

Badger Fly Fishers

An Active Member Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers

A cartoon badger character wearing a red and white checkered shirt and green pants, holding a fishing rod with a fly on the line. The rod is curved in a loop above the text.

Newsletter

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Just another day in Western Ontario

Gene Knutson and Tom Smith with a couple of Lake Npigon pike. Gene got a photo of a moose with an unusual trio of calves. Bears, wolves and drowning are just some of the hazards that they face before adolescence.



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Drought continues to affect state's rivers

Anyone who has crossed some of the state's numerous rivers lately knows that we need some rain, especially in the north.

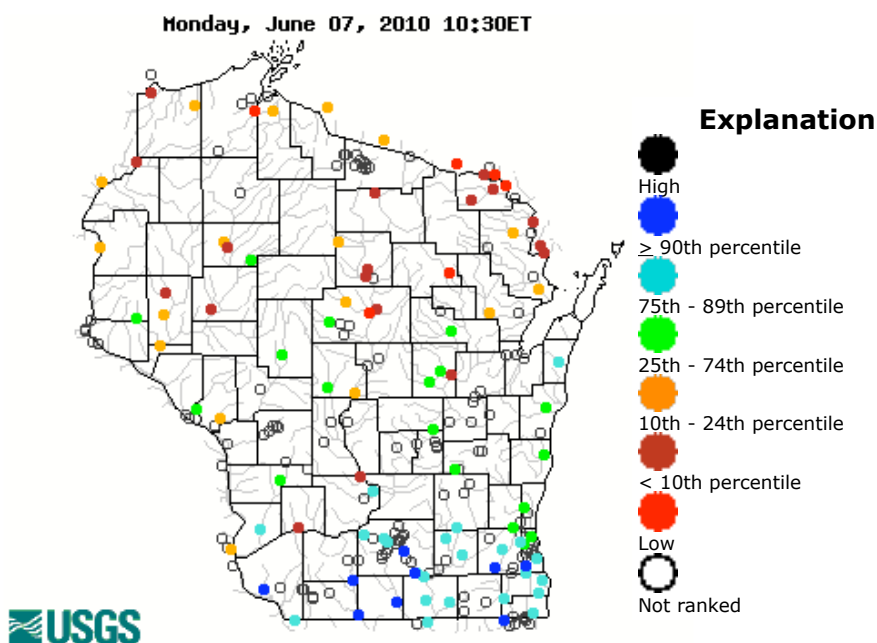
With drought conditions approaching severe to extreme in many northern counties, streams and rivers throughout most of Wisconsin are seeing low water conditions. The southernmost counties are the exceptions. Anglers need to be aware of how this affects their fisheries.

Lower flows mean higher temperatures and less dissolved oxygen for trout. Stressed fish should be landed and released quickly. Consider not taking photos. Some waters should be given a pass this year.

Smallmouth will not be as stressed, though large fish will not have as much habitat. Young of the year classes will benefit. Wading possibilities will be more numerous.

For data on particular waters visit the USGS's Real-Time Water Data for Wisconsin page:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wi/nwis/current/?type=flow>



The Badger Fly Fishers Newsletter is published monthly. Articles, photos, information, and calendar events for the newsletter are encouraged and should be submitted by the 1st day of the month of issue to: Dan Johnson, 426 Glenway St., Madison WI 53711. If possible, Word files sent to: johnson7@tds.net are most appreciated.

Club news

At our April meeting the club voted to provide \$500 in funding for the stream monitoring project headed by club member, Phil Emling.

\$2000 was given to the Aldo Leopold chapter of TU for the Bear Creek restoration project. The total for the project is estimated at \$165,000 which works out to a reasonable \$30 per foot for a little over a one mile stretch.

The work will include 70 lunger structures, 14 cross logs, 60 stone weirs, 160 boulder placements, 5,000 feet of riprap, and 6 acres of native prairie planted on stream banks.

Next regular meeting

**Monday,
September 27th**

We are tentatively planning a club picnic and casting clinic in late July. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Events Calendar

- 9/27/10 John Beth, Tributary Fishing
- 10/25/10 Mike Goeser, Alaska
- 11/22/10 Election of Officers
- 12/14/10 Christmas Party with Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance