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# **The Eastern Brook Trout Newsletter**



A partnership between  
Trout Unlimited  
And the  
Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture  
Together with all who value  
Brook Trout  
And the Habitat Quality it Represents



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### **Important:**

***Your Response Needed!***

**In response to grassroots feedback, future issues of this newsletter will be directly emailed to TU members and agency leaders.**

**This method puts this information to the hands of brook trout leaders and volunteers directly .**

**You must respond to an upcoming email request to sign up for direct distribution.**

**Due to spamming ethics, only one request will be sent.**

## A message from the editor

Brook trout have certainly become the focus of attention in the Eastern United States. The success of two recent regional meetings attests to the level of interest in brook trout restoration. These regional meetings served twelve eastern brook trout states and were attended by TU volunteers and agency personnel who demonstrate the working relationships needed for healthy, fishable populations of brook trout throughout its eastern range.

What did both of these meetings have in common? The answer is Brook Trout. The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV) and TU's Back the Brookie role have become the hottest cold water conservation partnership in the east. Alongside of the effort to save Atlantic salmon, this initiative is the biggest TU effort east of the Mississippi River. (see the attached regional reports to learn more about regional get-togethers)

The Back the Brookie (BTB) Campaign has set the stage for TU's comprehensive participation in the EBTJV. Each state within the Joint Venture's range has a Trout Unlimited Brook Trout Coordinator. No matter where your chapter is located there is something to do for BT restoration.

If you are near brook trout water you may have a special stream deserving of a Conservation Project that will enhance the watershed. TU and the

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JV stand ready to support your well thought efforts.

If you're in a metropolitan or suburban area you can help the cause by creating, or joining up with, an advocacy network to see that local, state and federal laws work on the conservation principle that *what is good for brook trout is good for humankind*.

Regardless of where you are located, you may want to focus on an education project to take the word about native fish, and habitat enhancement, and clean air and water to your schools or other community groups. Three very high quality DVD's are available for civic groups, chapter presentations, and school programs. Tennessee has developed school curriculum to go along with its program, and all of TU can be proud of this effort. Virginia's and New Hampshire's DVD products provide moving testimonials to the value and fragility of the brook trout heritage. Contact [gberti@tu.org](mailto:gberti@tu.org) for more information about any of these priceless productions.

Conservation, Education, Advocacy and Development; these are the components of Back the Brookie which is now a growing, important piece of the EBTJV. All of us need to decide, and act on, how we are going to be players in this Joint Venture, the premier initiative in the National Fish Habitat Action Plan ([www.fishhabitat.org](http://www.fishhabitat.org))

Now is the time to make a difference. Someday you will be able to take a son, daughter or grandchild to a brook trout stream and proudly tell them "They are here because of me" and with that simple statement hand down both the legacy of brook trout fishing and your conservation ethic.

Tight Lines,  
***Marcia***

## **TU Welcomes Elizabeth Maclin as Eastern Conservation Director** Will direct TU's Brook Trout Program and Coldwater Conservation Programs

In February, Elizabeth Maclin joined Trout Unlimited as the new eastern conservation director—leading TU's efforts from Georgia to Maine to protect, reconnect, and restore habitat for eastern brook trout. Prior to TU, Elizabeth spent eight years at American Rivers developing and implementing the organization's dam removal and river restoration programs, which included directing a staff of eight and managing a budget of \$1.5 million. Elizabeth received a B.A. in biology from Colby College in 1993 and an M.B.A. and M.S. in natural resource policy from the University of Michigan in 1998. She grew up in northern Virginia, where she spent as much time as possible on, in, or near rivers.

One of Elizabeth's first steps is to develop TU's Eastern Conservation Strategy with input from the leaders and members who work on the ground to make eastern conservation successful. In the coming months, Elizabeth will be contacting chapters, councils and conservation leadership to gain perspective and develop context. With your input and guidance, she hopes to have a framework in place by the national meeting in September. Elizabeth is based out of the national TU office in Arlington, VA and can be reached at [emaclin@tu.org](mailto:emaclin@tu.org) or 703.284.9437. Feel free to contact her about any of your ongoing or future projects, if you have thoughts and ideas about TU's Eastern Conservation Strategy, or to invite her fishing!

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### **Miscellaneous Items:**

**2008 EBTJV Funding:** The 2008 EBTJV requests for proposals for Brook Trout Habitat Improvement projects will be posted in June. The deadline for submittal will be in August, dates to be determined. The RFP will be similar to past years programs, but some changes may occur. Check the EBTJV website [www.easternbrooktrout.net](http://www.easternbrooktrout.net) for the details.

**Brook Trout Photos:** TU and the EBTJV are collecting photos of Brook Trout for use in documents, educational materials and outreach efforts. If you have photos which you don't mind sharing with the public, please contact Gary Berti at [gberti@tu.org](mailto:gberti@tu.org).

**Newsletter Items:** Marcia Woolman is constantly searching for material to put in these newsletters. If you or your chapter, or your agency has news you would like to share please send it to Marcia .

**See you on the stream.**