

# **Driving Diversity in Your Chapter**

Programs and Activities Proven to Attract a Younger and Broader Demographic

# **Diversity: TU's History**





GEORGE A. GRIFFITH, Chairman of the Michigan Conservation Commission Fish Committee, and TROUT, Unlimited founder and director, lives on the bank of the famous AuSable River east of Grayling, just above Wakeley Bridge. He maneuvers his river boat with one hand and casts a fly with the other as well as any guide on the river.



Presentation of Charter to E. Jersey Chap. From left, Lee & Joan Wulff, Don Ecker, Pres R.P.Van Guvtenbeek, Nat'l Dir. of T.U. Ed Burrough, Pres. N. Jersey Chapter



Members of the executive board of Trout Unlimited discuss future activities of the group which is dedicated to sport fishing and conservation. Shown at their April 4 meeting at

Pomperaug High School are, left to right, Hank Vreeland, Jerry Mullen, president Neil Kingsnorth, Ron Peletier, Bob Gregorski, Michael Stephens and Gus Rodrigues.

-Bee Photo, B. Moore

SOUTHBURY-"How can I on planting short-lived hatchery steelhead trout and salmon in help to preserve quality water incut, which the real source of the Northwest and attempting area?" That's the question water habitat-was being sport fishery to the Great Lakes which members of Trout which members of Trout lignored." The organizers' campaign just sign up with the Pom-just sign up with the Pom-peraug Regional Chapter and ciple that "what's good for trout fisherman." River and manages the fishery organization that's dedicated to a the approximation that's dedicated and the patienties and the patienties and the second bettering sportfishing and 20,000 active members Nature Conservancy," said Mr organized in 300 chapters Owen. He notes too that TU's



Management strategies that maximize diversity and promote varied approaches are more likely to succeed in a future with rapid environmental change and increasing uncertainty.

#### ARTICLE

# Spreading the Risk: Native Trout Management in a Warmer and Less-Certain Future

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#### Abstract

Management strategies that increase biological diversity and promote varied approaches to population protection are more likely to succeed during a future in which global warming drives rapid environmental change and increases uncertainty of future conditions. We describe how the concept of a diverse management portfolio can be applied to native trout conservation by increasing *representation* (protecting and restoring diversity), *resilience* (having sufficiently large populations and intact habitats to facilitate recovery from rapid environmental change), and *redundancy* (saving a sufficient number of populations so that some can be lost without jeopardizing the species). Saving diversity for native trout requires the conservation of genetically pure populations, the protection and restoration of life history diversity, and the protection of populations so that some can be lost without jeopardizing the species). Saving diversity for native trout requires the conservation of genetically pure populations, the protection and restoration of life history diversity, and the protection of populations across the historical range. Protecting larger stronghold populations is important because such populations will have a better chance of surviving future disturbances, including those associated with climate change. The long-term persistence of populations is likely to require management for larger population sizes and larger habitat patches than currently exist for many native trout populations. Redundancy among these elements is important given that many populations are small and occupy reduced habitat in fragmented stream systems and therefore are increasingly vulnerable to extirpation. Application of the concept is further described in case studies of Yellowstone cutthroat trout *Oncorhynchus clarkii bouvieri* and Rio Grande cuthroat trout *O. clarkii virginalis*, two subspecies that illustrate many of the challenges that are common to management of western native trout.

# **Diversity: A Science Based Approach**



# Projections of the Size and Composition of the U.S. Population: 2014 to 2060

Population Estimates and Projections

#### **Current Population Reports**

By Sandra L. Colby and Jennifer M. Ortman Issued March 2015 25:1143

#### INTRODUCTION

Between 2014 and 2060, the U.S. population is projected to increase from 319 million to 417 million, reaching 400 million in 2051. The U.S. population is projected to grow more slowly in future decades than in the recent past, as these projections assume that fertility rates will continue to decline and that there will be a modest decline in the overall rate of net international migration. By 2030, one in five Americans is projected to be 65 and over; by 2044, more than half of all Americans are projected to belong to a minority group (any group other than non-Hispanic White alone); and by 2060, nearly one in five of the nation's total population is projected to be foreign born. demographic components of change—births, deaths, and net international migration. The projections, based on the 2010 Census and official estimates through 2013, were produced using cohort-component methods. Such methods project the components of population change separately for each birth cohort (persons born in a given year) based on past trends. The base population is advanced each year by using projected survival rates and net international migration. A new birth cohort is added to the population by applying the annual projected fertility rates to the female population. The projections cover the period 2014 to 2060.

