

*A Non-Profit Organization*

# Trout Unlimited

**CHARTER**

## THE ADAMS CHAPTER, #676

*By having submitted acceptable evidence of qualification,  
By having duly agreed to accept and abide by the Philosophy, Policies and  
Objectives of Trout Unlimited, as set forth in its Constitution and Bylaws, and  
By having been duly certified by the National Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited,  
Is hereby declared an official chapter of Trout Unlimited*

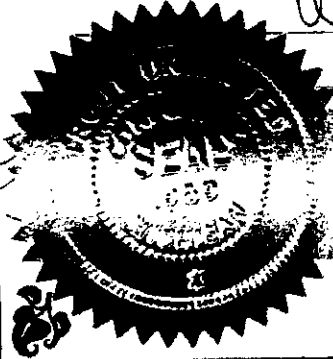
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An International Conservation Organization  
Incorporated in the State of Michigan

**The Adams Chapter, # 676  
Trout Unlimited  
Traverse City, Michigan**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting of March 27, 1996**

At 7:00 pm, this date, the Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited, held its first meeting at 207 Beaumont Place, Traverse City, MI. Twenty-six individuals were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Jess Reed, interim president, and after a welcome it was determined that the first order of business should be to formally elect officers and directors of the new chapter.

- There being no submitted nominations, Mr. Reed called for nominations from the floor.
- Motion by Ray Bunn with second by Wes Yemmans to nominate, and accept, the interim officers (noted in minutes of 10/19/95 meeting) each for a one year term.
- No other nominations were received, and nominations were closed.
- A unanimous vote was cast in favor of accepting the current slate of officers. Those elected were:

Jess Reed,	President
Mike Nolan,	Vice President
Jim Kartsimas,	Treasurer
Bill Fernandez,	Secretary

Jess Reed, President, called for nominations for six chapter directors, with two directors to serve terms of one, two, and three years; thereby allowing for an election of two directors in each coming year. All further terms being for three years.

- Nominations were opened for the two, one year, terms. Mike Slater and Mike Connors were nominated from the floor. No other nominations were received. A unanimous vote was cast for both nominees.
- Nominations were opened for the two, two year, terms. Dennis Taylor and Todd Young were nominated from the floor. No other nominations were received. A unanimous vote was cast for both nominees.
- Nominations were opened for the two, three year, terms. Dave Leonhard and Steve Largent were nominated from the floor. No other nominations were received. A unanimous vote was cast for both nominees.

Therefore, the directors of the Adams Chapter are:

Mike Slater	term expiring 3/97
Mike Connors	term expiring 3/97
Dennis Taylor	term expiring 3/98
Todd Young	term expiring 3/98
Dave Leonhard	term expiring 3/99
Steve Largent	term expiring 3/99

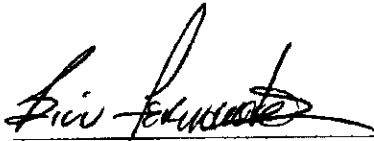
The president instructed the secretary to secure a post office box for the chapter. It was decided that this box should be secured at the discretion of the secretary.

There being no further formal business, discussion ensued on a variety of subjects including:

1. Committee Activities
2. Relationship with the Michigan, and National, Chapters
3. Chapter positions relative to environmental concerns
4. The annual banquet

A motion was made to adjourn; seconded, and unanimously approved.  
The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting will be on April 24, 1996 at 7:00 pm.



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Bill Fernandez, Secretary  
3/31/96

**Dear Fellow Trout Unlimited/Adams Chapter Member:**

It is with much pleasure that I announce that our Trout Unlimited Chapter officially exists.

We have been chartered by the National and State TU Councils and are entered into the National TU directory as the "Adams Chapter."

Our chapter has been assigned ID number 676 by the TU National Council for administrative purposes.

In an effort to bring everyone up to date as to what has transpired and why the process of forming a chapter has taken five months, I submit the following time line of activities which have taken place.

October 1995	Organizational meeting held, interim officers selected, decision to proceed made by all present. The Adams Chapter name chosen.
October 1995	Application for chapter charter submitted to State TU Council.
November 1995	State Council approves application, forwards endorsement to National TU Council.
December 1995	National Council approves application, chapter name, and assigns chapter number. Approval forwarded to National Executive Committee to issue charter.
February 1996	Chapter charter issued by National Executive Committee.

Our next step will be to conduct our first regular business meeting, at which we will need to hold an election of officers. We will also need to decide when and how often we will hold meetings and establish our basic committees.

The interim chapter officers, who were chosen by drawing names from a hat at our organizational meeting in October 1995 are:

President - Jess Reed  
Vice President - Mike Noland  
Treasurer - Jim Kartsimas  
Secretary - Bill Fernandez

Hopefully you all received a memo from Bill Fernandez about a month ago letting you know we were still making progress with the formation of our chapter.

We currently have thirty-six Adams Chapter members, according to TU State Council records.

The interim officers met and chose Wednesday, March 27, 1996 as the date for our first regular meeting. We will meet at 7:00 pm at the conference room at Bay Eye Associates located at 207 Beaumont Place in Traverse City. Bay Eye Associates is located across from the Members Credit Union and approximately one block north of the main entrance to Munson hospital. If at all possible please plan to attend as we need all of our members to participate in our election process and the establishment of committees.

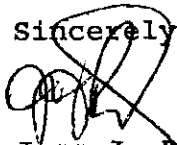
There is much more exciting information to pass on, so much in fact it will have to wait for our first meeting.

The geographical area assigned to our chapter includes all of Grand Traverse, Benzie and Leelanau Counties as well as the northwest corner of Kalkaska County. The major watersheds included in our area are the Boardman, Betsie, Platte, Rapid and Crystal rivers.

