

Thank You

*for helping us celebrate our first year as
a Trout Unlimited Chapter*

*The Adams Chapter of TU formed when
23 individuals met on October 19th 1995
to consider organizing for the purpose of
preserving, protecting, and enhancing our
local coldwater resources.*

*On March 27th 1996, after receiving its
charter, our chapter held its first formal
meeting.*

*Our membership embraces differing
perspectives .. but we all like to fish and
are concerned about our local coldwater
environment.*

*If you would like to join our Chapter just
contact any of the members here tonight.*

Or Write to

*The Adams Chapter of TU
Box 2129
Traverse City, MI 49685-2129*

1st Annual

Adams Chapter

Trout Unlimited

Banquet

**Saturday, April 19, 1997
Grand Traverse Yacht Club
Traverse City, Michigan**

**Welcome from the
ADAMS CHAPTER OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

PRESIDENT: JESS REED VICE PRESIDENT: MIKE NOLAN
SECRETARY: BILL FERNANDEZ TREASURER: JIM KARTSIMAS

MIKE SLATER MIKE CONNORS DENNIS TAYLOR
TODD YOUNG DAVE LEONHARD STEVE LARGENT

DIRECTORS

Evening Schedule

- 6:00 cocktail hour begins
- 7:30 Welcome & Dinner Begins
 - apache ribs
 - chicken cordon bleu
 - whitefish parmesan
- 8:15 Jess Reed, Chapter President
- 8:30 Jerry Dennis, featured speaker,
sportsman, & noted local author
- 8:55 Auction of Prizes
& Raffle
- 10:30 Closing

The Door Prize
River Print

Items at Auction

- ... Todd Young Bamboo Fly Rod ...
your chance to own a piece of trout history
- ... Orvis Trident 865 Rod w/ CFO Reel ...
High Tech, Cutting Edge.. just like you
- Dave Ellis Custom Hand Made Net
A functional work of art
- Guided Drift Boat Trip for Two
Chuck Hawkins Outfitters makes your day
- David Ruinveld "Boardman" Print
much better than a simple map
- Hobie Cat Float Boat
you'll rule the water
- & MORE
- _____
- Be Sure To Check Our Our Raffle Tables
The more tickets you use, the better your chances
- Dinners Prints Books Golf
- Fishing Equipment
- Lodging
- _____
- Try your hand at the Silent Auction
... Cigars .. Books .. Float Tube ...

Adams Chapter Update

March, 1997

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Inside this issue:

- 1997 Banquet coming Saturday, April 19th - Raffle, Auction, Jerry Dennis is featured speaker
- TU National awards Adams Chapter Embrace-A-Stream grant
- Ken Gum says, "Nuf's Nuf"
- Eric Paulo is guest speaker at March meeting. Discusses steelhead techniques
- Spring Steelhead update
- Torch Lake will have Atlantic Salmon planting
- MSU to open fly fishing exhibit
- Boardman River Bridge is key to bypass. Chapter opposes plan without study.
- Fly Tyers needed to volunteer for National Trout Festival



MDOT AND COALITION SPEAK TO CHAPTER

The Michigan Department of Transportation and the Coalition for Sensible Growth sent representatives to the February Chapter meeting to discuss the proposed alternative to repairing the bridge which runs over the hydroelectric dam separating Keystone and Sabin ponds.

Road commission manager, Mike Dillenbeck, explained that the bridge at Keystone Road is deficient and needs to be replaced. The question seems to be whether the existing bridge should be repaired or replaced to the north where it would provide a link for the so-called "Traverse

City bypass". The County Road Commission favors the new site and proposed bypass plan. Mr. Dillenbeck suggested that those who are intending to move north to the Traverse City area will need more and better roads to get around. Regardless, he added, they would come.

Coalition members, Mark Nixon and Ken Smith, favored repairing the existing dam and road at a cost of less than \$2 million and oppose the new northern site because they believe that the estimated \$300 million bypass would encourage massive development along the resulting thirty mile corridor.

Of particular interest to Chapter members was that the plan to build a new \$15 million bridge has done only an

"environmental assessment" and that a formal Environmental Impact Study would not be required because the plan only involves a three mile section of road. While an environmental assessment will consider the affected watershed, flood plain profiles, soil erosion, nesting habitat, and perhaps



Local watersheds are in danger without EIS study.

most important to the cold water resource, resulting runoff from the roads, the three miles covers only a tiny portion of the watersheds and habitat that the resulting bypass would impact.

When asked why a formal EIS would not be required for such a large project that clearly cuts

across several watersheds, Dillenbeck responded that the project was only for a three mile section and that any resulting impact could easily be mitigated. Attending members then asked why only three miles was being considered since the obvious purpose of the new bridge was to hook up to another twenty-seven mile extension. Dillenbeck's response was that he was only proposing a three mile bridge project. When asked what good a new \$15 million bridge project would be if it was not going to hook up to the proposed bypass, Dillenbeck had no answer.

Coalition members pointed out that the bridge would bisect the Boardman Valley with a thirty foot wall, halt the Boardman Valley Trail concept, and

