

The Hatch

**Ken Cox, Regional Fisheries
Biologist, to Speak to
Chapter on the Findings of
his Battenkill Fish Study**

Ken Cox, the Department of Fish and Wildlife's District Fisheries Biologist for our region, will be addressing our chapter on Thursday, May 6th at 6:30 PM at the Orvis School Room on Route 7A in Manchester, VT.

The schoolroom is located directly across the street from The Orvis Company's Manchester store. Refreshments will be served.

Ken will address the chapter with the findings from his five-year study on the Battenkill, specifically the special regulation section in Arlington. This presentation is a must see for users of the Battenkill as it will focus on Trout populations and habitat.

Ken spoke to the Friends of the Battenkill last week on the findings of his study and looks forward to a dialogue with our Chapter as he wants feedback

from the informed fishermen in our chapter who fish the 'Kill.

Ken plans to incorporate some of this dialogue into the public hearing he plans to present sometime before the 18th of May.

We encourage your attendance at this meeting as we need informed anglers to help restore the Battenkill to its place as one of the Top Fly Fishing Destinations in the East.

**Hapgood Pond Fishing
Derby on June 12th, 1999**

The Ninth Annual Green Mountain National Forest Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, June 12th, 1999 at Hapgood Pond in Peru. This year, through the partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, local members of the Southwestern VT Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be coordinating the fund raising efforts for this year's event. The Youth Fishing Derby has

become a very popular event for families in our area, getting families together to share in the fun of fishing. Last year, 110 boys and girls participated and 145 trout were reeled in! Following the Derby, everyone was treated to a lunch and an awards ceremony where every youngster received a prize.

Your Participation in National Fishing Week is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Bayer of the Manchester Ranger District Office at 362-2307 or Bill Bullock at 362-8637.