

## Scott Thomas Thorpe

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### Fly Fishing Experience

My father introduced me to trout fishing when I was too small to wade and had to be carried on his back across the rivers. I started fly fishing for trout when I was 12. My brother and I were fortunate to have willing parents who carted us to the local trout streams. We fished two or three days a week all summer long through junior high school, high school and college. In 1970, our family began spring fishing for steelhead in the rivers along the north shore of Lake Superior. This became my greatest passion, and in spite of full-time employment, I manage to fly fish for steelhead at least 25 days in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ontario, following the runs around Lake Superior. In 1980, I was lucky enough to land a 16 lb 6 oz steelhead on a fly from the Devil Track River, which is the Minnesota state record rainbow trout.

I have spent a considerable amount of energy trying to catch Atlantic salmon. I have spent many weeks in Nova Scotia, fishing the St. Mary's, and the Salmon River. In Ireland, I fished the Ballysadare, Erriff, Casla and Kylemore. While working in England I frequented the Yorkshire Don and the River Derwent. In Scotland, I have fished the Tay, Almond, Borgie, Spey, Don and Naver. As an angler, I have always been a romantic, reading voraciously about fishing and I enjoy the traditions and history of the sport. I fished some of the famous venues of the UK to experience the origins of the fly fishing tradition.

Over the years, I have introduced many people to fly fishing and steelhead fishing. Gradually, I began guiding informally on local streams for brown trout and steelhead. In 2004, I attended fly fishing guide school with Donn Dale at Clark Fork River Outfitters, St. Regis, Montana. I was endorsed by Donn in 2004, and obtained a Montana Guide License. I am currently a licensed and insured guide in Alaska, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Doing business as Scott Thorpe Fly Fishing LLC, I guide for steelhead on Lake Superior tributaries and brown trout on spring creeks in SE Minnesota and SW Wisconsin, averaging 15 days a season. Summer is spent as a full time guide for Talaheim Lodge in Alaska, where I guide fly fishers for 90 days.

I am actively involved in conservation issues, and I am on the Board of Directors of the Lake Superior Steelhead Association and the Greater Lake Superior Foundation. As a steelhead activist, I was appointed to the Trout and Salmon Stamp Oversight Committee, and review trout stamp expenditures by the DNR. I organize a booth for the Lake Superior Steelhead Association and the Brule River Sportsman's Club at the annual Great Waters Fly Expo in Minneapolis, plus I am a frequent contributor to the Steelhead News, the newsletter of the LSSA.

### Fly Fishing Related Travel

1978 Alaska, pacific salmon, 3 weeks  
1979 Quebec, Atlantic salmon, 2 weeks  
1986 Scotland, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, 6 weeks  
1988 Scotland, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, 4 weeks  
1990 Scotland, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, 2 weeks  
1991 Nova Scotia, Atlantic salmon, 2 weeks

1993 Scotland, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, 4 weeks  
1994 Scotland, England, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, grayling, 4 weeks  
1995 Nova Scotia, Atlantic salmon, 2 weeks  
1997 Montana, brown and rainbow trout, 1 week  
1998 North Carolina, brown and brook trout, 1 week  
1999 Florida Keys, snook, redbfish, 1 week  
2000 Montana, Wyoming, Trout, 6 weeks  
2000 Ontario, steelhead, Atlantic salmon, brook trout, 6 weeks  
2001 Montana, Wyoming, trout, 1 week  
2002 Montana, Wyoming, trout, 1 week  
2003 Montana, Wyoming, trout, 1 week  
2003 Ireland, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, 2 weeks  
2004 Guide School, Clark Fork River Outfitters, 2 weeks  
2004 Montana, Wyoming, trout, 1 week  
2004 Colorado, New Mexico, trout, 1 week  
2005 Montana, trout, 2 weeks  
2005 New Mexico, trout, 1 week  
2006 Montana, trout, 1 week  
2006 New Mexico, trout, 1 week  
2007 Ontario, steelhead, coaster brook trout, 4 weeks  
2007 Alaska, trout, char, salmon, 15 weeks guiding  
2007 Montana, trout, 1 week  
2007 New Mexico, trout, 1 week  
2008 Ontario, steelhead, coaster brook trout, 2 weeks  
2008 Alaska, trout, char, salmon, 12 weeks guiding  
2009 Ontario, steelhead, coaster brook trout, 2 weeks  
2009 Alaska, trout, char, salmon, 12 weeks guiding

