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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

By Brad Halverson, VP Conservation, Association of Northwest Steelheaders

1. Stay diligent during 2016 as you monitor the political negotiations between commercial fishing interests and those of the sports angling community with regard to the removal of non-selective harvest gear on the Columbia River. All gill nets by law must be replaced with more selective, live sort gear by the end of 2017, and the Commission has chosen to hear testimony and make “adaptive management” moves during 2016. The main points of divergence between the two communities are (a.) ex vessel value of catch per commercial boat (they are not to be hurt economically by this change); and (b.) test mortalities for the use of seine nets. We contend the test mortalities should have been closer to the historical 7% release mortalities associated with live sorting methods, than the 40% reported by the test boats. What gear they use, though, is irrelevant to us as long as it fits the definition of selective, which gill nets and tangle nets do not. Seines would be the cheapest and most effective conversion for them.

2. Tesoro-Savage companies are seeking a permit to site what would be the single largest oil export terminal in the USA near or on Frenchman's Bar in Vancouver. Original efforts were denied, but new ownership persists in this permitting process. What this means to us who fish French-

man's, or Davis Bar, or Kelley Point, or Sauvie Island is a high potential for shore erosion and salmon habitat disturbance through increased ship traffic; and the effective closure of the river (due to safety exclusion zone of 500' on either side of the transporting vessel) to sports craft any time an oil vessel is in the vicinity to transport the crude from this terminal to refineries up and down the West Coast. There is a very important public comment hearing scheduled for January 5, 2016 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Your Association of NW Steelheaders, in collaboration with other fishing and conservation groups have a rally planned for 4:00pm that day at the fairgrounds, followed by several of us testifying at 6:00pm.

3. We continue to advocate for

better representation on the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission. Of the seven-person board, commercial fishing interests are well represented by two commissioners; environmentalists/conservationists are represented by the other five. Sports anglers have no one. We are working with Governor Brown to correct that imbalance with her March selection. Stay tuned.

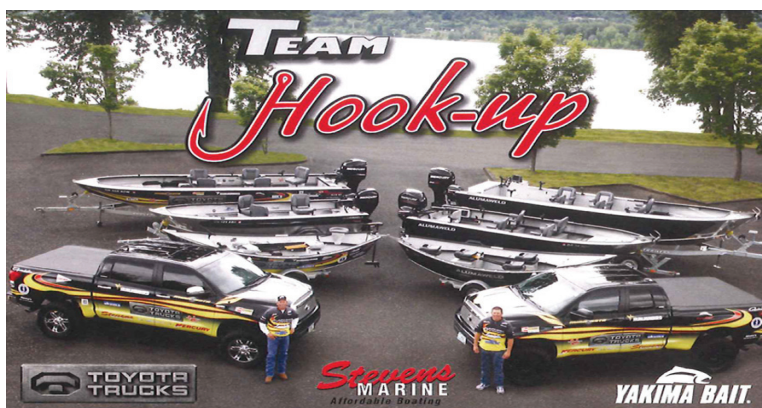
4. We continue to advocate within the legislature for a more workable solution to the ODFW budget process, so that the single most important source of their revenue no longer is on the backs of sports hunters' and anglers' annual fees. Stay tuned.

5. Clean water and habitat, and healthy runs of wild and hatchery stocks remain our primary advocacy objectives. Happy New Year.

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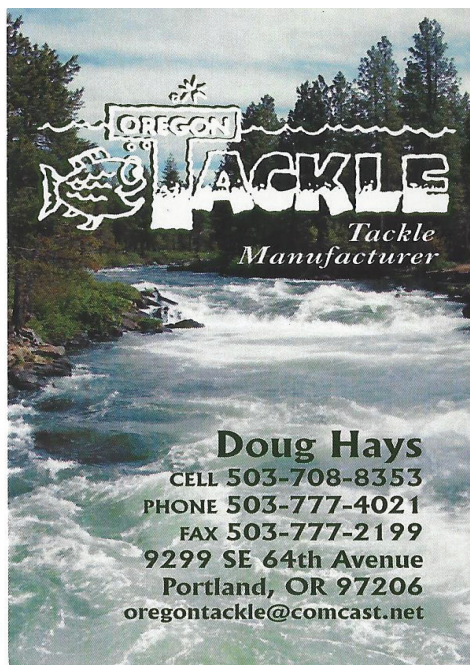



