

A Note to the TU Family

by Chris Wood

This was an uncommon and rancorous election, but the outcome is not. As is the case every four years, many are excited about the prospects for the new administration, and many are afraid of what it means for things they care about. I want to take a moment to discuss what it means for our work at Trout Unlimited.

The change in Administration may make some campaigns, such as the effort to protect Bristol Bay, more challenging. The good news is that our campaigns are place-based and emanate from a strong need by local people to protect places they live and love. For example, the desire to protect Bristol Bay begins in dozens of small Alaska native villages in southwest Alaska, the spokes of which extend outward to the commercial fishing industry and to the state capital. It is a made-in-Alaska campaign that will be hard for any Administration to resist.

Policies such as the Clean Water rule will face increased scrutiny. It will be more vital than ever before that we engage our members and other anglers to help explain that protecting clean water is not a partisan issue.

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New Life Membership



Join today as a Trout Unlimited Life Member and we'll send you your choice of two incredible Winston Boron III rods and a TU Life Member hat. You'll receive other great benefits too, like a lifetime subscription to Trout magazine, the TU calendar and the pleasure of knowing you've made a most meaningful commitment in support of the TU mission and vision, ensuring the future of the fisheries and the sport you love.

Each of these rods is proudly inscribed with the words "Trout Unlimited Life Member," and are available at the [new life member](#) price of \$1,200. Installation options available.



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Funding for restoration work could come under threat. And this is why it is so vital to help policymakers, legislators, state and federal agency partners, and private corporations understand the alchemic nature of our work. For every \$1 of corporate or state/federal money invested in a TU project, we turn it into \$10, and in the process provide high-paying, family wage jobs in communities all across the country.

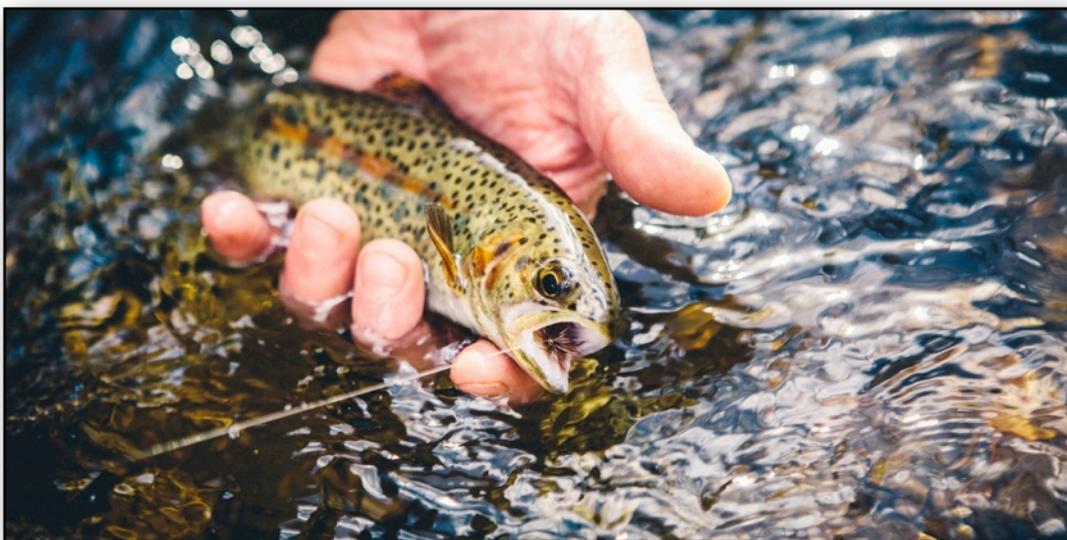
We have always prided ourselves on our ability to work in a bipartisan manner. Since Trout Unlimited was founded in Michigan in 1959, the organization has existed—and grown—through 11 different presidential administrations (29 years Republican, and 28 years Democrat). For example, several clear opportunities exist for us in the new Congress and with the new Trump Administration; these include Good Samaritan legislation to help clean up abandoned mines, a higher priority on water infrastructure improvements, and public land renewable energy legislation.