#### Articles

Irish Anglers Digest, Vol. 5, No. 8/9 January 2004 "An Ireland Trip"  
Irish Anglers Digest, Vol. 6, No. 3 July 2004 "The Ballysadare Fishery"  
Irish Anglers Digest, Vol. 6, No. 11 March 2005 "A First Salmon"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2005, Vol 25, "The Soo"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2006, Vol 26, "The Devil Track"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2007, Vol 27, "Night on the Brule"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2007, Vol 27, "Three Flies for Steelhead"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2008, Vol 28, "Burke's Pool"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2008, Vol 28, "Flies for Alaska Rainbows"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2009, Vol 29, "Alaska Kings on the Fly"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2009, Vol 29, "Fly Patterns for Alaska Kings"  
Midwest Fly Fishing, July 2009, "Fly Fishing for College Credit"

#### Presentations

"Fly Fishing Ireland," Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, Feb 12, 2005  
"Fly Fishing Scotland," Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, Oct 8, 2005  
"Fly Fishing Ireland," Bentley's Outfitters, Feb, 2006

"The Clark Fork," Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, Oct, 2006  
"Fly Fishing Ireland," Minnesota Fly Fishers, Nov, 2006  
"Fly Fishing Scotland," Bentley's Outfitters, Feb, 2007  
"Steelhead in Peril," TC Chapter Trout Unlimited, March, 2007  
"The Future of North Shore Steelhead," 2007 Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo Minneapolis, April, 2007  
"Helicopter Fishing Headwater Streams in Alaska," Kiap-TU-wish Chapter Trout Unlimited, March, 2008  
"Helicopter Fishing Headwater Streams in Alaska," Bentley's Outfitters, March, 2008  
"Superior's Threatened Steelhead," 2008 Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo Minneapolis, March, 2008  
"Helicopter Fishing in Alaska," 2008 Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo Chicago, Feb, 2008  
"Helicopter Fishing in Alaska," 2008 Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo Minneapolis, March, 2008  
"Helicopter Fly Fishing in Alaska," Kiap-TU-wish Chapter Trout Unlimited, Dec 2009  
"Minnesota's Steelhead Comeback," 2009 Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo, Minneapolis, March 2009  
"The North Shore's Threatened Steelhead," Headwaters Chapter Trout Unlimited, Dec 2009  
"Steelhead Fly Fishing 101," St. Paul Fly Tiers, Jan 2010  
"Steelhead Fly Fishing 101," The Fly Angler, Feb 2010  
"Steelhead Fly Fishing 101," Cabela's, Mar 2010

#### Sport Related Affiliations

Trout Unlimited, Twin Cities Chapter  
Brule River Sportsman's Club  
Lake Superior Steelhead Association, member, Board of Directors 2004-present  
The Greater Lake Superior Foundation, Officer 2004-present  
North Shore Steelhead Association (Canada)  
The Atlantic Salmon Federation

#### Academic Background

Bachelor of Architecture with Distinction, University of Minnesota, School of Architecture, 1975

#### Professional Experience

Head Guide, Talaheim Lodge, Talachulitna River, Alaska 2007-2009  
Senior Project Manager, HGA, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota 2000-2007  
Principal and Project Director, Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota 1994-2000  
Project Architect, DLA-Ellerbe Becket, Wakefield, Yorkshire, England 1993-1994  
Senior Project Manager, Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota 1981-1993  
Partner in Charge of Design; Howell, Radloff, Thorpe Architects, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota 1975--1981

#### Registrations

Wisconsin Fishing Guide License 03015  
Alaska Fishing Guide License 8218  
US Coast Guard Merchant Marine Officer OUPV Great Lakes 2762271

#### Other

Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout 1963  
Harding High School Alumni of the Year 2000  
American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Certificate and CPR Certificate  
Muriel Foster Award, The Ladies Books and Tackle Society 2008

## References

Mark Miller, Owner  
Talaheim Lodge  
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Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop  
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