



Tuck Tales

Newsletter of the Tuckaseige Chapter #373 of Trout Unlimited serving the western North Carolina counties of Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain

A Monthly Newsletter

September, 2010

Regular Meetings Resume

Tuck chapter resumes regular monthly meetings starting September 7th.

September Program

The program for September's meeting will be provided by Jason Cole of Hookers Fly Shop in Sylva.

NC Wildlife Commission Public Hearings

Now at a new time of the year. See page 2.

Sep. Grub Committee

Our Grub Committee this month will be President Woodard, Jerry Deweese and Craig Forrest.

Email addresses needed

Your editor requests that everyone please provide updated email addresses so we can make certain our data base is up-to-date and you won't miss notification of newsletter and event emails!

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Tuckaseige Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the first Tuesday of every month, with the exception of June, July and August, in the Community Room at the rear of the United Community Bank of Highway 107 South in Sylva at 6:30 PM. A meal is provided by the Grub Committee at a cost of \$5 per person. Guest are invited to join us at no charge.

TUCK TU ACTS TO HELP PROTECT AREA STREAM

Early in the month of August Tuckaseige Chapter received an urgent email request from Damon Hearne, Southeastern Land Protection Coordinator for Trout Unlimited. Damon is located in Asheville and spoke to our chapter about a year ago regarding his mission for TU to work with other conservation agencies in trying to protect and conserve threatened cold water resources in the southeast.

His email message requested that Tuckaseige Chapter try and make a \$1,000 contribution to an effort to conserve and keep in the public trust one of the region's best trout streams. TU had an opportunity to help conserve Big Creel Lodge on the North Mills River. Partners were willing to shoulder a significant burden but they had indicated a need for Trout Unlimited's help to secure the property forever.

The property, known as the Big Creek Lodge property, has been a constant worry for local and regional anglers. An 80 acre in-

holding in the Pisgah National Forest on the North mills River, it holds key access to upper sections of the river for both angling and stocking. Previous owners had proposed a variety of development schemes that would have dramatically impacted the river's health and limit public access for fishing. The future of the delayed harvest fisheries management for the entire section would also have been put at risk were the property developed.

A recent change in ownership gave all concerned the opportunity to protect the Big Creek Lodge property. Trout Unlimited worked with the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy to secure the



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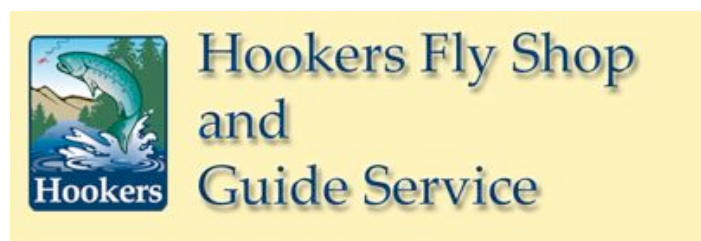
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undeveloped portions of the tract with the goal of re-selling to the Forest Service in FY 2012. CMLC asked TU to cover the cost to secure the property (via option contract or down payment). Trout Unlimited had until August 30th to raise and pledge \$30,000 to secure the property for the future.

Tuckasee Chapter's Board of Directors agreed to fund the request in the amount of \$1,000 along with most, if not all, of the active chapters in NC. In addition NCTU elected to match each chapter's contribution up to \$10,000. Additional funding came from TU chapters in neighboring states. As a result the \$30,000 goal was not only met but exceeded!

NEW FLY SHOP IN SYLVA

A new fly fishing shop has recently opened in downtown Sylva. It's Hookers Fly Shop and is located on Main Street next to Motion Makers Bicycle Shop. (Where the old Fantasy Travel was.)



The business is owned by Cori and Jason Cole and offers a free fly tying class on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 PM. A different pattern will be taught each week. The phone number for the shop is 828-586-HOOK (4665). They are on the web at <http://www.hookersflyshop.com> and email is hookersflyshop@yahoo.com.

Don't forget the other fine shops in our service area in Cherokee and Waynesville. These folks all deserve our support in these tough economic times.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission voted earlier this year to move its annual public hearings from January to September as a part of overall adjustments to its rulemaking cycle.

“Adoption of rules on an annual basis is critical to meeting our conservation objectives,” said Gordon Myers, executive director of the Wildlife Resources Commission. “Prior to making these changes, the Commission’s rulemaking cycle was severely impacted by delayed implementation of rules. These impacts were felt by our sportsmen and created a great deal of confusion.

By adjusting our annual rulemaking cycle, we are able to better ensure timely adoption of rules while providing better service to North Carolina’s sportsmen.”

Each year, the Commission adjusts hunting, fishing and trapping seasons in response to wildlife population changes, wildlife conservation objectives, or public needs and desires. Public comment on proposed rule changes is a critical component in the decision making process. The Commission will continue to provide a variety of public input options including online, written and face-to-face opportunities. This year’s District 9 Public Hearing will be held at Haywood Community College on September 15th at 7:00 PM.



Matt Kulp, Fisheries Biologist with Great Smoky Mountains National Park provided the program for our April meeting.

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