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# MO Fishing

The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the  
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

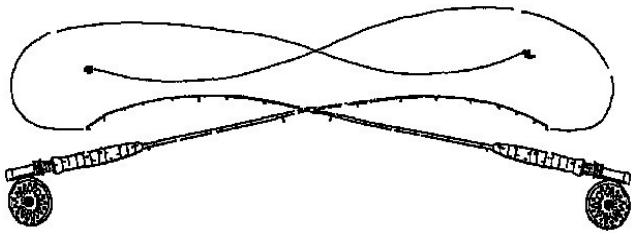
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**The April 2023 Meeting is on April 6 at 6 pm  
At the Library Center in Community Room B**

**Kim Schultz will use a power point presentation discussing white bass fishing in the Ozarks. The white bass move into the tributaries in the spring to spawn, the run generally occurs from Good Friday to Mother's Day. "I recommend a 6-wt rod with an intermediate sinking line, small jigs, minnow imitations tied with craft fur or bucktail. The first hour we can bring our vises and tie our favorite white bass fly with the business meeting to start at 7 PM."**



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***Cali sulat:*** Now there's a fish you've never heard of. In the native Winnemem Wintu language, with "cali" meaning good or beautiful and "sulat" the term for trout. "The words were combined for its scientific name to follow formal scientific naming conventions" for a newly named subspecies of trout. The fish originated in California and for 10,000 years or more were separated by impassible waterfalls from its ancestral populations. It's not newly discovered, it's just newly verified as a subspecies.

Fish biologists have suspected it was its own subspecies since at least the 1970s, but only newer genetics techniques—including genome-wide DNA sequencing verified it. Its new scientific name is *Oncorhynchus mykiss calisulat*.

*Maybe you know it as the McCloud River redband trout or as most of us know it, the McCloud rainbow trout.* [Rainbow trout subspecies newly named \(phys.org\)](https://phys.org)

### Chapter News:



The four chapters of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association (MTFA) meet March 18, 2023, for a pre-derby meeting. Bob Randall is the MTFA State President this year and presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed the derby, our responsibilities as the host, and many more topics. The MTFA Derby will be May 20-21, 2023, at Bennett Spring State Park. Our club as host, will provide a lunch before the annual meeting, register MTFA members and others into the derby. With funds provided by the MTFA State (\$1500), will purchase prizes for the derby and prizes not taken after the derby will be raffled to MTFA members. There will be a need for our chapter members to help with lunch on Saturday, and purchase raffle tickets on Sunday to take home prizes. We will discuss this more at Thursday meeting.

*Kim Schultz*

## **Calendar of Events**

**April 6: Kim Schultz Spring Run White bass**

**April 15: Veterans fish free at Bennett Spring**

**May 4: Mt Spring Highlandville Fish Fry**

**May 6: Kids fish free at Bennett Spring**

**May 19 through the 21st: MTFA state Derby at Bennett Spring State Park, fishing Derby, business meeting, picnic, prizes, camaraderie**

**May 20: Kids fish free at Roaring River**

**June 1: Shane Bush Taneycomo**

**July 6: TBA**

**July 27 through 29th, MTFA Expo, Branson MO, Fly tying exhibition, raffle drawings, Branson Hollister Lions Club. Contact Dennis Stead for information.**

**August 3: Bull Shoals?**

**August 19: Kids fish free at Roaring River**

**September 7: Mt Spring Highlandville Fish Fry**

**September 17: Veterans fish free at Roaring River**

**October 5 Tyler? James River?**

**October TBA, Chili Feed with Branson Chapter, Shepherd of the Hills Pavilion**

**November 2: TBA**

**December 7: Christmas Party & Installation of 2024 officers**



## **Conservation Federation**

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# **Recovering America's Wildlife Act Reintroduced in Senate**

## **For Immediate Release**

JEFFERSON CITY, MO (March 31, 2023) — Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) was filed in the Senate this week. This bipartisan legislation will dedicate up to \$1.4 billion each year to locally-led efforts to prevent extinctions and help wildlife thrive for future generations. Through Recovering America's Wildlife Act, Missouri would receive roughly \$20 million each year.

"We are facing a looming wildlife crisis. This commonsense, cost-effective approach will allow us to step in quickly to help at risk wildlife with collaborative measures," said CFM Executive Director Tyler Schwartz. "This historic bill will create jobs helping wildlife while improving the quality of life in Missouri."

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act was introduced in the Senate by Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) with Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) Retired Missouri Senator Roy Blunt, was the co-sponsor during the last session.

