



January 2020

The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future.

2019-2020 Events

Remember – January 8, and February 12, 2020 - Chapter meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday in each of these months



January 8, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Speaker -Bill Weiler will share some of projects that deal will stream restoration and small streams that he has worked on.



January 18, 2020– Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along, meetup at Glenn Otto Community Park parking lot in Troutdale, OR, at 9am and head out from there. Contact - Steve Rothenbucher, rothenbuchers@gmail.com or Ph: (503)-442-9027 or Greg Reed at g_a_reed@comcast.net, / Ph: 503-869-1795



February 12, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Speaker – Brad Halverson, Oregon Hatchery Research Center. 6:00pm, Sam Cox Building of Glenn Otto Park, 1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060.

Video at - https://dfw.state.or.us/images/video_gallery/ohrc_video.asp

The goal of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) is to answer scientific questions related to fish recovery and hatchery programs, including the differences that may exist between wild and hatchery fish, and how to better manage those differences.

Information gained at the Research Center will help answer questions vital to the success of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and implementation of the Native Fish Conservation Policy.

The Oregon Hatchery Research Center is a cooperative research project between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

ODFW/Sandy River Chapter Steelhead 101 Workshop

Congratulations to our fantastic Volunteers for presenting another successful Steelhead Workshop and fish along on the Sandy River.



Jason Stewart, one of our participants, caught his first Steelhead during the on the water portion of the class on the Sandy River.

Jason says his Mom was a strong fishing influence. After a family vacation at Duncan Reservoir, near Silver Lake and catching trout with family last year he began shopping sales for Steelhead equipment. He also spent hours watching Outdoor GPS looking for information on Steelhead fishing.

This fall when Jason saw the Class announcement on the web for the ODFW/Sandy River Chapter ANWS Steelhead 101 Workshop he signed up. He attended the classes on Sunday, December 1, 2019 with 33 other participants. The workshop was presented in Troutdale, Oregon at the Glenn Otto community park with 20 Northwest Steelheader volunteers and ODFW staff presenting techniques in rotating group sessions.



The following Sunday , December 8, 2019, he joined 28 other participants and 15 Northwest Steelheader volunteers and ODFW staff on the Sandy River.

They were greeted by low water conditions with no rain.



Even with this, using what he had learned, Jason was able to catch and release his first Steelhead the first time out with his new fishing gear!

Again, thank you to our volunteers for 400 plus hour of their time to make this event a success.



Among them¹ were:

Jim Cathcart, Jeff and Terri Boughton, Robert Burke, Jeff Stoeger, Marvin Forte, Steve Parr, Gerard Mangan, Rick Parre', Allen Butler, Mike Raby, Hank Hyde, Rob Bitney, Ann Thomas, Steve Rothenbucher, John Wheeler, Larry Palmer, Jon Cox, T.J. McConnaughey, Susan Hostelter , and Alix Soliman.

¹ Taken in order of sign in from forms.



New Recreational Crab Gear Marking Rule

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife
Commission
has adopted the following
rule:

Effective **January 1, 2020**, surface buoys used to mark recreational crab pots or rings must be marked in a visible, legible, and permanent manner with information clearly identifying the owner of the crab pots or rings. The identifying information must include first and last name or business name AND at least one of the following:

- (a) Permanent address;
- (b) Phone number;
- (c) Angler Identification number; or
- (d) A vessel identification number.



Mark your bouys used with pots or rings in the ocean or bays. Rule does not apply to gear from piers, jetties, or beaches.

Until now, Oregon was the only west coast state that did not have a rule requiring marked buoys.

While other aspects of crab gear are not required by rule, ODFW strongly encourages the use of sinking line, durable buoys, escape rings, and destruct mechanisms like untreated cotton line.

Marked buoys helps managers identify which fisheries are involved in whale entanglements and aid in the recovery of lost gear.

Always check the ODA Shellfish Hotline before crabbing: 800-448-2474

For more info: <https://myodfw.com/crabbing-clamming>

Contact: Mitch Vance –(541)867-0300 x 233, or
Liz Perotti –(541)867-0300 x 229

Recovering America's Wildlife Act – Earlier this month the House Natural Resources Committee voted to approve RAWA 26-6, including a 7-6 vote among the Republicans on the committee.

