



# Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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**Minutes of three conference calls conducted Jan. 8, 9 and 10, 2013, by Rick Murphree, council chair.**

**Chapters represented:** **Appalachian**, Steve Fry; **Cherokee**, Lori Paris, Allen Robbins; **Clinch River**, Dick Geiger, Frances Oates; **Cumberland**, Roger Hamiter; **Delta**, Jack Betchick; **Great Smoky Mountains**, Rick Murphree; **Little River**, Mike Bryant; **Overmountain**, Ron Harrington.

**Not represented: Hiwassee.**

Rick Murphree asked all chapters to send him contact information along with dates of upcoming meetings and events, as he wants to distribute a contact list and a master calendar.

There was extensive discussion of an Army Corps of Engineers plan to restrict access immediately below 10 of its dams including Center Hill, where the Corps proposes to close 700 feet of the Caney Fork except for bank access. Public information meetings have been scheduled. The proposal is not a conservation issue, but it would affect coldwater access; more information will be sought for the Feb. 2 meeting.

Possible closings of federal hatcheries continue to be discussed; Murphree reported that U.S. Fish & Wildlife had written TVA saying that if TVA won't pay its share of the costs, Fish & Wildlife won't continue stocking TVA waterways.

The deadline for chapters to file Form 990 is Feb. 15, Murphree said. If gross receipts are less than \$50,000, this can be done with Form 990-N, a postcard; all chapters are required to file.

Lori Paris of Cherokee Chapter offered other chapters her PowerPoint presentation on Trout in the Classroom.

Regarding the annual Casting for Recovery retreat April 12-14, both Allan Robbins and Roger Hamiter expressed concern about the small number of women served and the high cost of the accommodations. Murphree agreed that the cost was high and suggested having Lindsay Long, East Tennessee program coordinator, attend the Feb. 2 meeting to discuss the program.

Roger Hamiter said that in Middle Tennessee, work with wounded warriors is being done by the Federation of Fly Fishers. Allan Robbins of Cherokee responded that his chapter is using Project Healing Waters as its venue for working with disabled veterans; Dick Geiger added that Clinch River and Great Smoky Mountains chapters are at work on a new PHW program.

The semiannual coldwater meeting will be Feb. 2 at the TVA West Tower; Tennessee Council will meet afterward at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Northshore Drive. Other upcoming events include the March 8 Fly Fishing Film Tour at Relix Variety

Theatre, Knoxville; the Southeast Regional Meeting on March 23 in Glade Spring, West Virginia; and the TU national annual meeting Sept. 27-29 in Middleton, Wisconsin.