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President's Message

The title says it all; The President's Message. Notice it does not say the President wrote this message and nowhere in the bylaws does it say the President will write a message. I recognize the importance of keeping the membership fully aware of projects, events and current issues.

Several years ago, the Board of Directors passed a resolution stating that the senior person on each event, project or other Chapter endeavor was responsible for two things beyond the item itself; collect and report the hours and write or assign the writing of the pre-project announcements of coming events and the post-project story, with photos.

When I inherited the Presidency, one of the things I identified as a Chapter priority was better communication. This is an ideal place to start. Provide the articles to both John Hydorn for the website and to John Bennett for the newsletter.

I may come to some of you and ask you to pen a message for me. I am extremely busy, have difficulty getting a proper internet provider, two soup cans and a string is a little slow. Please take my request for help seriously and honor the due date. I will give the byline. If any of the membership has an issue that they are knowledgeable and passionate about commit it to writing and we will consider it.

Ghost written
for Steve Rothenbucher

ODFW – SANDY RIVER CHAPTER CLINIC

February 20, 2016, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, OR.

9 am – 4 pm (Public) 8 am – 5 pm (Volunteers)

By Larry Palmer and Doug Briggs

BOAT TECHNIQUES FOR SPRING CHINOOK SALMON

Chinook salmon are highly prized big and great eating fish that swim right through Portland on their way up river and are widely sought from 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, plugs, cutting herring, rigging methods along with other bait and information on where to fish.

One of the most successful endeavors of the Sandy River Chapter is our ODFW Clinics. The key to our success is the Student to Volunteer ratio, typically between 1 – 2 and 2 – 3. We gain 30 new members each clinic and ODFW picks up the cost.

Currently we have 10 volunteers, our minimum recommended number is 20 but we prefer 30.

Doug Briggs is personally asking you to join him and the other 9 volunteers. You will learn something about Springers, might teach us something, have a good lunch and have fun. PIE NIGHT LEFTOVERS are tucked away and waiting to be served at the afternoon break at the Clinic.

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!

To volunteer, contact Larry Palmer: palmerlarryd@yahoo.com or call (503) 286-2093. To contact Doug Briggs: fish4doug@aol.com or call 503-729-2023.

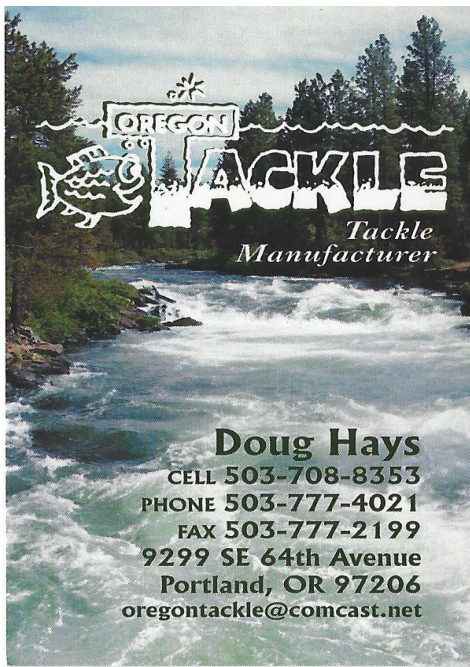
MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR

Wednesday, February 3 Monthly Meeting

**7:00 to 9:00 pm - Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park
1102 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, Oregon**

Visit with old friends or make new fishing friends. Our program will be presented by Brandon Glass, a well known fishing guide.

Meet Ryan Queen, the new manager of Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery on the Sandy River. Hope to see you there! Always hot coffee on a cold night!



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

SPORTSMAN SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

February 10 thru 14. Contact Mike Myrick.

Volunteers receive free show entry via "Will Call"

.Tue, 2/9/16: Booth Set Up 10:30 am

.Wed, 2/10/16: First shift: 10:45 am – 2:30 pm

2nd shift: 2:30 pm-6:00 pm – 3rd shift: 6 pm – 8 pm

.Thur, 2/11/16: First shift: 10:45 am – 2:30 pm

2nd shift: 2:30am – 6 pm – 3rd shift: 6 pm – 8 pm

.Fri, 2/12/16: First shift: 10:45 am – 2:30 pm

2nd shift: 2:30 pm -6 pm - 3rd shift: 6 pm – 8 pm

.Sat, 2/13/19: First shift: 9:45 – 1:30 pm

2nd shift: 1:30 pm – 5 pm – 3rd shift: 5 pm – 8 pm

.Sun, 2/14/16: First shift: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm

2nd shift: 1:30p - 5 pm

3rd shift & removal: 5 pm – 8 pm

Indicate shifts you are willing to work. Actual Shifts will be confirmed by phone no later than Feb. 4th. Call Mike at 503-281-6438 for details.



FEBRUARY

- 3** Chapter Meeting. Program: Brandon Glass and new Cedar Creek Hatchery (Sandy River) Manager, Ryan Queen
- 10** Board Meeting
- 10-14** Sportsman Show - Expo Center
- 17** March newsletter deadline
- 20** Clinic: Boat Fishing Techniques for Spring Chinook Salmon
- 20-21** Family Fishing Camp Camp Magruder, Rockaway Beach, OR.