Angling is a cultural, not a political issue. Whether it involves securing in-stream flow legislation in Montana or Utah or passing laws such as the Wyoming Range Legacy Act, we know how to get people from across the political spectrum to work side-by-side toward common goals. This is who we are; it is what we do. The fact that we can cross political boundaries is what makes us so effective. It's what makes us welcome at the negotiating table.

In the wake of a rancorous debate, many will want to walk around the battle-field and bayonet the wounded. Others will howl in the wind and talk of moving to Canada. Resist both urges. Our work, our entire approach to collaborative stewardship—is more vital—more needed in this country than ever before. The voices of sportsmen and women will be ever more central in the coming years. So few issues bring the country together today. Conservation—the notion that we can take specific actions today, to make the world a better place for our kids tomorrow—may be the one issue that can help to unite an otherwise divided nation.

Challenges lay ahead, but I also see great opportunity to play an even more prominent role in ensuring the future of trout and salmon in North America. Let's get to work.

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Wildlife Commission to Conduct Nine Public Hearings Starting Jan. 10



RALEIGH, N.C. (Dec. 1, 2016) — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will conduct nine public hearings in January 2017 on proposed changes to 39 agency regulations related to wildlife management, fisheries and game lands for the 2017-18 seasons.

Three proposed regulations would redefine youth as anyone under 18 years old and allow them to participate during the youth either-sex deer hunts (H2), Youth Deer Hunting Day (H2), Spring Youth-only Wild Turkey Season (H2), Youth-only Delayed Harvest Trout Water Season (F9), and any youth hunts on game lands (G2). Under these proposals, licensing requirements would not change.

Proposed regulation (D1) would establish guidelines and set standards for the Commission to carry out the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (WVC). The North Carolina General Assembly adopted the WVC in 2008, which creates a way for member states to: (1) Promote compliance of hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations in their respective states; and (2) Provide for the fair and impartial treatment of persons committing wildlife violations in member states. The WVC requires the Wildlife Resources Commission and Marine Fisheries Commission to adopt rules necessary to carry out its purpose.

Among the wildlife management-related proposed changes is one that would eliminate the use of paper Big Game Harvest Record sheets (H7). Hunters would report their big game harvest either by phone or Internet. If passed, this proposal would complete the conversion of big game harvest reporting from paper to an electronic registration system, which began with turkey harvest reporting in 2003.

Four game land proposals would add nearly 7,300 acres to the Commission's Game Lands Program. If passed:

- 156 acres would be established as the new Hill Farm Game Land, which borders the Dan River in northwestern Stokes County and would be designated a permit-only area (G7).
- 2,400 acres of the 3,170-acre Rendezvous Mountain State Forest in Wilkes County would be enrolled in the Game Lands Program as a three-day-per-week game land with bear hunting prohibited, as requested by the N.C. Forest Service, which owns the tract (G9).
- 2,818 acres of the newly acquired Voice of America tract in Beaufort County would become a permit-only area (G13).
- 1,925 acres would be established as the new William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County, which would be a six-day-per week game land with an introductory either-sex deer season (G14).

More information on all of the proposed regulations to the agency's wildlife management, game lands, fishing and other agency regulations for the 2017-18 seasons can be found [online](#).

The comment period for the proposed regulation will run through February 1, 2017. Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted [online](#), at the public hearing, emailed to regulations@ncwildlife.org or mailed to:
Rules Coordinator
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
1701 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1701

After collecting and considering all public comments, the 19 wildlife commissioners will meet on Feb. 16, 2017 to decide whether to adopt the proposals. Approved proposals will take effect Aug. 1, 2017.



