



# Sandy Steelheader

Sandy River Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders

Meets the First Wednesday of Every Month at 7:30 PM

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February 2007

## Frost Bite Follies February 24

We finally have a date set for this years frost bite follies. We will have a sign up sheet at the Feb meeting so you can sign up for this fun event. In order to participate in this event you must be a member of the Sandy River chapter and that your current dues are paid up to date. There have been some exceptions if we are short of boats for this event. Lunch will be provided at camp Angelos for a small fee. Last year it cost \$10.00 and not sure what the cost will be this year. We will have the cost of the lunch at the meeting. Please sign up for this event if you can commit to this event. In the past we had to turn members away because we haven't had enough boats. I hope that this won't be the case this year. We also hope to have a shuttle service available without a fee we hope. You will be responsible for the fee at Oxbow Park and at Dabney Park, unless you have passes. Boat assignments will be made by the weekend of February 10th or 11th with names and numbers. Boat assignments will be made by drawing names, unless there are special needs to ride with certain individuals. This is to encourage old and new members to share info and create new friendships with in our chapter. If you have any question please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 50-704-7920 Thanks, Jeff

## March and April Meetings: Steelheading class

It has become apparent that our chapter could use a little more class. Of course I am talking about a class on how to catch steelhead. I don't know what we can do about that other kind of class.

At the March and April meeting we will be going over important basic angler skills and how to become a successful steelhead angler. The class will cost \$30 and come with a complimentary membership to the steelheaders. It will be open to all current members in good standing. Subjects Covered will include rod and reel selection, drift fishing, bobber and jig fishing, spinners, knots, and essential clothing, and more! The information **you** need to get started. The class also will include an on the river clinic to familiarize class members with where on the Sandy to fish and how to read water etc. This will be a good way to get a friend involved with the steelheaders as well as attract new members. Contact Larry Palmer if you are interested in assisting with this great endeavor **503-286-2093**

## Guest Speaker: Kevin Price of Oregon State Parks

Kevin Price of the Oregon State Parks will be our guest speaker. Kevin is the regional manager for North and Northwest region of Oregon state parks. Kevin plans on bring the chapter up to date on what the state parks have been doing the past few months. Kevin plans on talking about some activities that our chapter and the state parks can partner together on that will benefit both fisherman and users of the parks that affect the use of the Sandy River. Dabney boat ramp is a project that he hopes, that our chapter with the help of his park staff, we can improve the boat ramp. If you launch your boat at Dabney or you take your boat out at the park, you know that you have to purchase a day use pass or buy a annual pass. Kevin will have passes for sale at the meeting. You can purchase one year pass or two year. I hope to see you at the meeting. Thank, Jeff



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## Join The Mailing List!

The Sandy Chapter email mailing list is back!

After a long hiatus the mailing list for the Sandy river chapter has been re-established. We can use this mailing list to send messages to other steelheaders in the chapter. Start a discussion, ask a question, make an announcement, or use it to hook up with fellow steelheaders to go fishing. To get subscribed simply send an email to

mailinglist-request@sandysteelheaders.org in the body of the message type the word "subscribe" without the quote marks. This mailing list is totally safe and moderated. Your email address won't end up on a spam list and it won't be given to anyone else so use it with confidence.

## Boat Show Success

I wish to thank the Sandy River Chapter members that stepped forward to help man the Association's booth at the boat show earlier this month. This chapter provided fourteen of the twenty two volunteers who gave their time and effort to sell raffle tickets for the annual North to Alaska Fisherman's Dream Trip, recruit new members and explain the mission of the NW Steelheaders to the public, including two stationed at the Clackacraft Boat, selling the special drift boat raffle tickets. We also had a new topic of discussion at the booth this year, the type of hatch tank the Steelheaders have provided, free of cost, to one hundred schools in the state of Oregon. The McLoughlin Chapter installed the unit and ODFW stocked the tank with year old chinook salmon and steelhead. The interest generated validated the time and effort taken to install this display. We also received numerous inquiries from teachers interested in having this project at their schools. The Association is presently working on grants that may provide an additional one hundred chillers for the program.