MARCH

- 2** Chapter Meeting. Program: Jack Glass & Brandon Glass. Topic: Video, Winter Steelhead Fishing
- 9** Board Meeting
- 16** April newsletter deadline

APRIL

- 6** Chapter Meeting
- 13** Board Meeting
- 20** May newsletter deadline

PLAN AHEAD: ADD THESE EVENTS TO YOUR HOME CALENDAR.

May 4 Sandy Chapter Banquet/ Auction. Family & Friends

June 4 Sandy Chapter Spring Chinook Classic. Corbett, OR.

July 30 Sandy Chapter Picnic Glenn Otto Park





A DIFFERENCE MAKER PETE TRACY- with his 82lb. salmon caught in Alaska

**See ANWSH involvement
in the Meldrum Bar/
Dahl Beach site.
Pete and others saved
a prime fishing spot for
handicapped and other
fishermen**



Yes, One Man Can Make a Difference

Section 404 of the Clean Air Act deals with mitigation of wetlands to meet the goal of no reduction or net loss to the nation's wetlands. What that means in layman's terms is if you remove (destroy) a wetland you must replace (create) it with a comparable wetland thru mitigation (improvement) efforts. Often a long arduous process.

In completing a Terminal 4 project the Port of Portland came up short in its mitigation efforts and solicited a solution from land owners between the mouth of the Willamette and the falls, a rather small area that is highly developed with little or no opportunities for mitigation. The Port Commissioners and the City of Gladstone developed a mitigation plan to remove an abandoned logging bulkhead in extremely degraded condition and demolish a significant portion of an existing parking lot with wheel chair access. Purportedly the only wheel chair access location on the lower Willamette.

Pete Tracy, a long term angler at the Meldrum Bar/ Dahl Beach site, discovered the project from an official notice of the project, obscurely posted below the high water mark on the proposed site. Pete started asking questions and was rewarded with limited information, being yelled at by senior City Officials and bureaucratic red tape.

The City contends it followed the law in terms of advertising and posting of notices, however it clearly missed the local community and user groups, namely fishermen, adjacent land owners and ODFW.

Undaunted, Pete started calling fellow anglers and learned about the NW Steelheaders and specifically Art Israelson, ANWS Director of River Rights. Art and Doug Briggs,

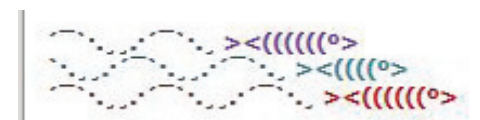
an active Sandy River Chapter member, were among the fourteen people attended an ad hoc meeting of concerned anglers on December 23rd. The group accepted volunteer to accomplish the following tasks, as soon as possible.

- Legal Review
- Letters of Concern
- List of Contacts
- Disabled Group C ontacts
- Website Development
- Engage ODFW
- Develop Fund Raisers
- Develop Corporate Contacts

On January 6th, Bob Rees, ANWS Exec. Dir. pledged the Steelheaders' full support in helping navigate this issue. During the January 7th, meeting, attended by nearly a hundred angry anglers, many of them Steelheaders, Bob reminded the crowd that these issues are best resolved thru sound, level-headed testimony and by expending our energies in a show of support and or by offering solutions. In his Sunday January 10th column, Bill Monroe pointed out that the 'Port and Gladstone city officials weathered Thursday evenings heat without making commitments, tactfully leaving the issue somewhat open.' Bill further reported the following Sunday that 'The unwieldy and failing bulkhead will still be removed, but the blacktop access for anglers, including those in wheel chairs, will remain.' Citing Kelly Madalinski with the Port.

Kudos to Pete Tracy, David Francis, Bob Rees and all the others who helped resolve this issue. A BIG WIN.

Ghost written for Art Israelson



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First Wednesday of the month
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ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST STEEL-HEADERS 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY FISH CAMP, FEB. 20-21, 2016, CAMP MAGRUDER, ROCKAWAY BEACH, OR.

Family Fish Camp is a collaborative program initiated to encourage families to recreate together in our great outdoors. To learn more about Family Fish Camp, go to www.nwsteelheaders.or/events/family-fish-camp. Questions can be directed to Bob Reese at executivedirector@anws.org or call 503-653-4176. Cost and program lesson plans are available. Costs include accommodations for participants for two nights and five meals plus use of all necessary gear to complete the program.

APRIL 6, 2016. ELECTION OF SANDY CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers and directors. Positions to vote on are: Pres., (Sr. VP, Robert Wisher has 1 yr. remaining in term), Vice Pres., Secretary, Treasurer and Directors: Auction, 3 yr. term; Stream Projects, 3 yr. term; (Special Project, Larry Palmer, 2 yrs. remaining in term); Membership, (Clothing Sales Director, Brad Halverson, 1 yr. remaining in term); (Special Events, Jeff Stoeger, 1 yr. remaining in term); Nominations will be accepted however you can't nominate someone without their permission.