Please make our chapter known to anyone you know with an interest in watershed management and/or cold water conservation in our area. It is vital to our chapters success to foster membership and support at every opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you all on March 27, 1996 at 7:00 PM. Your support, patience and consideration are appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jess J. Reed  
Interim President  
Adams Chapter/TU

## AMERICA'S FAVORITE FLY

The Adams fly was christened in 1922, named for Charles F. Adams, an attorney from Lorain, Ohio. Leonard Halladay of Mayfield, Michigan originated the fly specifically for his home waters on the Boardman River and is quoted by Harold Smedley in "Fly Patterns and Their Origin" as saying, "The first Adams I made I handed to Mr. Adams, who was fishing in a small pond in front of my house to try on the Boardman that evening. When he came back next morning, he wanted to know what I called it. He said it was a 'knock-out' and I said we would call it the Adams, since he made the first good catch on it."

Leonard Halladay was born in 1872 and spent most of his life near the Boardman. He began tying flies in 1917 and around that time stopped fishing with a baited hook. According to his original recipe, the Adams is tied as follows:

Body: gray wool yarn

Tail: two strands from a golden pheasant neck feather

Hackle: mixed, from the neck feathers of Barred

Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Red roosters

Wings: narrow neck feathers of Barred Plymouth

Rock rooster, tied "advanced" forward and in a semi-spent manner

## ORIGINS

Where did we come from anyway? The question is revisited by mankind each generation but as for the Adams chapter, we originated thusly: After opening Riverborne Angler next to Mary's Kitchen Port in 1994, Todd Young, Ken Gum, and Jess Reed were queried frequently by individuals wishing to become active in the local T.U. organization. Since there was none at the time they referred them to the nearest chapter (Pine River) but found that enough interest was evolving to investigate the formation of a chapter based in Traverse City. The initial meeting of interested parties was held in October, 1995 with an informal "pull the name out of a hat" selection of interim officers and general discussion. Jerry Dennis suggested "The Adams Chapter" as our official chapter name due to the intimate history this fly pattern has with our area, particularly the Boardman River. This name was approved by all those present. Application for our charter was made by our interim president Jess Reed to the state council of T.U. Many political hurdles had to be left due to the fact that a previous attempt at developing a local chapter met with poor results and eventual disenchantment. Todd Young was quite active at this stage in lobbying support from other chapters (particularly the Paul H. Young Chapter) on our behalf to get the ball rolling. November brought State Council approval of our application and forwarding to the National Council which formally approved our application, chapter name, and assigned a chapter number (#676). The actual charter was issued by the National Council executive committee in February 1996 and signed by the 17 original founding members of the Adams Chapter on March 27, 1996.

Our first official meeting was held at Traverse City Eye (then Bay Eye Associates) conference room also on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Jess Reed presided as the interim president and by unanimous approval a motion to retain the interim officers for a term of one year was passed. Jess Reed remained president, Mike Nolan vice-president, Jim Kartsimas treasurer, and Bill Fernandez secretary. Mike Slater and Mike Connors were elected to the board of directors for a one year term. Dennis Taylor and Todd Young were elected for a two year term and Dave Leonhard and Stever Largent were elected to the three year term directorships.

Chuck Foreman, a local watercolor artist, was commissioned to produce a chapter logo and insignia which you still see on our patches, clothing, hats, and decals.

Since our inception, we have grown to over 300 members and have provided over \$150,000 in funding for local stream improvements and restoration, educational programs for youth both in schools and with our First-Cast program, and sustained membership contributions to such groups as the Anglers of the AuSable, Conservation Resource Alliance, Grand Traverse Conservation District, the TART trail, and several other local river environmental groups.

Now that you're up to speed, we hope you all are proud of our accomplishments to date and encourage you to become an active participant in our group. With the Boardman Dam Removal issue close at hand we will play a vital role in this potentially fantastic stream improvement project.

Traverse City will host the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Trout Unlimited in 2009. The Adams Chapter will help organize and host this landmark event with such notable

attendees as president Jimmy Carter, Tom Brokaw, and Jimmy Buffett. Please get involved. I'm sure you will find it to be a very rewarding experience and give you a chance to meet a great group of dedicated individuals.

Ken Gum



## WET DRYs

Did this sound familiar opening weekend? "Hey Mark, the forecast is calling for sunny with a high near sixty degrees this weekend, let's go hit the Hendrickson's." "OK Joe, I'll be there Friday at noon . . . the usual spot." "Can't wait buddy, it should be great!" Meanwhile three days passed and so did the nice weather. "Mark, do you happen to have an extra fleece with you?" "Yeah Joe, but sorry, it's so damn cold I'm going to have to keep it for myself."

As we all know the first couple weeks of trout season brought far from optimal conditions for flyfishers or trout. The warmest days, which barely peaked at fifty degrees, usually were ruined by rain or even snow showers. Water temps did cooperate on some rivers, reaching the fifty degree range by May 4th, and did produce struggling hatches of Hendrickson's, baetis and a few yellow stones. The trout however rose only sporadically and fishing became more like hunting . . . for the rare rising fish. The truly wise of us either stayed indoors and brushed up on our tying skills or read about fishing. The truly adventurous sought out the anadromous steelhead which continued to glut our lower waters through the third week of May.

Sure, the "rare" fisherperson caught an "occasional" nice trout on their "favorite" piece of water during a "brief" emergence of bugs, but all in all this year's opener was a fine example of how capricious Spring dry fly fishing can be in Michigan and a testament to the harshest winter we've had in years. (I gave up and went to the Bighorn).

The AuSable, over all, was in pretty good shape although the South Branch was as high as I've ever seen it (two feet). The Boardman was running a little high but temps prevented any mayfly activity at all. The upper Betsie and Platte produced scattered brief emergences and one had to avoid tripping over steelhead anglers. (and steelhead!)

