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NEWS FROM THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER COALITION

PRC Gets Favorable Mention In New Book

January 29, 2011 – Tom Gilmore, known to many of us as the president of the New Jersey Audubon Society, is also a noted angler and writer. Recently Tom authored the “Flyfisher’s Guide to the Big Apple.” This guidebook, published by Wilderness Adventures Press, Inc. of Belgrade, Montana, was just released and is gaining many positive reviews.

Of note to us was Tom’s treatment of the Pequannock River. In the section of the book covering the Pequannock and its fishery he writes:

“ . . . Ross Kushner founded the Pequannock River Coalition in 1995. Its mission statement reads, ‘Dedicated to the preservation of the Pequannock River as a natural, recreational, aesthetic, and water supply resource.’ Regarded by many as the ‘Heart of the Highlands’ , the Pequannock Watershed provides a critical water supply to more than five million New Jersey residents. It also harbors big stream-bred brown trout for Big Apple anglers. Kushner and his crew are the watchdogs and advocacy group for this river and its fish . . .

. . . The Pequannock’s trout fishery depends on regulated flows from Newark’s reservoirs to provide cold water to protect fish from elevated summer water temperatures. To the extent that the Pequannock River is able to produce wild fish, the credit goes to Kushner and the members of his coalition. They document lack of sufficient releases from the reservoirs, causing low flows and increased temperatures. They are constantly calling on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to enforce Newark’s water release permits. In 1994 and again in 2002, there were significant fish kills in the river. Fortunately there have been no fish kills in the last eight years. In 2009, the Pequannock River Coalition celebrated a major victory when the state issued Newark a new permit requiring it to release more water from its reservoirs.” (pg. 343)

Excellent! It’s always great to receive a public pat on the back for PRC and our members. We thank Tom for this generous and welcome recognition. Much appreciated!

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