## Fish along report

BY Larry Palmer

On December 19th Steve Rothenbucher and Ralph Young met a few chapter members for our monthly fish along. To say the river was high is a bit of an understatement... the Sandy which fishes nicely at a height somewhere between 9 and 10.5 feet was 13 feet, having dropped down from 15.3 only the night before! Nevertheless things were learned. After looking over the boat ramp area at Dabney Park it was off to Oxbow Park. Places of access were shown and a brief conversation with two anglers plunking in an easy top get to spot reveled that they had two quick hook ups earlier in the morning. High water and Spin-N-Glos near the slower water by the shoreline...simple but pretty much the only game in town under those conditions. Don't overlook Plunking...it works!

Jauuary's fish along will be on Saturday the 23rd. Meet 8 AM at Glenn Otto Park. Next month's technique? Drift fishing. Be there or be square!



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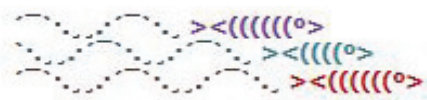
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**Tell your fishing friends and invite them to come and see us!**

The Sandy River Chapter has free informative meetings each month. They are held the first Wednesday, 6:30 PM in the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale.

You can learn a lot about fishing methods at these meetings, but it's not the only way we'll help you learn!



## ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME AWARD

Sandy River Chapter congratulates our member, **Larry Palmer** who received the Northwest Steelheaders President's Award. He was honored for his creation and dedication of the very successful ODFW/Sandy Chapter Fishing Clinics. Larry will tell you it is a team effort and how much he appreciates all of the input and help received by Sandy River Chapter members whom made the clinics happen!





## January

- 6 Chapter Meeting and  
Pie Night Social  
Program: Todd Alsbury,  
ODFW, Plans for Sandy  
River
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13-17 Portland Boat Show
- 15-17 Family Fish Camp  
\*(Fish Camp Date Moved to  
February 19-20-21)
- 20 Feb. Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Sandy Chapter Fish-a-long

## February

- 3 Chapter Meeting  
Program: Brandon Glass and  
Ryan Queen, New Cedar  
Hatch-  
ery manager.
- 6 Spring Steelhead Clinic
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10-14 Sportsman Show
- 20 Clinic: Basic Fishing  
Techniques For Spring  
Chinook Salmon
- 17 March Newsletter Deadline
- 19-21 Family Fish Camp  
\*(Camp: Magruder, Rock-  
away Beach, Or.)

## March

- 2 Chapter Meeting  
Program: Jack Glass &  
Brandon Glass: Video with  
Winter Steelheading
- 9 Board Meeting
- 16 April Newsletter Deadline

## SANDY CHAPTER ANNUAL PIE NIGHT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Robert Wisher has planned another special event for us.  
**“PIE NIGHT” -- THE TREAT IS ON US!**

Bring your favorite pie to share, either prepared from your own  
pantry or by your favorite bakery. Ice cream will be provided.  
Let Robert Wisher know what kind of pie you are bringing.

Call him at (503) 780-8212 or email him at:

**[rjwisherstix@gmail.com](mailto:rjwisherstix@gmail.com)**

## April 6, 2016 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

As required by the by-laws the Sandy River Chapter needs  
to notify its membership of the up coming election of of-  
ficers. The five positions that we need to vote on are Presi-  
dent, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Secretary, and  
Treasurer. We will also be electing Directors. Nominations  
will be accepted however, **YOU CAN'T NOMINATE  
SOMEONE WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION.**

### *Newsletter Deadlines*

**February issue--January 20**

**March Issue---February 17**

**April Issue--- March 23**

**May Issue---April 20**

***Don't forget to  
turn in your  
volunteer hours!!***

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The First annual Family Fish Camp will commence at iconic Camp McGruder on the North Oregon Coast. Family Fish Camp is a collaborative program initiated by The Association of Northwest Steelheaders to encourage families to recreate together in our great outdoors.