Now the weather truly is moderating and spinner falls should be rather prolific as the hatches catch up to their normal schedule. The caddis continue to provide some fine fishing during emergence as well as spinner fall.

Most fly fishers agree that taking a trout on the dry fly is singly a fulfilling moment in time. It draws tight the connection between us and them and reveals a little more of their world to us, though surreptitiously. Hopefully all of us will be able to enjoy more of this fine sport before the snow flies again . . . in September?

TROUT UNLIMITED

MODEL CHAPTER BYLAWS

Article I

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The Organization and Purposes

Section 1 - the name of the organization shall be Chapter, Trout Unlimited, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

*OK* Section 2 - the purpose of the Chapter shall be the preservation, protection and enhancement of the coldwater resource. The Chapter shall operate as a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. The Chapter shall function exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

*OK* Section 3 - The Chapter shall be a subsidiary organization under the authority of Trout Unlimited, a Michigan non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Trout Unlimited". The Chapter shall carry out the aims and purposes of Trout Unlimited and adopts by reference hereof, the Articles of Incorporation and By Laws of Trout Unlimited. The Chapter acknowledges that all policies and objectives to be pursued by the Chapter, or by any member or members thereof, will be in accordance with the policies, purposes and objectives of Trout Unlimited.

*OK* Section 4 - The Chapter shall not promote or oppose the candidacy of any person seeking election to public office and the chapter shall not participate or intervene in any campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be carrying on propoganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

*OK* Section 5 - The Chapter will do whatever is within its ability to foster sound management of salmonid species and habitat. By way of illustration and not by limitation, the Chapter will be concerned with: (1) trout water (refers to trout, salmon and steelhead waters) as a resource an especially with the preservation and enhancement of the quality and quantity of trout waters; (2) the adequate inventory of trout water as a resource and its classificaiton in such manner that its orderly arrangement will be conducive to the development programs; (3) fostering the concept of wild trout fishing as a sport and heritage to be protected for future generations; and (4) promoting the concept of quality trout fishing and to encourage the adoption of fishing regulations that will encourage quality trout fishing.

The Chapter will initiate and complete appropriate habitat improvement projects.

The Chapter will endeavor to work with constituted authorities (state and federal) and other conservation organizations to help achieve the mission of Trout Unlimited.

The Chapter will become involved with local, state and national resource issues and engage in such activities that will benefit the coldwater resource.

Section 6 - The Chapter shall to the extent practical, engage in the following activities:

A. Educational: The Chapter will publish a newsletter to help educate its members and sponsor programs to educate its members and the public alike.

B. Public Relations: The Chapter will actively seek public exposure via press releases, sports shows, and radio and television public service announcements.

C. Membership: The Chapter will have an active membership recruitment program which shall include membership retention and new chapter formation where appropriate.

D. Fund Raising: The Chapter shall engage in fund raising activities (national banquets, raffles, corporate and foundation grant requests, etc.); provided however that all funds so raised shall be used exclusively for the purposes as set forth herein.

Article II *omit change*

### Membership

Section 1 - Any man, woman or child who is interested in the activities of Trout Unlimited is eligible for membership.

Section 2 - Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited shall automatically make one a member of the Chapter provided that individual resides in the Chapter's geographical area. Nothing however shall restrict an individual from a different area from becoming a member of the Chapter so long as his/her dues are current with Trout Unlimited.

Section 3 - Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited is the only requirement of membership into Trout Unlimited and the Chapter and therefore, separate Chapter dues or fees are prohibited. Newsletters must be sent to all members as a matter of right.

Section 4 - The By Laws of Trout Unlimited govern the suspension or expulsion of members.

Section 5 - Voting members shall be defined as members whose dues are currently in force at the time of membership.

### Article III

#### Officers and Duties

Section 1 - The executive officers of this organization shall be: a President, a Vice-President, ~~and~~ a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall ipso facto and ex-officio be members of the Board of Directors. The executive officers shall be chosen and elected by the membership at the annual membership meeting. ~~or may be chosen and elected by the Board in larger chapters.~~ ✓

*of* Section 2 - The President shall preside at all meetings; with the approval of the Board, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; be general executive officer; and ex-officio member of all committees.

*of* Section 3 - The Vice President shall serve in the absence or inability of the President to act in the general administration of the Chapter.

Section 4 - The ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities of the Chapter. With the President, he or she may sign and execute in the name of the Chapter all contracts, agreements and other obligations of the Chapter, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. When necessary or proper, he or she shall endorse on behalf of the Chapter for collection, all checks, notes, drafts and other obligations and shall deposit same to the credit of the Chapter in such bank or banks as the Directors may designate. All checks or warrants for the disbursement of funds of the Chapter shall be signed ~~by the President and countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer.~~ He or she shall cause to be entered regularly in the books of the Chapter to be kept for the purpose, full and accurate accounts of monies received and paid on account of the Chapter, and whenever required by the Board of Directors, shall render a statement of his or her cash account. ✓ (1)

Section 5 - The ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, cause to be executed and file with the President at the direction of the Board of Directors a bond in the amount to be determined by the Directors and he or she shall at all reasonable times exhibit his or her books, records and accounts to any Director upon application, and shall perform generally all the duties appertaining to the offices of Treasurer and Secretary of a Chapter subject to the control of the Board of Directors. ✓

Section 8 - The Secretary-~~Treasurer~~ shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the membership. He or she shall keep an accurate and current record of all memberships. He or she shall be the custodian of the corporate seal and all records, papers, files and books of the Chapter. Except when necessary for the purpose of meetings he or she shall not disclose to any person the names or addresses of the members or the membership list without approval of the Board of Directors. He or she shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Chapter, affix the seal to all documents to which it should be attached, and attest the same when necessary.