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The schedule for the 2017-18 public hearings is below. Public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

DATE	DISTRICT	CITY	LOCATION
Jan. 10, 2017 (Tues.)	4	Dublin	<u>Bladen Community College</u> Auditorium 7418 N.C. Hwy. 41W Dublin, N.C. 28332
Jan. 11, 2017 (Wed.)	5	Graham	<u>Southern Alamance High School</u> 631 Southern High School Road Graham, N.C. 27253
Jan. 12, 2017 (Thurs.)	6	Albemarle	<u>Stanly County Agri-Civic Center</u> 26032-B Newt Road Albemarle, N.C. 28001
Jan. 17, 2017 (Tues.)	9	Clyde	<u>Haywood Community College</u> Auditorium 185 Freeland Drive Clyde, N.C.
Jan. 18, 2017 (Wed.)	8	Morganton	<u>Western Piedmont Community College</u> Leviton Auditorium, Moore Hall 1001 Burkemont Ave. Morganton, N.C. 28655
Jan. 19, 2017 (Thurs.)	7	Elkin	<u>Elkin High School</u> 334 Elk Spur Street Elkin, N.C. 28621
Jan. 24, 2017 (Tues.)	1	Edenton	<u>Chowan County Public Safety Center</u> 305 W. Freemason Street Edenton, N.C. 27932
Jan. 25, 2017 (Wed.)	2	New Bern	<u>Craven Community College</u> Orringer Auditorium 800 College Court New Bern, N.C. 28562
Jan. 26, 2017 (Thurs.)	3	Rocky Mount	<u>Nash Community College</u> Brown Auditorium 522 N. Old Carriage Road Rocky Mount, N.C. 27804





New 2017 dates to be announced in December for women with all types of cancer, Lake Logan Center, Canton, NC.



Our Three-Day Retreat Weekends offer a full schedule of activities that includes basic fly fishing instruction, medical education and groups that provide opportunities for support and connection with other women surviving cancer.

Retreats begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Sunday after lunch. The schedule includes group activities and fly fishing instruction. Most women who attend have never held a fly rod and many have never fished. Fly fishing instruction is simple and fun!!

Fly fishing instructors and river guides are always present to teach and assist. All meals are included and volunteer staff are onsite for the entire weekend. While the retreat schedule has a variety of activities, we encourage women to participate at their own level. There is plenty of free time built into the schedule. All participants and volunteers will receive a detailed retreat schedule prior to the weekend. 🐟



Click [here](#) for link to video.

You can help reconnect rivers throughout the US by **giving** to the Orvis/TU 1,000 Miles Campaign.



DECEMBER GRUB COMMITTEE

Annual covered-dish supper with Craig Green cooking a ham for the entrée.



SHARE WITH YOUR CHAPTER

Do you have something you'd like to share with the chapter? An announcement, news, or topic that you feel would be of interest to fellow members?

We are always seeking submissions to *Tuck Tales* for our future editions. Please let your editor know by sending your information to:

Craig Forrest
craigforrest@sleepyhollowstudio.com

Be An Active Member

TCTU has a number of committees that need members like you to participate. Please consider contacting a committee chairperson to volunteer to serve on the committee that most interests you.

Send your requests to President Dick Sellers @ dick.sellers@frontier.com to let him know which committee you are interested in, and he will forward your name to the chairperson.

Help TCTU by getting involved with one of the committees listed below.

Conservation/Education

Fund Raising

Membership

Programs

Publicity/Communications

Fishing Trips

Backcast

The November meeting offered members a program by fellow chapter member Shannon Messer. Shannon talked to the members about the importance of and availability of various choices regarding optics when fishing. Dick Sellers, Tommy White, and Jeff Marcum provided the grub. 🍴



Shannon Messer



Think about supporting TU with a **Back The Brookie** TU license plate!



FLY OF THE MONTH

Do you have a pattern that you'd like to submit for our *Tuck Tales* Fly Of The Month article? If you can take a few digital photos of your fly tying effort, please do so and provide a short description of how to tie your pattern.

Most point-and-shoot digital cameras have a flash and macro photography capability. Come on. Give it a try. Share that secret pattern with your fellow members!

We'll include your fly in an up-coming issue of *Tuck Tales*!

