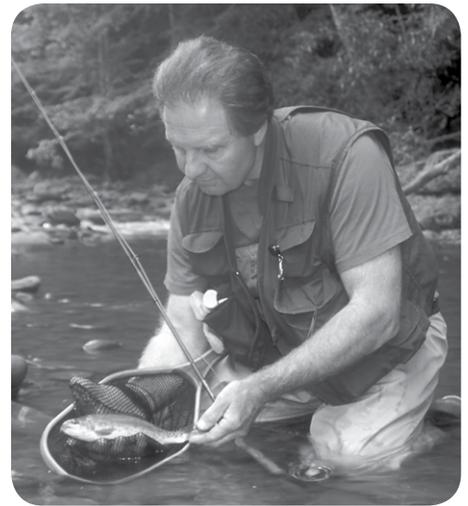


## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The future looks better for brook trout in the Shavers Fork watershed. The Division of Natural Resources and West Virginia University have teamed up to restore critical habitat for the state fish in the upper Shavers Fork near the historic logging town of Spruce.

DNR Wildlife Resources Section biologists and West Virginia University scientists have been working together to return once pristine mountain streams to conditions that will benefit the prized brook trout. With grant funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, DNR and WVU personnel have been undoing damage done by logging and railroad construction in the early 1900s, before the implementation of modern best management practices. Many of these old practices blocked important spawning habitat and reduced Shavers Fork mainstem habitat, causing populations to dwindle in these high mountain headwater streams.

This major restoration project has already included DNR personnel installing fish friendly culverts on tributary streams and over four miles of mainstem restoration being implemented by other agencies to satisfy their mitigation obligations from another project. Of special interest is the recent installation of specially baffled culvert liners that allow fish passage to spawning areas. Those massive liners were transported to a remote Shavers Fork tributary by the DNR Parks and Recreation Section using a century-old Shay steam engine from Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. The historic irony of this event was that that same engine, Shay #5, was originally used in old logging operations on Shavers Fork. This type of cooperation ensures a bright future for more restoration activities for brook trout on Shavers Fork and other important streams in West Virginia.



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