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Next Meeting

The Tuckaseegee Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its next regular monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, November 2, at 6:30 PM at the United Carolina Community Bank located on highway 107 south in Sylva. The meeting room is at the rear of the building.

Our program will be provided by Roger Clapp, Executive Director of the Watershed Association of the Tuckaseegee River. He will speak to us about sedimentation in the river and about the effects of the recent hurricanes and WATR's efforts to study the river.

Members and other concerned persons are cordially invited to attend our next meeting. The Tuckaseegee Chapter is made up of members from Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.

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Delayed-Harvest Opens

Wildlife Commission Opens Delayed-Harvest Waters on October 1

In the coming months, Wildlife Commission personnel will stock 90,000 brook trout, 44,000 brown trout and 90,000 rainbow trout in 18 designated trout waters in western North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N.C. (Sept. 28, 2004) – On Oct. 1, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission implemented annual delayed-harvest regulations for 18 designated trout waters in 14 counties located in western North Carolina. Under delayed-harvest regulations, no fish may be harvested or possessed from these waters between Oct. 1, 2004 and 1/2 hour after sunset on June 3, 2005. No natural bait is allowed. Anglers can fish only with single-hook, artificial lures.

Delayed-harvest waters, posted with black-and-white signs, create high-quality fishing opportunities where anglers can fish densely stocked trout streams on a catch-and-release basis fall through spring.

Despite the damage caused by Hurricanes Frances and Ivan at the Wildlife Commission's state hatcheries, Commission personnel plan to stock delayed-harvest waters with 224,000 catchable-sized trout — 90,000 brook trout, 44,000 brown trout and 90,000 rainbow trout. Stockings will take place during the first week of October, November, March, April and May.

“While several of the Commission's hatcheries suffered damage from the recent storms, there was limited loss of fish and, subsequently, a minimum impact on planned stockings,” said Carl Kittel, coldwater production coordinator with the Wildlife Commission. “At this time, we expect to conduct all the planned stockings for the upcoming fall delayed-harvest season and for the 2005 stocking season with limited reduction of numbers stocked, as necessary.”



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Wildlife Commission hatchery personnel have not been informed of any road closures that could affect stocking of delayed-harvest waters.

At 6 a.m., on June 4, 2005, delayed-harvest waters open to fishing under hatchery-supported regulations, which means no bait restrictions, no minimum length limit and a seven-trout-per-day creel limit. Hatchery-supported regulations remain in force until Oct. 1 each year.

The delayed-harvest program began in 1992 with spring stockings of 18,000 catchable-size trout in four streams. Due to strong public interest and support, the program expanded in 1996 to incorporate both spring and fall fishing.

The Little River, from the confluence of Lake Dense outflow to Hooker Falls, in Transylvania County, is the most recent addition to the delayed-harvest program.

Wildlife Commission Appoints Executive Director

RALEIGH, N.C. (Oct. 6, 2004) — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission today appointed Richard Hamilton executive director of the agency. A biologist and 34-year employee of the Wildlife Commission, Hamilton had been serving as interim executive director since Charles Fullwood retired on Sept. 24.

Hamilton, 60, earned a bachelor's and master's degree in wildlife sciences from N.C. State University. He joined the Commission in 1970 as a wildlife biologist. A Raleigh resident, Hamilton also has been a research coordinator and division chief for the Commission's Wildlife Management Division and Division of Inland Fisheries.

He was responsible for the game law revision in 1979, working with the N.C. General Assembly and N.C. Institute of Government to rewrite the 1935 game law. The revised game law remains the basis of current state wildlife conservation programs in the

Hamilton was promoted in 1986 to chief deputy director, taking responsibility for the Wildlife Commission's field operations and legislative work.

Hamilton pledged to provide North Carolinians with "the best possible program in current wildlife conservation."

"We have the staff and the infrastructure to provide a responsive Commission that has provided strong support for our wildlife conservation program."

Wildlife Commission Chairman John Pechmann lauded Hamilton's subject-matter expertise and knowledge of the agency's operations.

"Richard Hamilton brings to the position more hands-on knowledge of the agency and greater understanding and appreciation of sound management of our wildlife resources than anyone else we could hope to find anywhere in the country," Pechmann said. "He has the full confidence of our staff and every member of the Commission."

Since its inception in 1947, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has been dedicated to the wise-use, conservation and management of the state's fish and wildlife resources. Nineteen wildlife commissioners create and maintain laws and regulations governing hunting, fishing and boating activities based on input from the public and the Commission's wildlife and fisheries biologists, wildlife enforcement officers, educators, engineers and administrative staff.



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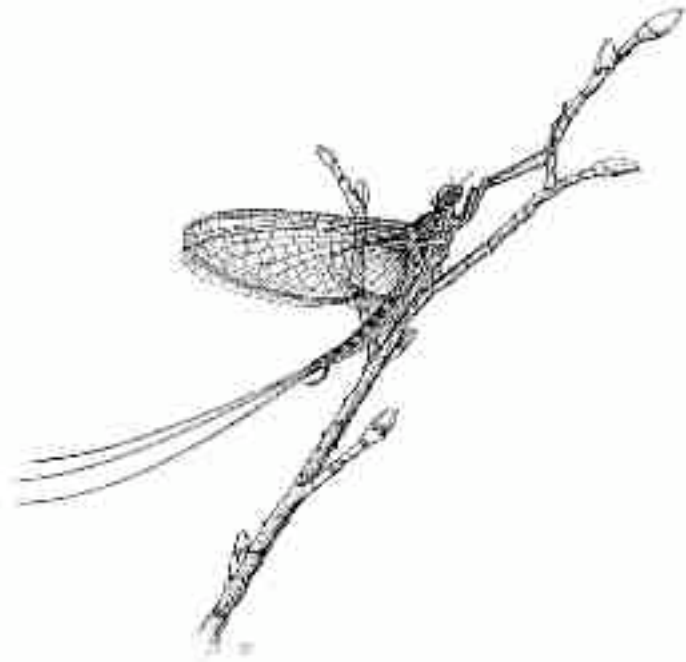
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Park/Parkway Closures

Roads, Trails, Campgrounds, and Picnic Areas - GSMNP

October 21, 2004

Road and facility openings/closings may change throughout the day. For **updated** road and weather information please call **(865) 436-1200**. Once you hear a voice, dial extension 631 for road information or extension 630 for a weather forecast. You may wish to write this number down when traveling to the area for handy reference for road and weather updates.

Web Site:

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm>

Current Park Road and Facility Openings/Closures - Blue Ridge Parkway

October 21, 2004

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