Please send an email to Craig Forrest

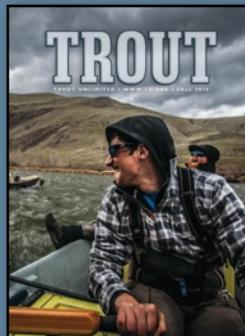
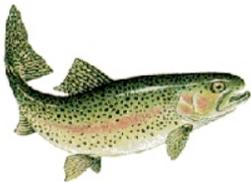
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next TCTU Meeting:
United Community Bank 12/6/16



The Fall issue of Trout Magazine is now available on-line at:



<http://www.tu.org/media/trout-magazine>



Editor's Cast

The November meeting offered an interesting program by fellow chapter member Shannon Messer regarding the availability and importance of various optics for fishing.

It goes without saying that good vision when astream is of as much importance as other factors. You can have the best rod, reel, line, and lure but without good vision you will certainly be handicapped. Shannon offered up a smorgasbord of different eye-wear for members to consider to add to their equipment just as one would a new rod.

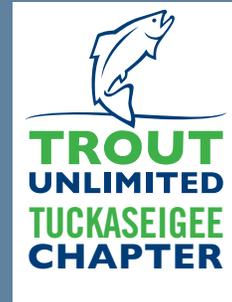
Anyone who has gotten used to using polarized sun glasses will immediately realize the disadvantage you will be at without them.

Don't forget to bring a suitable covered-dish to the December meeting. Craig Green will be cooking a ham for the entrée.

Forward Cast

Tuck Chapter will next meet
6:30 PM December 6th at
United Community bank of
Sylva on Highway 107 South.

There will be elections for
officers for the upcoming year.
Members will bring a covered-
dish for our meal.



Guide's Choice eye-wear.



Send In A Fishing Report!

Tuck Tales would like to feature your fishing report. This could be from a recent or past fishing trip. We don't care where you went or what you fished for. Maybe you fished the Tuck, or some other water out-of-state or maybe another country!

Just send in your report including who went, where, when, what water was fished, the tackle used, photos if you have them, and what were the results. Send to:

Craig Forrest
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The Tuckaseegee Chapter has a web presence at:

<http://www.tuckaseegee.tu.org>

Don't Miss Your Chance!

Tuckaseegee Chapter is offering a chance to win a new fly rod at each meeting!

This 4-piece, 8.5 foot, 5-weight IM-6 rod built by fellow chapter member Jim Mills of Raven Fork Rods. The rod is wrapped with green and black jasad thread and tipped with red thread. Complete with rod sack & aluminum case.

Members can purchase chances at \$1 each (\$5 gets you 6 tickets) to be selected to then draw a card from a standard deck. If you draw the special card you'll win the rod. That's quite a good reason to attend the next meeting. You could go home with a beautiful rod!



Tuckaseegee Chapter of Trout Unlimited serves Jackson and Swain Counties. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Community Room at the rear of the United Community Bank of Highway 107 South in Sylva at 6:30 PM. A meal is provided by the Grub Committee at a cost of \$5 per person. Guests are invited to join us at no charge.





**Examples of
apparel with
the
Tuckaseegee
Chapter
embroidery**



Fly of the Month

By Shannon Messer

This month's fly is the Jig Head Black Stone Nymph:

Materials:

