*Roscoe, NY* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is optimistic and hopeful that Roscoe, New York will win the first ever "Ultimate Fishing Town" national championship, but highlighted that it's going to take thousands of additional votes to ensure a victory for the Catskill Region's local favorite in the contest. Fishing enthusiasts from around the globe have been logging on to WorldFishingNetwork.com to vote for their favorite fishing town in the first ever "Ultimate Fishing Town" championship. The contest ends May 31st and over the past day, Roscoe, also known as "Trout Town USA," had taken a slight lead in the online voting.

"With number of the world's top trout streams, anglers from around the globe already recognize Roscoe, New York as the birthplace of American dry-fly fishing and as America's ultimate fishing town," said Hinchey. "The question now is--will we have the votes to ensure Roscoe gets the national recognition through this competition that it deserves? Right now, Roscoe is in the lead, but the margin is thin, and people can continue voting until May 31st."

The final round of voting began Tuesday, May 10. Each person can vote a maximum of four times per email address, per day, at WorldFishingNetwork.com.