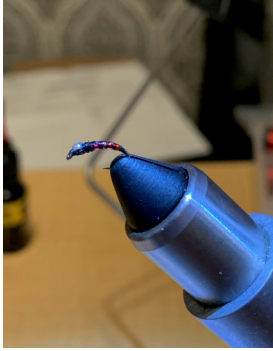
"America's wildlife are in crisis, with roughly one-third of all species at elevated risk of disappearing from our backyards and the backcountry. The bipartisan Recovering America's Wildlife Act is the solution we need to help people and wildlife alike thrive for future generations," said Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. "This is the most important wildlife conservation legislation in half a century. Congress should pass this bill to secure our shared wildlife heritage before it's too late."

The Missouri Department of Conservation will work with a diversity of partners and citizens to use the money to implement the Missouri Comprehensive Conservation Strategy (Wildlife Action Plan), which outlines and identifies 683 species at risk in the state.

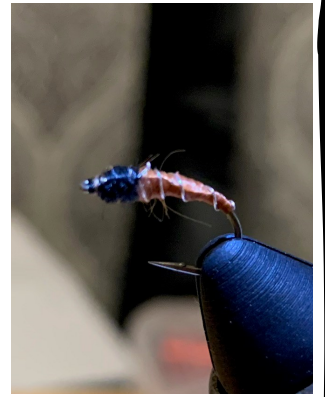
To learn more about Recovering America's Wildlife Act and learn what you can do to help, visit our website

[Recovering America's Wildlife Act \(RAWA\) - Conservation Federation of Missouri \(confedmo.org\)](https://www.confedmo.org)

***Tying Talk:***



Pat Taggart bought his first fly tying vice. He's just getting started. Here's a photo of his first ruby red midge and before and after he dressed it up with silver wire. It should fish well. We'll expect a fishing report specifically for this fly. Good job, Pat.



March had several activities for the club. The Branson and Springfield Chapters demonstrated fly tying at the MoNASP State Archery Tournament at the convention center in Branson. This event will have 5,000 students from the Missouri school competing for state titles. Last year we were invited, it was well received, and we were invited back again this year. Matt Peet, Bill Huyett, Dennis Stead and Kim Schultz rotated shifts over three days, showing off our craft, discussing fly fishing and giving away the flies we tied. It was a good event for us to attend to promote fishing, fly tying and providing information to the youth. If you missed out and have an interest to tie for the public, there will be other events in the future.



**Matt Peet Kim Schultz Bill Huyett (not pictured Dennis Stead)**



# Tying the Tabou Caddis



Keith Coffey



Phil Boren



Pat and Charlie Taggart



Christian Andrews



Bill Huyett giving David Ransin

# The Tabou Caddis Fly



## **Fishing Reports:**

**Rod Pennington:** "It was reported to me that the whites were being caught enthusiastically on the tributaries of Stockton lake."



**Kim Schultz:** I recall twenty years ago, a group of us (Paul Henry, Charlie Buttery, and I) drove south to fish the Pothole/Beaver Creek. Once at the destination, we gathered our gear, slipped into our waders. Charlie slipped a curse word and exclaimed he forgot his waders. After a few minutes trying to figure it out, we concluded to visit Ed Kosuth (He live just a few miles away) and asked to borrow a pair of waders from him. He agreed and Charlie had a pair of waders to fish for the day. I'm telling this story because something similar happen to me today. It's been four months since my last fishing trip, I am having some medical is-

sues (DVT rt leg) and taking it easy. So, when Rod called and said the little Sac is full of fish and we need to get up there, I agreed. I gather my gear, loaded the kayak, and met Rod on time at Taylor Bridge on the Little Sac near Morrisville. Rod had already unloaded his kayak



Notice that my hat is gone,  
no waders but still catching  
fish

and it was ready to go. I unloaded my kayak, moved the gear to the riverbank, and went back to the truck to slip into my waders. Unfortunate for me, the waders belonged to my daughter and were size small. I did not curse, I did not get mad, I decided it would be ok to wet wade. I have not wet waded in the month of March, but the air temperature was high sixties, water temperature low fifties, not ideal but tolerable. Rod and I paddled upstream to familiar waters, and we found a dozen white bass, six walleye, a couple smallmouth bass and a cooperative drum for four hours of fishing. I did lose my hat to the wind, and it blew down stream, fisherman below us retrieved it and it was returned. I stood in the water the entire time up to mid-thigh. We left the stream at 7 PM and returned home in the rain with a strong thunderstorm moving in. So, our next trip will hinder on the amount of rain we get in the next 24 hours. But, let it be known I will check next time to the size of the waders going with me on my next fishing trip. Tight lines, Kim 3.38ft 454cfs 869.2ft



## ***Fishing Pics***

**David Ransin: Farm pond fishing.**

**At barely one acre, it ain't much, but it sure can be fun. Saturday from my canoe anchored in the middle on a beautiful, wonderfully warm day, within an hour and a half, taking turns between 2 different 2 inch jigs on an ultralight, one brown with black speckles and yellow head, the other black with a orange, slow constant retrieve about 5 feet below the surface, I landed 10 very nice crappie, 7 large mouth, all about 1 pound (need to weed out that bracket size...) and 3 bluegill.**

