



Jim Boyle with a Beautiful Yellowstone Cutthroat – Fish of the Month for October 2014 – Submission #1



Joseph Costello with a beautiful West Branch Delaware Brown Trout – same fish caught two different dates –
for the story see inside – Fish of the Month October '14 Submission #2

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Upcoming Events

October 20, 2014 Chapter General Meeting – **Adam Franceschini** from the West Branch Angler speaking on “Fishing the Delaware” – guest fly tier at 6:30 and featured speaker at 7:30
 January 16-18, 2015 Fly Fishing Show – Marlborough, MA
 January 23-25, 2015 Fly Fishing Show – Somerset, NJ
 March 7, 2015 Clearwater Chapter Conservation Banquet

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Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

Next General Meeting is October 20, 2014 –**Adam Franceschini** from the West Branch Angler will talk about fishing the Delaware system. This should fill up fast so get here early and get a good seat. Guest fly tier at 6:30pm – Albany Ramada off Exit 5 of I-90 – all are welcome and free as always.

By the way a huge donation of fly tying materials was made to the Chapter and is being sold at ridiculously low prices at the Chapter meetings. Great time to stock up on materials just before winter sets in. Won't find lower prices anywhere and you support the Chapter to boot!

Fish of the Month 2014 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin** and for 2013, **Brad Mohr**, as winners in its first six years. The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at mrbrownie6@gmail.com or contact me via email for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies as a prize.

Jim Boyle once again has a fish in the Fish of the Month contest for October '14 - here is the story:

Jeff Bull and I participated in a Road Scholar fly fishing program based at [Buck's T-4 Lodge](#) in Big Sky, Montana. In addition to attending a number of workshops we had the opportunity to wade the Gallatin, float the upper Madison, and wade the Firehole & Nez Perce within Yellowstone National Park.

At the conclusion of the program we travelled across the park to the [Skyline Guest Ranch](#) in Cooke City, Montana. A moose cow, calf, and young male were browsing in the yard when we arrived and remained in the immediate area throughout our stay.

The morning after our arrival we followed a horse trailer to the Specimen Ridge Trailhead where our 6 ½ mile trip originated. While climbing rolling hills we observed elk, antelope, and bison. We were most fortunate to see a pack of five wolves that appear to be stalking a small bison herd.

We continued to gain elevation while riding along the edge of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Eventually we rode down the canyon wall via a horse trail consisting of a series of switchbacks. After two plus hours on horseback we reached the valley floor providing access to an isolated section of the Yellowstone River with little fishing pressure. Jeff and I each caught fifteen native Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout that were all fat and healthy like the one in the photo.

Submission #2 story from **Jim Costello**: did a float on West Branch of the Delaware with a guide and we spotted this beautiful brown sipping bugs on the far side of the back cut just above Hale Eddy bridge. I mean, this guy was coming up just on the edge in no more then 8 to 10 inches of water. Passed a March Brown over him several times with no luck, so switched to a CDC Hendrickson. On the second cast he just nice as could be inhaled it and I had him. Guide says he was close to twenty inches. That's the first tale, now look at the next email for the rest of the story.

A couple of weeks later I was kayaking the same stretch with two friends. When we got down to this spot I said to my friend Steve, "Hey, a couple of weeks ago I caught a really nice brown in this back water cut, I think I'll go get him again." He chuckled at me, but I went down to the exact same spot and watched and didn't I see a fish rising there again, so I tied on a March Brown emerger and on the second or third pass he nailed it, and you guess edit, it was the very same fish, proving that fish do favor certain lies and will hang there if it provides reliable feeding. Truly a memorable experience.

Joe Costello

Editor's Note – the Summer '14 Clearwater Currents Fish of the Month was mistakenly attributed to **Jim Boyle** when in fact it was **Bill Bach** who caught the 22" salmon while being guided by [Josh Wohlforth of the Maine Guide Fly Shop](#). Sorry for the mistake.

Fly of the Month: Zebra Midge

Autumn is a great time to fish midges especially the larva patterns. Dead drifted just like a larger mayfly nymph in spring under an indicator or dry fly midges can bring a lot of success as the season winds down. This fly is a standard pattern for a midge larva every angler should have. **Hook**: curved shank nymph or scud hook 16 – 26; **Thread**: 8/0 black; **Bead**: silver, brass or tungsten; **Wire Rib**: extra fine any color; **Body**: thread or fine dubbing; **Thorax**: thread, peacock herl or fine dubbing. Pop on a bead for a head and tie in the thread at the rear of the hook and attach the wire rib. Choose body material with thread being easiest and fastest. Wrap the body forward leaving enough room to make a thorax. Wrap the rib on and tie off. Choose a thorax and tie off. Super simple and the color combinations are only limited by your imagination. Black, brown, gray and olive are best.



Did Gov's Office Edit Fracking Study?

<http://www.commondreams.org/news/2014/10/06/did-ny-govs-office-edit-politically-inconvenient-findings-fracking-study>

DEC Warns Motorists to be Alert for Moose in the Adirondacks

Motorists should be alert for moose on roadways in the Adirondacks and surrounding areas at this time of year - a peak of moose activity - warns the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Early fall is the breeding season for moose in northern New York. During this time moose are wandering looking for mates, leading them to areas where they are not typically seen. While this improves the opportunities for people to enjoy sighting of a moose, it also increases the danger of colliding with one on the roadway.