The Pacific Northwest offers unparalleled opportunity for sport angling, allowing families to recreate together with a good chance at harvesting wholesome, fresh fish for home consumption. Many families feel challenged in taking up the sport due to the lack of knowledge necessary for consistent success. The Association of Northwest Steelheaders is one of our region's most respected non-profits that has thrived due to the sense of community we instill in our chapters. Not only are we deeply involved in the conservation of salmon, steelhead, and the healthy ecosystems that support these species, but we are equally excited to teach new anglers the outdoor skills necessary to safely and effectively harvest our region's bounty.



Family Fish Camp is designed for beginners. The goal of our two-day camp is for participants to leave excited about the possibilities for success in our region. At Family Fish Camp, we will:

- Teach beginning anglers techniques to successfully fish for trout, salmon, and steelhead
- Teach beginning anglers how to pick the best time to pursue the species they most desire
- Show anglers where some of the most productive water is and how to “read” it for success
- Show anglers how to clean and process their catch for maximum benefit and quality
- And many, many more valuable facets of our outdoor experiences!



The location of the event is ideal for families as many northwest families already have a history with the site. Camp McGruder is located in Tillamook County, just steps away from the Pacific Ocean, Tillamook Bay and Smith Lake—a perfect venue to learn all kinds of fishing and crabbing!

To learn more about Family Fish Camp, go to [www.nwsteelheaders.org/events/family-fish-camp](http://www.nwsteelheaders.org/events/family-fish-camp). Questions can be directed to Bob Rees at [executivedirector@anws.org](mailto:executivedirector@anws.org) or call 503-653-4176. Costs and program lesson plans are avail-


able on our website. Costs include accommodations for participants for two nights and five meals plus use of all the necessary gear to complete the program.

Allow the Association of Northwest Steelheaders to be your gateway to outdoor recreation in the Pacific Northwest! We've been doing it for 55 years!

# Family Fish Camp Registration

February 19,20,21, 2016

Camp Magruder, Rockaway Beach, Oregon



Scholarships are  
available for  
families to  
participate

## Friday, February 19, 2016


5:30 p.m. Arrive at Camp Magruder. Check in-Familiarize yourself with the grounds  
6:00 p.m. Dinner is served in the main hall  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Orientation

## Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Classes begin  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Break and lunch is served at 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. Classes resume  
3:00 p.m. Recess (FISHING! basketball, volleyball, FISHING!)  
4:15 p.m. Classes resume  
5:00 p.m. Classes cease for the day  
5:30 pm Dinner is served

## Sunday, February 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Departure for on water instruction (fishing/crabbing) or home.



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available for  
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participate

<sup>1</sup> Includes membership as a regular member in The Association of Northwest Steelheaders.

<sup>2</sup> Includes membership as a youth member in The Association of Northwest Steelheaders.

Send registration to:

Association of Northwest Steelheaders, 6641 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, OR 97222

(503-653-4176

or, register online: [www.nwsteelheaders/events/family-fish-camp](http://www.nwsteelheaders/events/family-fish-camp)





Spinner Dave can also be contacted at [sdcustomdesigns.com](http://sdcustomdesigns.com)

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### **Where your PFD?**

It is interesting that three words, spelled differently, yet annunciated the same, can convey the extreme importance of the Personal Flotation Device to our sport.

‘Where is your PFD?’ is a question you should never be asked. You should know and it better be around your neck. Your boating checklist should read ‘Put on your PFD’, followed by ‘Get in the boat’ and state ‘Wear your PFD all the time’. Bank fishermen, with or without waders, need to don a PFD, every time.

‘Wear your PFD’ actually has a double meaning. Wearing your PFD was covered, but there is ‘wear & tear’ on your PFD. The instructions will tell you to inspect it before each use, test it annually and replace the cartridge accordingly. Your life is worth the \$15 to \$30 it will cost.

