department's budget or about \$110 million in the current fiscal year. It is unknown if any General Revenue Funds would be used to maintain the Department budget; the loss of funds would lead to the elimination of many beneficial and popular conservation services.

The Conservation Sales and Use Tax, similar to all other statewide sales taxes except the Soils and Parks Tax originally introduced and passed as a 10-year tax, was approved by citizens establishing a dedicated funding source. A 3% general revenue and 1% education tax are the other statewide sales taxes in Missouri. **The legislation does not seek to repeal the 3% general revenue and 1% education tax, which** are the other statewide sales taxes in Missouri.

A dedicated Conservation Sales and Use Tax places no financial burden on the state budget for conservation management activities. Although the Department has one of the smallest annual budgets in the state, less than one percent of the total state budget, the Department provides programs and services that have immediate benefits for all Missourians and helps to guarantee that resources will be available for future generations. The amount of state and local sales tax revenue generated from forest, fish and wildlife spending is about five times the sales tax revenue received by the Department of Conservation from the one-eighth of one percent Conservation Sales Tax. In Missouri, the total economic impact of fish and wildlife recreation and the forest products industry is over \$12 billion annually and supports over 100,000 Missouri jobs.

SB56 (Senator Brian Munzlinger): Eliminates hunting, fishing and trapping permit fees for Missouri residents.

Summary: Eliminates hunting, fishing and trapping fees for Missouri residents. The legislation would negatively impact two of the three main sources of the Department's revenue as the legislation would eliminate over \$20 million in permit sales revenue and over \$21 million in Federal reimbursements. The Department cannot claim Federal reimbursements for free permits, including existing hunting and fishing permit exemptions. In addition, the proposed legislation would negatively impact Missouri businesses that sell hunting and fishing permits. Currently, permit vendors retain 5% of the selling price of a permit (over \$1.6 million is retained by the permit vendors).

Impact of SB56 and HJR8

The Department's operating budget represents less than 1% of the entire state budget and no general revenue is received from the General Assembly. It is unknown if any general revenue funds would be used to maintain the Commission Fund if SB56 and/or HJR8 pass. As a result, the loss of funds could lead to the elimination of many beneficial and popular conservation services.

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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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