



The Greeny Deep of Esopus Creek is featured above.

June chapter outing: The chapter is planning to host an Esopus Creek fishing outing on June 23rd. This will be a function of weather and stream conditions, which hopefully will be favorable. At 5:30 PM folks wishing to participate should meet in front of Esopus Creel in Mt. Tremper; then at 9 PM that evening we plan to have pizza at the Boiceville Inn. Watch for details next week.

Typically there are no chapter meetings in July and August, thus our next scheduled meeting would be our Annual Meeting in September. Enjoy summer!

Esopus Creek: It is anticipated NYC DEP will return the Shandaken Tunnel back into service on Tuesday, June 15th. It has been offline for several weeks now due to ongoing rehabilitation work on the intake structure. Often when the Portal is first open after being offline for any length of time, it can flow turbid for a bit as it flushes out silt deposits that may have built up within the Tunnel. Hopefully the Esopus will enjoy a summer of cold flows once the Portal is turned back on. Discharge capacity will be limited to approximately 600 cfs until all work on the Tunnel is finish in late 2021, when the Portal will be offline again for approximately two months.

On May 21st NYC DEP presented status of this project to AWSMP members, NYS DEC, and others; I participated for our chapter. And don't forget, NYS DEC R3 Biologist Bob Adams is collecting 2021 angling Esopus Creek via an online survey. Your contributions are important: <https://arcg.is/15X1GL> Please help.

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported in May there were 7 measurable storms as recorded in Boiceville. These had a 5.8 weighed pH with 5.57 inches of liquid precipitation. By comparison in May 2020 there were 9 such events with a total of 3.45 inches of liquid precipitation, including 1.4 inches of snow and 5.9 weighted pH.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP): Chapter members continue to participate in various AWSMP Working Group meetings. The next such meeting will be help in early July and be the Stream Access and Recreation group to discuss various new access points along the Esopus that will soon be made available to the general public. The AWSMP office in Shokan, NY is now officially reopen to the public from Wednesday-Friday, 9am-4pm, but they will see people by appointment any day of the week.

Treasurer's report: Jody Hoyt reports as of the end of May the chapter had \$12,707.56, with \$11,919.88 in the General Operating Fund and \$787.68 in the Conservation Fund. Recently the chapter made a \$100 donation to the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection of the Phoenicia Library.

Membership: As of this newsletter, our membership stands at 123 members. This month we welcome Mitchell Brock of Claryville and Mike Valla of Johnsonville. Mike is a noted Catskill author and historian who has made generous donations to prior fund-raising events. Welcome! As always **new** TU members can join for half the "regular" membership fee, or \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from National. Membership forms: http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf For membership questions, contact me at: Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com

Newsletter: This issue was sent electronically to all chapter members and friends that we have valid email addresses. If you received this and would rather not, please hit **REPLY** and write **REMOVE** and hit **SEND**. This is also the last scheduled newsletter until September, unless events dictate otherwise, as we have no planned summer activities. Enjoy summer!

Beyond our watersheds and other news: The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum is once again hosting a Summerfest this summer on August 21st. It's an open, outdoor angler's market held on the CFFC&M grounds in Livingston Manor. Mark your calendars now.



News from Maine; here's former chapter member Heide Nute with a 20" wild brook trout before its release. Nicely done!

Useful links:

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited: <https://apwctu.org/>

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: <http://ashokanstreams.org/>

CWC Watershed Currents: <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.dcswcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm>

Esopus Creek hatching chart: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases:

https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml

Rondout Neversink Stream Program: <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

Until next time,
Ed Ostapczuk
June 14th, 2021