



# THE KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHER



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## Cumberland Brown



Cumberland River continues to prove its as a premier trout fishery. See article on page 3 for more details.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – board meeting @ [Corner Cafe](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – show planning meeting @ Aero Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - monthly meeting @ [Louisville Nature Center](#)

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – DCFF fly tying @ Bass Pro Shop

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All summer outdoor monthly meetings are held @ [Long Run Park](#). All club outings are open to all paid DCFF members. We welcome visitors to all our meetings. For more information about Derby City Fly Fishers, visit [www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com).

## October 18th Meeting

6 p.m. - Fly Casting Practice & Tying Demonstrations

7 p.m. – Ray Zavada

“Fly Fishing Chile”

## Upcoming Outings

November 2nd – Kentucky Fish & Wild Life Committee Meetings 8:30 a.m. Fisheries Committee Meeting (Pat Carroll 502-893-8063 - Trip Coordinator), Department of Fish & Wildlife Headquarters, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY

November 4th – Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers Banquet (Piper Turner 502-893-8063 - Trip Coordinator).

November 5th - [Dix River, KY](#) (Trout - David Campbell 502-292-2629 - Trip Coordinator). Limited to the first seven to register.

November 10-11th – Derby City Fly Fishers’ “Kings of the Cumberland” Fly Fishing Contest. Gerry McDaniel & Gary Garth challenge Pat Carroll & Macauley Lord.

All club outings are open to all DCFF members who have paid their 2006 dues.

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## DCFF President's Corner – “Trying to understand” by Larry Drake

As a conservation group, DCFF has been asking for a Catch-and-Release area on the Cumberland River for over two years. As of this date, we haven't gotten very far. What I don't understand is why any sportsman would be against a Catch-and-Release area.

I have attended several Fish and Wild Life meetings and fishing clubs and I have never heard what I think is a good reason to not have a Catch-and -Release area.

Here are some of the reasons that people have given me in the past two years:

It's a social thing - I don't know about a social thing, but I think it is about math. If you take one trout out, then that is one less trout you would be able to catch again.

It couldn't be enforced - I would be enforced like any law. Most people obey the law, because it is the law. Most of the Fish and Wile Life laws are hard to enforce.

Wait to see if the slot limit works - We know that the slot limit works, what does that have to with a Catch-and Release area?

My grandson couldn't keep trout at our cabin - This would be a good way to teach your grandson about conservation. That would leave 75 miles of the river where he could keep trout.

Some of the locals wouldn't like it - Anytime a new regulation is passed there will be some people oppose it. At Helms Landing, where we would like to have the Catch-and-Release area, I don't think there would be that much opposition to it.

The first part of November we will meet with the Fisheries Commission about a three mile Catch-and-Release area at Helms Landing on the Cumberland River. Anyone that would like more information or would like to support us in this undertaking, please contact me at our October meeting or e-mail me at [larrydrake@bellsouth.net](mailto:larrydrake@bellsouth.net)

**See page 8 for important proposed changes to DCFF by-laws.**

<u>2007 Slate of Officers &amp;</u>	<u>Directors</u>
President	Phil Kirkland
Immediate Past President	Larry Drake
Vice President	
Secretary	Stuart & Mary Pat Emery
Treasurer	Frank Bizzell
Education Director	
Membership Director	Carla & Bernie Rauen
Conservation Director	Pat Carroll
Programs Director	Mark Vincent
Trips Director	Barry Chafin
Raffles Director	Gerald McDaniel
Editor Director	Piper Turner
Webmaster Director	Dave Campbell
Marketing Director	Scott DeWeese

## Vote early ... Vote often

It's time for our officer and director elections.

Many thanks to our current board members. Their investment of their time and talents has helped make DCFF a better club. We look forward to other members giving of their time and talents as we build a great fly fishing club. Vice President and Education Director positions are open. Let Larry Drake know if you are interested. Write-in candidates are welcome.

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## DCFF Member Austin Gruner Ties a Deer Hair Moth



## DCFF Member and Cumberland Guide Gerry McDaniel catches his largest Rainbow Trout Monday October 9, 2006 7 lb. 26.5" long!

