

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER



The Clinch River Chapter: dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring the natural environment of the Clinch River Watershed.

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

**When:** March 10, 7 pm

**Who:** Mike Bone, popular area fishing guide

**Where:** St. Frances Episcopal Church in Norris

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**When:** April 14: TWRA Wild Trout Biologist, Jim Habere

**When:** Saturday, May 21: In-river fishing seminar

## MEMBERS IN ACTION

*Remember, ALL volunteers for chapter conservation and youth education activities entered in the drawing for a fine Sage fly rod. The Chapter won it last year for collecting the most trash during TU National spring cleanup days. It's a 5 weight, 4 piece, Model XCL 590-4 rod that retails for \$695. Your name goes in the hat every time you volunteer. Drawing will be at the November swap meeting.*

**April 23: Clinch River shoreline and road cleanup**

## LOST BUT FOUND

**Padre Island cap**, left at the Feb. 10 chapter meeting (contact Steve Brown)

**Blue Disney beach towel**, left at the June 2010, Kids Fish Free Day (contact Frances Oates)

## TN TU COUNCIL

**MEETING— January** (Frances Oates) The Summer Troup Camp to be held at Tremont, GSM will provide instructional opportunities for 8-12 campers (12-15 years old). Applications were due March 1.

The SE Rally will be held in conjunction with troutfest, May 12-14.

Note: CRCTU Board has voted to sponsor one, possibly two (or share the cost), campers to attend the adventure on June 19-24.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONTINUING RESOLUTION SPENDING BILL, HR 1, WOULD DISCONTINUE WATERSHED CONSERVATION EFFORTS NATIONWIDE

*(excerpted from TU National's web site: [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org))*

The Bill attacks Clean Water Act, public land management, watershed restoration and conservation funding. Clean Water Act and other protective rules for streams and enact sudden and steep cuts in conservation programs.

The short-term spending bill, takes aim at a suite of natural resource regulations that help protect trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds from mine waste, uncontrolled off-road vehicle use and other impacts. The bill also blocked the processes in place to restore vital watersheds. Additionally, it eliminated grant programs for fish and wildlife habitat restoration.

“The scope of the destruction wrought by this bill is breathtaking, said Steve Moyer, TU’s

Vice President for Government Affairs “It rolls back the rules that protect water quality, puts the brakes on collaborative restoration programs in places like the Klamath River and de-funds vital conservation programs. It reverses years of progress and stifles habitat restoration programs just as we prepare to enter the field season. For cooperative conservation programs, it is truly an eviscerating bill,” said Moyer.

Examples of actions being affected:

+Stops the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA from rulemaking to restore Clean Water Act protection for some wetlands and streams which were curtailed by two harmful and confusing Supreme Court decisions.

+Removes the EPA’s authority under the Clean Water Act to veto Army Corps authorized permits for the disposal of dredge and fill material and to designate as off limits certain areas for disposal of dredge and fill material.

+Prevents the use of federal funds to implement certain Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction programs, which help to restore coldwater habitat in the headwater areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

+Blocks the U.S. Forest Service’s Travel Management Plans, which were developed to prevent uncontrolled off-road vehicle use from damaging fish and wildlife habitat.

+De-funds the San Joaquin

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River Restoration Settlement Act, a law enacted last year with strong bipartisan support, which represents a broad coalition of restoration partners. +Discontinues rulemaking processes designed to protect streams from mountaintop removal mining. "Conservation is most effective when it is collaborative and science-based," said Moyer. "The riders in HR 1 put a halt to the scientific processes being used by federal agencies to develop effective protections rivers and streams, and stymie collaborative efforts. The Bill also cuts funding for

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vital conservation programs: Eliminates funding for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund; cuts the Land and Water Conservation Fund; Cuts the National Fish Habitat program; Drastically cuts funding for Great Lakes restoration; Eliminates funding for the State Fish and Wildlife Grants program: Cuts important Farm Bill conservation programs. Permanently cuts the Wetland Reserve Program by almost 50,000 acres "Hunters and angler conservationists are willing to shoulder our share of the burden for reducing federal discretionary spending, but a disproportionate burden should not be saddled on programs of critical value to sportsmen," said Moyer. "We call on the U.S. Senate to draft a new version of this bill that is worthy of support of the sportsmen of the nation." Contact Senators Corker and Alexander and voice your opinions on HR 1!

**TACKLE TIPS -**

(by member, Buzz Buffington)

Q You enter a trout stream that is new to you: how do you decide where and what fly to fish?  
 A Where to fish? Mountain streams, fish the plunge pools, the runs below the pools and the tails of the pools. Mountain fish usually don't have the abundance of food found in tailwaters so they are likely to strike anything that appears to be food, if it is presented well. Be stealth; they are often in shallow water and easy to spook.

*(Buzz will complete his answer to this question in the April newsletter)*

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First year purchases of the TN TU auto license plates yielded \$1353.21 for our CRCTU coiffeurs. These funds must be used either for conservation or for youth education.

The 2011 TU Annual Meeting will be held in Bend, OR, September 14-17. More details at www.tu.org.