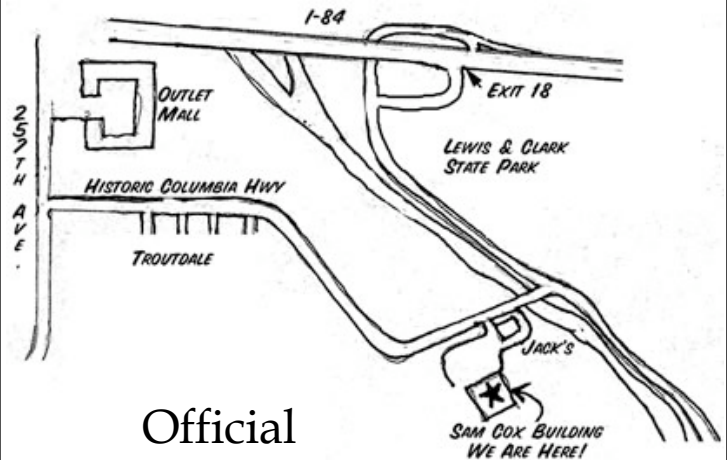
Four new memberships were registered at the show, while 2182 Yakutat and 694 drift boat tickets were sold. The drawing for the boat will be held on the last day of the Sportsman's Show, February 11 and the Yakutat drawing will be April 28. Don't forget to purchase your tickets, or to get tickets to sell, at the February meeting on the 7th. Some of you received tickets to sell three months ago, please make an effort to sell these so you can turn them in. Tickets sitting on a desk at home are not doing any good. I still have some shifts open for the Sportsman's Show, if you are interested, please call me, Mike Myrick, at 503-281-6438. Hope to see you at the February meeting.

## Pacific NW sportsman's show

Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, presented by Toyota, has brought all things outdoors – indoors to the Expo Center. The 2007 show continues this Great Northwest Tradition™ with nearly 800 exhibitors set to attend; this is the largest show of its kind in the West and the top show in the country for adventure seekers. The show features seminars, experts, gear, travel information and plenty of activities for outdoor enthusiasts who hunt, fish, hike, camp, boat and travel. Visit the show this February 7 through 11 at the Portland Expo Center.

Meet a Massive Montana Grizzly at the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, courtesy of Les Schwab Tire Centers. In case you missed your chance last year to see a live Grizzly Bear, now's your rare opportunity because he's back and bigger than ever. Meet Brutus, 850 pounds of pure Montana Grizzly bear and the hit of the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show last year. The response was so huge, we had to bring Brutus back. Raised from a cub by Casey Anderson with Montana Grizzly Encounter, Brutus visits only a few events a year in order for Anderson to educate on Grizzly behavior. Do you know what to do in case you encounter a Grizzly? Do you know what to do if an attack occurs? The answers may surprise you! Come by the display for all the information. When

## How to Find Us



### Official "No Excuse" Map!

Sandy River Chapter Meeting Location.  
You now know exactly where we meet  
We need your attendance!

Brutus isn't traveling, he lives within a protected and natural facility in Montana where he's able to roam and be with his friends.

