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# MadDog
## Trout Unlimited

### MadDog Trout Unlimited Summer 2023 Newsletter
### Protect | Reconnect | Restore our cold water streams, lakes and ponds!

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Class Assessment by Connor

(Oh and swag... can do the not for free stuff)

and as always: Support your local MadDog!

Derelict and no use dams doing damage during the flood.  Hands Mill Dam in Washington Village on the Jail Branch stream was in the midst of engineering studies to remove it and remove the risks of a catastrophic fail.. well the floods came and initiated that fail... The fail damaged village buildings and deposited tons of material downstream!  The Vermont Dam Task Force works routinely on derelict dam removal.

Do you know an old dam that could be removed and therefore re-connect a river or trout stream?  Then connect with Free Vermont Rivers!

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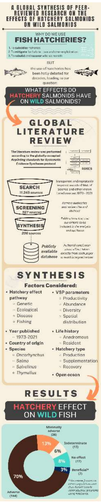
MadDog TU Annual Report numbers for 2023 Fiscal Year:

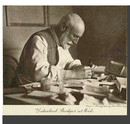
MDTU's membership volunteered 3935 hours.
Supported 14 Trout in the Classroom programs.
Staffed the 2022 Vermont Trout Camp for Teens.
Solicited corporate and business donations for Trout Camp.
Trout Camp Committee met regularly to plan the Camp.
Began the "Dog River Wild Trout Initiative".
Ran the Winter 2023 Fly Tying Class.
Hosted the Premier of "Salmon of the Clyde" at the Big Picture Theatre in Waitsfield.
Began The Introduction to Fly Tying for Women.
Held meetings each month of the year.
Participated in "Trout Day" at Sugarbush Resort.
Initiated a renewed partnership with Friends of the Winooski.
Participated in the Mad River Valley's Recreation and Conservation Planning Process.
Sent out 4 newsletters.
Sent members to the Vermont Council of TU monthly meetings.

Current treasury balance for MDTU is $9,835.07 and Trout Camp's balance is $10,265.15.




The article compiles and synthesizes outcomes of the global peer-reviewed literature on impacts of hatchery fish on wild populations. This was led by John McMillan and with several outside co-authors (including Nick Chambers, formerly at TU) It shows only 3% of hatcheries benefit wild salmonids and 87% have adverse or minimally adverse effects. See the attached snazzy visualization Matthew Mayfield, our GIS Analyst, created for it, and hope this is helpful in any hatchery related work you might be involved in.

*This article is a great companion for the film "The Wild Side" by Jake Leamon!*

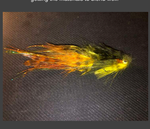


Dave's Fly Corner!

From Dave Aronson
Fly of Fancy:  "Sunday Perch Supper"

In light of recent watershed events, I thought I'd offer this great trout/ smallmouth fly. It is a great fly for targeting large browns where Perch are present. This is an articulated fly which I usually use a sink tip/full sink line with in an effort to get the fly moving in the strike zone sooner. I present the  "Sunday Perch Supper":

Tying recipe
Hook-Gamagatzu B10s size 2 front, size 4 rear
-Thread Veevus 140 power thread orange
- Orange bucktail
-Grizzly variant. It's from Natures Spirit.
-Flashabou fire tiger flash
-Orange estaz grande chenille
-Rusty brown blood quill marabou
-Sarryn olive laser dub
-Hairline orange 3D beads
-Fine beading wire
-Olive blood quill marabou
-Orange sunburst blood quill marabou
-Yellow blood quill marabou
-Large yellow painted barbell eye(or that of your choice)
-Black Copic marker or sharpie for creating the bared look, also, MFC makes barred Marabou.
-Wraps fly tyers z-ment, I find I like this one the best but most super glue with a fast cure time will do. Any time I tie big flies I glue every tie in point, just a touch of the brush does the job.
-A dubbing brush or a lollipop stick with Velcro is essential to brushing this fly out a getting the materials to blend well.



Thanks to Dave Aronson from Northfield,VT!  fly tyer and fly angler, extraordinare!

## MDTU Meeting schedule

The 1st Thursday of the month; Now ALL YEAR LONG!
November to April Meeting place: The Reservoir in Waterbury, VT.

Fall/Winter meeting times:  6:00 PM meet for check in and meal. 7:00 PM formal meeting starts.  Fall Winter Meetings in person and virtual.

Spring/Summer: May-October are fishing and dinner meetings.  Location and venue change monthly.

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## MadDog Chapter Trout Unlimited #539

*Founded 1986*

### *MDTU Mission*

Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore north-central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom coldwater fisheries and watersheds through education, advocacy, and boots-on-the-ground conservation.

### *Vision*

The vision of the MadDog Chapter of Vermont Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fisheries once again thrive, so that future generations can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

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### What's in a Name?

With a name like "MadDog," its not an unusual question.

With the possible exception of one board member, the "MadDog" moniker isn't a reflection of anyone's personality or the chapter's collective political persona.

It's simply a geographic descriptor of the loose, self-claimed boundaries of the waters that our chapter calls "home." The Mad River to the north, and the beautiful wild-trout Dog River to the south. Both are tributaries of the grand and multi-personalitied Winooski which, from its headwaters in Cabot to somewhere around Bolton Dam, is no less "home waters" to most MadDog members.  Since the Northeast Kingdom chapter has yet not re-formed "MDTU" also stretches out to include from Rt. 100 East to Connecticut River and from Rt. 302 north.

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