Gerry's day last Monday began with planting a balled cypress. His task was completed sooner than he expected and he, as any good fisherman would with extra time, headed to the Cumberland River. He began fishing at Traces on the Cumberland with a fish on his first cast. He caught 15 – 20 fish just below the sand bar below Traces. He drifted past the sand bar, then pulled up behind the sand bar and fished it like he was wading. During the high water of the last few weeks, the trout have been hard to catch. Now the trout are on the feed. Gerry was fishing a large terrestrial dry fly with a Pheasant Tail dropper about four to five feet down. Between 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Gerry caught 40 fish. One was the 7 lb. 26.5" long rainbow trout – his largest rainbow on the Cumberland River ever!

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November 15th - 6 p.m. – fly tying demonstrations – 7 p.m. DCFF Monthly Meeting – Dane Law "Southeastern Anglers Favorite Drift Boat Trips in the South East" @ Louisville Nature Center

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## Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Planning Meetings

Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Planning Meetings are scheduled for November 8, December 13, and January 10 at the Aero Club at 6:30 p.m. Working on this committee is a great way to learn more about the fly fishing community, your fellow members, and have a good time bringing this outstanding show to Kentuckiana. Call David Campbell 502-939-9717 to volunteer.

## Dix Outing November 5th

Meet at Southeast Christian Church parking lot adjacent to Blankenbaker just North of exit 17 from I-64 at 5:45 a.m. We will travel to Burgin, KY (Northeast of Harrodsburg) and cross the Ky. Utilities E.W. Brown Power Plant property to access Dix River. We will be fishing about 3/4 mile stretch between the dam and the spillway. There is some wading available but the river is best fished from some kind of craft. Bring pontoons, belly boats, canoes, or kayaks. We will fish until dark or until everyone wants to leave. We must all leave at the same time. Due to the liabilities of being on power plant property and the limited space, this trip will be limited to the first 7 persons to commit and limited to 4 vehicles so we must carpool. Register by calling David Campbell 502-292-2629 or [n2mybacking@bellsouth.net](mailto:n2mybacking@bellsouth.net). However, if you have a boat, you can put in the KY river at High Bridge ramp and motor (about 2 miles) up the Dix. In this case, you are on your own.



Macauley Lord teaches DCFE member Dave Elliott the finer points of fly casting.

## Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show January 27, 2007

Macauley Lord and many of our 2006 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show vendors are planning to make our 2007 show even better. We will again have some of the premier fly fishing casting instructors, fly tiers, authors, guides, and shops in the country scheduled. We have moved our show to the Holiday Inn Louisville I-65 South Airport, 2715 Fern Valley Road, Hotel Front Desk: 1-502-964-3311 | Hotel Fax: 1-502-966-4874. The Holiday Inn will set-up, provide food, and clean up after the show freeing us to enjoy the show and fellowship with other fly fishers. Contact David Campbell, Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Chairman (502-939-9717), to volunteer or sign up for a table top booth.

## Let your voice be heard at the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting November 2nd

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## Seventh Annual Fly Tying Expo

The Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will host the 7th Annual Fly Tying Exposition at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Michigan on Saturday, December 2, 2006. The expo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 100 tiers will be on hand this year to demonstrate their fly tying skills. We are pleased to announce Royce Dam from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin will again be joining us this year as one of our featured tiers. Royce is a master fly tyer with over fifty years of fly tying experience and is the 1994 Federation of Fly Fishers Buz Buszek Award recipient. The Buszek Award is the Federation's most prestigious fly tying award. Royce will be joined by Buszek Award recipients Jeff ABear Andrews and Chris Helm. Returning talents also include Dennis Potter, Rusty Gates, Ray Schmidt, Dick Walle, Julie Nielsen, Chris Soule, Oscar Feliu and many others.

Fly tiers will be tying a vast selection of patterns including trout flies, bass bugs, saltwater flies, streamers, emergers, dries, wets, and others. Once again, tiers will have the opportunity to sell their flies and fly tying associated goods from their table. The area for vendors will be greatly expanded with vendors offering a wide variety of fly tying, fly fishing and related products.

A number of events will be featured throughout the day including door prizes, silent auctions, bucket raffle, and a live auction during the lunch hour. There will also be an instruction table for individuals to tie their first fly.

There is a modest admission fee for the event: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13-18; children 12 and under are free. Contact Dorothy Schramm to nominate a tier for the event at (231) 869-54876 or [jdschramm@oceana.net](mailto:jdschramm@oceana.net). Visit the GLC website for the latest information at [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org).