The 2014 National Projections are the first series of Census Bureau projections to incorporate separate



Sources: Pew Research Center and US Census Bureau.

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**Race and Ethnicity** 



## "If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less."

- General Eric Shinseki

# **Diversity: A Science Based Approach**









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What is your current age?

Gender	Count
A	5,858
В	436
F	5,846
Ι	2,398
M	105,103
U	2,723
TOTAL	122,364

A=Ambiguous B=Blank F=Female I=Initial

U=Unrecognized

M=Male

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Women make up 4.78% of our membership

"We're facing a crisis of relevancy." - Dan Ashe

# With Conservation, It's Not Hunters And Anglers Versus Everyone Else

FORMER NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WARNS THAT CONSERVATION MUST EVOLVE, NOT BE STUCK IN ITS WHITE PAST

### by Dan Ashe

"We are seeing the early stages of irrelevance with the fate of wild lands, public lands, and a wildlife heritage that belongs to all of us. We need to embrace rapid and revolutionary change. There's a new generation of conservationist out there. They're in cities; they're using iPhones and Androids; they don't hunt or fish; they've never spent a night outdoors; their skin is red or black or brown; English may be their second language. **We have to find them. We have to inspire and recruit and retain them.** They will be the bestand-brightest. They will make conservation relevant."



#### K TROUT UNLIMITED

Trout Unlimited Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 Adopted Feb. 6, 2015

Mission: To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Vision: By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

#### Statement of Intent

Conserve and restore important lands and waters so that we realize our generational vision of wild and native fish conservation. We will accomplish this by:

- Building a high level of awareness for the TU brand—a brand that stands for engaging more anglers and others in the TU mission;
- Growing and diversifying our membership, staffing and organizational capabilities;
- Raising sufficient funds to protect, reconnect, and restore important lands and waters, and to sustain these efforts over time; and
- Working in collaboration and engaging in advocacy with other conservationists, agencies, and

"Increase member acquisition and diversify the member composition in terms of age, race and gender to reflect the overall demographics of the flyfishing community."

- Mission: To create effective strategies and programs to:
  - 1) recruit and retain **diverse members** into the TU chapter community;
  - 2) encourage **diversity within leadership** at the chapter, state and national levels; and
  - 3) ensure that TU at every level strives to create a **welcoming, inclusive environment.**







# **NLC DI Workgroup: Our Approach To Date**



- Women's specific at first
- Volunteer positions created for the women's C initiative & diversity initiative
- Abundant resources available in the Tacklebox
- Women's membership drive; family membership focus



The amazing group of young women at the TU Teen Summit invites HEADWATERS

Women in Fly Fishing

By Adele Shirmer and Alleigh Raymond

exacerbated when they feel isolated within the past time. When I began fly

fishing roughly four years ago I was primarily surrounded by men. Meeting

So where does the disconnect between females and fly-fishing lie? It could be

as simple as networking. Female fly fishers could be more private about their

other females quickly became a rare occurrence.

Director Franklin Tate to join in a photo. Adele and Alleigh pictured to the right.

2 — AZ Zane Grey at Outdoor Expo 3 - Spring On The Rise; Events 4 - Chapter 722 partner with Orvis 5 & 6 - STREAM Girls comes to PA 7 — Through Eyes of a Child: Zane Grey Special Olympics Fishing Derby 8 - Working for the WI Weekend 9 - Spending time with Fly Fishing Guru Jen Ripple

#### DI RESOURCES

VISIT WWW.TU.ORG/DIVERSITY

Interested in starting or growing a Diversity Initiative in your state or chapter? The DI resources online can help get you started!