## The Fly Fishing Show

**Oregon Convention Center  
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**February 17, 18, 2007**

**Show Hours: Sat 9 – 5:30; Sun 9 – 4:30**

**Admission – Adult: \$14 for one day,**

**\$24 for two-day pass;**

**Children under 12: \$2**

## SANDY STEELHEADER'S CALENDAR

February 7 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto park

February 7-11 Pacific NW sportsman's show Expo center

February 24 Sandy Frost Bite Follies

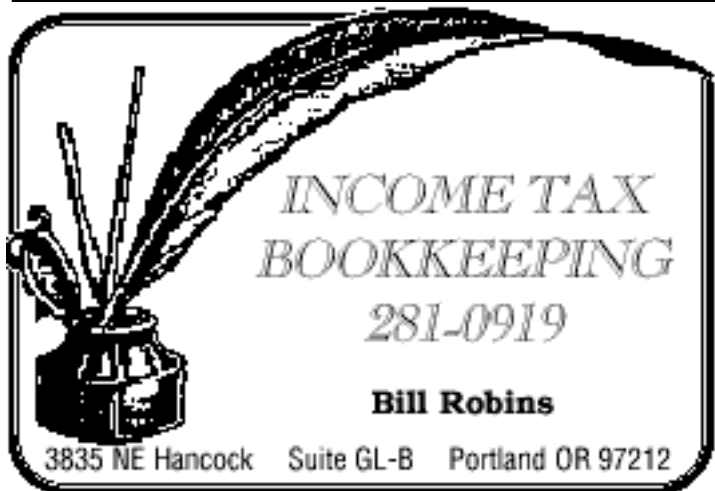
February 28 Board meeting.

March 7 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto park. Steelheading Class

April 4 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto park. Steelheading Class

April 21 Steelheading class outing

Board meetings are open to any and all members who wish to attend and express their ideas or to increase their involvement.



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## Sandy River Report

**SANDY RIVER:** The Sandy has dropped further due to the continuing dry weather. Flow readings for Monday showed 1,420 cfs (9.15') and a water temperature near 38°. The river was a decent color over the weekend and very fishable, but the cold water is having an impact.

Winter steelhead anglers have found some limited success with both wild and hatchery fish but the effort has slowed due to the water conditions. Movement of steelhead into the hatchery has been at a standstill this past week. Rain and some warmer weather will make a significant difference.

The Sandy fish are now a later returning stock versus what anglers were used to a few years ago. This is a result of the wild broodstock program initiated under the current Sandy River fish management plan. Angling should get better heading into late January and decent catch rates should continue through March.

Anglers can access the river from many parks including Lewis and Clark, Dabney, Oxbow, and Dodge. Bank access is also available to the Cedar Creek area at the Sandy Hatchery. When fishing the Oxbow Park area, remember that there is no angling from a floating device upstream from a point that is 200 feet below the Oxbow Park boat ramp.

Collection/recycling receptacles for discarded or lost fishing gear can now be found along the Sandy River. Look for them near boat ramps at Lewis and Clark, Dabney, Oxbow, and Dodge parks. Any tangled fishing line or old gear can be collected and disposed of in these canisters as an effort to maintain a healthy, clean Sandy River. Please use nearby garbage cans for any other types of trash.



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## Clackamas River Report

The river has been running low and clear for several days. The water temperature is back down into the 30's with a temperature at the hatchery standing at 37° on Monday. Monday's flows were at 2,115 cfs (12.13').

Angling has been slow to fair recently due to the cold, clear water conditions. Although winter steelhead are distributed throughout the river from McIver down to Gladstone, hooking and landing is a challenge right now. There have been some fair catches below Carver, but most of the success is coming to the more experienced anglers. With the low water the river above Carver is only accessible by drift boat or inflatable craft. The Clackamas could use a good rainfall to raise the flows, increase the temperature, and give it some color.

Bank anglers can find access to the river in the Gladstone/Cross Park area, at Carver near the mouth of Clear Creek, along Clackamas River Rd, at Barton Park, at Bonnie Lure Park, at McIver Park near Dog Creek, and from the McIver Park boat ramp on up to River Mill Dam.

Boat anglers can find access to the river from boat ramps located at McIver Park (both upper and lower), Feldheimer's, Barton, Carver, Riverside, or Clackamette.

Boaters should be aware that recent high water events have made changes to the river that could surprise unsuspecting boat anglers. Be very cautious in unfamiliar areas, particularly during these low flow periods



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## 2007 Groundfish regulations set

SALEM, Ore.-The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted harvest rules and management measures for the 2007 sport and commercial groundfish fisheries today, during the first day of a two-day meeting. Friday's session begins at 8 a.m.

