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President's Message

Dear MMTU members,

Just got back from a Steelhead trip to Baldwin, Michigan. So that means this news is getting to you a little late before the MMTU Holiday Party at the Rock Quarry Park, Rock Quarry House Address: 2002 Grindstone Parkway. We have it rented Tuesday 12/07/2021 5:00P to 9:00P. I would like everyone to bring a hot dish, a salad and/or a desert to share with the group. The Rock Quarry House has a full kitchen so if you have a dish that needs to be warmed up or cooked you can bring it early. Also bring your own beverages and if you need them chilled we have a fridge. I will provide water and coffee. We will have some time to talk and get things ready and would like to start supper around 6:00P.

Kent Campbell was due to present a program on outdoor photography but it will again be postponed to the January 4, 2022 meeting. He and Ginger got the chance to go to Hawaii to take photos there unfortunately at the same time as this meeting. Maybe we'll get to see some spectacular photos of Hawaii at the January meeting. As a program at this meeting, if we can get it put together in time, we will have the annual Photo Contest.

Here are some pictures from the trip we just took to Baldwin on the Pere Marquette River. Five of the six of us are long time or old MMTU members; myself, Jeff Holzem, Garry Teeple, Ken Foster and Ric Washburn. I'm not sure if Ric's friend Greg Nance from Kansas City is a TU member but we'll work on that. Almost everyone landed at least one steelhead. The river was low and clear so fishing was a little tough, some got fish on fly rods but some had to resort to spinning rods. The Steelhead we of course all released so they could stay in the river over winter and spawn in the spring and then return to Lake Michigan. The

couple of King Salmon we hooked fought hard but were in the river to spawn (and provide excess eggs for steelhead food), and all would soon die.

John Wenzlick

Ken's Steelhead



Stream Team

We will try to do the Little Piney monitoring on Friday Nov. 19th, weather permitting. If you can go, give me a call at 573-821-6813 or email jdwenzlick@gmail.com . Will leave Columbia at 7:00 am, can meet at Hwy. AC Commuter Lot to carpool. Pass through Jefferson City at 7:30, can meet at JC Airport Commuter Lot. Bring waders; also a fishing rod in case it is a good day to fish afterward.

MMTU Annual Photo Contest

It is a little late notice but we are going to have the Annual Photo Contest at the December 7th Holiday Meeting. I am working on getting a committee of 2 or 3 Chapter members to judge the pictures, we will vote a winner at the Holiday Meeting.

Any active member can submit a photo they have taken themselves from 2021 of their best fishing picture or outdoor photo. The judges will narrow down the pictures to the 10 best. We will view them at the meeting and vote for the best 3 and then the winner. The prize is to boast on it all of 2022 and also \$50 cash. Please send all photos to jdwenzlick@gmail.com by Friday December 3rd at midnight.

Conservation Appeal

In a few minutes you can help take care of trout by contacting congress and the president. Read on to learn more.

Across the country, a changing climate is harming trout and salmon populations. Damaging fires, warming temperatures, and intensifying drought pose a direct threat to our watersheds, fisheries, wildlife, and communities.

The bipartisan infrastructure bill just signed today represents a great step forward, providing for substantial investments in programs and projects that address climate change.

Now it's time for Congress to take another big step to address our climate crisis. A massive budget reconciliation bill under development would represent a broad investment in the future of our nation's water systems, infrastructure, energy production, and more.

The need for climate change mitigation and adaptation must be a central factor in this bill. Trout Unlimited is calling on our elected officials to take a variety of measures to **substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions over time, such as encouraging**

increased use of renewable energy sources, and implementing a carbon fee or other market-based solutions. Clear and consistent federal guidance will enable American business leaders to develop strategies to adapt to a changing climate and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

These same policies will enable TU to continue its work to preserve and protect trout and salmon habitat across the country.

1. Legislation under discussion this month could shape how the our country responds to the threat climate change poses to rivers, communities, and fish and wildlife. Urge your lawmakers to prioritize policies that address the root causes of climate change, as well as legislation that funds projects to help our lands and waters adapt to warmer temperatures and more frequent drought, wildfire, and floods. Urge your lawmakers to prioritize policies that address the root causes of climate change, as well as legislation that funds projects to help our lands and waters adapt to warmer temperatures and more frequent drought, wildfire, and floods. Please help us advocate for action on climate by reaching out to your congressional representatives today with this link. [Tell congress to price carbon](#)
2. .President Biden wants to go big on climate change. Email him to let him know that there's nothing bigger than a price on carbon [Let's Go! It's crunch time for climate action](#)

Thank you for engaging on these campaigns, and for all you do for Trout Unlimited.

If you have questions about either of these issues, please reach out to me. My phone number and email are at the bottom.

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