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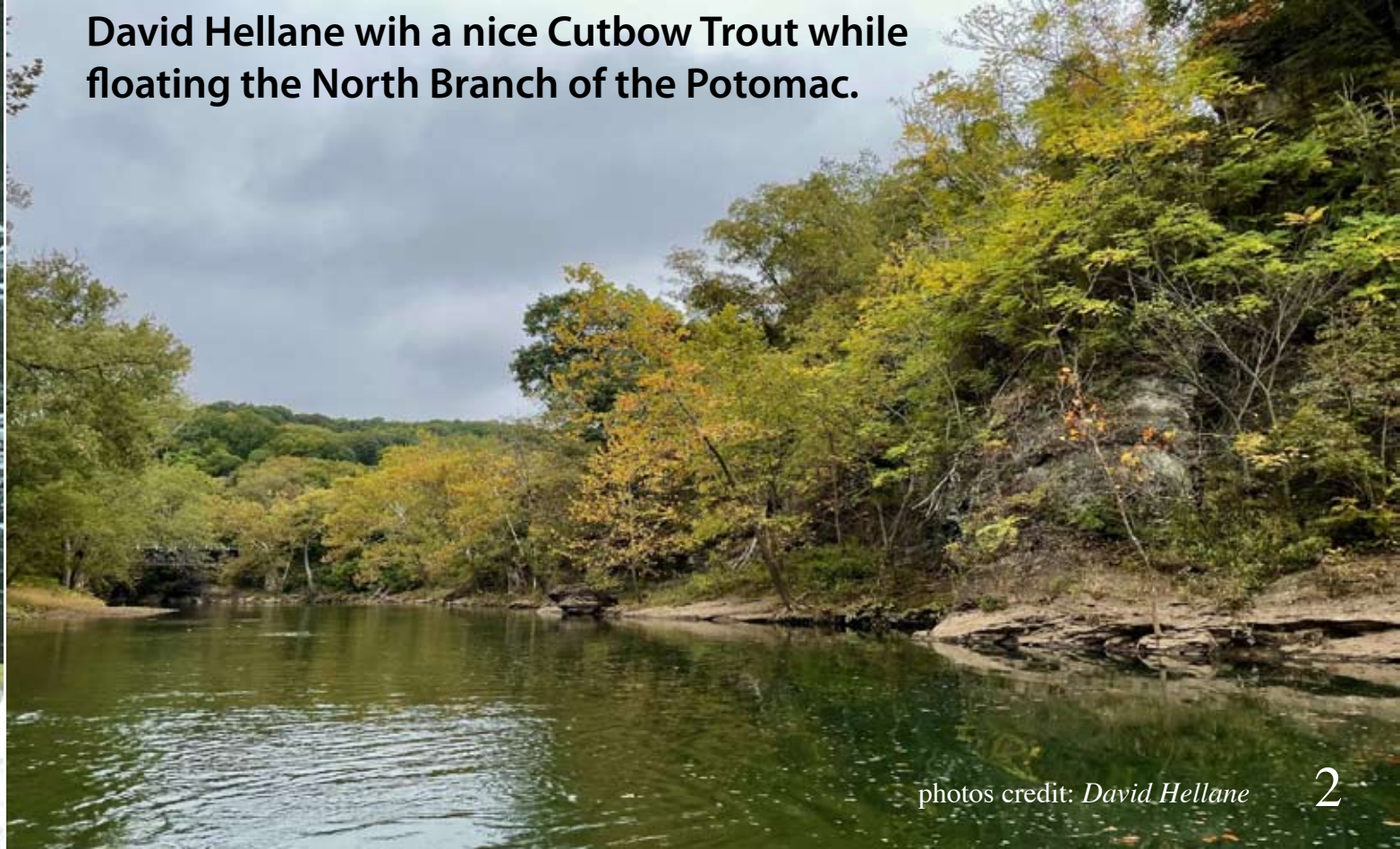
Sandy Robinson –Fund Raising



Ken Oldham fishing that dam slippery Savage River.



David Hellane with a nice Cutbow Trout while floating the North Branch of the Potomac.



