

**.We are fortunate this month to have 2 guest speakers:**

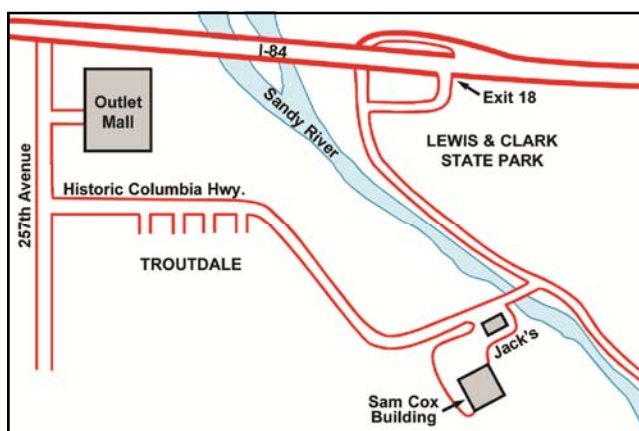
Dave Calhoun owner of Northwest Rods and Gail Saldaña (Lovell).

Gail Saldaña (Lovell).is a Project Manager/Landscape Architect for the US Army Corps of Engineers. Gail will be responsible for the dredging of the east channel into the Sandy River from the Columbia. She will be the Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers for the project that will occur the summer of 2013.

Gail Saldaña is a Project Manager in the Project Management and Planning Branch for the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She has held this position since October 2010. As project manager she manages numerous projects within the region and is responsible for all aspects of the project, from scoping to construction.

Saldaña joined the Portland District in 1981, starting her career as a Landscape Architect. In 1987 she became a Registered Landscape Architect in Oregon. Saldaña has worked on projects including Bonneville Second Powerhouse, Mount St. Helens, Bonneville's new navigation lock, Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites, and many ecosystem restoration projects throughout the region.

Saldaña was born in Portland, Oregon and received Bachelor of Science degrees in Landscape Architecture and in Planning from Oregon State University.



**Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building at Glenn Otto Park. 1102 E Columbia River Highway in Troutdale, Oregon.**

**All guests are welcome!**

## President's Message

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### An Opportunity to Become a Better Bank Angler

In an effort to provide more information to the bank anglers among us, we are introducing a quarterly bank fishing hole handout with maps, directions and how to fish various techniques.

The hole will have a sponsor(s) to take a small group of interested members to the hole on the weekend and / or during the week to demonstrate proper fishing techniques. You can also take the information on a solo trip.

We will introduce the area inside Oxbow Park known as the Flood Plain. The handout is ready and we think 3 – 4 hours is adequate for the streamside demonstration and practice, followed by an optional no host lunch at a local restaurant to discuss lessons learned.

The hole sponsors may not give away their favorite fishing spot, but it will be a fishable and accessible location.



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## Election of Officers, Directors and Members of the Board of Directors

April 3<sup>rd</sup>—Membership Meeting

As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers. The four positions that we need to vote on are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will be electing members to the Board of Directors, as well.

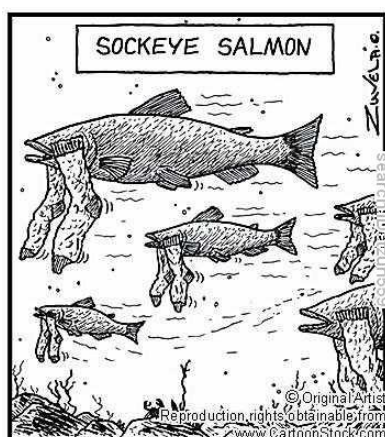


If you would like to run for any of these position all you need to do is contact any current officer or member of the board of director.

To run for President Position you must be a current member in good standings and must have been a member for longer than a year. So if you have some great ideas we are looking for you to fill one of these positions.

You can run for president or vice president with a co-partner. If you have any suggestion of someone who would make a great President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director ask them if you can nominate them for the positions.

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Sandy's first settlers, the Francis Revenue family, arrived in 1853 and soon opened a trading post here on the Barlow Road and served many of the thousands of pioneers who traveled through on their way to the Willamette Valley.



**Board Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2012**

Present: Larry P, Doug B, Col T, Howard B, John H, Bill B, Jeff S, Eric K, Leslie H, Mike M, Nona B, Scott B, Margorie B and Dan Drazan

Began 6:32 P.M.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. \$11,000 is available in our various accounts. Not included in this amount is the \$135.00 paid to the chapter by the association for some seats purchased for the recent association event.
2. Current membership is 169.
3. Keep reporting volunteer hours to Bill. If anyone has hours not yet reported, please contact Bill. Important to note that Bill will be out of town after Christmas so as to be available to root on his Beavers as they crush the Long Horns.
4. Leslie reported how happy she is as the chapter auction coordinator, a position she will never relinquish. For the upcoming May 1 auction she would like to see more diversity in items as opposed to solely concentrating on fishing/outdoor things. Perhaps we could come up with items that might be of more interest to ladies. She is on top of getting out thank you letters and tax info to donors.
5. The new web page is up and running though not without a few bugs that are attracting John's attention.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Doug presented results of our recent tackle donation sale. Keep in mind that there are a few matters not completely resolved. Our revenue so far is \$2,400 +/- . If the exact disposition of the items is of interest, contact Doug or a board member. We certainly appreciate the effort Doug extended in this venture. There are still some items available for sale, which we plan to offer at some future date - perhaps at our winter clinic. We have been contacted by other chapters/groups interested in purchasing some items.
2. Larry P has developed a survey for members.