The sport and commercial groundfish rules mimic those adopted by the Pacific Fishery Management Council in November 2006 with some additional modifications unique to the state regulations.

The commission adopted the following 2007 Sport Groundfish and Halibut Rules:

- Marine fish: Established daily bag limit to six (except salmon, lingcod, Pacific halibut, perch, sturgeon, and flatfish). The commission set the daily bag limit less than the federal limit of eight in an effort to slow the harvest rate and avoid premature closure of the 2007 groundfish sport fishery.

- Lingcod: Minimum length limit changed from 24 inches to 22 inches.

- Flatfish: Established a separate bag limit of 25 fish that now includes sole, flounder, Pacific sandbar, but not Pacific halibut.

- Groundfish: Prohibited keeping any groundfish year-around in the Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area.

- Sport groundfish closure seaward of 40 fathoms: Cannot fish for groundfish in waters deeper than 240 feet (40 fathoms) between Apr. 1 and Sept. 30.

- Halibut: No change in regulations, but flexibility was added to pre-season and in-season quota transfers to allow more uniform seasons coast wide.

- Sport and commercial groundfish harvest limits are similar to those in the 2006 regulations with a slight decrease in harvest levels for the black rockfish. Also, the commission removed vermilion and tiger rockfish from the generic "other nearshore rockfish" category in the sport and commercial fisheries.

The commission also voted to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board for \$669,000 in funding for 29 projects around the state to enhance or restore fisheries or fish habitat.

"Approval to move forward on the R&E projects will directly benefit recreational anglers," said Laura Tesler, Restoration and Enhancement Program Coordinator. Revenue for the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program comes from a surcharge on fishing licenses.

The commission also heard testimony regarding the sardine fishery and waiver of 2006 landing requirements for the annual renewal of permits based on "unusual market conditions." By unanimous vote, the commission chose to waive the 2006 requirements, to reevaluate the feasibility of an industry-wide waiver based on "unusual market conditions," and directed ODFW staff to work with the sardine fishing industry to propose a minimum number of permits for the fishery.

Today's session ended with the commission denying a petition to begin rulemaking to amend rules for crab pot limit appeals.

The commission is the policy-making body for fish and wildlife issues in the state. The seven-member panel meets monthly. Agenda item

exhibits may be requested by calling the ODFW Director's Office at 800-720-6339 or 503-947-6044.

The mission of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations. The agency consists of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, a commission-appointed director and a statewide staff of approximately 950 permanent employees. Headquartered in Salem, ODFW has regional offices in Clackamas, Roseburg, Bend, and La Grande with ten district offices located throughout the state. For additional information, please visit [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us).

## State Acts to Impact Sealions

In December 2006, the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho applied to the Secretary of Commerce for authorization under Section 120 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Section 120 permits lethal taking of seals and sea lions that are having a significant negative impact on the decline or recovery of salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act. The states believe that California sea lions are having a significant negative impact on ESA-listed fish in the Columbia River basin.

**Jan. 30, 2007:** The Secretary of Commerce, acting through NOAA's Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, found that the states' application produced sufficient evidence to warrant establishing a Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force. This is the next step in the MMPA Sec. 120 authorization process. NOAA Fisheries Service is soliciting public comments on the application, other information related to sea lion predation on salmon and steelhead at Bonneville dam, and nominations for potential members of the task force. See the *Federal Register* notice, below, for details. NOAA will consider and address all substantive comments received by 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Apr. 2, 2007. You may [submit comments by e-mail](#). Contact Garth Griffin, 503-231-2005, or Tom Eagle, 301-713-2322 ext. 105, for more information.



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## Spring Chinook fishery set in Lower Columbia

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Anglers may continue fishing for hatchery spring chinook salmon in the lower Columbia River from the Interstate 5 bridge downstream to Buoy 10 through April 15 under an agreement reached today by Washington and Oregon fishery managers.