Section 9 - The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and shall assist the President in the administration of the Chapter.

#### Article IV

#### Election, Term, Vacancy

Section 1 - The President shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting of the Chapter for a one year term and the President shall be eligible for only one successive term.

Section 2 - All other officers shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting of the Chapter for a one year term and said officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves for two consecutive one year terms.

Section 3 - The term of office of all elected officers shall be one year. All officers will serve until the next election.

Section 4 - In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to serve until the next election.

Section 5 - A majority vote of those members present and in good standing will be sufficient to elect all officers and no member shall hold more than one office at any time.

Section 6 - The Nominating Committee shall nominate members for each elected office. Said nominations shall be made and sent to all members with the notice of Annual Meeting. Nothing, however, will deny nominations from being made from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

#### ARTICLE V

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than si

members in addition to the officers listed in ARTICLE III above. These six members shall be elected to serve a three year term, and, in order to provide for continuity, their terms should be staggered so that no more than one-third of the Directors' terms expire in a given year. ~~(To accomplish this at start up, a new chapter should initially elect two members to serve a three year term, two members to serve a two year term, and two members to serve a one year term. After the start up year, all Directors will be elected for three year terms.)~~ ✓

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter.

Section 3 - The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of at least four members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present is required.

Section 5 - Notice of any special meeting must be given in writing at lease seven (7) days in advance.

Section 6 - The Board of Directors may create additional elected offices should it deem it necessary.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees

Section 1 - The following functions <sup>WILL</sup> should be represented by ✓ committees:

A. Communications, internal and external. Some chapters call this Information and Education. The key elements of this function are communications to the chapter membership and communications to the outside world.

B. Membership. This key committee should be responsible for membership service such as updating and correcting the master list, and membership development to build membership. An important function that should not be overlooked is that of following through to seek renewals from members whose renewal date is coming up.

C. Resource Management and Protection. This committee is a key committee in focusing the chapter on activities which directly support Trout Unlimited's mission of protecting, preserving and enhancing the coldwater resource.

D. Financial Development. This committee should build the fund raising capability of the chapter so that all worthwhile activities of the chapter on behalf of the coldwater resource can be carried forward with adequate financial resources.

E. National Banquet. Chapters that are serious about the

mission of Trout Unlimited should conduct national banquets.

E. The banquets can provide a substantial portion of the funding needed to run the chapter and also provide much needed support for national resource activities.

F. Leadership Development. This committee will constantly focus on the need to provide a continuous flow of new leaders by implementing the programs outlined in the Leadership Development Manual. This committee should also serve as a nominating committee to build a base of elected officers and directors who will become the future leaders of the chapter.

G. Legal. This committee should provide legal advice and seek to recruit volunteer lawyers to help the Chapter when it needs legal assistance particularly for legal battles over issues.

H. Social. A Trout Unlimited chapter should provide an atmosphere in which to have fun as well as being an organization committed to preserving and enhancing coldwater resources. The Social Committee will arrange for meeting places, greet newcomers, set up fishing and angling arts programs and other activities designed to provide fun and entertainment for members and guests alike.

Section 2 - Special Committees may be appointed by the President as necessary with the approval of the Board of Directors. *THOSE NAME*

*INCLUDE - E, F, G, H from above.*  
Section 3 - Selection of committee members shall be the responsibility of the respective committee chairpersons.

## ARTICLE VII

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held in the fall of each year, on a date set by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing officers and Directors. The President shall present an annual report to the members.

Section 2 - Notice of the Annual Meeting must be sent to each member at least thirty (30) days in advance. Notice must include the time, place and agenda of the Annual Meeting including the slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Section 3 - The Chapter shall hold regular monthly meetings (or bi-monthly) at a date, time and place chosen by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors and must be called upon written request of ten percent (10%) or more of the membership.

Section 5 - Notice of the time, date, place and business of all Special Meetings must be sent to all members at least seven (7) days in advance.



Section 6 - At the annual meeting or any special meetings, ten percent (10%) of the Chapter's membership shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those present is controlling. Proxy voting is permissible.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Annual Reporting And Recognition

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Section 1 - The Chapter shall submit the Annual Report to the State Council, the Regional Vice President, and the national office. The Annual Report shall consist of the following:

- a. Financial Report
- b. The Action Plan (the goals and objectives for the Chapter.
- c. The Activity Report (evaluation of the Chapter's accomplishments against the previous year's Action Plan).

Chapters will be provided the reporting form for these reports in order to simplify the reporting task.

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Section 2 - The Annual Report shall be submitted no later than March 15 of each year.

Section 3 - Chapter recognition in awards programs conducted by Trout Unlimited shall be contingent upon receipt of the Chapter's Annual Report by the Council Chairman, and the Regional Vice President. Awards shall be based upon the level of achievement within the framework of the accomplishments documented in the annual reports and nominations shall be based upon the joint recommendation of the Council Chairman and the Regional Vice President to the Awards Committee.

Section 4 - The National Board of Directors may authorize exclusion of chapters from national programs, withholding of rebates, revocation of the Chapter's charter with due cause and must deliberate and decide upon these sanctions upon the joint recommendation of the respective Council Chairman and the Regional Vice President.

## ARTICLE IX

### FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 - The fiscal year shall be October 1 through September 30.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1 - The By-Laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting, upon proper notice being given, by a two-thirds majority vote of those

present, provided those present constitute a quorum. A quorum is defined as not less than ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing. Proxy voting is permitted upon any issue which has been included in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI *can't change*

BY-LAW PROVISIONS

Section 1 - Any of these By-Laws that may be in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of Trout Unlimited will be void.

