

The Hatch

Request for Information on the Battenkill from our Members!

Ken Cox, the Department of Fish and Wildlife's District Fisheries Biologist, has requested from our chapter any information regarding known spawning redds for the browns in the river.

Ken Cox and Steve Roy (Green Mountain National Forest Fisheries Biologists) plan to float the river in October to survey spawning habitat and are looking for information from our seasoned members of known spawning redds.

Their plan for the fall is to install several Vibert Boxes (in-stream boxes, which will contain clean spawning gravel which can be monitored to measure the amount of fine sediment which fills in) in known spawning areas. Once installed, these boxes can be monitored to measure the sediment load and also to measure the success rate of fry emergence in the spring.

Any location information would be greatly appreciated by them. Ideally, a marked up topographic map of the river with landmarks noted ("west bank, 200 feet below willow" for example) would be a big help to them as they work on this project.

If you have any information you would like to share with them, please send it directly to:

Ken Cox, Fisheries Biologist
Vermont Fish and Wildlife
RR1 Box 33
N. Springfield, VT 05150
(802) 885-8855

We thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Dates Set for Public Meetings on Special Fishing Regulations for Several Wild Trout Streams.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified portions of the **Dog, Mettawee, New Haven, Winooski, and Lamoille Rivers** that may have potential for special regulation management of wild trout populations. If regulations prove successful, greater numbers and/or sizes of trout and increased angler catch rates can result.

The Department will hold five meetings to provide information on this process, as well as to gather public input to help identify specific stream sections and regulation options for consideration. If you have an interest in these proposals, please plan on attending one of the following meetings:

- October 14th** -
Montpelier H.S. Cafeteria,
Montpelier, VT
- October 18th**
South Burlington H.S. Cafeteria
550 Dorset St. South Burlington, VT
- October 19th**
People's Academy Auditorium
Jct. Route 12 & 15A
Morrisville, VT
- October 26th**
Mettawee Community School
Route 153 West Pawlet, VT
- October 28th**

Howden Hall,
Est Street, Bristol, VT

All meeting will run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Also enclosed with this newsletter is a survey which the Department of Fish and Wildlife has put together to gather information for the above mentioned project. We urge you to fill these out and return them to address listed on the flyer.

Battenkill Regulation Proposal

We urge chapter members to contact Jack Stannard, our local representative on the Fish and Wildlife Board and Dave Mallory, Chairman of the F&W Board to voice their support of this proposal.

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