



# TIGHT LINES

July 2000

Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## FAMILY NIGHT AT KELLY'S WATERFALL PICNIC GROUNDS SITE OF JULY MEETING

The Rabun Chapter will meet on Tuesday evening, July 18th, 6:30 PM, at the Kelly family's waterfall picnic grounds.

Members are asked to bring a variety of casserole dishes such as vegetables, salads or desserts. The Chapter will furnish soft drinks, plates, cups, utensils and fried chicken.

For those of you who have never been to Kelly's picnic grounds, you are in for a treat. It boasts a large picnic shelter with grill, tables and benches. (It also has restrooms.) Set among woods and huge boulders, it borders a stream tumbling down from the mountains. Perfect for a outdoor family affair.

Very little business will be on the agenda. If there is

enough water, we'll take a look at what aquatic insect life lives in the stream and identify those that we can.

So bring the kids, the wife, the husband or the significant other and join us in our family outing.



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## Finding of No Significant Impact...

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has been soliciting comments relative to their proposal to use a piscicide on approximately two and one half miles of Sams Creek to remove non-native fish in order to restore a Brook Trout fishery.

The comment period is over and the Park will go ahead with their plans to remove rainbow trout from a 4.0 km section of Sams Creek using the piscicide antimycin (Fintrol).

They will then use natural recolonization of brook trout from upstream areas, along with transporting brook trout from upstream areas into the lower reaches of the treatment area.

They will also monitor the impacts, recolonization, and recovery rates of aquatic insect and amphibian populations throughout the treatment area.

In their summary statement, the Park says, "There will be no

long-term impacts to stream habitat, protected species or their habitat, or any other unique habitat. Short-term impacts will occur to aquatic macroinvertebrate fauna during the treatment period; however, these populations will start to recolonize the treatment area from upstream and tributary populations unaffected by the treatment within one to two weeks of treatment. There will be no significant short- or long-term impacts to non-target plants, animals, or humans. There will be no significant impacts to air or water quality or related values. Therefore, the selected alternative is in compliance with related laws and implementing regulations. Implementation of the selected alternative will restore a portion of Sams Creek to a pre-existing condition, unimpacted by *exotic rainbow trout*." (Italics are by your editor)



# Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

Tue Jul 18      **Regular Meeting - Pot Luck Supper at Bill Kelly's Mud Creek Picnic Area, featuring "Rock Dancing for Macroinvertebrates", Family Night**

to get to Kelly's...go north of Dillard on US 441; turn right on Hwy 246 (the Highlands Road), continue for 1.7 miles, turn right on gravel single track road; drive to the end of the road, about .3 miles and you will be there.

Tue Aug 15      Regular Meeting - Outdoor Health, CPR, by Russ Burken, MD and regular guy. Summer Interns  
Tue Sep 19      Regular Meeting - "The Flies of Autumn" and the leader set up for using them  
Sep 22-24      Work Project & Campout, Chattooga River Watershed. Details later  
Tue Oct 17      Regular Meeting. "Guides Night Out"  
Tue Nov 21      Regular Meeting. Chattooga River Watershed Restoration Project Update - USFS  
Tue Dec 19      Christmas Dinner at the Dillard Rock House. Most definitely **Family Night**  
Sat Jan 06      Rabun Rendezvous at the Dillard House

## Exotic Species.....

Some of you may think of an exotic species as the African Variegated Cuckoo, the Panda Bear or maybe Sophia Loren. Well, as we have noted previously, when you read or hear that this or that government agency, or some preservationist group, is advocating the removal of some exotic fish, don't forget....in our area they are talking about the exotic Rainbow Trout and the exotic Brown Trout. This may be desirable in certain areas of the Smokies, or even on some streams here in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Just remember to make the right association when reading "exotic". Another key word is "non-native". as in "we are non-natives"!



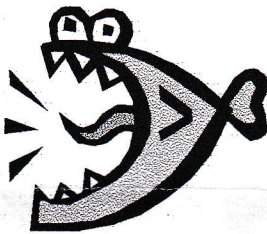
## The Best Laid Plans....

The "Follow the Leader" evening didn't turn out as planned...with several of the old heads unavoidably occupied in other business. Speaking just for your editor, he would have rather been on the river than sitting in the Northpoint Mall, hoping some well heeled suburban matron would stop and purchase a magnificent watercolor rather than some useless object in Lord & Taylors.

But, from what I heard, the four who gathered at the bridge headed off on their own and proceeded to catch trout. Well, we'll do it again in September if one of you promise to let me tag along.

## Ready for a Shocking Experience?.....

Monte Seehorn is asking for some help in sampling the Chattooga River by electro-shocking on July 25th and 26th. In addition to the USFS and WRD personnel, Monte estimates they will need 6-8 TU folks to help out what's going on in the main and either Sims Field or Big Bend will be warm, you might want to close to the electric probes. Ev-Bridge, 9:30 AM on Tuesday the



with the business of seeing just stream at East Fork on the 25th, on the 26th. Even though the water wear waders in the event you get too everyone will meet at the Burrell's Ford 25th.

## A Rose is a Rose is a Rose...

and the Chattooga River Watershed Coalition is now the "*Chattooga Conservancy*". They state in their newsletter that their organizational mission, goals, objectives and current programs remain unchanged and their director remains **Buz Williams**.

This name change is welcome since the Chattooga River Coalition, made up of members of Georgia, North & South Carolina state fishery resource agencies, the US Forest Service and Trout Unlimited, was sometimes confused with the CRWC.

**IS YOUR LICENSE UP-TO-DATE?**