‘Ware your PFD’, albeit archaic, says beware of your PFD. Wear it on the outside of every other garment, it can break rides or fail to inflate under your coat. Beware of, ‘wear & tear’, cuts, sun damage and stains. Make certain the whistle works and isn’t cracked, check the manual inflation tubes and consider adding a strobe light.

Where, Wear and Ware your PFD, every time.

The Steelheader leadership should set the example and make it our written policy & use peer pressure for enforcement. We should only publish photo of our members with PFD’s clearly visible.

Doug Briggs

## **Chapter Recognized by ODFW for Fishing Clinics**

Recently, Steve Rothenbucher, Larry Palmer, Ralph Young and Doug Briggs car pooled to Salem on Saturday December 5th to attend the annual awards ceremony at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters. Several awards were given out to long term volunteers and support organizations.

The Sandy River Chapter received special recognition for its outstanding efforts in conducting fishing clinics in conjunction with ODFW. This follows an individual award presented at a recent Chapter Meeting to Larry Palmer for spearheading that effort.

Steve Rothenbucher, Sandy River Chapter President, received an award for his 112 hours of ODFW Angler Education instruction.

Doug Briggs

The next clinic will be the Spring Chinook Clinic Feb. 20th.

If you wish to participate in the Feb. 20th clinic please contact Larry palmer at-  
[palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com)

Our Next ODFW Clinic  
February 20th, 2016, Glenn Otto Park  
9-4 PM (Public) 8-5 (Volunteers)

**Boat Techniques for Spring Chinook Salmon**--these highly prized big and great eating fish swim right through Portland on their way up river, and are widely sought in boats. You don't need the biggest or fastest boat to catch them, but you do need to know how to rig up for them. Class will include selection of the proper rods, reels, knots plug cutting herring rigging methods along with other baits , and where to fish. Cooking and smoking recipes included!

Volunteer to help out with this clinic by emailing Larry Palmer at  
**palmerlarryd@yahoo.com or by phone at 503-286-2093 Email is best.**

There will be a prize drawing for volunteers for this clinic of a drift boat trip or trolling trip with Larry Palmer on a nearby river. Somebody has to win....It could be you.



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## Chef's Corner

### Smoked Fish Brines

By Larry Palmer

After filleting, cut your fish up into chunks about 1 ¼ inch to 1 ½ inch wide, this is especially important with very thick fish like a big salmon. When the pieces are too large neither the brine nor smoke can penetrate the entire piece evenly. Keep the backbone and any other small scraps of meat for salmon chowder stock.

Place fish in plastic container with brine solution, and refrigerate for 3 to 4 days. Stir once a day to assure all fish gets equally in contact with brine. When brining time is done drain fish and place in layers of an old towel, refrigerate overnight. Sprinkle with black pepper when placing fish on the smokers' racks before smoking.

Try a recipe, and if you think you like it a bit saltier, add salt. Want more spices? Add spices! Most old fashioned recipes were very salty because the primary concern was to prevent spoilage. Today we have refrigerators for that. It's really never been a problem...you'll eat this stuff long before it has a chance to spoil any way. If you really want to preserve your smoked fish, put it in zip lock bag wrapped with foil marked

"for the dog" and put it way in the back on the bottom shelf of your refrigerator where the rest of your family can't find it. It works!

#### Brine #1

1 Gallon warm water  
1 cup (loose) brown sugar  
1/2 cup light molasses  
1/2-cup non-iodized salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
Let sit until cool. Place fish in brine and refrigerate.  
Drain and then "towel" overnight.

Makes 7-10 pounds of fish

#### Brine #2

1 Gallon water  
4 cans " No-sugar added" frozen apple juice concentrate  
1/2-cup non-iodized salt  
Warm and stir water, salt and juice together in a pan. Let sit until cool. Place fish in brine and refrigerate.  
Drain and then "towel" overnight.

