

March 15, 2011

FORVA Projects Everywhere!

What we are working on: (and can always use help on)

Chesapeake Bay Conference: Rivers and bay issues like TMDL, WIP, Clean Water Act renewal, attacks on EPA, etc. Jan 10-12. Ongoing action on federal bills.

Clean Water Network Conference: March 1 and 2. Ongoing action on bills.

Price Park: we have been gifted with 45 acres along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County. Developing a public park with conservation easement. Ongoing.

National Park Service/New River Gorge/Gauley: met with new Chief Ranger on issues of safety, a new gauge, better information on fatalities, etc. 3/10/11. Ongoing.

West Virginia Wildwater Association: met with WVWA on same issues above plus access on the Gauley River on river left at Woods Ferry. Ongoing.

Virginia Invasive Species Committee: met on invasives poster 3/11/11. Ongoing.

Jackson River Kings Grant/Trespass Lawsuit: met with defendant float fishers, plus DGIF, UVa Environmental Law Clinic, Riverkeeper, etc. 3/14/11. Ongoing.

Roanoke River Access: Making some progress on public access on the Roanoke at Explore Park. Possible lawsuit, but may avoid. Ongoing. Big meeting on 3/22/11.

Albemarle/Pamlico Basin: will attend workshop in NC on ecology of Albemarle/Pamlico basin, especially river inputs. March 23 & 24.

James River access: working with CSX on donation of land for put-in. Ongoing.

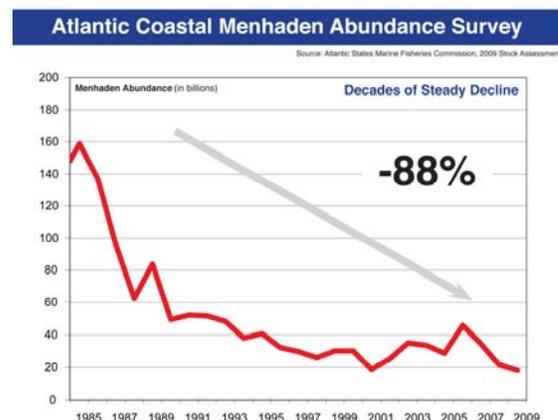
State of Our Rivers Report: need to get on this but have been buried. Ongoing.

Menhaden ad: looking at Plan B, which might be a copy of the ad mailed to all the legislators who took money from Omega, with the promise that the ad would run next year if they took money again.

Our idea of running the Payola Politics ad (not as a FORVA ad) ran short of funds. We needed \$5,000, but came up with only \$1750.

So that is why we are looking at plan B, above. Let me know your thoughts on this.

Or you could send money!



To sum up, there is so much going on, I do not have time to report on all of it. If you would like more info on any of these issues, let me know and I will fill you in.

Bill Tanger, Chair, FORVA