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Meeting Notice BERKSHIRE CONSERVATION COMMISSION GROUP

DATE: Wednesday October 5, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 3rd Floor Conference Room Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, 1 Fenn St. Pittsfield
for a map click here:

<http://www.bing.com/maps/#JnE9LjEIMmJmZW5uJTJic3QlMmJwaXR0c2ZpZWxkJTJibWEIN2Vzc3QuMCU3ZXBNLjEmYml9NDluNjI1MDI5Njc2NzY3NSU3ZS03Mi44MjMxODg3ODEzNzExJTdlNDluMjc4NDkwMzExNjE5MyU3ZS03My42QDA4MDkwMjA2Mjg5>

NOTE: *This meeting will be held in the 3rd floor conference room rather than our usual meeting location*

PARKING: Public parking lot located one block east at the corner of Fenn St. and First St.

AGENDA: *Please pass this notice on to others in Town as the meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.*

This month we will have a guest speaker! *"Why We Should Care About Wild Trout Streams and their Inhabitants"*

Featured Speaker: **Russ Cohen**, Division of Ecological Restoration, MA Dept. of Fish and Game
(<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/der/index.htm>)

Russ' PowerPoint presentation elaborates on the point that the presence of naturally-reproducing wild trout are an indicator that a stream is in relatively good shape and is likely to support a host of aquatic and other sensitive organisms that share wild trout's demanding habitat requirements. While there are more wild trout streams around than many people (even Trout Unlimited members and other anglers) realize, these high-quality habitats are threatened and could be lost unless they are better recognized and protected. Russ' PowerPoint presentation covers the characteristics of healthy wild trout streams (adequate instream flows, cool water temperatures, plentiful streamside vegetation, large woody material in the stream, etc.), the various human activities that can degrade trout habitat (excessive removal of riverine vegetation, water supply withdrawals, impervious surfaces, etc.) and what actions people can take to help protect and restore these valuable resources. Russ is the co-author of "Ten Ways Conservation Commissions Can Help Protect Coldwater Streams and Their Inhabitants" an important publication that provides tangible ways conservation commissions and others can most effectively protect coldwater resources within their communities. Copies will be available at the meeting.

For more information please contact: Terry Eucker - BCAP@NYCAP.rr.com or 413-698-2172 home or 413-464-6272 cell or Tom Matuszko tmatuszko@berkshireplanning.org or 413-442-1521 or visit BCCG at: <http://www.berkshireplanning.org/environment/bccg.html>

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