

## Robert Mead

I am a homeowner and fisherman who lives much of the year on the main stem of the Delaware near Equinunk, Pa.

I have family members who own and operate fracking operations in Texas and western Pa.

I have extensive experience with fracking, gas leases, and all of the impacts from this industrial activity.

I used to believe that the gas could be extracted with minimal environmental impact.

History has proven that this is virtually impossible. Needless to say I'm not the most popular guy around the family

Thanksgiving dinner table.

A ten year review of communities like Montrose and Towanda clearly demonstrates the boom and bust economy

resulting from this industrial activity.

The upper Delaware River is truly a unique and special environment that deserves special recognition and protection.

That starts with National Park Service "Wild and Scenic River" designation and must include special regulations for

the entire basin. The DRBC must take the necessary steps to protect this very special river .