This is an amazing success and should provide momentum to the bill as it moves to the House floor. At its essence, RAWA would **provide funding for state game and fish agencies to better enable them to manage 'at risk' species according to their state wildlife management plans. The bill would bring more than \$23 million more dollars to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for this work.**

At this point in time, RAWA has 162 co-sponsors on the bill. Many of them are Republicans. As of now, all of Oregon's House delegation has co-sponsored the bill except Rep. Walden. An affiliate sign on letter was recently sent out to Congress. Thanks to ANWS for signing onto the letter. You can review RAWA 26- H.R.3742 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2019 at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3742> .

Registration for Family Fish Camp is OPEN!

Friday March 13 @ 5:00 p.m. — Sunday March 15 @ 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a family weekend of fishing and lodging at Camp Angelos on the Sandy River!

Each year, we host Family Fish Camp for folks who are eager to learn how to fish and seek to continue a legacy of salmon stewardship in the Pacific Northwest. Our passionate, experienced anglers teach essential skills for all ages! In addition to fishing in the pond, there will be classes and activities such as casting and reeling, angler ethics and regulations, gear and equipment, water quality testing, fish art projects, and much more!

Learn more and register at: <https://nwsteelheaders.org/programs/education-2/education/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=807b3846-8e75-4bb6-b660-365647047440>

Scholarship Opportunities - Give the gift of fishing! Studies have shown that children from low-income families are less likely to have access to outdoor recreation and that participating in outdoor recreation has a significant positive psychological impact. Support our efforts to provide fishing opportunities to underprivileged communities by donating to our Family Fish Camp scholarship fund.

Apply for a Scholarship at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIjIhMHZnwIU_1lXUHzdqqHJ3_TxApkmRkM4kJkZrgJNr3Rg/viewform?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=807b3846-8e75-4bb6-b660-365647047440

Are you interested in volunteering? Please contact our Education and Outreach Coordinator Allena Vestal at orhabitat@nwf.org to learn more about becoming a volunteer at camp!



This morning, as I pulled on my waders to fish for a couple of hours before heading into the office, I was shocked by the realization that December is nearly over. Reports of winter steelhead hooked on the Clackamas have been few and far between. It seems returns are occurring later than ever. I can't help but recall stories told of frosty early mornings on the bank where fish were caught before Thanksgiving dinner. I take stock, remind myself that "it only takes one bite," and push on.

As anglers, we push on, driven by a passion that lures us to the next hole or riffle, regardless of run counts or projections. If there are fish in the river, we fish. No matter what. Rain or shine we're there, one cast at a time. It's that same passion that drives me to preserve these special places, to ensure that the next generation has a place to fish and fish to catch.

I'm thrilled to lead the Association of Northwest Steelheaders as we continue to fight for fish and anglers in 2020! A new year, a new decade, and an anniversary are on the horizon. This year, Northwest Steelheaders turns 60! That's 60 years of conservation, education, and advocacy—countless accomplishments for fish and anglers and the promise that we will never let the line go slack.

You will find us at the Capitol fighting for fish and anglers. Together, we will fight the Army Corps of Engineers to create a fish passage for Spring Chinook and Steelhead on the Willamette River. We will fight before the Oregon and Washington commissions to defend Columbia River reforms and secure recreational fishing opportunities. We will fight for fish passage and dam removal on the lower Snake River. We will fight for hatchery funding and the improvement of hatchery programs.

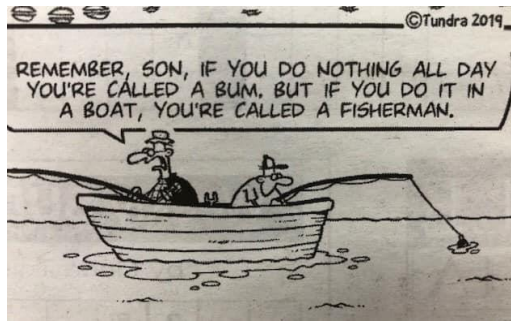
Our work in 2019 has set us up to make great strides as we set a course for 2020. Salmon and Steelhead need us now more than ever before, but I encourage you to take heart. Will you join me in passing down the knowledge and passion we share? Will you heed the call to action as you have done so many times before?

Forward we go, together.

Chris Hager

Executive Director

Association of Northwest Steelheaders



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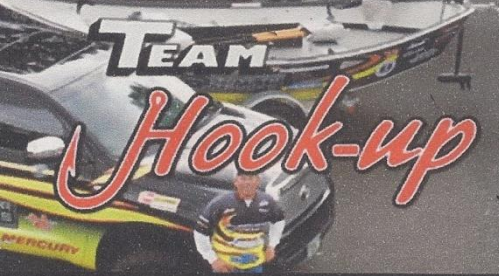
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