Hook: #12 Allen J100BL

Thread: 6/0 Black

Bead: Slotted Tungsten Black Nickel 3.3mm

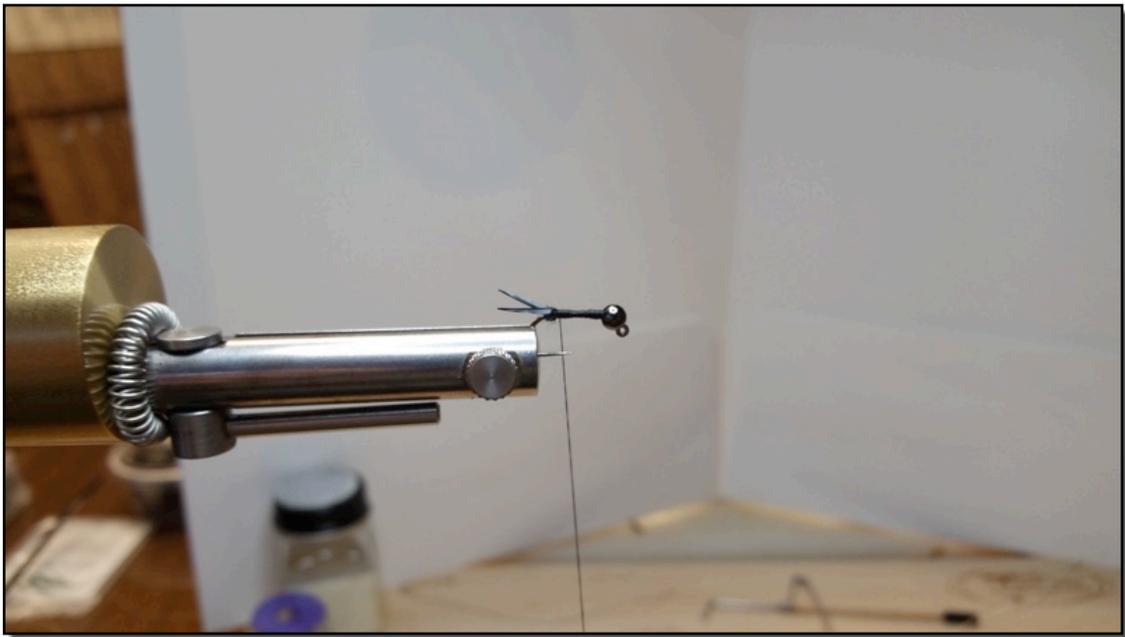
Tail: Black Turkey Biots

Rib: Black Wire Brassie Size