ARTICLE XII *can't change*

ASSETS

Section 1 - No part of the income or net earnings of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, director or officer of the Chapter or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or reimbursement may be made for any expenses incurred for or on behalf of the Chapter by any officer, director, agent, or employee, member or any other person or corporation, pursuant to and upon authorization of the Board of Directors); and provided further that no member, director or officer of the Chapter, or any other private individual shall be entitled to share in any dissolution of the Chapter or otherwise.

Section 2 - No part of the assets of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any organization whose income or net earnings or any part thereof inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or any other individual.

Section 3 - Upon dissolution of the Chapter, all of its assets shall be paid over or transferred to the State Council or, if none exists, to Trout Unlimited.

ARTICLE XIII *can't change*

TAX EXEMPTION

Section 1 - Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Chapter shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization which is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XIV

PERPETUITY

Section 1 - The Chapter shall exist in perpetuity or until dissolved or dechartered.

These bylaws have been officially adopted by the founding members of  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Trout  
Unlimited on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19\_\_.

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## Notes to Trout Unlimited Sample Chapter Bylaws

The Trout Unlimited Sample Chapter Bylaws may not fit every situation and are in the form of recommendations. However, some of the provisions may not be changed. To assist Chapters in utilizing these Sample Bylaws, the following principles and recommendations should be kept in mind:

1. The language in Articles I, II, VIII (Sections 1 and 2), XI, XII and XIII is mandatory and cannot be changed.
2. Relative to the election of officers as set forth in Article III, Section 1, and Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 - may be changed if a Chapter desires so that the Officers are elected by the Board following the election of the Board at the Annual Meeting, which is the procedure followed by most business entities. It is definitely recommended in larger Chapters.
3. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer should probably split into separate offices in the case of larger Chapters or in very active Chapters where the duties of each become burdensome if held by only one person.
4. The Committee list set forth in Section 1 of Article VI is a recommended list only and each Chapter should decide for itself which committees it should have.
5. It is further recommended that the Communications Membership, Resource Management and Protection, Financial Development, Leadership Development, and Social Committee Chairpersons be Board Members. However, it is important that every Board member have responsibility for some activity.
6. The recommended committee structure in the Sample Bylaws is a good minimum for a small Chapter; however, as the Chapter grows in membership and activities, the functions performed by these committees gets more complex and it is highly recommended that your Chapter organizational structure adapt to this change by breaking these functions into subgroups reporting to the overall committee. This not only makes the management job easier, but, just as important, it creates leadership roles for a larger number of people. If a Chapter of 300 members has only as many leadership positions as a Chapter of 100 members, then the 300 member Chapter is inhibiting leadership development.

7. Article XIV should only be used by Chapters that are incorporated as it is not applicable to unincorporated associations.

8. Policies established by the Chapter should be in conformance with applicable Council and National Board policies.

9. Proposed Chapter projects should be approved by the state Council.



## TROUT UNLIMITED

For each of us, trout fishing is an intensely personal experience—a chance, as Herbert Clark Hoover once said, to wash one's soul with pure air. There are times, of course, when your waders feel like hot tar paper in the sun, when the mosquitoes and blackflies outnumber the trout, and barricades of nettles guard the glassy pool where you want to cast your line. Yet there is a transformation as you step into a stream. Cold; gravel beneath your feet. The sounds of rushing water play on rubble, root and rapids, pierced at intervals by the scolding of a jay or the rattle of a kingfisher. Wet grass, moss and fern perfume the air. Suddenly, a trout rises. Forgotten are the long miles of hiking, the mosquitoes, all other concerns. You measure the distance and the cast . . . and wait for the familiar tug on your line—the moment when your rod comes springing to life, with the line tightening, rising and ratcheting off your reel.

Those of you who have never fished, but still love the out-of-doors where the senses come alive with the songs of birds, insects and wind, and the pulse quickens when you see a deer come to drink at the edge of a stream, know how important our water and fishery resources are. You can also appreciate what a valuable treasure is lost and how severely your enjoyment of the natural world is marred by pollution, over-development and other misuse of these resources.

That's why Trout Unlimited was formed: to preserve, protect and enhance the coldwater fishery of North America so that you and I—and all future generations—will have clean, clear water to enjoy and fish.

### Trout Unlimited Philosophy

*We believe that trout and salmon fishing isn't just fishing for trout and salmon. It's fishing for sport rather than for food, where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the lore and the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel.*

Bayre Trout Fishing  
Bill Cairns

*It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting your kill instead of killing your limit. It's commencing with nature where the chief reward is a refreshed body and a contented soul, where a license is a permit to use—not abuse—to enjoy—not destroy our coldwater fishery. It's subscribing to the proposition that what's good for the trout and salmon is good for fishermen and that managing trout and salmon for themselves rather than for the fishermen is fundamental to the solution of our trout and salmon problems. It's appreciating our fishery resource, respecting fellow anglers and giving serious thought to tomorrow.*

## The History of Trout Unlimited

Trout Unlimited (TU) was the idea of George W. Mason, a farsighted man who died before he could see his idea become a reality. Born in a South Dakota sod hut to homesteader parents, George Mason, at the age of 43 became the president and chairman of the board of Nash-Kelvinator Corporation (which would later become American Motors). He lived in Michigan, and spent nearly every weekend in the marshes across the Detroit River waterfowl hunting or on the Au Sable River trout fishing. He was an avid waterfowl hunter and helped found Ducks Unlimited, serving as its treasurer until his death. But in the spring and summer, fishing the Au Sable was his love. For eighteen years he spent all the time he could on the South Branch, often fishing from Friday evening right through Sunday night. During the *Hexagenia* hatch, he was on the river daily, flying to his own small airstrip after work, fishing until midnight, breakfasting on the river and flying back to be in his Detroit office by nine or ten. His friend, George Griffith, spent many hours with him, and together they frequently discussed the need for an organization that would let people know how valuable trout resources are—a "Trout Unlimited" similar in concept to Ducks Unlimited.

