

June 11, 2010

All Vanguard TU Members,

Vanguard Chapter TU is a sponsor for the Gear Restriction proposal for Paint Creek. It's important that the sponsors for this proposal to be well represented at the **DRNE Public Meeting for the Lake Erie Management Unit, Wednesday, June 23rd, 7:00PM at the Rochester City Hall Auditorium, 1000 Rochester Hills Dr., Rochester Hills.**

In preparation for the public meeting, I met by teleconference the other leaders of the proposal sponsors to discuss strategies for the public meeting.

At this initial meeting we discussed the following:

- How are we going to rally our membership to attend the public meeting?
- Are there any aspects to the current provisionally approved proposal that we would like revised?
 - Minimum size limits, currently the DNRE is proposing 10" for all species
 - Minimum size limits for different species, i.e. 10" brook trout, 15" rainbows & browns
- Stream length of proposal, currently it's ~3.7 miles, Silver Bell to Tienken.
- How are we going to placate or win over those opposed to our proposal that this will have very little effect on current Paint Creek fishing opportunities?
- What resistance should we be prepared to address from opposition to our proposal?
- Any other concerns that could cast our proposal in a negative light?
- Any additional recommendations to be added to our proposal?
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I have it on pretty good authority (Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director of Michigan Trout Unlimited) that if we come prepared and in **big numbers**, our chances of having this proposal reach final approval are very good. FYI, the anticipated next steps for approved proposals are signature approval in September by DNRE Director Becky Humphries and

implementation by April 2011.

We have a meeting of the general memberships of the sponsoring organizations (CRWC, VCTU, CCTU, CVCTU, PYCTU, MFFC, & FFF) on **Wednesday, June 16th at the RHEEC (Rochester Hills Environmental Education Center) @ 7:00PM**. This meeting will give us an opportunity to discuss our strategy, to get additional feedback and suggestions from our collective memberships and rally our troops.

I will have copies of our proposal at the meeting or, if you email me at tquail@michigantu.org, I'll email you the Paint Creek Proposal. The DNRE recommendation can be viewed at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Review-Michigan-Trout-Streams-for-Gear-Regulations_322301_7.pdf

Please plan on coming to Wednesday evening's meeting. Remember, it's this **Wednesday, June 16th at the RHEEC (Rochester Hills Environmental Education Center) @ 7:00PM**.

Thanks,
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