

Mid Atlantic Policy Update

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Why is Policy & Advocacy Important?



Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better.



-Dr. Suess,
The Lorax

Coalitions Trout Unlimited is Active with in PA



- ✦ Healing Our Waters: Great Lakes
- ✦ Choose Clean Water: Chesapeake Bay
- ✦ Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed
 - Steering Committee
- ✦ Growing Greener Coalition
- ✦ Our Pocono Waters
- ✦ PA Sportsmen & Women Policy Workgroup
 - Co-Chair

Why is this important? = Partnerships

State Advocacy Focuses for 2023



- ✍ PFBC
 - Stream Designations
 - Fish Stocking
 - Multiple License Fee bills
 - Commissioner Seats
- ✍ Permits from DEP/SRBC/DRBC/ other that threaten trout streams.
- ✍ Legislative Bills that affect coldwater fisheries
 - Dedicated clean water funding in PA
 - Support for PFBC issues & independence
 - Access and opportunity for all

Federal Advocacy Focuses for 2023









- ✍ Farm Bill
- ✍ Abandon Mine Land Reclamation/ Acid Mine Drainage issues
- ✍ Hills Days:
 - March 2023 – Chesapeake issues
 - March 2023 – Delaware Issues
 - March 2023 – Great Lakes Issues
 - April 2023 – TU Trustees hill day
- ✍ Upcoming opportunities:
 - Trout Unlimited Delaware River Basin Hill Day
 - October 23-24, 2023
 - Please reach out to me if you live in the DRB and have interest!

- 🐟 Upcoming
 - 10/11/2023 – Philadelphia
 - 11/21/2023 - Virtual Training
- 🐟 Completed
 - 3/2023 – Monroe County
 - 8/2023 – Lehigh Valley (canceled due to lack of signups)
 - Request advocacy trainings in your area!

- ✦ Trout Unlimited sent opposition letter to the General Assembly. We also signed on to the following letters:
 - PA Sportsmen & Women Policy Workgroup
 - Growing Greener Coalition
 - Choose Clean Water/ CDRW – joint letter (Pending)
- ✦ **YOU** can make a difference for conservation funding in PA. We highly encourage you to make a 5minute phone call on Monday to tell your legislators to not risk PA's Pittman-Robertson Funding.
- ✦ **Sign-up during lunch to receive a fact sheet on HB 1300 for use during your opposition call with your legislator.**

How do I get involved?

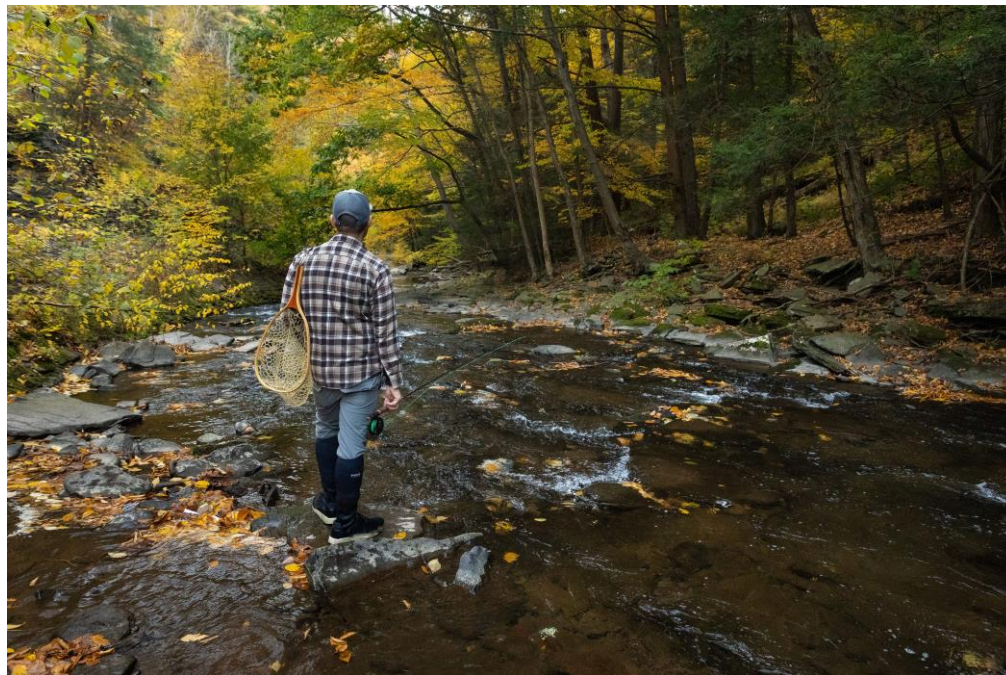


-  Action Alerts
-  Writing Public Comment Letters
-  Phone calls to your legislators
-  Join advocacy efforts (reach out to me to be put on my list of go-to advocates
 - Hill Day in Harrisburg coming up in March/April 2024
-  Learn how to track issues that matter to you.
-  Follow TU Mid Atlantic Policy on Social Media

Priority Waters Advocacy and Outreach Organizer



Shout Outs



How can we be more effective?



How and where do we find the bridge to more effective advocacy and better communications?





Questions?

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