When George Mason died in 1954, he bequeathed his entire Au Sable holding—ten miles of the river he had known and loved—to the State of Michigan. But his bigger legacy was his idea: Trout Unlimited.

George Griffith followed up on the idea, and in the summer of 1959, fifteen anglers met at his riverside home to discuss the need for an organization that would focus on trout—what kind of habitat they have and need—rather than on just their harvest. Ducks Unlimited had been successful in increasing waterfowl populations. So why not a "Trout Unlimited"? The name stuck, and plans were mapped out at this first meeting to form the organization.

One of the anglers present at the meeting—Art Neumann—immediately went out and signed up members. But it wasn't until later, on September 5, 1959, at a meeting in the American Legion Hall at Grayling, Michigan, that Trout Unlimited was formally organized. Dr. Casey Westell, Jr. was selected TU's first president and Art Neumann was elected vice president. Later, Neumann would become TU's first executive director.

In the beginning the fledgling organization concerned itself only with Michigan. Its leaders were aggressive, working to save trout fishing by organizing, publicizing and discussing the problem with anyone who would listen. They based their cause on a simple principle: what's good for the trout is good for the trout fishermen. The TU philosophy spread quickly. Anglers, tired of watching their fishing deteriorate, joined ranks. A nationwide movement to improve trout fishing was underway. By the late 1960s TU had several thousand members throughout sixteen states and the District of Columbia.

National recognition was gained for the programs, projects and litigation initiated by TU chapters. Many dedicated people, including George Griffith, Martin Bovey, Elliott Donnelley, Bob Evenson and Otto Teller nurtured the growing organization and built the broad, grassroots support that would make Trout Unlimited the largest, most active conservation organization dedicated to the coldwater fishery in America.

Now, well over two decades later, TU has grown to over 67,000 members with affiliates in Canada and New Zealand. TU's principal goal continues to be the protection and, where needed, the restoration of the coldwater trout environment. But TU's job has just begun . . .

## Trout Unlimited in Action

To survive, trout and salmon must have cold, clear water. In fact, it was Otto Teller, a past TU president, who said, "... a healthy trout fishery is one sign of a well-managed stream environment. However, if the water becomes polluted and clogged with elements that destroy the clean water environment, the trout will die."

This is why Trout Unlimited members in more than 490 chapters across the country spend much of their free time in stream surveillance activities—constantly monitoring water quality in the streams, rivers and lakes—to observe the first signs of trouble. But far too often, surveillance alone is not enough.

Take Virginia, for example. Anglers appeared powerless during the 1960s and 1970s in the face of wholesale channelization that had turned more than 800 miles of the state's best trout streams into straight, fishless ditches. The Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited, however, launched a statewide campaign to focus public attention on the issue. Working with state officials, TU was able to halt this destruction by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and others. In another noteworthy accomplishment, TU's Shenandoah Valley Chapter, working with the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, was able to preserve and enhance the trout fishery in Simpson Creek despite construction of a major highway through the area.

In Montana, Trout Unlimited helped lead the effort to keep the Yellowstone River flowing wild and undammed for 600 miles across the state. The upper third of the river is known worldwide as blue ribbon trout water. It is also the section dam builders proposed to flood behind Allenspur

Dam. Working with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Montana Council of Trout Unlimited helped secure a historic decision by the state's Board of Natural Resources that designates free-flowing water in a river as a beneficial use. Montana officials called TU's support "crucial" in the year-and-a-half long court proceedings that led to the victory. What's more, the decision not only keeps the Yellowstone free-flowing, but sets an important precedent for water use throughout the West.

In New York State, New York City's water supply was the issue. For decades, erratic water releases from the city's upstate reservoirs had given the city a virtual stranglehold on the historic Catskill Mountains trout streams. Whole sections of the river frequently went dry in the summer time, often becoming so shallow that the water temperature would rise from 60° to 90°F and killing thousands of trout. Art Flick, well-known fly-tier and angler along with other members of the Catskill Mountains Chapter of Trout Unlimited, protested this poor water release policy to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with some success. Further action soon became necessary. Trout Unlimited joined with the Federation of Fly Fishers and other groups to form The Catskill Waters Coalition. Together, they successfully fought for legislation in 1976 to provide adequate stream flows to maintain trout and other aquatic organisms and to give the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation authority to control the water releases. The result: since 1977 there have been no more dry streambeds or high water temperatures. Esopus Creek, along with the Neversink and Delaware Rivers, beneficiaries of the planned water release, quickly returned to prominence among the best trout streams in the East—with no adverse effect on New York's water supply.

A Colorado "poster campaign" succeeded after the Ferdinand-Hayden Chapter of Trout Unlimited had watched improperly-treated sewage pour into the Roaring Fork River from the City of Aspen despite petitions and hearings with the health department. Even though a new sewage treatment plant was planned for the city, the Roaring Fork fishery would probably have disappeared before its projected completion date. In an effort to prevent this, signs reading "Fish taken from the Roaring Fork unfit for human consumption" began appearing along the river. Soon Aspen's new sewage plant was in full operation, well ahead of schedule. Thus a significant fishery was saved.

Elsewhere in the state, the Boulder Flycasters Chapter of TU successfully rehabilitated several channelized sections of Boulder Creek, which flows through the town of the same name. This was a long-term project, involving many individuals, businesses and agencies. It included stream surveys, publicity campaigns, pollution control efforts, adequate streamflow attainment, stream habitat improvement and trout stocking. The success of these efforts was so impressive that similar projects have been planned for other degraded streams in the area.

