

Fly of the Month

Mobey Dick



Hook: Mustad 79580 size 6-12
Thread: Black
Tail: Golden pheasant tippet fibers (gap width past bend)
Rib: Brown saddle hackle palmered through body
Body: Peacock herl
Wing: Bronze mallard fibers tied over the back to the end of the tail
Head: Black

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Upcoming Events

The Fly Fishing Show East

January 18th to 20th at The Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlboro

MA/RI Council Dinner

January 19th after The Fly Fishing Show East at the Holiday Inn, Marlboro

January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 22nd

Bill Byrne, MDFW Staff Photographer

Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition

February 7th to 10th at the DCU Center, Worcester

February Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th

Trout Unlimited - Core Value #3 Stewardship & Advocacy

As stewards for future generations, we employ sound science and work cooperatively with a broad spectrum of interests in defending and advocating for our natural resource legacy.

Monthly Meeting

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**, however members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier and participate in informal fly-tying. Bring your own vice and materials.

Directions:

From Rt. 3: Take the Rt. 113 Exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113, 6.5 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. The VFW Hall will be located on the left side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 495: Take the Rt. 119 Exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119, 9 miles, through Groton and into Pepperell. Turn right onto Rt. 111, and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 2: Take the Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on Rt. 111, approximately 12 miles (total, to the Pepperell rotary), through Ayer and Groton to Pepperell. Route 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Once in Pepperell, Rt. 111 bears to the right (off of Rt. 119). Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

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The newsletter for the Trout Unlimited chapter that champions sport and conservation on two northeastern Massachusetts trout rivers: The Squannacook & The Nissitissit.

January Meeting

Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 pm

with

Bill Byrne

presenting

“Recovering Wildlife Species in Massachusetts”

Visitors Welcome!

Recovering Wildlife Species in Massachusetts

Bill Byrne will be the featured speaker at our January member's meeting. His presentation "Recovering Wildlife Species in Massachusetts" will explore New

England land use history from Colonial times to present, with focus on resulting changes in many wildlife populations within Massachusetts. Exterminated species like wild turkeys have been



reintroduced and recovered dramatically across the state. Endangered species like bald eagles and peregrine falcons have recovered with "hacking" or release programs from Quabbin to Boston. Native eastern brook trout populations are struggling in some areas and thriving in



some surprising locations. Moose, loons, and fisher have extended their North Woods ranges south to Massachusetts and are doing well. Many other success stories will be discussed during this big screen slide presentation.

Bill Byrne is the feature photographer for Massachusetts Wildlife quarterly magazine, and has been a MassWildlife photographer

for over 30 years, covering the work of the division projects and documenting some of the diverse natural history in Massachusetts. He received his BS degree in Wildlife Management at the University of Maine, Orono. He has been widely published in the US and lives on four wild and diverse acres in the hill town of Petersham, Massachusetts.

Bring a friend to the January meeting and hear first hand about some of the success stories in our state while viewing the fabulous photography of Bill Byrne.

Chapter News

• Sucker Brook Bank Restoration

Observations made during the Chapter's Brook Trout Initiative revealed localized areas of extensively damaged stream banks and beds. The damage has been attributed to repeated crossing of tributaries by four-wheel vehicles. The Chapter, working with state and local officials, obtained approval for restoration of the stream bank and river bed at Sucker Brook. Efforts will include placing stone along the bank, planting vegetation to stop further bank erosion and removing sand from the bed at the confluence with the Niss. There are strict guidelines that must be followed, one of which is the time of year the work can be done. We will be meeting with MDFW to review the "Order of Conditions" and schedule the restoration activities. We'll update you on plans and schedule next month.

• MA/RI Council Dinner Saturday, Jan 19

The MA/RI Council dinner will be at the Holiday Inn in Marlboro, Exit 20A off of 495. Tickets are \$25.00. Show participants and celebrities have been invited to attend. There will be a dinner, raffle and auction. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by dinner. The MA/RI Council is the umbrella organization for Trout Unlimited in both states. It is working right now on developing a wild trout policy for Massachusetts, and is taking a host of initiatives to preserve coldwater fisheries in both states.

Fly Fish New Hampshire



New Hampshire's **ONLY** Fly Fishing Show



~ Sixth Annual ~

March 1 and 2, 2008
at Pelham Fish and Game Club

March 1 9am-4pm Admission \$7.00
March 2 9am-3pm 12 and under Free
Seniors and sponsoring club members with membership cards \$5.00
Continuous Seminars and Demonstrations by
Regional and National Fly Fishing Experts

TOYOTA Eastern FISHING & Outdoor Exposition
DCU center Worcester, Massachusetts
February 7-10, 2008



Show Hours:

Thursday 12:30pm-9pm
Friday 12:30pm-9pm
Saturday 10am-7pm
Sunday 10am-5pm

Admission Prices:

Adults \$11
Children (5-11 years) \$3
Under 5 years Free

Local Fishing Shows This Winter

Now that New England is deep into the throws of winter, the best way to get that needed dose of fishing medicine is to attend the local fishing and outdoor shows. There will be three major shows in the area with our Chapter present at two of them. The first will be "The Fly Fishing Show East" on January 18th through 20th at the Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlboro. Squan-a-Tissit will be manning the TU booth on Saturday, the 19th from opening to 1:00 pm. The MA/RI Council of TU will also be holding it's annual dinner and raffle at the Holiday Inn right after the Saturday show at 5 pm. More information on the show is available at www.flyfishingshoweast.com.

The second event is the "Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition" on February 7th through 10th at the DCU Center in Worcester. We will be at the TU booth all day on Friday, the 8th. More information can be found online at www.sportshows.com.

The final show is "Fly Fish New Hampshire" hosted by the Merrimack River Valley Chapter of TU and the Pelham Fish and Game Club. This program will be held on March 1st and 2nd at the Pelham Fish and Game Club. Information is available at www.pelhamfishandgame.com.

Treat yourself to a little "fishing trip" this winter. While you're there stop by the TU booth and introduce yourself. If you would like to help us work any of these events, please contact Tom Towey.

Royal Plaza Trade Center
Marlborough, MA
January 18, 19 & 20, 2008

Fantastic Door Prizes!!!
Each trip is for two or more anglers. Details on website.

- ★ Alaska's Lake Marie Lodge and Alaska's To-toy-Ion River Lodge
- ★ Belize River Lodge
- ★ Malbaie River Outfitters in Gaspe
- ★ Picacho Fishing Lodge in Chile
- ★ Yellow Dog Flyfishing and the Bang Bang Club
- ★ Nor Vise

★ The newest tackle!
★ Dream trips!

★ Casting and tying demos!
★ Programs, experts, and more!

**Show Hours: Fri 10 - 6; Sat 9 - 5:30;
Sun 9 - 4:00**

**Admission - Adult: \$15 for one day,
\$25 for two-day pass, \$35 for three-day pass;
Children under 12: \$2**