Dubbing: Black Nymph picked out for gill structure

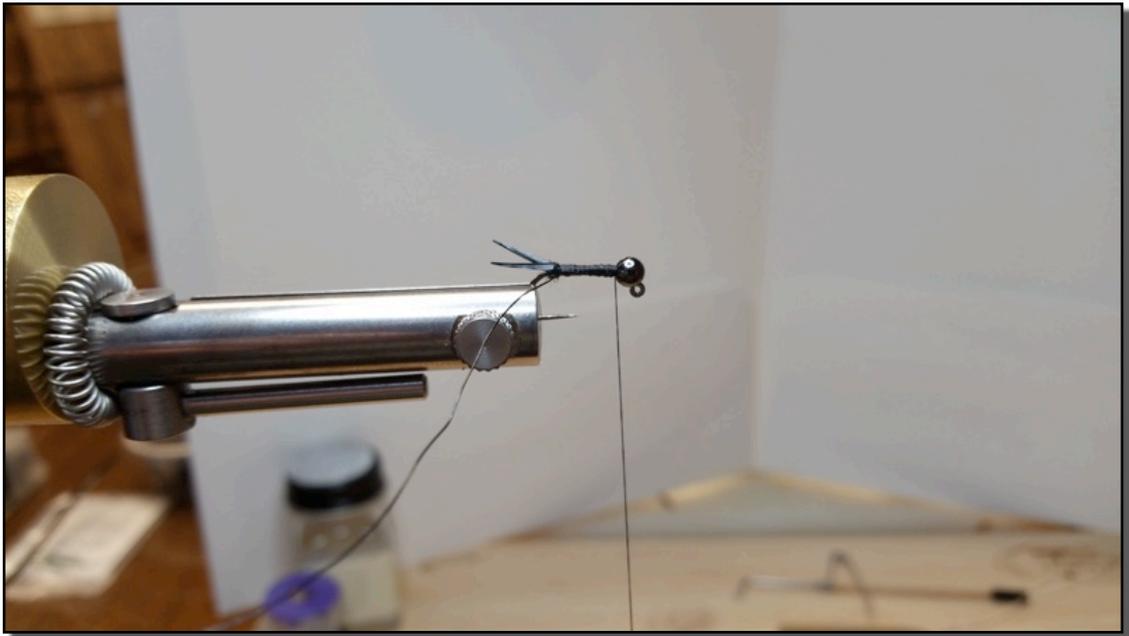
Legs: CDC Black or Grey

Optional: Fluorescent Pink Hot Spot

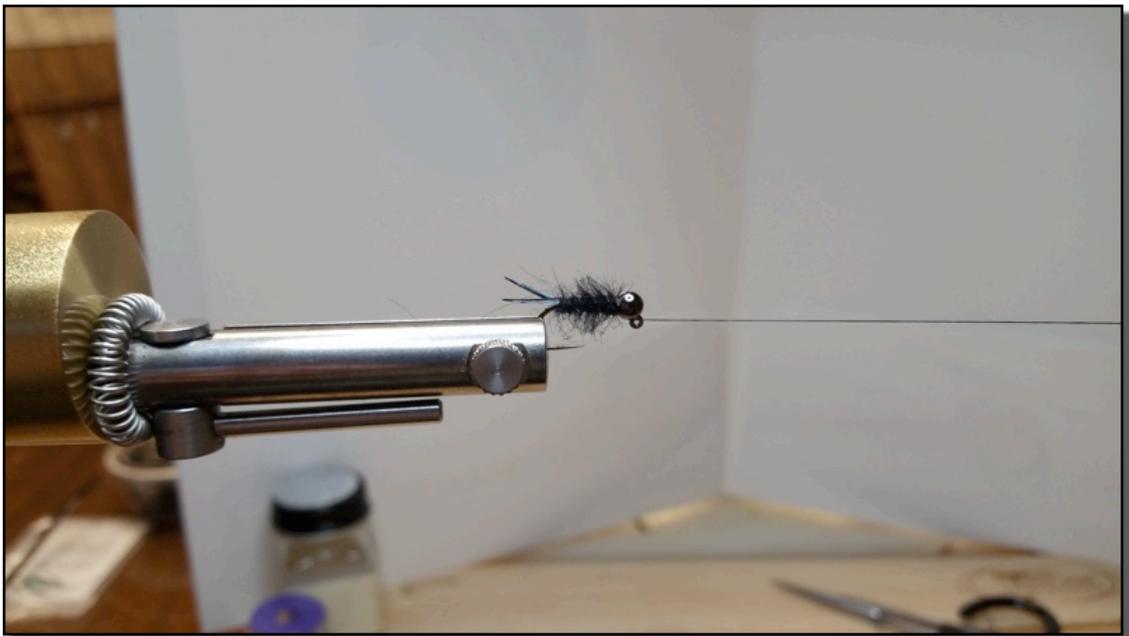


Attach the bead.