A newly-formed New Jersey TU chapter in Sparta went to bat with the help of many other chapters against the Tocks Island Dam and Reservoir

proposal—a fight that would take ten years to resolve. The proposal, which called for impounding the Delaware River upstream of the famous Water Gap, would have backed water thirty-five miles upstream to Port Jervis, New York—ostensibly to provide power, flood control and recreation. As a result, numerous trout streams in northern New Jersey and the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania would have been flooded along with acres of forests, farmlands and wildlife habitat. TU members believed the project would be a boondoggle that would die of its own accord if its deficiencies were exposed to the public. TU chapters called upon the Washington office of Trout Unlimited to help build the case. After documenting objections to the project, the Sparta chapter arranged speaking engagements, pressed its case through the media and contacted Congressmen, state representatives and the Governor. As a result, the chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality ordered a halt to the project pending a complete environmental and economic review. In 1979, TU Executive Director Robert Herbst, then Assistant Secretary of the Interior, testified before Congress on behalf of the Carter Administration to deauthorize the project. Shortly afterwards, Congress passed the necessary legislation to halt the proposal and end its immediate threat to New Jersey and Pennsylvania trout streams.

In Washington State where dams and pollution have decimated many of the Northwest's once great runs of salmon and steelhead, Trout Unlimited has been working to prevent additional damage and re-establish runs of these great fish. In Bellingham, for instance, Trout Unlimited's Whatcom Chapter converted an old sewage treatment plant into rearing ponds for salmon and steelhead, and released over 100,000 fry into Whatcom Creek, where steelhead had been absent for several decades. The project was so impressive that the City of Bellingham used the sewage-plant-turned-hatchery as a central theme in 1978, helping it win the National All-American Small Cities top award. Whatcom Creek was a winner too. Today it supports healthy runs of steelhead!

Trout Unlimited's Northshore Chapter won national recognition for its work in building a rearing pond to raise steelhead and release them into Washington State's Skykomish River. This project, which has recently been expanded and made permanent, involves annual flooding of a farmer's field on Barr Creek, a tributary to the Skykomish. As a result of the farmer's cooperation, a starter grant from national TU and the Richard K. Mellon Foundation funding to TU National, and the volunteer efforts of TU members steelhead are returning to the Barr Creek area to spawn.

Over-fishing, habitat destruction and ill-advised plantings of hatchery fish all conspired to spell doom for the legendary Sol Duc River's wild steelhead. On Washington's wild and beautiful Olympic peninsula, members of Trout Unlimited's Fork's Chapter are successfully spearheading an effort to rebuild the declining runs. Each winter TU volunteers capture the few returning native steelhead by rod and reel. The finest and largest specimens are carefully kept alive for artificial spawning months later. The



fry are then raised to smolt size and released back into the Sol Duc. TU's Sol Duc project has become a model for dozens of similar native steelhead enhancement projects throughout the Northwest.

In the Seattle metropolitan area, the Green-Duwamish River has consistently ranked among the top salmon and steelhead producing rivers draining into Puget Sound. But its wild runs of fish were in jeopardy when the city of Tacoma began illegal construction of a pipeline from the river's headwaters. Tacoma sought quietly to double the quantity of water it was taking from the Green—reducing the streams flow to a virtual trickle for several months a year. Trout Unlimited's South King County Chapter blew the whistle, demanding that proper permits be obtained for this additional withdrawal. Today, a pending court decision looks promising for the Green-Duwamish and its wild salmon and steelhead.

In Massachusetts, TU's Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter invested more than six thousand hours of volunteer stream improvement work over a four year period to restore the wild trout fishery in the Quashnet River, a small, coastal stream on Cape Cod that had been damaged by construction of a dam and millpond in the mid-1800s and extensive cranberry farming throughout the first half of this century. The success of this project won recognition from Massachusetts Governor Edward J. King and the U.S. Department of the Interior, who together presented the chapter with the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Achievement Award—the highest honor given by the department to recognize important contributions by individuals and organizations in preserving America's natural resources.

More than three years were spent by Michigan's Leon P. Martuch Chapter restoring sections of the Tbbacco and Cedar Rivers. Erosion, headwater impoundments, decaying instream structures and a massive fish kill, caused by whirling disease and the poisons used by the state to combat disease, decimated the trout populations. The chapter completed several stream improvement projects, stocked some areas with trout and recently purchased a fishing refuge for research and educational purposes. The tract was named in honor of Leon P. Martuch, a longtime member and founder of Scientific Anglers.

In Pennsylvania, TU's Forbes Trail Chapter worked hand-in-hand with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, the local Army Reserve and CETA workers to rebuild Loyalhanna Creek after highway construction and massive flooding from Hurricane Agnes turned the downstream portion into a wide, fishless streambed. After thousands of tons of fill and stone, numerous deflectors and several years of work, Loyalhanna is once again a productive trout stream.

During its first ten years of existence, the Blair County TU Chapter struggled to end the pollution of a local trout stream, Halter Creek, by a large paper company. The chapter publicized the problem, worked to classify the stream as a coldwater fishery and testified in the face of strong opposition as to the true condition of the stream at several hearings. Their

perseverance paid off in 1979 when the paper company agreed to cooperate in improving the stream. With their combined efforts and assistance from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, a large section of Halter Creek was cleaned up and stream improvement devices were installed. The following year the company signed a consent agreement to reduce its effluent and thermal pollution to acceptable levels.

TU's North Bay Chapter in California is working with a grant from the state and National TU's Operation Restore funds to complete work started in 1980, removing obstructions from Corte Madera Creek. These obstructions and dilapidated fishways have prevented runs of steelhead and salmon from entering the stream from San Francisco Bay for several decades.

Reports of Trout Unlimited's success continue to come in from around the country—from Utah, where TU's leadership helped save four trout streams from complete dewatering by the Central Utah Project; from New Mexico, where TU's participation in a legal suit helped save the San Juan River; from Wisconsin, where TU members studied and publicized the negative impacts of heavy population concentrations of beaver along trout streams; from New England, where TU has played a key role in the Atlantic salmon restoration project provided a model for better management of the state's wild trout streams; and from Maryland, where TU helped negotiate an historic arrangement to prohibit use of chlorine in treated sewage effluent entering natural trout waters.