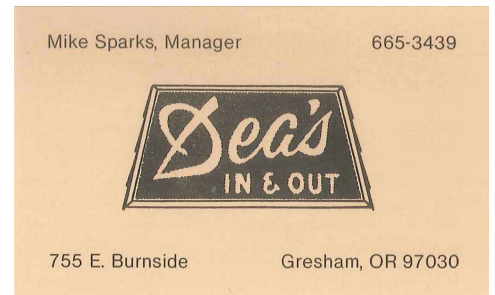
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#### Brine #3

1 Gallon water  
1 ½ cups of honey  
1/2-cup non-iodized salt  
Warm and stir water, salt and honey together in a pan. Let sit until cool. Place fish in brine and refrigerate.  
Drain and then "towel" overnight.

Before smoking rub coarse black pepper into the fish, then place on smoker racks.

Makes 7-10 pounds of fish



### Larrys' Sinfully easy Salmon Dip

Take some smoked salmon (usually one piece will do) break it into small pieces and remove any bones. Chop very fine and put in a mixing bowl. To the bowl add cream cheese (actually Neuchatel cream cheese, a softer version of it) and the other listed ingredients.

#### #1 hot recipe-

One package of Neuchatel cream cheese  
3/4 teaspoon of cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon of black pepper  
Mix together and put on a cracker!

#### #2 dill recipe

One package of Neuchatel cream cheese  
1/2 teaspoon of dry dill (or fresh dill weed if you can find it)  
1/2 teaspoon of black pepper

#### #3 garlic recipe

One package of Neuchatel cream cheese  
1 teaspoon of chopped garlic  
1/4 teaspoon of black pepper



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### When:

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7:00 P.M. Sharp

### Where

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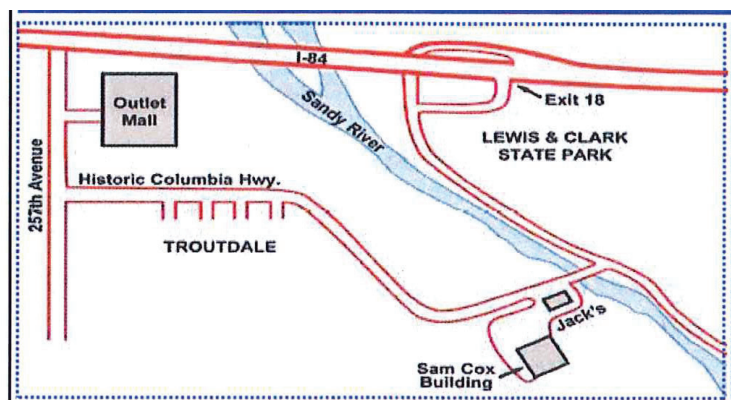
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**Our members are our greatest asset. We welcome visitors to join the Sandy River Chapter, Association of Northwest Steelheaders.**

## Portland Boat Show Sign-up, January 13 - 17, 2016

Volunteers will receive free show entry via "Will Call". Please check all the shifts that you are willing to work. Actual work shifts will be established to provide the most participation possible and your actual shift(s) will be confirmed by phone or email no later than Jan. 7th. Call **Mike Myrick at 503-281-6438** for details.

Name	Phone	Chapter	Tue. 1/12/15	Wed. 1/13/16			Thur. 1/14/16			Fri. 1/15/16			Sat. 1/16/16			Sun. 1/17/16	
			Booth Setup 10:30 AM	First Shift 10:15AM-1:30PM	Second Shift 1:30PM-5PM	Third Shift 5PM- 9PM	First Shift 10:15AM-1:30PM	Second Shift 1:30PM-5PM	Third Shift 5PM- 9PM	First Shift 10:15AM-1:30PM	Second Shift 1:30PM-5PM	Third Shift 5PM- 9PM	First Shift 9:15AM-1PM	Second Shift 1PM-5:00PM	Third Shift 5:00PM-8PM	First Shift 9:15AM-2PM	Second Shift 2PM-7PM

## Sportsman Show Sign-up, February 10 - 14, 2016

Volunteers will receive free show entry via "Will Call". Please check all the shifts that you are willing to work. Actual work shifts will be established to provide the most participation possible and your actual shift(s) will be confirmed by phone no later than Feb. 4th. Call **Mike Myrick at 503-281-6438** for details.

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