In addition, the two states approved a spring chinook season above Bonneville Dam from March 16 through April 30 between the Tower Island power lines upstream to McNary Dam. The power lines are located approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam.

Anglers participating in those chinook fisheries may also retain hatchery steelhead and shad within daily catch limits established by each state.

The fishery below the Interstate 5 bridge has been open seven days per week since Jan. 1, although the bulk of the spring chinook run generally does not arrive until March.

Seasons approved today are based on preliminary run projections that significantly fewer spring chinook will return to the Columbia River this year than in 2006.

Pre-season estimates indicate that approximately 164,000 fish will return to the Columbia River this year, compared to an actual return of 225,000 fish last year.

“Given current run-size estimates, we need to take a conservative approach in setting this year’s seasons,” said Cindy LeFleur, Columbia River policy coordinator for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. “But we also need to be flexible as the run progresses and we receive updated information. Anyone who followed last year’s fishery knows that returns started out slow, but surpassed expectations later in the season.”

Last year, fishery managers reopened the season in mid-May and allowed anglers to fish for spring chinook for another month after actual returns of upriver fish exceeded earlier projections.

The fishing season approved today is designed to protect fish stocks listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA)

while providing for recreational and commercial fisheries on hatchery-reared chinook salmon, said Curt Melcher, assistant division administrator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

“This fishery provides both recreational opportunities and significant economic benefits for communities on both sides of the Columbia River,” Melcher said. “Our goal is to support that fishery while protecting fish listed under the ESA.”

Rules in effect for spring chinook fisheries on the Columbia River require anglers and commercial fishers to release any wild salmon or steelhead they intercept. Based on current run projections, ESA guidelines prescribe that mortality rates for released wild chinook cannot exceed 1.5 percent of the wild run.

Of the 164,000 spring chinook salmon currently expected to return this year, 78,500 are upriver stocks – which include listed fish. Those salmon, bound for spawning grounds above Bonneville Dam, are the focus of conservation efforts by fishery managers from Washington and Oregon, LeFleur said.

Last year, the fish and wildlife directors for Washington and Oregon agreed that 57 percent of the allowable mortality of ESA-listed upriver spring chinook would be allocated to the sport fishery and 43 percent to the commercial fishery. The same allocation formula will remain in effect this year.



## Oregon State Police Wildlife Activity

### Suspect Tries to Elude Trooper

Trooper Thomas (Tillamook) cited a suspect for Snagging Salmon on the upper Wilson River. The suspect was using a large treble hook and sliding weight above the hook. Tpr. Thomas had noted the vehicle and license plate, and was observing the suspect from the opposite side of the river, when the suspect spotted Tpr. Thomas and ran to his vehicle. The suspect had a good head start, but fortunately patrol trooper Aaron Roth was in the area, spotted and stopped the suspect. Tpr. Thomas was able to retrieve the terminal gear that had been tossed into the vehicle.

### Unlawful Sale of Trout

Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) received information that a person in Portland was selling 6.5 lbs of smoked trout on Craig's List. Sr. Tpr. Edwards contacted the suspects at their residence and found them in the process of smoking more trout.

Investigation revealed the suspects had caught the trout in Salish Lake located in Fairview. The primary suspect was issued a citation for Unlawful Sale of Wildlife.

### Anglers Take Advantage of Landowner

Recruit Carothers (Fossil) contacted a local landowner on the John Day River below Cottonwood Bridge. The landowner advised him that he had let 3 anglers on his property, who asked permission to fish downstream. The landowner gave Rct.

Carothers permission to go on his property and check the anglers. Rct. Carothers located the suspects and contacted one of

them while he was in the process of gutting 3 steelhead that had intact adipose fins. He made contact with the other anglers in the group and cited 2 of them for Unlawful Retention of Non Fin-Clipped Steelhead. The 3 steelhead were seized.