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## Planning the Future for Kentucky's Fish and Wildlife Meeting Schedule

### Regional Public Stakeholder Meetings

Tuesday, October 17th

UK Research & Education Center, 1205 Hopkinsville Street,  
Princeton, KY (WK Pkwy, exit 13 to Princeton and 91 S approx 1.5 mi. to  
Research Center on left.)

Wednesday, October 18th

Campbellsville University, Old dining hall, Campbellsville, KY

Thursday, October 19th

Franklin County Extension Office, 101 Lakeview Court  
Frankfort, KY (460 E toward Georgetown, left on Steadmantown Lane, left  
on Lakeview Court.)

Public Stakeholder Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and go to 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.

**Let your voice be heard.**

**KDFWR asks for your help in planning for Kentucky's future.**

Go to <http://fw.ky.gov/susurvey.aspx?sid=2> to take the following survey.

### KDFWR Planning For The Future Survey

Email address and name are optional. You can receive future KY Planning the Future surveys, updates, and plan review if you check the box on the form.

Help us identify critical problems, issues or challenges in any or all of these issue areas, in addition, identify a way the department and you might be able to see if KDFWR is making progress on the issue. The second half of this survey asks you to critique the draft examples of vision, core values and mission statement for the department.

This information will be read by the top management team in the department and will be used to make decision about the future direction.

#### Habitat Issues (2 questions)

Identify critical habitat issues the department needs to address: \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a sign of success for progress in the area of habitat?

#### Population Issues (2 questions)

Identify critical Fish and wildlife population issues the department needs to address: \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a sign of success for progress in the area of fish and wildlife populations?

## **KDFWR Planning For The Future Survey** (Continued from previous page)

### **Outdoor Recreation Issues** (2 questions)

Identify critical outdoor recreation issues the department needs to address: \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a sign of success for progress in the area of outdoor recreation?

### **Funding Issues** (2 questions)

Identify critical funding issues the department needs to address: \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a sign of success for progress in the area of funding?

### **Partnership Issues** (2 questions)

Identify critical partnership issues as well as critical partners for the department: \_\_\_\_\_

What would be a sign of success for progress in the area of successful partnerships?

### **Other Issues** (2 questions)

What other issues that do not fit well into a category do you want to tell us about?

What would be a sign of success for progress in the area of that issue?

### **Vision, Value & Mission**

We are developing a Vision Statement, a list of Core Values and a Mission Statement for the KDFWR. These statements will be important elements of our new Strategic Plan. Below for each is a short definition and the draft statement. Please provide us your comments and suggestions.

**Draft Vision Statement:** A vision statement describes the aspirations and ideal future for KDFWR.

"The department strives to 1) create a healthy and sustainable habitat for fish and wildlife resources in all areas of the Commonwealth; 2) obtain a stable and long-term funding source; 3) stop the decline of our client base and expand the number of hunters, anglers, trappers and wildlife watchers to reflect Kentucky's diverse and changing population; and 4) provide for safe and easy-to-get-to access to wildlife and boating recreational opportunities in all 120 Kentucky counties."

How should it be changed to better describe the people of Kentucky's vision for the future or its natural resources?

**Draft Core Values:** Core values are the fundamental ethical, moral, and professional business beliefs that guide decisions for KDFWR.

"Fair Chase; Partners in Conservation and Recreation; Bi-Partisan and Independent Leadership; Professional Service and Integrity; and Responsible Stewardship of Resources."

How should it be changed to better describe the values of the department and people of Kentucky?

**Draft Mission Statement:** A mission statement describes the fundamental reason for KDFWR to exist, its core purpose.

"The mission of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is to manage--through partnerships, science, education, and employee expertise--the fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for present and future generations to enjoy."

How should it be changed to better describe the department's mission?

What else do you want to tell us about?

The job of trustee for fish and wildlife is huge and we thank you for taking the time to help the KDFWR with issue identification. Your help is essential to preserving our wildlife heritage.

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## Board of Directors proposes changes to the DCFF By-laws

The Board of Directors proposes the below changes to the By-Laws of Derby City Fly Fishers. The changes will be reviewed at the October membership meeting and voted upon at the November 2006 meeting.

### Article 4, Section 3 – Quorum:

**Discussion:** This section requires that not less than 25% of the total membership be present to constitute a quorum for voting purposes. This is not always possible and can result in unnecessary delays in conducting club business. Changing the definition of a quorum would permit the board to conduct club business without undue delays.

