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- Fly tying class on November 5th 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- Fly tying class on November 12th 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- Fly tying class on November 19th 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- Fly tying class on November 26th 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon FioRito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and de-
- We need a new chairman for the annual fundraiser. Contact Lynn Davis at (630) 267-1142 if you are interested.

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KSFCA rolls out new fund raising program this month!

The KSFCA is partnering with VigeoMedia to participate in the Sponsor Zone Xchange. This program is a new and easy way to raise funds for our club. The process is

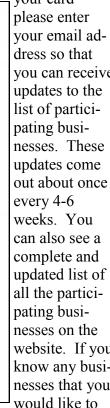
very simple. When you shop, dine, or purchase services at a participating Sponsor Zone Xchange member you simply hand over your card with your preferred method of payment and the business will note your card number and the transaction amount. The club will get a percentage of the transac-

tion. The business person will return the card with your receipt and you can use the card over and over. VigeoMedia then collects the record of these transactions and forwards a statement with the appropriate funds

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see added to the list please pass the names and contact information along to Troy Alley. That information will be sent to VigeoMedia for them to pursue.



Virus found in Wisconsin trout By Rory Linnane, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism

Courtesy of http://greatlakesecho.org

State natural resource officials are wondering how a mysterious virus found its way to Wisconsin trout and what it will mean for the health of aquatic life.

"It's a big unknown," said Susan Marcquenski, a fish health specialist for the state Department of Natural Resources. "There's very little information about the effect of the virus on cool-water species."

Despite the un-

certainty, state authorities confirm that they released 270,000 brown trout this year from hatcheries where fish tested positive for the cutthroat trout virus. An additional 160,000 had already

been released last year before officials got the test results.

Raised in state hatcheries, the trout were meant to bolster the species' population in local waknown to be infected with the virus east of the Mississippi

tersheds. They were the first fish

and the Yahara river system.

Part of the rationale for releasing the infected fish was the benign history of the virus, which has been found in several western

> states. Though similar to the virus that causes Hepatitis E in humans, it has no known health impacts on the trout it inhabits, and likely cannot spread to mammals.

> But little is known about the potential for the virus to spread

to other cold-blooded animals that share a home with trout, such as pike, bass, other species of fish, and even amphibians. "We definitely need more research," Marcquenski said.

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River, according to Marcquenski, though the virus may have previously gone undetected.

Because only samples of fish are tested, officials do not know how many of these fish were carrying the virus when released into the headwaters of the Mississippi



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Virus found in Wisconsin trout (Cont'd)

She and a professor at the University of Florida, Thomas Waltzek, are developing a proposal to study the effect of the virus on other fish species. Waltzek is also helping the DNR develop ways to track and remove cutthroat trout virus from fish eggs.

Wisconsin DNR officials first found the virus in November in lab results for brown trout at the St. Croix Falls Hatchery, analyzed by the U.S. Fish and Wild-



At the Nevin Hatchery in Fitchburg near Madison, thousands of trout were released into the wild before officials learned some of the fish had tested positive for cutthroat trout virus. Photo: Rory Linnane, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism

life Service. The virus was also

found at the Nevin Hatchery in Fitchburg near Madison and in trout from Lake Michigan.

"It's quite a puzzle to us," said Al Kaas, chief of DNR's fisheries culture section. "We've been trying to figure out how our biosecurity measures broke down

and allowed it to show up in three different locations in Wisconsin."

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Virus found in Wisconsin trout (Cont'd)

The virus may have come to the state by people moving fish and fish eggs, or natural movement of fish and predators, Macquenski said. Sometimes birds pick up fish from neighboring waterways and drop them in the state's exposed hatcheries.

Marcquenski said DNR officials, after consulting with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, as well as DNR's Fish Management Board, released a group of trout likely carrying the virus.

"They chose not to take any

regulatory action," Marcquenski said. "So the fish were stocked in the watershed surrounding the St. Croix Falls Hatchery." Kaas noted that none of the hatchery fish died or experienced adverse effects from the virus.

That watershed runs from the headwaters of the Mississippi River down to the Gulf of Mexico.

Jim Winton, a supervisory research microbiologist at the Western Fisheries Research Center in Seattle who specializes in fish viruses, said he was not seriously concerned about the DNR's decision.

Although Winton said a precautionary principle is to not move fish that are carrying a virus, he noted that the virus may have already naturally migrated to the watershed.

"The fish either had it or acquired it from a local source," Winton said. "If the virus was already in the watershed, it's pretty hard to put that genie back in the bottle."

New app helps identify fish in Great Lakes states

Courtesy of Greatlakesecho.org

Think you know a lot about fish? The University of Wisconsin-Madison has a tool that could help even the most knowledgeable fish enthusiast identify and differentiate between species in the Great Lakes region.

A new smart phone application and online tool, "Wisconsin Fish," helps users identify and learn about 174 different fish found in the state. Users can search fish by name or appearance, and find facts, FAQ's and slideshows on the online version.

The free app was recently released by the University of Wis-



consin Sea Grant Institute, in collaboration with the university's Center for Limnology and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The tool could also prove useful for identifying fish outside of Wisconsin.

"The app would be helpful in other Great Lakes states," said Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources officer John Lyons, "but each state has a unique fish fauna, so the app would include a few species that weren't found in the other states and miss a few that were."

Approximately 95 percent of the species in Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin are included in the app, Lyons said. In northern parts of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio it would cover nearly the same, but only about two-thirds in the southern parts of those states.

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3	4 _{Club Meeting}	$5_{ ext{Fly Tying}}$	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Fly Tying	13	14	15	16
17	18 _{Board} Meeting	19 _{Fly Tying}	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Fly Tying	27	28	29	30

Important dates this month

- 11/04/13 Club meeting at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm
- 11/05/13 Fly tying at the Moose Lodge — Mylar Minnow
- 11/12/13 Fly tying at the Moose Lodge — STP Froggies
- 11/18/13 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 11/19/13 Fly tying at the Moose Lodge — Bloody Mini Buggar
- 11/26/13 Fly tying at the Moose Lodge — UV2 Nymph Se ries, GR-GB Hares ear

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2013 Schedule of Club Events

- 02/04/13 Board Elections
- 02/16/13 Swap Meet
- 02/23/13 Awards Banquet
- 04/11/13 Annual Fundraiser Dinner
- 05/11/13 Kids Fish-N-Fun
- 05/19/13 Monthly Tournament
- 06/09/13 Monthly Tournament
- 06/14/13 Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/15/13 Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/16/13 Coho Classic Tournament
- 08/11/13 Monthly Tournament
- 09/15/13 Monthly Tournament
- 09/21/13 Pike River Revival

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