

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – March 12th, 2009







Members Present: Pat Shellady; Rich Hostetler; Travis Duncan; Birney Holberg; Chet Gorski; Raymond P. Krier; Jim Blakeslee; Dave Crowther; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Duane Anderson; Jason Burckhardt; Lewis & Ellie Wiser; Bob Kuper; Dave & Cathy Sweet; Karen Ritscher; Van Miller; June & Bob Richard; Maxine & Larry Thomas; Gregg & Jane Bierei; Bob Capron; Ray Zubik; Steve Yekel

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Pat Shellady


Meeting Minutes: Dave Sweet moved to approve the January meeting minutes and Rich Hostetler seconded. Motion approved.


Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas gave the treasures report. Commissioners' elk tags will be sold on eBay in intervals together, and all proceeds will be split equally between Cody, Saratoga, and the State office. Bob Capron moved to approve the Treasures Report and Dave Sweet seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:


-  Bob Capron reported that a meeting was held between interested parties on the Franc's Fork project. Partnerships between various entities still need to be completed.
-  Shoshone River Cleanup will occur on Saturday March 21st. Volunteers will meet at the Belfry Bridge at 8 am. Bring warm clothes, water, boots, and gloves. Plan on working until 2pm. Donuts & Coffee will be provided.
-  Pat Shellady attended the WY Game and Fish Commissioners meeting in Casper to accept recognition for the chapter's assistance in the purchase of the Wakeley Access at Thermopolis.
-  Dave Sweet reported that the TU Council meeting will be May 15-17 in Lander. Topics of discussion will include "how to work through conservation projects – the where and how to enter and work through projects"
-  Nellie Williams has resigned from TU and will be moving to Alaska in mid May.
-  Jason Burckhardt with the WY Game and Fish Department presented results of the 2008 North Fork Creel Survey and Entrainment Study.
 - North Fork Creek Survey- The last creel survey on the North Fork was conducted in 1991. The 2008 creel survey was conducted April 15th- October 31st at public access areas on the North Fork. Results showed that 53% of anglers were from Wyoming; anglers from 45 other states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries were also interviewed. Flies were the predominant tackle. Rainbow hybrids were the predominant species caught. Cutthroat trout catch rates were down approximately 10% from 1991 levels. Overall catch rates were up from 0.2 to 0.9 fish per hour. Of the anglers interviewed, 76% were catch and release fishing and 86% of anglers supported management to conserve cutthroat trout.


- North Fork Entrainment Study – The ditch supplies water to the south side of Wapiti Valley. Fish that pass this point are likely to be lost. A total of 5 fish species were collected during sampling. Total measured entrainment in 2008 was 2,236 fish. This value is much less than what was observed in Cody Canal.
- Results of electrofishing in the North Fork resulted in estimates of 704 trout per mile.
- Results of electrofishing in the South Fork resulted in estimates of 169 trout per mile. This is a drastic reduction resulting from a debris flow that occurred in 2007.


 The first fly-tying get together had 15 participants. The next get together will be April 2nd from 5:30pm until closing at the Sunset house.

 Bob Capron gave updates on logistics for the Russian olive (Park County CRM) project. There will be an official meeting March 23rd at 7pm at University Workstation in Powell.

Other Business:

 The proposed Dead Indian Restoration EA is being drafted. Public comments are being addressed.

 Paul Stock Trail will require two to three work days. Timing will be announced.

 Casper Star Tribune article will write about Yellowstone Cutthroat trout projects.

Dave Sweet moved to adjourn the meeting and Rich Hostetler seconded.

Next Meeting:

April 9, 2009
6:00 P.M.
Sunset House
1651 8th Street
Cody, WY 82414