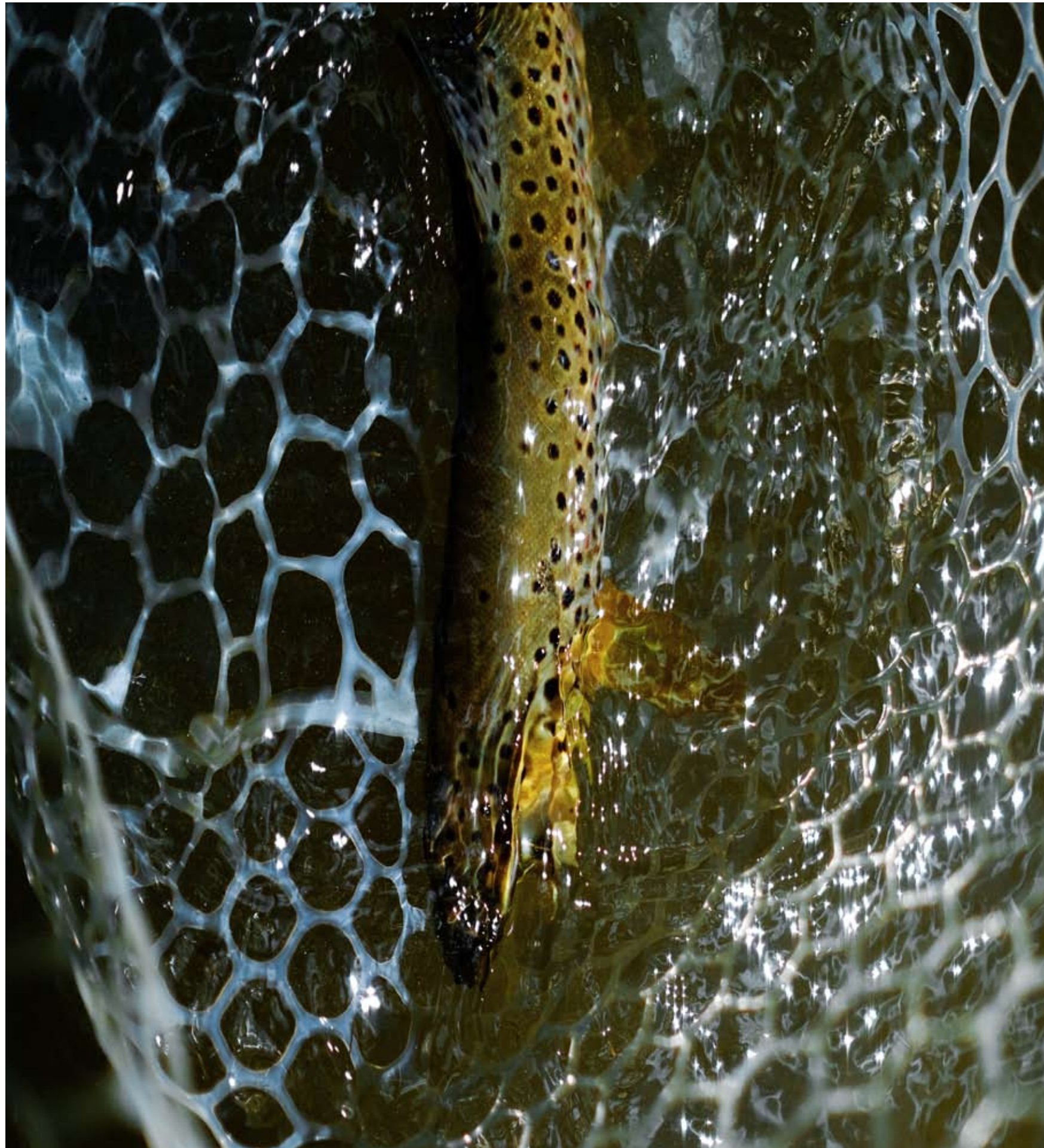
Antietam Fly Anglers Minutes:

Ben John, the head guide at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop, now owned by Precision Fly & Tackle out of Pennsylvania. Ben discussed the vision of the new owner, Justin, and how they plan to work with the local fly fishing groups. He discussed his approach to guiding, his fishing background and interests, including his upcoming guided trips to PA for Steelhead. Contact him if you are interested. He also donated two used Scott rods for AFA use, four Precision Fly & Tackle hats, and a stack of Precision stickers. We thanked him for coming to our meeting.





Darren Wishard with a nice brown



"I continually read of men who said that they could be just as happy not catching trout as catching them. To me, that even then sounded pious nonsense, and rather more of an excuse than a statement of fact....No, I want to get them, and every time I slip on a wader, and put up a fly, it is with this in mind.

*—Brian Clarke, *The Pursuit of the Stillwater Trout* (1975)*

Antietam Fly Anglers Calendar:

October 21—Swap meet. Bring your extra gear, flies, and fly fishing “presents” to trade, sell, or give away. Also, there will be a roundtable discussion of fishing adventures from the past year.

October 30—Last Adopt-A-Highway pick up. Meet at 9 am at the fly shop parking lot.