**III. Officer Reports**

1. Jeff S is working on setting dates for our business clinic presentations. He has several feelers out and is waiting for confirmations.
2. If you know of somebody that you think would be an interesting chapter meeting speaker/presenter, please contact Jeff Kirkman or Doug, or if you have a particular interest, please contact either board member.
3. Eric K, who we thought was the clothing sales director for life, needs a break and would like to see somebody take over this position by this spring when his term ends. He rejected a salary increase or offer to fish with Colonel to remain in this position.
4. As strange as it seems, the election of new officers is around the corner. Jeff S will write a piece for the newsletter reflecting this issue. If any member is interested in any position, please contact Jeff, Doug or any board member. The election will take place in April.
5. Much time was spent discussing how we can compensate those who make significant contributions to the chapter. Many ideas were presented/discussed and this topic will carry over to the next meeting.
6. Larry is still researching options for potential STEP project for the chapter. As he finalizes and zeroes in on specifics, he will report



Greetings Sandy Chapter, NW Steelheaders,

What a great day. After 50 years of working to remove gill nets from the lower main stem Columbia River, we have victory. The ODFW Commission approved the Governor's Directive as detailed by the work group with only a couple relatively minor tweaks. It was great to be there and play a part in this historic event, but there were many Steelheaders who helped get us to this point that were not there to celebrate with us - Jack Applegate, Dudley Nelson, and Walt McGovern just to name a few.

The Commission Meeting Proceedings were grueling. Ed Bowles presented the staff recommendation, which varied from the work group recommendation by proposing to establish a sport fishing exclusion zone in front of Youngs Bay. There were additional punitive measures aimed at spanking the sport fishing community, including a senseless barbless hook rule. Brett Brownscombe then presented a letter just drafted by the Governor, asking for three changes to the recommendation. This included not immediately implementing a sport exclusion zone in front of Youngs Bay, a two year faze in of the barbless hook rule, and granting the commercial fishery 20% of the summer Chinook if their selective harvest methods are successful.

What followed was hours of mostly gill netter testimony - the same distortions, outright lies, and drama we have seen for so many years in so many venues. There was a good group of sport angling community people testifying as well, but not as many as the gill netters. We pointed out that the science shows barbless hooks do not reduce release mortality and why barbless treble hooks on plugs, spinners, and other lures is ineffective. We also expressed that the proposed sport fishing exclusion zone is excessively large (spanning to the other side of the main channel along the "green line") and that it was creating a safety hazard for smaller boats.

The Commission did not start deliberating until very late in the afternoon. It appears the commission members may have had a hand in the staff recommendation's changes from the work group's proposal. Specifically, the sport fishing exclusion zone in front of Youngs Bay was "to be considered" as an adaptive management tool if needed in the work group proposal but became an immediate action in the staff proposal. The Commission's discussions rambled in circles for hours before they got around to voting on anything. Akenson said she could not vote for the proposal and then a couple others declared they had strong reservations as well. It was a surprise to me that Levy stepped up (after sounding pro-gill net all day) working hard to get to a compromise that the commission would approve. Akenson was won over by delaying the change in spring Chinook allocation one year. Anderson then opposed the Governor's delay in barbless hook implementation. The discussion that followed totally dismissed the science and was dismissive to the point of being insulting toward the affect on existing inventories of treble hook lures. Anderson got her way but ultimately voted no anyway.

It was almost 8:00 pm by the time there was a motion to approve the proposal. It passed with a four to two vote. Finley, Webber, Akenson, and Levy voted yes while Anderson and Wolley voted no. (Wolley was a major disappointment.) The final result included the barbed hook ban starting 1/1/13 and left the exclusion zone as a future consideration.

There is much yet to be done. Washington needs to agree with the tweaks or allow the two state directors to negotiate to a compromise. We need to keep our upriver sport anglers whole by insuring just as many hatchery fish are available to them after more smolts are transferred to the SAFE areas. We need to insure funding for this and insure the Columbia angling surcharge is used equitably. We can expect the gill netters to try to derail this in the legislature in some way and must be vigilant and active to prevent this.

### Call for Volunteers...

Once again it is time to volunteer to work the Association's booth at the Boat Show, to be held at the usual location, the ER Center in North Portland. The show runs from Wednesday, January 9, thru Sunday January 13, with set-up at 9:30 AM on the 8th. If you wish to volunteer, please send me an email, noting the date and shift you choose to work.

Please do not phone in your request, it is too easy to misplace paper notes. You may wish to consider taking the MAX train or car pooling to the site, as reimbursing parking costs the Assn. over \$400. Volunteers need not "Dress up", simply wear presentable attire, no ragged, sloppy clothes please.