### Skipper Boating While Intoxicated

Trooper Plummer (Patrol Div. - Newport) and Tpr. Boyd (Newport) responded to an anonymous complaint of an intoxicated boat operator in Yaquina Bay. The boat was reportedly a commercial crabbing vessel. At about the same time, the USCG Yaquina Bay got a radio transmission from the operator of the vessel stating the vessel was outbound to fish for crab and would be out for 4 days. A few minutes later, the operator called again and told the USCG that the vessel was now in-bound because the crew had forgotten to load the crab bait. Tpr. Boyd located the vessel at a local fish plant with no one around. At 7:00 p.m., the troopers contacted the owner/operator as he returned to his vessel. Investigation revealed the owner had been drinking earlier and operating the vessel. The USCG boarded the vessel and found numerous safety violations. After the USCG inspection, the operator consented to and failed field sobriety tests. Tpr. Plummer

arrested the operator for BUII and lodged him in the Lincoln County Jail, his BAC at 9:01 p.m. was .13%

**Suspects Caught Selling Illegal Species** Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) investi-

gated a lead regarding a person selling a prohibited species, *Trachemys Scripta Elegans* (aka Red-Eared Slider Turtles) on "Craig's List." Sr. Tpr. Edwards made an appointment to meet with the seller at his residence. When Sr. Tpr. Edwards arrived, he interviewed the person and seized 4 Red-Eared Sliders. The suspect had bought the 4 turtles at a flea market about 3 months ago. Sr. Tpr. Edwards was able to determine the first name of the person who was the original seller, who then sold to this seller the

prohibited species. It was thought the original seller lived in Portland and drove a car that would stand out, but the vehicle information was very non-specific. Sr. Tpr. Edwards cited the

suspect with Unlawful Possession and Selling of a Prohibited Species. Upon follow up, Sr. Tpr. Edwards visited the flea market in an attempt to locate the original seller who was selling the prohibited species. During the visit he was not able to locate anyone and/or booths set up to sell wildlife. He then went to the area in Portland that the suspect had given him and waited for a vehicle to drive by that matched what the suspect had

reported. After about 30 minutes, a gray Honda with purple flames pulled out of a driveway. Sr. Tpr. Edwards ran the plate and the first name matched that of the original suspect who was selling the prohibited species. Sr. Tpr. Edwards followed the vehicle as it pulled into the flea market parking lot, where he contacted the suspect at the entrance of the flea market. The investigation revealed that the original suspect did sell turtles to a woman and then sold the rest of them along with some Fire-Bellied toads to a Hispanic man shortly after that. The suspect had gone on vacation in California and bought the turtles and toads at a flea market near Disney Land. The investigation showed the suspect knew that the species he was selling to the public was illegal to have in Oregon. The Hispanic man who purchased the turtles and toads from him had told him so after he had purchased them. This suspect was also in possession of 2 toads for his daughter at his residence. Sr. Tpr. Edwards followed the suspect back to his residence and conducted a consent search and confiscated 2 fire-bellied toads. The suspect was cited for Unlawful Possession and Sale of Prohibited Species. Sr. Tpr. Edwards turned the turtles and toads over to ODFW for destruction.





## Association Page

### Hall of Fame Banquet/Auction Taking Shape



Grant McOmie

The Association Banquet/Auction is set for March 31, 2006. We are excited to announce that KATU Channel 2 Outdoor Reporter Grant McOmie has volunteered to be the event's Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer! Speaking of volunteers, you can help Grant make this a success by helping now or at the event.

First we need to contact potential contributors and make banquet tables available.

There is also a lot of help needed the evening of the event. Be a spotter for the auctioneer or monitor the silent auction tables (volunteers can bid, too). Each chapter is expected to provide at least one major auction item, and they are encouraged to get banquet tables early and have their chapter award recipients and supporters as guests. Please call Norm Ritchie at (503) 760-5551 if you can help.

### Sportsman Show Passes Available

Going to the Sportsman's show in Portland this year? If so you may be interested in saving \$15. Spending a few hours talking to folks in the Steelheader's booth will get you in **FREE**. Visit our Events webpage or contact Doug Hunt at (503) 641-3637 or Mike Myrick at (503) 281-6438 for more information. There's a limited number of spots available, so reserve yours now.

