

# ACTION ALERT

## REMOVAL OF THE THIRD DAM ON TWELVE MILE RIVER

Upstate Forever, the Lake Hartwell Association and the Pickens Soil and Water Conservation District have been working hard to remove the third and final dam on Twelve Mile River, and we need your help!

### **Why is removal of the third dam so important?**

To see the compelling power point presentation by Dr. Larry Dyck at the federal court hearing on October 13, 2009, please visit this website: [www.upstateforever.org/FreeFlowing12MileRiver\\_LarryDyck10-13-09.pdf](http://www.upstateforever.org/FreeFlowing12MileRiver_LarryDyck10-13-09.pdf).

To read the op-ed by Dr. Dyck and Upstate Forever Executive Director Brad Wyche in *The Greenville News* on October 7, 2009, please visit this website: [http://www.upstateforever.org/newsviews\\_ufnews/UFN\\_2009/ufn091007GN\\_SiezeChanceToRestoreWatershed.pdf](http://www.upstateforever.org/newsviews_ufnews/UFN_2009/ufn091007GN_SiezeChanceToRestoreWatershed.pdf).

There is almost \$9 million in a separate account for addressing the damages caused by the PCB contamination of Twelve Mile River and Lake Hartwell. Federal and state natural resource agencies are in the process of deciding how these funds should be spent. The Trustees have listed the removal of the third dam as one of the “unfunded projects,” but this is only their initial recommendation and we want to change that. They have scheduled a public meeting to consider the different proposed projects, including removal of the third dam, on November 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Anderson Civic Center.

### **Please attend this meeting if you can.**

The agencies have also invited the public to provide input through an on-line survey. The survey asks for your approval or disapproval for various projects, many of which we feel are suitable. However, removing the third dam is the only project that will reduce PCBs in Lake Hartwell and should be made a top priority by the Trustees. To do so, **please read the instructions below and go to the website to complete the survey.**

1. You have to answer all of the questions on the survey.

2. Please click “Don’t Support” for all of the projects listed in question 1.
3. Answer Yes to question 2.
4. Answer No to question 3.
5. For question 4, please write the following:

“I strongly support re-allocating the settlement to pay for the entire cost of removing the third dam and providing an alternative water supply system for the Easley-Central Water District. After this project is completed, I would support using the balance of the funds in the settlement for some of the projects listed in question no. 1.”

Completing the survey according to the instructions above does not exclude other projects but will show that removing the third dam is the **best** project.

**You can access the survey at [www.dnr.sc.gov/news/fishingcomp](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/news/fishingcomp).**

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Starker at Upstate Forever: 864-250-0500 ext. 15 or [cstarker@upstateforever.org](mailto:cstarker@upstateforever.org).

**Thank you for your support!**