



315-785-2380 / 2570

315-785-2574 (fax)

Dulles State Office Building  
317 Washington Street  
Watertown, New York 13601-3782

e-mail: [tughill@tughill.org](mailto:tughill@tughill.org)

website: [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org)

**Chairman**

Jan J. Bogdanowicz

**Vice Chairman**

Michael G. Yerdon, Sr.

**Secretary**

Thomas E. Boxberger

**Members**

Leona M. Cheresnoski

Robert K. Keller

Geraldine J. Ritter

William W. Scriber

**Executive Director**

Katie Malinowski

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 28, 2024

CONTACT: Katie Malinowski, Executive Director  
(315) 778-4193, [katie@tughill.org](mailto:katie@tughill.org)

---

## Winter Wildlife Webinar Series, Part 4: Brook Trout – April 11

**WATERTOWN, NEW YORK** – The Tug Hill Commission will host the fourth of four virtual **Winter Wildlife Webinars** on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6 p.m. The fourth webinar of the series will spotlight Brook Trout, in collaboration with Trout Unlimited’s Paul Miller and Trout Power’s Chris Murphy. Brook trout are the official freshwater fish of New York, and a favorite amongst anglers. Native to New York, brook trout are not only colorful and fun to fish for, but they are also an indicator of clean and cold water. This presentation will provide information on brook trout and two organizations that are studying them in the Tug Hill area. Trout Unlimited and Trout Power have collaborated to analyze the genetics of brook trout on Tug Hill and will provide information on their results and why brook trout need to be conserved and protected.

Chris Murphy is a high school science teacher in Vermont who is involved with Trout Power, a nonprofit organization that is working to identify and map the genetic diversity of brook trout in the Adirondack Park and surrounding areas in New York State.

Paul Miller is a retired Marine Corps Officer. After leaving the Corps he and his family returned to his family home on Fish Creek at “The Foot of the Hill” in the Town of Vienna to carry on a 150-year family residency while serving Madison County. Paul is an avid, but unskilled fly fisherman who advocates for native species as the Region 6 Vice President for New York State Council of Trout Unlimited. He is also an active member of the Tug Hill – Black River Chapter of Trout Unlimited and serves as an officer in Trout Power and the Fish Creek Atlantic Salmon Club. Paul served 19 years on the Board of the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust.

Registration is required at [tinyurl.com/TugHillTrout](https://tinyurl.com/TugHillTrout). A Zoom link will be sent along with your registration confirmation email. We encourage you to share this exciting opportunity with your network. Please join us as we continue to explore and celebrate the rich wildlife diversity of the Tug Hill region.

###