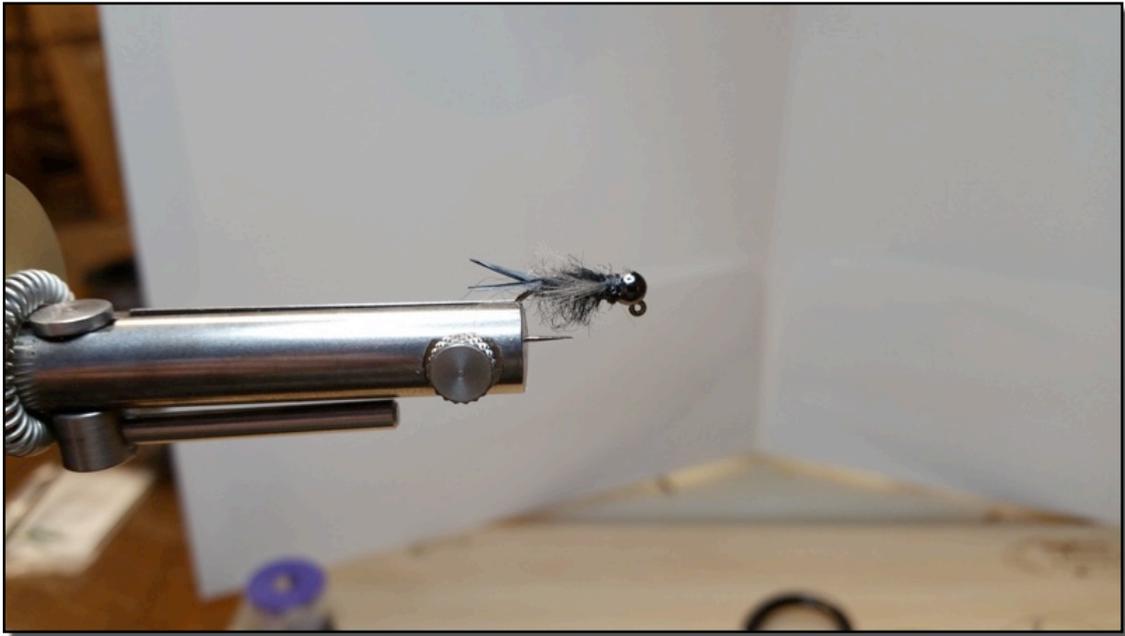


Tie in the black wire rib and wrap forward.



Wind on the black dubbing.





Tie in the leg material.

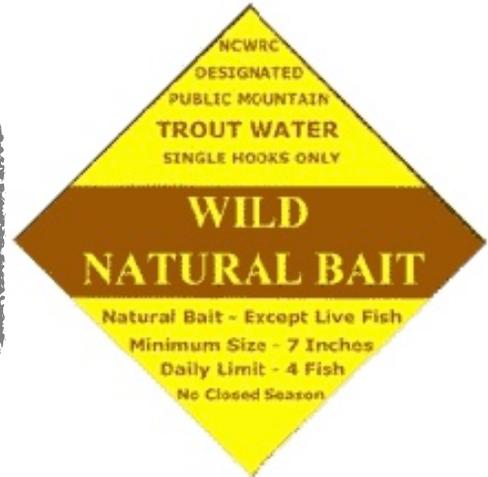


Two finished nymphs.



Regulation Reminders

Wild Trout: Natural Bait Waters These streams, except as noted in the detailed regulations, may be fished with artificial lures or natural bait, except live fish. Lures and natural baits are restricted to one single hook. The minimum length limit is seven inches, and the daily creel limit is four trout. Streams are marked with brown-and-gold signs as shown at right. No closed season.



Special Regulation Trout Waters These streams are marked with white-and-red signs. Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Some Public Mountain Trout Waters running through or adjacent to certain cities or towns may be further classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. See detailed regulations for further information regarding Special Trout Regulation Waters. No closed season.



Please Read the Detailed Fishing Regulations for More Information



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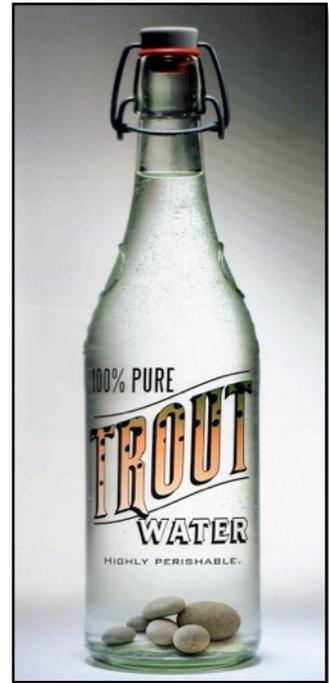
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December Hatches

INSECT	EMERGENCE	PATTERN
Blue Quill / Blue Winged Olive	Afternoon	18-24 Adams 18-24 Blue Wing Olive
Early Dark Stoneflies	All Day	18 Turkey Tail Nymph 18 Early Brown Stonefly
Diptera Midge	Afternoon	18-22 Griffiths Gnat 18-24 Olive or Gray Midge
Micro Caddis	All Day	20-24 Bright Green or Black Elk Hair Caddis

