

NYS DEC Commissioner, Pete Grannis to Officially *Cast In* 2008 NYS Trout Season at Junction Pool, Roscoe NY, April 5, 2008 with Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum *First Cast* Ceremony.

Junction Pool, Roscoe NY The ceremonial *first cast* opening the 2008 trout season will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 7:30AM at Junction Pool, Roscoe NY. Hosts Ed and Judy Van Put will share the stream with NYS DEC Commissioner, Pete Grannis. Pending his movie-shooting schedule, Poland native, Olek Krupa, active television and movie actor will join Commissioner Grannis and the Van Puts for this years *First Cast*.

For decades *First Cast* has been very much a part of Catskill fly fishing traditions to provide a meeting place for anglers to officially recognize the opening of another trout season. The fly fishing community and local businesses gather at Junction Pool for this ceremony and reconnect with fellow anglers after a long winter. Like in past years, celebrity and political fly anglers have participated in honor of this very special event. Flies are ceremoniously cast into the cold waters at Junction Pool, the confluence of the hallowed Willowemoc Creek and Beaverkill River that are joined and create the Big Beaverkill River, considered the birthplace of American Fly Fishing.

As always, a large crowd is expected including Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, local businesses providing hot drinks and breakfast snacks, and many ardent anglers. The *First Cast* is scheduled for 7:30AM on Junction Pool in Roscoe, NY. Stay a bit after, have a cup of coffee with the Commissioner, Assemblywoman Gunther, and mingle with other sportsmen and special guests before visiting the local fly shops, favorite fishing spots, and diners. Immediately following First Cast, Guest fly tyer, Ted Patlen will provide fly tying at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum where a new season of exhibits will be on display. 10:00 AM to Noon, Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Guys will host a Cane Casting clinic at the Livingston Manor High School Gym and everyone is welcome to cast some classic and contemporary bamboo fly rods. 91-year-old Agnes Van Put will start serving her famous soups in the Museum Gift Shop at 11:00 AM. On Saturday evening, the annual Two Headed Trout Dinner will be at Rockland House starting at 5:30PM.

For more information on First Cast Activities, contact the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum at 845-439-4810, email: [flyfish@catskill.net](mailto:flyfish@catskill.net) and at website [www.cffcm.net](http://www.cffcm.net)

For Two Headed Trout Dinner, call: 607-498-4139