

To: UMRCC Fish Technical Section

From: Fish Tech Section Chair Kevin Irons

RE: Fall Fish Tech Meeting

First of all please see the following regarding dates and times of the fall meeting,

The Fall Fish Tech Meeting Sept 28-30 @ Camp Tahigwa (as provided by Mike Steuck)

The UMRCC Fall Fish Technical Section Meeting will be held September 28-30, 2010 in beautiful Northeast Iowa at Camp Tahigwa near Dorchester, IA. Camp Tahigwa is a girl scout camp nestled in the heart of Iowa's trout country on Bear Creek, only 20 miles from New Albin, IA and the Mississippi River.

For directions to Camp Tahigwa, click on the link below.

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=321+Tahigwa+Drive,+Dorchester,+IA+&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=30.682067,56.337891&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=321+Tahigwa+Dr,+Dorchester,+Allamak ee,+Iowa+52140&ll=43.452919,-91.465302&spn=0.438648,1.400757&z=10

Essential items for attendees to bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, towels/wash cloths, toiletries, fan, bug spray, rain gear, lawn chair.

Sleeping accommodations consist of cabins with bunks and mattresses (Separate cabin reserved for female attendees, No holes in the walls and no mice). Separate shower and bathroom facilities for men and women are adjacent to the cabins.

Food will be provided similar to what is done at Wyalusing (Steak fry, cold cuts, pancakes, cooking and cleaning duty, etc) for the following meals;

Tuesday Sept 28 – Supper

Wednesday Sept 29 – Breakfast, Lunch, Supper

Thursday Sept 30 – Breakfast

Food and lodging combined should be no more than \$60 per person. Cost will be directly related to attendance, the more attendees, the lower the price. An accurate head count will be needed to estimate the food purchased and meeting cost. **Please RSVP to Mike Steuck by September 1st.**

The Camp is located on over 300 acres and has numerous trails throughout the property. Trout fishing within the camp is artificial flies or lures only, catch and release only. Numerous other public trout

waters are available within a short drive of camp. We will have trout water maps available. Don't forget to bring your canoe, kayak or boat. Canoeing, kayaking and fishing for walleye, smallmouth bass and trout is available on the Upper Iowa River 3 miles from Camp. Canoe rentals are available from nearby outfitters. Several boat ramps located on the Mississippi River provide access to northern pike, walleye, smallmouth bass, bluegill and crappie fishing for those that would like to bring their own boat. A fire ring is adjacent to the cabins.

A fishing license and trout stamp is required to fish the trout stream on the property. Licenses can be purchased at several businesses in the nearby towns or online. License options and the link to the online purchasing system can be found at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/fish/regulations/licenses.html>

We (read Mike Steuck) is looking into opportunities for renting or borrowing canoes near the camp for fishing opportunities. Stay tuned.

Depending on the agenda we should have plenty of time to trout fish, canoe, hike, or sight-see in the area.

So, I am soliciting AGENDA items for the fall meeting. What would you like to discuss?

One item already on the agenda is a report and discussion of Standardized Sampling Protocols by Jeff Janvrin (reporting on a summer 2010 conference call). Of course we will have our anticipated state/agency reports as well.

In addition to the AGENDA items one request is to have a minnow workshop. I think this would be a great idea! Perhaps a "Stump the River Rats" competition might be in order....bring a fish to identify from your local area. The fish that "Stumps" the most rats gets a prize (unknown at this moment).....

Please let me know what you think about a Fish ID workshop or other needed AGENDA item. I am excited and thankful for the opportunity to work with you. Feel free to contact me directly at:

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Please pencil in the meeting on your calendar, and See You in Iowa!

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