If you have Association or chapter logo shirts and/or hats, by all means wear those, it always makes a good impression and also helps present our brand to the public. Do not wear the logo of any non ANWS organization.

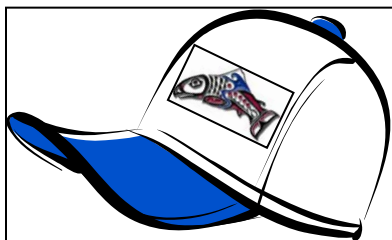
Our job in the booth will be to speak to our mission, sell raffle tickets and expand our brand to the public.

Thank you,

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#### **Volunteers.....**

You are all very important to the success of the Chapter and Association events.

Please make sure to log the events you volunteer for

## **Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill this form out and return it at a general meeting.

Please mark your time as beginning when you left your home until you return home from the volunteer event.

## Upcoming Events

**Portland Boat Show**  
**Wednesday - January 8 thru**  
**Sunday January 13**  
**Portland Expo Center**  
**Contact: Mike Myrick**

**Ray's Frostbite Follies**  
**Saturday - March 23rd**  
**Contact: Jeff Stoeger**

**Pacific NW Sportsman Show**  
**Wednesday - February 6th thru**  
**Sunday February 10th**  
**Portland Expo Center**

**Chapter Election**  
**April 3rd Membership Meeting**

**15th Annual Chapter Banquet/Auction****Frost Bite Follies**

It's that time of year again to plan for our annual Ray's Frost Bite Follies. The follies are named in honor of the late Ray Hinea, who was President and a member for years with the Sandy River Chapter.

Ray and a few of planed a fishing trip in early January. It was one of the coldest fishing events that had taken place in chapter's history, it rained, snowed and had sleet by the end of the day. It shouldn't be that cold for this year's event which will take place on March 23rd. There will be a fee for lunch that will be provided by the ladies of our chapter.

The cost will be about the same as last year. It will depend on what we decide to have for lunch. We will need to have as many boats as possible in order to make this event a success.

This is for Sandy River Chapter Members only. We will have sign-up sheet at the next meeting and we will draw names at the March meeting for boat assignments.

If you have any questions please call me or email at [mjstoeger@msn.com](mailto:mjstoeger@msn.com) or Phone # [503-704-7920](tel:503-704-7920).

Thanks,

**Wednesday - May 1st**  
**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



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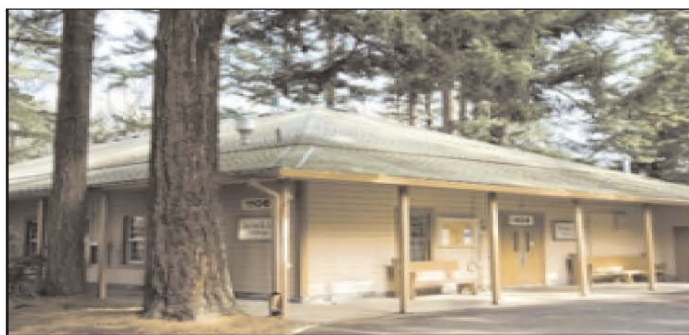


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## Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park

The Sam Cox Building in Troutdale's Glenn Otto City Park provides space for community group activities, private parties, and organizations to meet. It badly needs to be updated. The kitchen has already been remodeled, with volunteers from the Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders providing much of the labor. However, there is more to be done. It's time to raise money for the remaining work.

## Cedar Fish Fundraiser

Buy a cedar fish to help renovate the Sam Cox Building! The fish, with your name engraved on it, will become a permanent part of the interior of the building. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped maintain the building for the community. Every time you walk into the dining room you will see your fish on the wall, proof of your support. Each \$20 purchase of a fish means \$15 for the Sam Cox Building and \$5 for the Northwest Steelheaders, who provide the fish and pay for the engraving.



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Dan Drazan, Sandy River Chapter Member, was fishing the Clackamas River with Russell Bassett, ANWS Executive Director, on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. They launched before sunrise and floated the 10 mile stretch from Feldheimer to Carver. They spent some time near the mouth of Eagle Creek where Russell hooked up with a fighter on a prawn-tipped jig that came unbuttoned after a few minutes.

They worked hard for the next few hours just keeping warm and trying to find another bite.

Dan finally encountered a powerful fish that was enticed by a fresh sandshrimp tail and white corkie with pink spots drifted along the bottom through a deep pool behind some large boulders.

Once It hooked up, the fish gave a few head shakes and took off downriver with all of its might.

Dan was running out of his 10 lb main line and getting concerned about my 8 lb fluorocarbon leader, so Russell pulled anchor and they gave chase.

The fish began to tire after about a 100 yard pursuit, so they hopped out of the boat and landed it in some soft water.

They knew it was a good size fish, but were very pleased to find that it was a bright, hatchery buck in the 16 pound range.

The fish was bonked, tagged, filleted and marinated in an orange ginger sauce.

Dan can't wait to get back on the water...



### ***Sandy Chapter Officers***

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**Special Event Coordinators:**

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