

## The Hatch

### **Presentation on the Impact of Stocked Trout on Wild Trout!**

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
7-9 PM at Burr & Burton  
Academy - FREE  
ADMISSION - Plus, two door  
raffles - Win a brand new  
Orvis Zero Gravity Fly Rod  
and/or an Orvis Spinning  
Rod Outfit**

Come see Dr. Bachman, PhD, noted behavioral ecologist, who spent many years as Director of Fisheries, Director of Fish & Wildlife, and Chief of Freshwater Fisheries for the state of Maryland. Dr. Bachman will present slides, film footage, and his heralded findings from his landmark study of wild brown trout on the famous Spruce Creek in Pennsylvania. He'll show how wild brown trout feed, interact with each other and adult hatchery trout, and explain how food and "cover" determine the population structure and growth rate of wild brown trout in a stream as revealed in his four-year behavioral study of wild brown trout in a central Pennsylvania trout stream—which led to the 12% decline in an otherwise healthy wild brown trout population. Included in the presentation are rare motion pictures of wild trout fighting with introduced hatchery trout and the results of introducing hatchery trout into a wild trout stream. This is an informative and eye-opening MUST SEE! It will help all of us gain new insight on the impact of stocked trout on wild trout and learn just why stocking is not the

solution for wild trout fisheries, especially our legendary Batten Kill. Bring friends, especially if they're undecided about stocking on the Batten Kill. It's sure to be a lively night!

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE!**

### **PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE STATE'S BATTENKILL PLAN SET!**

**Thursday, September 21  
7-9 PM at Burr & Burton  
Academy**

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING on the plans to stock the Batten Kill with 1,000 rainbow trout. It has been stated by Eric Palmer the head of Fisheries that public opinion will indeed sway the course of management. It is CRITICAL that we all attend, and bring along others to attend. If we do not show in full force the outcome may very well be that the state stocks the Batten Kill with rainbows that will compete with the native brookies and wild browns and undermine the river restoration and rebound of these fish. It will reverse 35 years of managing the Batten Kill as a wild trout.

So save the date on your calendar today and come on out and let the state hear our voice together. We have "The Battenkill Keep It Wild T-shirts for the first 100 of us to show. If you would like one prior to that evening, please contact Eric Rickstad, he'll be glad to get some to you.

### **RESERVE THE DATE AND INVITE ANYONE AND EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO COME!**

Talking points regarding the negative impact of stocked trout on the Kill are:

- Increased competition for limited cover and for food has proven to stress and kill wild trout
- Stocked trout can introduce disease which can decimate wild populations
- Study after study shows wild trout decline when other trout are stocked
- Stocked trout may migrate to the Green River and others, and threaten those trout
- Increased angling pressure for stocked trout will lead to inadvertent mortality of wild trout, which are currently under catch & release regulations

### **Our Next Chapter Meeting**

Tuesday, September 12, 2006  
7PM at the American Museum of Fly Fishing, Manchester, VT

### **Thanks**

Thanks to all those who attended our last meeting. Your help, support, ideas, and *action*, make all the difference.

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