

NEW FLY FISHING CZAR

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President Obama Appoints New World Fly-Fishing Czar

In a surprise appearance at the White House rose garden yesterday, President Obama announced the appointment of legendary angler Stu Apte to the newly created post of World Fly-Fishing Czar. Apte is a resident of Tavernier, Florida. He is a former U.S. Navy fighter pilot and professional saltwater flats guide who has held numerous world record catches throughout his illustrious career.

"Americans invented the fine sport of fly fishing," said the President, as simulated screeching fly reels could be heard in the background. "And I am not about to stand by idly while the do-nothing United Nations' Tribunal on Fly-Fishing Ethics and Eccentricities continues to do nothing. I have asked Stu to act boldly now--he is the perfect man for the job."

When a young reporter for The Daily Angler pointed out that anthropologists have dated fly fishing to more than 2,000 years ago in ancient Mesopotamia, the President questioned the reporter's patriotism and remarked: "Look, all the facts are still not in. But we can't let that stand in our way. There will always be plenty of time to questions the facts later."

President Obama added that pressing international issues such as strike indicators versus swinging, and marabou versus rabbit fluff, were too important to turn over to a bunch of "French-speaking European bureaucrats at the Hague. It's socialism, pure and simple. America is best when America is the boss."

In a follow-up statement issued minutes before cocktail hour, Senate majority leader Harry Reid expressed a wish for swift confirmation. "I ask my colleagues on both sides to put aside partisan differences and say yes to this impressive and highly qualified nominee," he said. "The economy cannot wait."

Halfway through cocktail hour, Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell cautioned about wading in too deeply too soon. "We must first determine if this is yet another example of the President's overreach and attempts to impose his radical environmental agenda," he said. "Mullet have rights, too. And the American people know that."

Meanwhile, over in the House complimentary walk-in humidor and martini bar, Representative Nancy Pelosi said she was looking forward to the opportunity of asking Czar Apte to help improve her double haul.

[GH] COULD THIS BE AN **APRIL FOOL'S JOKE** ??????

(A long standing American spoof !)

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[GH] I am careful not to assume that any fly fisher solely deserves credit for inventing anything. Seems that whenever it is claimed that someone invented a new cast or item of tackle, etc., that others chime in to claim that someone else did it earlier.

Then the President is quoted (actually or falsely): "Americans invented the fine sport of fly fishing", I think he'd have been

more accurate if he'd added the words, "salt water". Even that may not be strictly correct.

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