

TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

MARCH 1989

MARCH MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold it's monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, March 21st at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Please note that we will begin a half hour earlier with the social hour at 6:30 and the program at 7:00.

Our speaker for the evening is Jim Lloyd, Regional Fisheries Biologist for the U. S. Forest Service. Some of you first met Jim at one of our campouts at the Double Bit Camp last summer. He will be discussing the Forest Service "Rise to the Future" program and how it relates to fisheries management in the National Forest. Jim has a previous commitment and it will be necessary to begin the program at 7:00 sharp, so please, be on time!

FEBRUARY MEETING

Russ England and Jeff Durniak, Georgia DNR, led a discussion with visual aids and commentary on a variety of subjects of interest to TU members. The primary focus was on a history of the Waters Creek Project and the new changes in fishing regulations as they pertain to Waters. The changes are as follows:

- 1) Open Wednesdays in addition to the weekend
- 2) Limit of three (3) trout per season
- 3) Anglers using Waters must have in their possession, a valid Wildlife Management Area Stamp

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 21	Trout Workahop, Oconee State Park
Saturday, April 22	S.E. Region TU Meeting, Ramada Inn, Clemson, S.C.
*Friday AM, May 5	Chattooga Bug Study, Oconee State Park
*Friday PM, May 5	Fishmore Project and Campout, Double Bit Camp
*Saturday AM, May 6	Stream Structure Project, Hedden Creek
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Wednesday, May 17	Southeastern Regional Fisheries Biologist Meeting
Thursday, May 18	Best Western Motel, Dillard, Georgia
Monday, June 12	West Fork of the Chattooga River Study begins

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RABUN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTRACTS WITH THE AYATOLLA

The executive committee in emergency session agreed to contact the Ayatolla should a certain person now residing in Columbia, S. C., cross the mid-stream point of the Chattooga River into Georgia waters. This drastic action is in response to the inclusion of the above river in the current issue of TROUT as one of the best 100 Trout Streams in the U.S. For shame, for shame.

THANK YOU HENRY WILLIAMSON

How many times have we thanked Henry for all his help and guidance and for sharing his knowledge of trout and trout fishing? Well, one more time.... thanks to Henry for guiding a bunch of neophyte (most of us anyway) fly tiers through the four workshops. Henry makes it clear, and fun. We even tied some rather buggy looking flies that I'm anxious to wet this season. For the most part, Henry had us trying the tried and true patterns for this area, with an occasional exotic type.

DUKE'S CREEK -SMITHGALL SWAP

In a letter to Barnett Chitwood, Chairman of the Georgia Council of TU, Doug Adams provided a capsule form of the land swap involving Duke's Creek area and land owned by Mr. Smithgall of Gainesville. As Doug points out, it wasn't all bad, all things considered. We lost about 4000 feet of public trout stream on Duke's but gained 7150 feet in Northeast Georgia. Of special interest to the Rabun Chapter is the gain on Hedden Creek. What this really means is that if TU had not gotten involved, we could have ended up on just the loss side, with no gain.

GEORGIA OUTDOOR NEWS

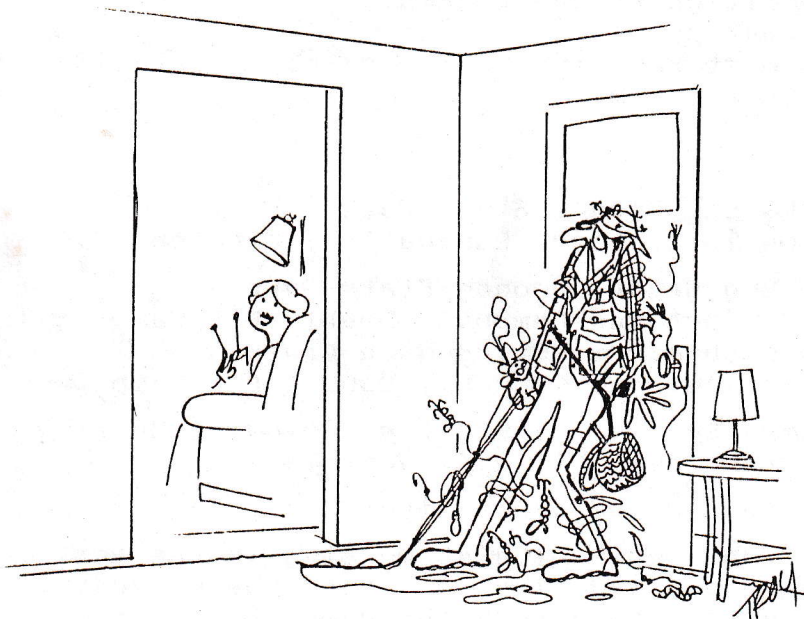
In the March issue of GEORGIA OUTDOOR NEWS the Rabun Chapter was commended for our conservation work on Reed Creek. As is our policy, the stream was not "highlighted" by being named. On the next page was another article on a "blue Ribbon" stream, the Chattooga. Two or three new members will be picked up as a result of the article and the publication sent us a check for \$75.

TALLULAH RIVER UPDATE

As many of you know, the Tallulah River road and campground will be closed to traffic this season. For the very latest on this project, come to the March Meeting.

OPENING DAY

Check the fly boxes - stretch the kinks out of your line - grease the reels and coat your fly lines - April first is just around the corner. This reminder is for everyone but Doug Adams, whose fly line has never been wound on the reel long enough to develop kinks.



How was Opening Day, sweetheart?