#### Present By-Law: Article 4, Section 3 – Quorum:

A quorum for a meeting of DCFF for the purpose of a vote will consist of not less than 25% of the Total Membership.

#### Proposed Change to Article 4, Section 3 – Quorum:

A quorum for a meeting of DCFF for the purpose of a vote will consist of not less than 10% of the Total Membership.

### Article 5, Section 1 – Officers:

**Discussion:** The Board would like to increase the number of directors to spread the workload and more efficiently administer the club. As the club has grown, new on-going needs have been identified that require additional directors. The Board proposes adding a Webmaster and Marketing Director. Also, for continuity as new presidents are elected, the Board would like to create an Immediate Past-President position so that the outgoing President can serve in a consulting capacity to facilitate the transition of the office of President.

#### Present By-Law: Article 5, Section 1 – Officers:

...The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) Officers and seven (7) Directors. The Directors will carry the titles of Membership Director, Programs Director, Raffles Director, Trips Director, Conservation Director, Education Director and Newsletter Editor...

#### Proposed Change to Article 5, Section 1 – Officers:

...The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) Officers and (9) Directors and one (1) Immediate Past-President position. . The Directors will carry the titles of Membership Director, Programs Director, Raffles Director, Trips Director, Conservation Director, Education Director, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Marketing Director...

### Article 5, Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities:

With the creation of two new directors and a Immediate Past-President position, duties and responsibilities must be included in the By-Laws.

#### Webmaster

- a. Will create, update, maintain, and manage all aspects of the DCFF website.
- b. For the purpose of posting, will gather or produce club pictures, articles, maps, and any other general club information that would promote the opinion and purpose of DCFF and/or be of interest or enjoyment to the general public, club members, and affiliates.
- c. Will publicize and promote the website as a central area of information and as a tool for event registration and reservation.
- d. Attend, whenever possible, all DCFF functions.

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## Marketing Director

- a. Create ideas for items that will promote DCFF and our conservation efforts for a vote before the DCFF Board of Directors.
- b. Supervise the distribution of all merchandise items through sales or give away.
- c. Keep a financial record of the purchase and sale of all merchandise and report the financial status at the monthly board meeting.
- d. Advertise and promote the club and club events and activities through various channels including display of flyers and business cards with merchants.
- e. Attend, whenever possible, all DCFF functions.

## Immediate Past-President

- a. Serve in a consulting capacity to facilitate the transition of the office of president and assist and support directors as needed.
- b. This person will be able to serve in this position during the full term of the new president at which time the new past president would take this position.
- c. The term could be extended if the new president resigns before one year of service or declines to serve in this position after his term has expired.
- d. Appointment to this position is at the discretion of the new president.
- e. This position would have voting rights on the board.
- f. Attend, whenever possible, all DCFF functions.

## Present By-Law: Article 5, Section 1 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(President - e., Vice President - c. and Treasurer – g.)

Along with other officers of the DCFF, sign all contracts and legal documents for, and in the name of, the DCFF, but only when authorized by the Board of Directors.

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## Salmon Fishing on the Pere Marquette River by Barry Chafin

I am always surprised when I land a salmon. Too many things can go wrong. Not only that, you have to do too many things right at the very moment when your heart races with excitement.

For one thing, the salmon weighs twenty-five pounds and your tippet is rated at eight pounds. Things would be better if the fish weighed only twenty pounds, but not much.

Your knots must be perfect. It almost does not matter that you have a nine-foot rod carrying a nine-weight line and a hundred yards of twenty-pound backing. The weak spot is that half-millimeter of mono where your fly is joined to the leader.

Let's say you do a lot of things right and a salmon takes your fly. He takes it with a calmness that is almost laid-back. You could be forgiven for thinking this is your chance of a lifetime. However, the proceedings have not begun yet. You pull on the rod to set the big salmon iron deep into his jaw. Then you hit him again, hard. He sits there and fins gently in the current. He is sulky and maybe that thing in his jaw is merely an irritant. You think, this isn't so bad. Then, in an instant, he makes up his mind and shoots off downstream like a heat-seeking missile. Your rod bends into a perfect bow. Your reel screams and you watch your line disappear with frightening speed. He runs for Lake Michigan, fifty miles away. You try to go with him to conserve line. With the grace of Baryshnikov you tour jeté from one rock to another. It will be a long while yet before you can gain line. He may be a leaper or he may not be. You will not know until he either leaps or he does not.

