

## Scott Thomas Thorpe

### Scott Thorpe Fly Fishing, LLC

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#### Fly Fishing Experience

My father introduced me to trout fishing when I was too young to wade alone and had to be carried on his back across the rivers. 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 and high school, mainly fishing with worms dug from the backyard. Although I caught my first trout on a fly when I was ten, I started exclusively using the fly when I was perhaps sixteen. In 1966, 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 as an architect, I managed 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 - mostly unproductive-- trying to catch Atlantic salmon. There were 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 joined a local fishing club, and became a local on the Yorkshire Don and the River Derwent. In Scotland, I have fished the Tay, Almond, Borge, Spey, Aberdeenshire Don and Naver. I have always been a romantic, reading voraciously about fishing to learn about the traditions and history of the sport. I fished some of the most famous venues of the UK just to experience the origins of the fly fishing tradition. It didn't matter that the fishing was difficult.

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, obtained a Montana Guide License, and guided part time. In 2007, I quit the architecture business and started guiding full time. As a licensed 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, each spring and fall. Summer is spent as a full time guide for Talaheim Lodge in Alaska, where I guide fly fishers for 90 plus days.

Fly fishing has been very satisfying for me, and I realized I needed to get involved. Besides the usual memberships, I am on the Board of Directors of the Lake Superior Steelhead Association and the President of The Greater Lake Superior Foundation. As a steelhead activist, I was formerly appointed to the DNR's Trout and Salmon Stamp Oversight Committee (now disbanded), and reviewed trout stamp expenditures. 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 the co-editor and 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 Montana, 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  
2010 Ireland, brown trout, 2 weeks  
2010 Ontario, steelhead, coaster brook trout, 2 weeks  
2010 Alaska, trout, char, salmon, 12 weeks guiding  
2011 Ontario, steelhead, coaster brook trout, 2 weeks  
2011 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"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2010, Vol 30, "Alaskan Silvers"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2010, Vol 30, "Three Flies for Alaska Silver Salmon"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2011, Vol 31, "Mousing for Trout"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2011, Vol 31, "Mouse Fly Patterns"  
The Lake Superior Angler 2012, Vol 32, "Fishing for Science"

### Presentations

"Fly Fishing Ireland," Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, Feb 2005  
"Fly Fishing Scotland," Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, Oct 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  
"Fly Fishing in Ireland," Kiap-TU-wish Chapter Trout Unlimited, Nov 2010  
"Steelhead Fly Fishing 101," Cabela's, March 2011  
"Steelhead Fly Fishing 101," 2011 Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo, March 2011  
"Fly Fishing in Ireland," TC Chapter Trout Unlimited, Oct 2011  
"Steelhead Fly Fishing 101," Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop, Feb 2012

### 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-present  
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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