November 18—Michael T. Kashiwagi, Western II Regional Fisheries Manager, MD DNR

December 16—No meeting

January 21, February 16, March 16, May 19: TBD

**March 5, 6: Lancaster Fly Fishing Show
<https://flyfishingshow.com/lancaster-pa/>**

Antietam Fly Anglers Calendar:

**March 19: Maryland Fly Fishing and Collectible Show
<https://marylandflyfishingshow.com/>**

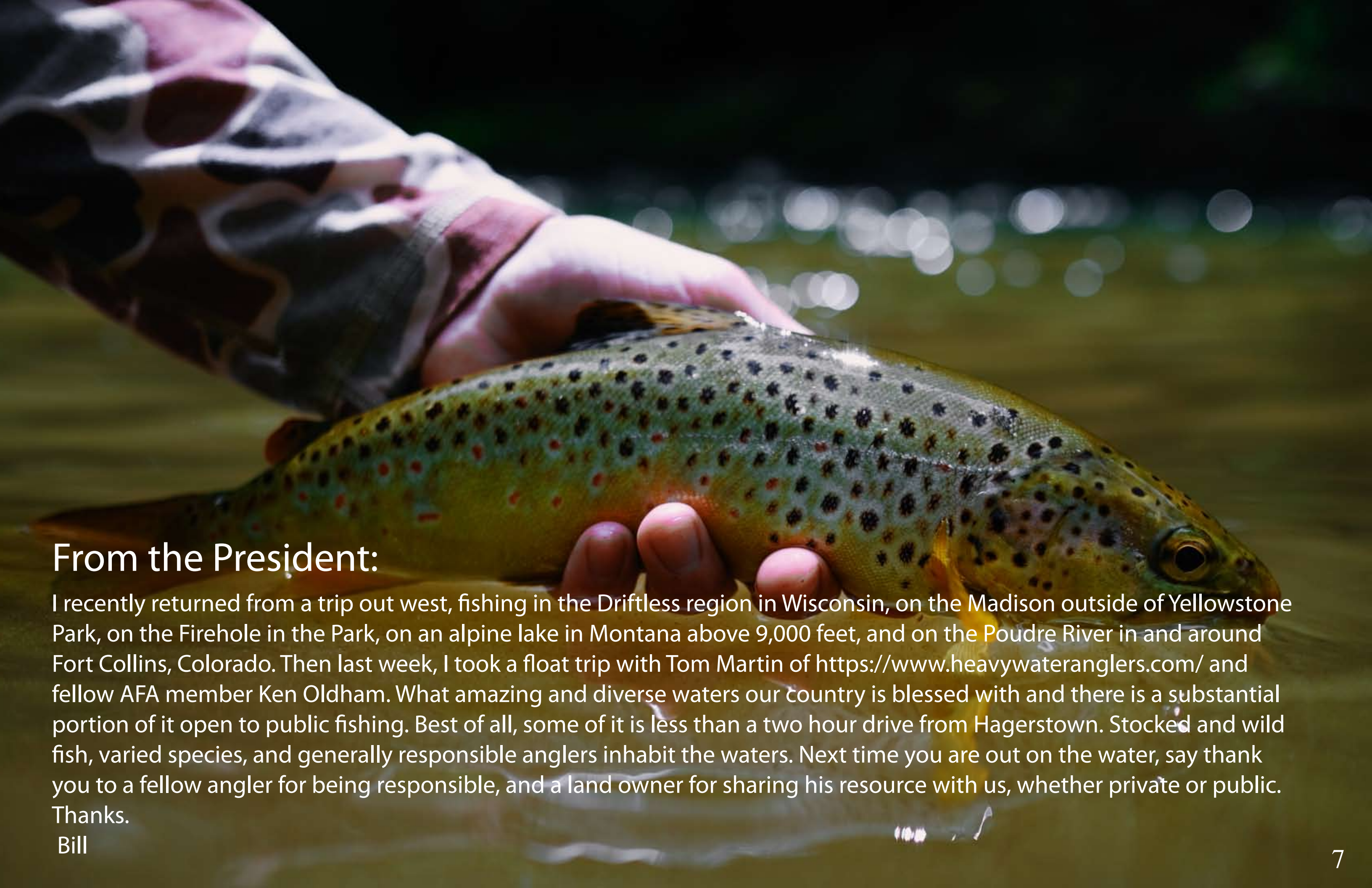
April 2022—First Adopt-A-Highway clean up this month

April 15—No meeting

April 30—Fly Casters’ Rendezvous

May 19—TBD

June 16—Fishing at Mt. Aetna pond



From the President:

I recently returned from a trip out west, fishing in the Driftless region in Wisconsin, on the Madison outside of Yellowstone Park, on the Firehole in the Park, on an alpine lake in Montana above 9,000 feet, and on the Poudre River in and around Fort Collins, Colorado. Then last week, I took a float trip with Tom Martin of <https://www.heavywateranglers.com/> and fellow AFA member Ken Oldham. What amazing and diverse waters our country is blessed with and there is a substantial portion of it open to public fishing. Best of all, some of it is less than a two hour drive from Hagerstown. Stocked and wild fish, varied species, and generally responsible anglers inhabit the waters. Next time you are out on the water, say thank you to a fellow angler for being responsible, and a land owner for sharing his resource with us, whether private or public. Thanks.

Bill

AFA information:

Just a reminder.

**Don't forget to support your local
fly shops:**

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Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333

White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

The Feathered Hook Fly Shop 814-349-8757

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