

From the President's desk:

It's the first weekend of March 2010, and the hot spring sun, blue sky, and freshness of air are working together bringing a closing of winter. Sure, we may have a snow storm or two down the road, but the white covering will run rivulets down the hills and paths making the mud thick, cold and heavy. Every year I get a calling and the urge to go to the mountains, woods, lakes ponds and rivers. I've felt this urge throughout my life. I can't explain it. I take my time, when I can and I go. It's a solitary satisfaction, which gets fulfilled with a day, a weekend seldom seven days or more. Sometimes with others but often alone I become one with nature, part of the whole. Those who know me seem to understand and I'm allowed to go. When I return, I'm freshly renewed, healthy, peaceful, anxiety gone. Starting anew, focused, with clear sight of vision, objective and the path which is right.

The Nor'east Chapter #154 of Trout Unlimited will blossom again this spring. The membership has remained strong, with its 300 plus members in the ranks, holding on when our fire was down to a glowing ember. We set out in the Fall to revive the ember, and now we have the kindling burning well. It's now time to add a log or two. We have a friendly, receptive young nucleus, and we're about to forge ahead with elections of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as general Board of Directors seats to lead the Chapter into the future. The general feelings are we want to work on our local streams and rivers – revival of the native fisheries they have been in the past. We want to work on stream side clean up days; we want to have teaching clinics for the children and families. We want to take local fishing excursions onto our local waters. We want to re-establish the sea-run trout along all our coastal waters. We want to have fun, enjoy ourselves and perhaps make our stream, river, pond, lake, estuaries environmentally better places. When this work is done, we'll be able to reflect back on the wonderful places we have and take satisfaction knowing we assisted.

The Nor'east Chapter has a lot of work to do to fulfill these visions and objectives. I cannot tell you what is best for you to do. I will tell you each individual effort does make a difference, you will meet a lot of very good people some of whom will become your lifelong friends. Let us get together, meet and discuss our common ground for joining Trout Unlimited. We are on the verge of having something very good re-emerge right in your own backyard, please become part of it again. The Nor'east Chapter #154 of Trout Unlimited is back, please join us.

Sincerely Yours,

Tom Leahy

Nor'east Chapter #154 - President