If this sounds exciting to you, it is a typical occurrence during the salmon run in the Pere Marquette River. This happens several times in the morning, then several times again in the afternoon.

Where: The Pere Marquette River is on the west side of Michigan, about halfway up the lower peninsula. It empties into Lake Michigan. Approximately eight and a half river-miles are designated flies-only, no-kill. This stretch of river begins at the route M-37 bridge at Baldwin and extends downstream to Gleason's Landing. The P.M. is wadeable. Also canoes, personal float craft and guided drift boats are common. The P.M. is a National Scenic River and motors are not allowed. The river is surrounded by low hills and the Manistee National Forest. The forest is mixed oak and pine. Deer are common, as are black squirrels and turkeys. I once saw five big pileated woodpeckers in one look.

The P.M. is a delight to wade. The bottom is gravel and stones over sand. It is easy footing. The flies-only stretch is mostly not over your waders. The current is moderate and smooth. The water is cold, clear and clean. Rainbow and brown trout inhabit the same water. Brook trout are landed, although rarely.

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**When:** King salmon run up the river from Lake Michigan. It is a spawning run. They reach the flies-only stretch about mid-September. The run comes in waves. Some days are better than others, but there are salmon in the river every day during the run. Usually by the second week of October it is finished. A coho salmon run often starts at the end of the king salmon run. The average king salmon is about twenty-five pounds. Some individual fish range to 30 or 40 pounds. I have seen the occasional, and Coho run smaller.

**Best Fly Shop:** Baldwin Bait & Tackle on M-37 south of town. You can call them toll free at 877-4-Baldwin or see their website FishBaldwin.com. They have first class local information, flies, tackle. They also offer guide service. Baldwin Bait & Tackle is generous with their knowledge and helpful.

**Best Breakfast:** The All Seasons Restaurant on M-37 south of Baldwin. You can go to breakfast in your waders. The food is just plain American and terrific.

**Best Cheeseburger:** The Government Lake on M-37 north of Baldwin.

**License:** Michigan offers a daily license for \$7. A Michigan Sportcard is required, \$1.

**Flies:** Egg-sucking Leech, ordinary salmon egg patterns in various colors, large dark brown or black nymphs, Mickey Finn #2 or #6, Black-nosed Dace #2 or #6 Powhatan Arrow #2 or #6.

**Rod & reel:** I use a 9 1/2 foot graphite rod & a #9 weight-forward sink-tip line. A 9-weight outfit is about right. An 8-weight outfit will be marginal for these heavy, fast-running fish. You need a rod with backbone. A weight-forward line is clumsy but it will help you get a big fly out. The sink-tip will help get the fly down to the salmon. A hundred yards of 20# backing is essential. Some fishermen use 30# backing. You need a reel with a strong drag. It should have an exposed rim that you can palm in order to slow the fish.

**Leader:** Begin with two feet of 20# mono attached to the end of your fly line, followed by a mid-section of two feet of 15# mono, followed by two and a half feet of tippet of 8# mono. Use blood knots to join the sections. They hold better than a loop-to-loop method. An ordinary twenty-five pound salmon will break a loop-to-loop connection more often than not. On your bottom blood knot leave

one tag end long. Here you mash on a split shot to get the fly down. Carry plenty of leader material to the stream with you. There is a lot of fine literature on fishing for salmon. The reality is you spend a huge amount of time working on your leader.

**Pressure:** You will not have the river to yourself during the run. The fishing pressure can be heavy at times. Most fishermen are polite and give each other space. Occasionally during the day a fisherman with a salmon on will move through your water. It's the price you pay. Sooner or later you will move through someone's water with your fish.

**Access:** There is easy river access at the Green Cottage and at Clay Banks. Check with Baldwin Bait & Tackle when you get there for local directions. You can also check at the National Forest office in Baldwin. You need a National Forest parking permit. Hang it on the mirror of your vehicle. They are \$2 per day or \$5 per week. I spoke with one man who did not have a parking permit. His fine was \$75. Also, be careful about crossing posted land. Sometimes owners get touchy about it.

Baldwin is approximately 450 miles from downtown Louisville.

A spawning run is a wonder of nature. If you spend time watching it you will be rewarded with insights beyond fishing.

Good luck! And may all your salmon be pretty.

