

Friends of the Upper Delaware River

Water, Water, Everywhere – The Future of the Upper Delaware River

AGENDA

Wednesday October 19, 2016, 9am - 4pm

West Branch Angler · 150 Faulkener Road · Hancock NY 13783

9:00 - 9:15	Registration	
9:15 - 9:30	Introduction	Dan Plummer, FUDR
9:30 - 10:00	State of the River: The Year in Review <i>2016 brought some promising changes for the UDR river including improved water releases and progress on tributary protection below the NYC dams. This workshop will recap these accomplishments and discuss expectations for river protection and restoration in 2017 and beyond.</i>	Jeff Skelding, FUDR
10:00 – 10:45	More Water Available in 2017? <i>Reservoir managers have finally validated our long standing position that new water available from the NYC Croton system should make more water available for the UDR. This workshop will address recent changes in water availability from the NYC reservoirs and what that means for the river in the coming years.</i>	Garth Pettinger, NYTU
10:45 - 11:30	Strengths & Weaknesses of the UDR Conservation Community <i>The voice of the UDR conservation community is becoming increasingly amplified but significant challenges still lie ahead. This workshop will address what we do well, such as coalition building, and areas where our advocacy efforts need to be improved.</i>	Jeff Skelding, FUDR

11:30 - 12:00	<p>A Day in the Life of FUDR <i>What do Jeff and Sherri do all day? This presentation will help illustrate the demands and challenges of operating a small non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the UDR.</i></p>	Sherri Resti Thomas, FUDR
12:00 Noon	Lunch	
12:45 - 1:15	<p>Beyond Water Releases – Tributary Protection in a Warming World <i>Protecting our waterways by increasing their resiliency to the impacts of climate change will be tremendously important in the coming decades. This presentation will discuss innovative approaches to protecting and restoring waterways to improve overall watershed health in the UDR region.</i></p>	Stephanie Pendergrass Dalke, Pinchot Institute
1:15 - 2:15	<p>The Bigger Picture – Regional and National Strategies <i>Achieving our river protection goals in the UDR watershed requires an understanding of the connections to broader regional and national issues facing the entire Delaware River system. This presentation will discuss recent developments at the national level that can benefit the UDR region.</i></p>	<p>Madeline Urbish, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed</p> <p>Grant LaRouche, National Wildlife Foundation</p>
2:15 - 3:00	Break	
3:00 - 4:00	<p>2017 Fair Share Requests <i>The 2017 FFMP is right around the corner. In this session, we will develop our UDR conservation community requests in preparation for the next round of FFMP negotiations.</i></p>	<p>Jeff Skelding, FUDR</p> <p>Garth Pettinger, NYTU</p>