West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited



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West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited Elects New Leadership

New leaders committed to conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fisheries

CHARLESTON, **W.Va**. – The West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited (WVCTU), which oversees a sportsman's network of more than 1,500 volunteers and seven local chapters committed to Trout Unlimited's (TU) mission in West Virginia, recently elected new officers.

The new officers elected at an October meeting of the WVCTU Executive Committee are as follows: Brad Riffee from Doddridge Co, West Virginia, will serve as Council Chairman; Nathan Justice from Spencer, West Virginia, will serve as Vice-Chair North; Roman Stauffer from Charleston, West Virginia, will serve as West Virginia's representative on the National Leadership Council; Larry Orr, from Elkview, West Virginia, will serve as Treasurer; and Eric Condon from Charleston, West Virginia will serve as Secretary. The position of Vice-Chair South will be filled at a later date. During Brad's tenure as Council Chairman, Trout Unlimited in West Virginia has flourished. His enthusiasm in pursuing TU's mission was evident in the relationships he fostered among local and national TU organizations as well as between TU and state agencies such as West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR) and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP). These relationships have resulted in several collaborative projects benefitting West Virginia's fisheries and the communities that surround them.

"I am excited to serve in this role and work with grassroots members of Trout Unlimited across West Virginia to clean up streams and waterways, protect cold streams and rivers, and teach kids about responsible stewardship and good fishing," said Brad Riffee, Council Chairman of the WVCTU.

The WVCTU is committed to the TU mission of conserving, protecting, and restoring our coldwater fisheries and watersheds in West Virginia. WVCTU comprises fishermen and women with a passion for giving back to the resources that provide so much enjoyment for us all. Trout fishing provides a significant economic impact to West Virginia and the clean water they live in is the state's most important natural resource.

Learn more or get involved in the WVCTU by visiting the website www.wvcouncil.tu.org

Trout Unlimited is the nation's oldest and largest coldwater fisheries conservation organization dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon and their watersheds. Follow TU on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>, and visit us online at <u>tu.org</u>.