

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEETING

**When** April 12, 7 pm  
**Who** Phillip W. Bettoli, PhD  
 US Geological Survey, TN  
 Cooperative Fishery Research  
 Unit, TN Technological  
 University  
**What** Phil will give a power  
 point presentation about  
 "Brook Trout and Brown  
 Trout in East TN  
 Tailwaters"  
**Where** St. Francis Episcopal  
 Church in Norris

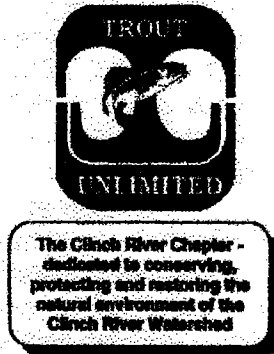
## MEMBERS IN ACTION

**April 7, 9 am** Clinch River  
 shoreline and roadway cleanup.  
 Meet at the Weir Dam, Highway  
 441. Bring boots, trash pick up  
 tools, gloves. Enjoy good com-  
 pany and start your weekend  
 right!

**June 9, 9-noon Kids Fish Free  
 Day:** Join this volunteering op-  
 portunity to share your fishing  
 knowledge in providing a reward-  
 ing and fun experience for all  
 who are involved.

## RESULTS OF TWRA'S MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORRIS TAILWA- TER FISHERY, 2002-2003

March 26 TWRA presented the  
 results of their five year Manage-  
 ment Plan. CRCTU chapter mem-  
 bers who were among the 30-40



attendees were: Steve Brown,  
 Buzz Buffington, Clayton Gist,  
 Ralph Jordan, and Bill Shipman.

The objective of the plan was to  
 increase the abundance of trout  
 by 25% by 2005, as charted be-  
 low

Trout	Average Fish/Hr. 2000-02	By '05	By '06
>7"	161	200	200
>14"	24	30	30
>18"	6.4	—	8

Several strategies were applied  
 in the plan. The major change  
 was to stock additional trout .  
 fingerlings (most were 1"-2" and  
 some 3"-5", when available)

Throughout the evaluation pe-  
 riod rainbows were more abun-  
 dant than browns at <18" but  
 there were more browns in >18"  
 sizes.

The results varied for <7" trout;  
 the plan objective was met only  
 in 2003.

Trout of <14" increased steadily  
 from 2000-04, but declined

declined through 2007. Plan ob-  
 jectives were met in 2003, 2004  
 and 2006

Trout >18" exceeded objectives  
 by 2006 but the data is viewed  
 with less confidence by biologists  
 due to the high variability in the  
 data.

## Conclusions

- The objectives of the 5 year  
 plan were not met consistently
- While additional stocking did-  
 n't appear to harm the fishery,  
 it did not increase trout abun-  
 dance by 25%.
- Monitoring efforts identified  
 high flows as a factor in limit-  
 ing the success of the plan.

## Next Steps

1. Request angler input, by  
**June 1**, toward establishing  
 goals for the plan.
2. Draft a plan to meet goals by  
**July**.
3. Between **July and October**  
 TWRA meetings, accept pub-  
 lic comments on draft plan.
4. In October, present draft plan  
 and overview of comments to  
 TWRC for approval and rec-  
 ommendations.
5. Complete final plan by  
**December, 2007**

(Editors' note: this review was  
 condensed from TWRA's sum-  
 mary. Chapter members are en-  
 couraged to view the full report  
 and offer comments to:

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(Look for an activity which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your efforts.)

*Note: Southern Living magazine (April) has an article extolling the beauty and the Clinch River trout fishing (guided by Mike Bone) and features the rustic, luxurious retreat at the Clinch River House.*

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Include your name, contact information. Send **before June 1**

**COAL CREEK WATERSHED  
FOUNDATION NEWS**

For the past 5 years, the CCWF has awarded an annual Nantglo Scholarship to a Briceville student for college. "Nantglo" is Welsh for Coal Creek. The scholarship honors the Welsh men who settled Coal Creek after the Civil War. To date 12 students have received this award.

Reverend Roy Daugherty, a founding board member and enthusiastic supporter, passed away last year. In his memory, CCWF announced the Reverend Roy Daugherty Memorial Scholarship to aid efforts to educate a new generation of leaders for Coal Creek. Qualifications will be the same as for the Nantglo Scholarship.

**March 17** Over 50 volunteers, including several Briceville students, left their "bedly" warmth collect over 250 bags of trash along the Fraterville Miners' Memorial Highway.

**ANGLERS' BOX**

Bucktails and streamers usually will be effective in most any water. The best way to fish them is similar to bait fishing. That is, to drift the fly on a slack line and take in that belied slack when the fish strikes. Strike hard and fast. This makes it necessary to use a rather heavy leader-at least .011 at the fly end.

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