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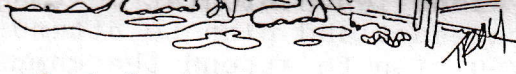


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When one has fished a water season after season for five years, then its friendship is a great and living thing. These things are a possession that nothing can distract so long as memory serves. - William Caine Angler at Large, 1911

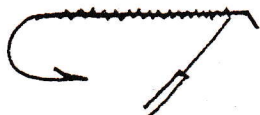
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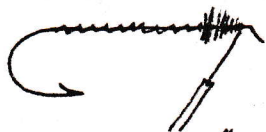
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McAdams Marshmallow Bug

Another favorite bait from the Rabun Chapter Bait Book is this unusual but effective offering for the "big'uns". Easily tied and raw material are readily available at most grocery.



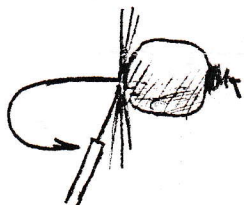
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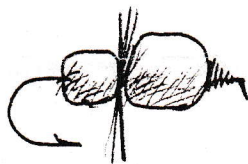
② BUILD A "DAM" OF THREAD NEAR EYE. TIE OFF.



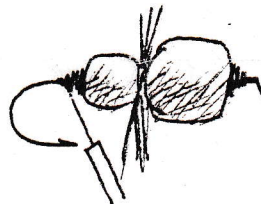
③ CAREFULLY THREAD A MINI-MARSHMALLOW ON THE SHANK.



④ WRAP HACKLE AT THERAX AND TIE OFF.



⑤ CUT MARSHMALLOW IN HALF AND THREAD ON SHANK TO HACKLE



⑥ AGAIN BUILD UP A DAM AT THE BEND AND TIE OFF.

HOOK: DOWN EYED 8 LONG SHANK

THREAD: MATCH COLOR OF BODY

HACKLE: SOFT FIBERED FEATHER

BODY: KRAFT MINI-MARSHMALLOWS - ALL COLORS

THIS BAIT WORKS WELL FISHED IN FAST WATER AS IT FLOATS WELL. ALSO ACTS AS ENERGY FOOD WHEN FISHING IS SLOW. WATCH OUT FOR BONES!

NEXT MONTH: THE PARACHUTE WORM

FROM THE PAGES OF THE RABUN
CHAPTER "BAIT BOOK".

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THE CLAYTON TRIBUNE, Thursday, February 16, 1989

N.C. upgrades water quality protection for Chattooga River

By Skip Taylor

The state's Environmental Management Commission has designated the Chattooga River and 12 of its major tributaries as Outstanding Resource Waters, a move which will prevent new discharges from private sewage treatment plants, place limits on the location of existing treatment plants and limit the density of residential and commercial development along those streams and rivers.

The ORW designation will also effectively block plans by a Horse Cove developer to build a small treatment plant on Big Creek. A large number of Horse Cove residents had opposed that plan.

The Division of Environmental Management approved the reclassification last December, but it won't take effect until March 1. In

addition to increasing the protection of the Chattooga River from its headwaters to the Georgia state line, the reclassification will also apply to Overflow Creek, Big Creek watershed and Scottsman Creek.

Clear Creek was not given ORW status, but the Macon County Health Department had petitioned the state to upgrade the classification of the stream from "C" and "C-trout" to "B" and "B-trout" and that request has been approved by the Environmental Management Commission.

The redesignation of the Chattooga and its tributaries will have a sweeping impact on both southern Jackson and Macon counties.

"It will affect that area more than most because there is so much interest in development up there," observed Laurie Moorehead.

According to the "protection

strategy" approved by the commission, no new discharges from either private, municipal or community treatment systems will be allowed into any of the rivers and creeks under the ORW designation.

Existing plants would not be closed and permits for several new plants which have already been issued would not be affected unless the permits are allowed to expire before construction begins.

However, the new ORW designation of Big Creek in Horse Cove will affect the application of Rustic Falls Development for a discharge permit, state officials say. Arthur Mouberry of the Division of Environmental Management's permitting section said that the decision will effectively block the issuance of the Rustic Falls permit. That permit was granted to the developer last January, but

authorization to begin construction was withheld pending the commission's decision on ORW status. Now that that status has been granted, the state will not give the construction go-ahead to the developer and will take steps to void the existing discharge permit, Mouberry explained.

Under the ORW management strategy, existing plants could still expand, but they would not be allowed to increase the actual amount of pollutants placed in the affected creeks.

Moorehead said existing plants could still expand, thereby increasing the amount of effluent they dump into the creek, but they

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would have to up their treatment level to make sure that the net amount of pollutants going into the creek did not increase.

The protection measures also include tougher sediment and erosion control restrictions which essentially place density limits on single-family developments. Developments would have to have one-acre lots with no more than 12 percent of the land covered by buildings or structures unless special steps are taken to control stormwater runoff. More stringent requirements could be applied in especially sensitive areas, the commission said.

In addition to the Chattooga and its major tributaries, a number of other smaller creeks which drain into the Chattooga watershed will also be indirectly affected by the commission's decision. While not formally designated as Outstanding Resource Waters, they will be managed as if they were in order to protect the ORWs down stream, Moorehead said.

North and South Fowler Creeks and associated tributaries, Green and Norton Mill Creeks, Cane Creek and its tributaries, Ammons Branch and Glade Creek will all be affected by the new management strategy. Moorehead said that will essentially mean that no new discharges will be allowed on those creeks as well.

That will affect a number of existing treatment plants, including the Cashiers sewer system, as well as several small treatment plants approved but not yet built. Those plants could still build, but not expand without meeting the same pollutant discharge levels.

Taken from The Highlander