Moose are much larger and taller than deer. Their large body causes greater damage, and, when struck, their height often causes them to impact the windshield of a car or pickup truck, not just the front of the vehicle. Last year ten moose vehicle accidents were reported in New York. However, there has not been a human fatality from an accident with a moose, a record DEC hopes to retain.

Moose are most active at dawn and dusk, which are times of poor visibility. Moose are especially difficult to see at night because of their dark brown to black coloring and their height - which puts their head and much of their body above vehicle headlights.

DEC advises motorists to take the following precautions to prevent moose vehicle collisions:

- Use extreme caution when driving at dawn or dusk, especially during September and October;
- Reduce your speed, stay alert, and watch the roadsides;
- Slow down when approaching moose standing near the roadside, as they may bolt at the last minute when a car comes closer, often running into the road;
- Moose may travel in pairs or small groups, so if a moose is spotted crossing the road, be alert for others that may follow;
- Make sure all vehicle occupants wear seatbelts and children are properly restrained in child safety seats;
- Use flashers or a headlight signal to warn other drivers when moose are spotted near the road;
- Motorcyclists should be especially alert for moose;
- If a moose does run in front of your vehicle, brake firmly but do not swerve. Swerving can cause a vehicle-vehicle collision or cause the vehicle to hit a fixed object such as a tree or pole;
- If a moose is hit and killed by a vehicle, the motorist should not remove the animal unless a permit is obtained from the investigating officer at the scene of the accident.

[More information about moose](#) can be found on the DEC website.

An Adirondack Wilderness Imperiled

By EDWARD ZAHNISER OCT. 7, 2014

Photo

In 1985, the centennial of the founding of the Adirondack Forest Preserve, Gov. Mario M. Cuomo of New York told conservationists in a speech: "The wilderness areas of this state are not a disposable resource, to be consumed and discarded. They must be preserved. Forever."

That same year, he set aside forest preserve land around Jay Mountain as a state wilderness area. Now his son, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, has set in motion a plan that would allow open pit mining on 200 acres of that wilderness.

How did we get from wilderness forever to an open pit mine? It's a complicated tale with an ending that could set a bad precedent for other wild lands in the state.

Last year, 53 percent of New York voters approved a constitutional amendment — proposal No. 5 on the ballot — that allows (but doesn't require) the state to trade those 200 acres to a mining company, NYCO Minerals, for lands that "are equal to or greater than the value" of those wilderness acres.

The company, a major employer in the region, operates two wollastonite mines in Essex County, including one next to the Jay Mountain Wilderness. It is expanding both mines and wants the wilderness land for its operation. Among its many applications, wollastonite is used in the manufacture of industrial ceramics, as a replacement for asbestos, and in paints, adhesives and plastics.

To get the measure on the ballot, the New York Legislature had to twice approve a bill amending the state Constitution to authorize this specific transaction. Once on the ballot, voters could not tell from reading the proposal that the land at issue was a wilderness area. The parcel was described only as "forest preserve land located in the town of Lewis, Essex County." The full constitutional text, which did not appear on the ballot, also permitted the state to allow NYCO to "engage in mineral sampling operations" before the transfer to make sure it was worthwhile for the company to proceed with a land swap.

In turn, the Cuomo administration has issued NYCO a permit for exploratory drilling on the land, which is still classified as wilderness. The Cuomo administration says the prospecting activities have been carefully designed and will be monitored so that the impact on the land is as contained as possible.

Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve and other conservation groups dispute that claim. We have filed a lawsuit contending that the state is illegally rushing the process. Among other things, the state has failed to find a single likely significant adverse environmental impact from the cutting of trees and the building of access corridors to more than 20 exploratory drilling pads. The state has not required NYCO to file so much as an environmental-impact statement for such heavy industrial activity in a wilderness area. Nor has the state sought legislation that would provide standards for such drilling on wilderness. In July, an Essex County trial court issued a temporary restraining order blocking the mineral sampling. A full hearing is scheduled for later this month.

But we should be asking a larger question. Should we be violating the promise implicit in setting aside wilderness: that it will be, as the first Governor Cuomo said, preserved forever?

My father, Howard Zahniser, was the primary author and chief advocate of the National Wilderness Preservation System Act, which was signed into law 50 years ago by President Lyndon B. Johnson. That law now protects 109.5 million acres of federal land across the United States and in Puerto Rico. Well before that, in 1946, he had backpacked across what is today New York State's High Peaks Wilderness Area. He believed that the New York Constitution's "forever wild" clause offered a model for protecting federal lands in their wild state. It is especially disconcerting that, in this 50th anniversary year of the federal law, the state of New York is promoting mining in its own wilderness. Mining and wilderness are antithetical.

Governor Cuomo could end this now. The state is not required to open up this wilderness to mining. The amendment merely said the state “may” do so. The governor could heed what his father said 29 years ago: Wilderness should be preserved, forever.

If Mr. Cuomo won't reverse course, he must ensure that the process is guided by legislative standards and that the agencies under his direction comply scrupulously with those requirements. He may not share his father's appreciation for the wilderness, but his administration must follow the statutes and regulations that still protect the state's nearly three million acres of forest preserve. The governor is not above the law.

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