**Sunday, I only had time to walk the perimeter and cast 26 times, hooking up 3 times on back to back casts, for a total of 20 fish. A really nice break from working on the weekend!**



**I forgot to bring my fly rod to the farm this weekend, so the 2 Tabou Caddis flies my friends helped me tie Thursday night will have to wait to see if my miserable skills were**

**good enough to keep most of the material on the hook !!**

**Dick Solomon: "For me to go White Bass fishing with experienced fishermen is a real treat, overall we caught 40 or so, the water was pretty cool but we managed to catch some early on, as the weather got warmer and the water warmed up we caught more over all a good time was had by all."**





## ***Fishing Pics***

**Mike Kohl:** After not having much luck on Taneycomo all week my son and I decided to go to Crane Creek, so I called Mike Kidd to get some info. We did well we caught 18 beautiful McCloud Red Band Trout. Fishing was good once we got past the access area. Prince Nymph and soft hackle. This was on February 23rd.



**Mike Kidd:** Flat creek Tablerock snagging

**MDC:** "Because they are filter feeders, the most popular and dependable way to catch paddlefish is by snagging. Anglers harvest paddlefish by snagging during a 45-day snagging season that runs March 15 through April 30."

**Mike Kidd:** White bass on Spring River Oklahoma



**Zack Casleman:** "My 2 better fish from Bennett today (3/22). Water is up and off color. Lots of little fish in the stream right now.

**Productive Flies:**

**Grey Scud #14**

**Tan Scud #14**

**Olive Roach #12ish**

**Frenchie Cased Caddis #14"**



## Crane Creek, MO Hatch Chart













More info on [Fly Fishing Missouri](#)

	<b>Insect</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
	<a href="#">Light Cahill</a>	12-18	March 1	June 30
	<a href="#">Ants</a>	14-18	May 1	September 31
	<a href="#">Beetle</a>	12-16	May 1	September 30
	<a href="#">Isonychia</a>	14-18	August 1	October 31
	<a href="#">Salmonfly</a>	8-12	August 1	September 30
	<a href="#">BWO</a>	18-22	August 1	October 31
	<a href="#">Trico</a>	18-22	August 1	September 30
	<a href="#">Caddis</a>	14-18	September 1	October 31



[Ozark Missouri Hatch Chart \(bigyflyco.com\)](http://bigyflyco.com)

## Ozark, Missouri Hatch Chart

	<b>Insect</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
	<a href="#"><u>Black Caddis</u></a>	18-20	January	December
	<a href="#"><u>Brown Caddis</u></a>	12	October	November
	<a href="#"><u>Tan Caddis</u></a>	14-16	May	July
	<a href="#"><u>Light Cahill</u></a>	12-20	June	July
	<a href="#"><u>Pale Evening Dun</u></a>	12-18	January	December
	<a href="#"><u>Rusty Dun</u></a>	18-22	January	May
	<a href="#"><u>Pale Red Fox</u></a>	14	March	May
	<a href="#"><u>Light Hendrickson</u></a>	14	March	April
	<a href="#"><u>Blue Wing Olive</u></a>	18-20	March	July
	<a href="#"><u>Rusty Spinner</u></a>	14-18	March	September
	<a href="#"><u>Black Stonefly</u></a>	10-12	March	June
	<a href="#"><u>Yellow Stonefly</u></a>	14-16	April	July



[Cheating Fishermen Plead Guilty in Weight Scandal – Sportico.com](#)

“A pair of fishermen caught in a cheating scandal in which they inflated the weight of fish in a Lake Erie tournament pleaded guilty on Monday to a felony charge for cheating in a competition and a misdemeanor for unlawful ownership of wild animals. The deal struck by Jacob Runyan and Chase Cominsky was part of a plea arrangement with prosecutors in Cuyahoga County Court in Ohio.

Last October, the two men were charged with three felonies a piece, each of which could have meant a one-year prison sentence, as well as a misdemeanor that could have led to a 30-day jail sentence.

The anglers’ trial was set to begin on Monday, but as Cleveland.com reported, their attorneys and prosecutors agreed to a last-minute deal to avert the procedure. More than 30 witnesses were set to testify for prosecutors, who will recommend that Runyan and Cominsky face six months of probation in lieu of prison. So long as Runyan and Cominsky stay out of trouble, their convictions can be expunged from their records. The duo, however, will face multiyear suspensions of their fishing licenses, and they’ll need to forfeit a bass boat worth about \$100,000 to state authorities.”

Editorial comment: It strikes me that a little jail time would have been appropriate. They were not only cheating for bragging rights, they were trying to steal money by fraud. At least they lose a \$100K fishing boat. The thing that chaps me the most, however is that their convictions can be expunged.

*Bob Randall*

***Water levels:***

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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