From example invitations, to event planning documents with step-by-step guides-you'll find a host of support and tools.

#### JOIN US ONLINE

#### **"JOIN" OUR FACEBOOK GROUP**

Nearly 900 TU members and leaders, anglers and more have joined our Facebook group for lively discussions and to share information, ideas and support

If you were to ask me to name every female fly fisherman I've befriended, I could probably do it on just one hand. If you were to ask the same question of every male fly fisherman, I'd likely require more than three times that amount. Fly fishing is an incredible sport with plenty of facets and guirks that make it easy for someone just getting into the sport to become overwhelmed. This is

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# **Driving Diversity With A Focus On Leaders**



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Please choose which membership data you would like to access, carefully read the acceptable use text, check "I agree" checkbox and click the download Roster button.

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《 Are you interested in serving in a chapter leadership position?



# **Who Are Our Target Audiences?**





4) A strategic approach to leadership recruitment, selection and composition.

# **Strategic Approach to Leadership Development**

- Have a plan. Don't let someone slip away because at the time they offered to help, you did not have something for them to do. Keep a list of things that people can always do.
- Invite a volunteer sit on a committee or ask a committee member to chair that committee.
- Set up a support system within the chapter for mentoring new leaders. Use volunteer leader position descriptions.
- Provide recognition and feedback.







# **Driving Diversity with an Inclusive Culture**



- What is culture?
  - a set of beliefs, values or norms
  - A group has learned from those around them how to act in any given situation
- Culture will happen either by accident or on purpose.



# Create culture purposefully. With your chapter define your values and vision.



# **Driving Diversity: Aspirational Communications**





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# **Driving Diversity By Asking Question**





# **Do Fun Things!**

# **Conservation**

- Citizen science
- River clean ups
- Lobby days
- Willow planting
- Rock rolling
- Ditch fish salvages

## Community

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- Veterans Outreach
- Family friendly events
- Youth programs
- Local fairs, festivals, and school programs

# Fishing

- Fishing outings for members
- Casting lessons
- Fly tying demonstrations or lessons
- Kids fishing days
- Orvis 101 & 201

## **Driving Diversity with Events Catered to Target Demographics**



- Learn from the NLC's Women's Initiative on their ideas for <u>women's</u> <u>focused meetings/ seminars</u>.
- Check out other chapter's templates for <u>women's seminar programs and</u> <u>planning documents</u>.



## **Angler Science to Increase Diversity**







www.tu.org

## **Veterans Outreach to Increase Diversity**





## Youth Outreach to Increase Diversity Long-term









- Your chapter can recruit new adult members to your chapter for half price (\$17.50) at <u>www.tu.org/intro</u>. Even better, for every new member your chapter recruits, you will receive a \$15 rebate at the end of the year. So, for example, after your next women's specific casting clinic, for only \$2.50/ attendee you can buy memberships for everyone.
- Family membership
- Check out tips from the Women's Initiative on how best toretain these <u>new members</u>.

## **Diversity: Resources**



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Cool books, articles, podcasts, Instagram MOUNTAIN JOURNAL ALL STORIES ABOUT SUPPORT US accounts, etc... **BACK TO STORIES** With Conservation, It's Not Hunters And Anglers Versus Everyone Else TU.org/diversity FORMER NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE THAT CONSERVATION MUST EVOLVE, NOT BE STUCK IN ITS WHITE PAST by Dan Ashe **All VolOps Staff** (O) Instagram 0 0 brownpeoplecamping Follow • ••• 357 posts 18.6k followers 639 following CAROLYN FINNEY Ambreen Tarig Proud SouthAsianMuslimAmerican diversifying public lan outdoors one story at a time. All Original content. #BrownPeopleCampi TU volunteers: **BLACK FACES** where story www.brownpeoplecamping.com mislittleleaf, westbrandwanderer, and kebur - Heidi Oberstadt WHITE SPACES THE HON Kelly Buchta AD Under AD Happy Ne **Jackie Kutzer** Kerri Russell **Bill Thorne** frican American to the Great Outdoor

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# **Driving Diversity: Don't Go It Alone!**

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# **Questions?**