Throughout North America and New Zealand, TU chapters continue their work—restoring lakes and streams that have been so adversely affected by erosion, siltation and pollution that trout and salmon can no longer survive in them; bringing back trout and salmon to rivers that are devoid of these fish because of dams and other obstructions; and protecting lakes, ponds and streams that are still healthy from the ravages of those who, by either ignorance or design, would destroy one of our greatest resources . . . and your fishing.

### Trout Unlimited Today

Today, TU spans the United States, Canada, France, Spain and New Zealand, with affiliates in the U.S.S.R., China and Yugoslavia. Over 67,000 members are in 490 chapters under the umbrella of 30 state councils, all coordinated by the TU national office in Vienna, Virginia.

National Trout Unlimited is a leadership body which sets the agenda for TU programs nationwide and provides the necessary direction and support through its local chapters to get coldwater-related jobs done. Only through broad, grassroots support and action can we preserve our fisheries resource. To this end, Trout Unlimited is organized into national, regional, state and local units.

The heart of Trout Unlimited is its active and soundly-organized chapters. These local chapters give concerned anglers the opportunity to become directly involved in projects designed to benefit trout and salmon. They also provide the opportunity for people to learn how and where to fish, in-

cluding fly-tying and casting demonstrations, to participate in sporting events and youth-oriented activities, and to enjoy the companionship of other anglers and conservationists working together to protect and enhance one of America's most priceless heritages: the coldwater fishery. Twelve members, including officers, and official chapter name and adopted bylaws are required to form a chapter. In addition to their formal organization, successful chapters use valuable volunteer time, talents and resources of members to sponsor educational programs and research, write and publish fishing information, maintain surveillance on nearby lakes and streams, follow through on local environmental issues and assist state and federal agencies in conducting stream surveys, scientific research, and other fish management projects.

Trout Unlimited's state councils coordinate chapter activities and projects within a state or region. They provide a vehicle for communication between local chapters, states and the national organization via representatives elected to TU's National Board of Directors. They also form new chapters, build TU membership and speak as a unified voice for anglers on state legislative and fisheries matters.

At the national level, TU produces and distributes educational films and printed materials, and publishes *TROUT* magazine and *ACTION LINE* newspaper, which contain articles on important fishing and conservation issues. The national office works with Congress and federal agencies for the protection and wise management of America's fishing waters; sponsors national symposiums on issues such as acid rain, water pollution and wild trout management; funds fisheries research; presents testimony on water resource issues; handles all daily business, including TU's membership and financial management; and provides fund raising to local groups acting alone. Pertise that would otherwise not be available to Trout Unlimited are the responsibility of the National Board of Directors, comprised of sixty-four elected members, who decide on organizational actions and policies at semi-annual meetings in March and August.

The responsibility of carrying out these decisions rests with TU's Executive Committee, which meets four times each year and is comprised of the President, First Vice-President, six Regional Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and five Department Chairmen.

Trout Unlimited also has a Scientific Advisory Board to provide professional fisheries-related expertise to the organization, and a special Advisory Board comprised of members active in the conservation field who also contribute their knowledge to Trout Unlimited.

TU's funding comes from membership dues, special projects, contributions and grants from corporations and foundations. Because Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit, conservation organization with a 501(c)3 tax-deductible designation from the Internal Revenue Service, all private contributions and grants to the organization are tax-deductible.

## Trout Unlimited Tomorrow

Environmental quality doesn't just happen. Considerable care and skill are required to develop community awareness of the impact of human activities on living natural systems. For example, industrial production necessary for a thriving national economy sometimes produces acid rain that changes the pH balance of watercourses in the Northeast and many other parts of the continent, making them unfit for most aquatic life. Hundreds of lakes are dead, and perhaps thousands more are dying. With the deterioration of these lakes, the quality of life in entire regions of the continent is severely diminished. Additionally, improperly-treated sewage and other effluents change the chemistry of receiving streams, affecting the kinds of fish and other life that can live in and around those waters. Our quality of life is diminished when this occurs. Dams across streams radically alter aquatic habitat. When a coastal stream is blocked, salmon cannot return to their natural spawning areas. Atlantic salmon once teemed in the coastal rivers of the eastern United States; now only remnants of the wild stocks remain. The great anadromous fish streams of the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest are also in jeopardy because of short-sighted policy decisions. The basic error is rapid construction of huge, power-generating dams to solve one social need but which fails to recognize the basic survival needs of the trout and salmon runs which are socially critical to an entire region.

The members of Trout Unlimited understand that a quality habitat produces good fishing. So when TU members set out to maintain and enhance habitat for trout and salmon, they are involved in *much more* than simply supplying fish for the angler. They are working to clean up pollution from industrial plants, improve waste-water treatment and promote policies that support sound water-quality management. Furthermore, TU chapters are involved in streambank and streambed restoration to improve aquatic habitat.

Trout Unlimited understands that efforts to protect fish habitat begin far from the streambank, far from the sparkling, living bright water. Environmental quality begins with strong leadership by those with an awareness of the delicate balance of natural, living systems. It continues right through to the thousands of volunteers in hundreds of TU chapters who roll up their sleeves for on-the-ground projects; work with the media; testify before agencies, legislative bodies and courts; sponsor seminars; publish resource material; participate in educational programs and, on occasion, find time to fish.

Their job is far from done. Let's take a look at two of the most pressing current problems and challenges . . .

### Acid Rain

One of the growing problems facing our fishery today is acid precipitation or deposition, commonly referred to as acid rain. This is caused by the con-