### Boat Raffle Tickets Available.

Clackacraft has once again provided the Association with a fully equipped Salmon Steelhead Guide model drift boat to be raffled at the sportsman show. Tickets are available for members to buy or sell for \$6 each or two for \$10. Contact Art Israelson at 503-666-2599. There are only 3000 tickets being sold, and the drawing is near (2/11).

### Steelheaders End Year with another Victory

There were plans by Senator Craig of Idaho in the last days of the "lame duck" session to add a rider against protections for listed salmon to other legislation. A "call to action" went out to our member e-mail lists asking them to call their legislators to reject such riders. There was enough response that Craig did not put forth the rider. Congratulations

to those who made calls!

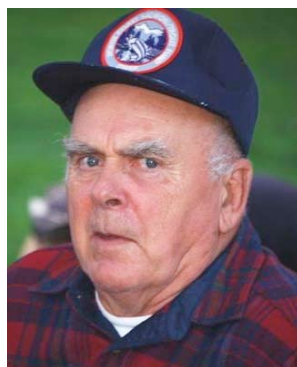
### Raffle Tickets Available.

You can win prizes for selling raffle tickets! The Association and most chapters recognize their strongest performers.

There will be a prize for the top seller at each chapter and all sellers will get a chance at another prize for each book they buy or sell. Half the proceeds are pure profit for your chapter with the Association paying all expenses from the other half. So help your chapter and the Association while you earn a chance at prizes by selling raffle tickets. "These tickets sell themselves," says Art Israelson, who sold over 10,000 tickets last year. (That would be up to \$5,000 for the chapter's treasury if all the chapters' members could match Art's performance.)

Chapters get tickets for distribution to their members by calling or e-mailing the Association office.

### Chapter President & Fishing Icon Lost



Jim Erickson, President of our North Fork Nehalem Chapter, drowned when his raft overturned on a submerged log. His friendship and his leadership and tenacity in defending our sport fisheries will be missed. We are fortunate to have Bill Hedlund to pick up the reins of that chapter.

### January 4th ExCom Meeting Highlights

**Sportsman's Warehouse--a perfect venue and host for the Salem meeting.** The store employees were accommodating, and the meeting area well suited to our needs. The location, a short distance from I-5, is convenient.

**Legislative objectives are taking form.** Phil Donovan presented a list including: **River Rights**--Working with Common Waters, we will resist any legislation that inhibits the ability of the public to their river rights; **Sportfishing Opportunity**--will actively support the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) to address deferred hatchery maintenance at Oregon's coastal hatchery facilities through the sale of Certificates of Participation (bonds); **Global Climate Change**--will actively support the Governor's proposal to mandate a standard of 25% renewable energy; **Gill-Nets on the Columbia**--We have initiated discussions with Director Moore and ODFW staff about management of the '07 Spring Chinook season and the future of Columbia River fisheries; **Toxic Mixing Zones**--Monitoring different proposals to identify and potentially phase out mixing zones (industrial and municipal discharges into Oregon rivers).

**Office Manager in place.** Sharon Schaub was in the Milwaukie office training her replacement, Chris Keller. Chris has a background in outdoor activities, youth education, and conservation interests.

## Membership Report

There have been several members tell me that they have not received their new membership cards from the NW Steelhead association office after paying their yearly dues. If you haven't received your new card let me know at the above phone number or email.

Jeff Sikorski joined our club last month. Jeff Hales from Portland. Please introduce yourself when you see these new members at our meetings, let's make this club known for its friendliness.

I have placed brochure stands with Association and chapter information and membership materials at fishing counters in the various sport shops around the area. I try to make the rounds of the fishing departments on a regular basis, but it also helps to have others check too. The next time you are by the fishing counter check, let me know if you see that the brochures are running low or out.

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