COLUMBIA RIVER HATCHERIES IN PERIL

**By Brad Halverson,
VP Conservation, Association of
NW Steelheaders**

Most of us are by now somewhat familiar with two bellicose anti-hatchery groups in the Northwest: (1) The Native Fish Society; and (2) The Wild Fish Conservancy. The former litigated against the state run hatcheries on the Sandy and McKenzie Rivers. And, the latter brought suit against winter steelhead hatcheries in the Puget Sound drainage, effectively shutting down all such production for those tributaries in the foreseeable future.

Emboldened by their relatively easy success with those Washington state hatcheries in Pugetopolis, WFC has recently (01/13/16) issued a 60-day Notice of Intent to sue the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which is the fish policy and administration arm of NOAA, over management policies in the 62 Mitchell Act salmon hatchery programs on the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington states.

Congress passed the Mitchell Act (named for Hugh Mitchell, director of Fish Culture for the state of Oregon in the 1930's) in 1938 in response to the stark decline of salmonid runs on the Columbia River as a result of irrigation diversions, water pollution, logging, and hydropower projects. Initially, it was funded by payments to the federal government by commercial seiners fishing Sand Island and Peacock Spit at the Columbia estuary from 1905-1931, and was intended for surveys and habitat improvements only.

It was amended in 1946 to remove funding restrictions, and to authorize federal agencies to use state agencies in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to conduct habitat improvements and

to construct and operate fish hatcheries and screens on irrigation withdrawals. What is interesting here is that USACE (US Army Corps of Engineers) proposed to use \$20 million of Mitchell Act funding to build fish ladders, screens and hatcheries primarily downstream of Bonneville Dam to mitigate effects occurring on salmon and steelhead upstream of the dam, including most egregiously the extirpation of those runs originating above Grand Coulee Dam, which has no fish ladder. This was a fundamental change in the Act's original purpose, from improving runs above Bonneville to building replacement runs below the Dam.

WFC's intent to sue is based on procedures rather than the scientific or economic merits of these programs. By providing funding for these hatcheries, WFC contends NMFS is in violation of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, specifically that federal agencies are obligated to "insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency...is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat that has been designated as critical to such species." These agencies are required to consult with NMFS (that's right...consult with itself) and/or the USFWS to quantify the impacts of their proposed actions to ESA listed stocks.

NMFS has not conducted such consultation resulting in the issuance of a current biological opinion since 1999. WFC contends such outdated consultation fails to take into account those

stocks listed as endangered or threatened since 1999, and does not address scientific studies since then that demonstrate perilous impacts to wild runs from the existence of hatchery stocks. We have weighed in on the "Hatchery

vs. Wild" debate previously in this space, and will certainly do so in the future. It is a fluid situation, and one worthy of continued dialogue. But, limited by space constraints presently, let us simply proffer that litigation has rarely resulted in a satisfactory solution to the varied stakeholder interests invested in healthy fish runs in the NW. It fails to address the cause of declining wild fish stocks (urbanization, habitat loss, and unsustainable commercial harvest practices), and thus will not likely promote recovery.

On the other hand, working toward compromise on hatchery protocols to improve the coexistence of hatchery and wild stocks could have far reaching and long lasting benefits to all stakeholders. Cultural, economic and social benefits accrue to this region from the production and harvest (sport, tribal and commercial) of these Mitchell Act hatchery stocks. As one of the essential sports angling advocacy groups in this region, the Association of NW Steelheaders will continue to monitor, and engage where appropriate, this situation on behalf of our allied members and partners.



Newsletter due date

March issue February 17th

April issue March 23rd

May issue April 20th

June issue May 18th

FROZEN SALMON TO TIMELY ENTREE

By Ghost writer for Art Israelson

With all the variables it is a wonder the juvenile salmon in the rivers get a decent meal. The snow pack, el nino, global warming, early fish runs and / or late runs all contribute to the source of nutrients from fish carcasses and the timely delivery to the stream bearing young salmonoids. If the carcasses are late fish starve, if they are early the nutrients flush thru the system, feed some downstream species and the targeted fish starve.

ANWS (Association of Northwest Steelheaders) obtained an R & E (Restoration & Enhancement / ODFW) grant to solve nature's imbalance in the nutrition delivery system. The grant called for a 40' insulated refrigeration trailer. The trailer located is a dual powered unit; primarily a 440 volt 3 phase power freezer trailer with a diesel motor / generator back-up. During a power outage the diesel motor kicks in and turns a generator to maintain the totes full of frozen fish.

Installing the trailer in the right place was done by Mike Myrick (our retired truck driver) and Fred Meyer. Art Israelson arranged for the asphalt, placed by Eastside Paving, for less than 1/3 of the value and negotiated the ANWS signage (donated by Brad Baker, Coho

Design) and is pictured here-with. Buzz Wilcox kept the diesel flowing for the motor / generator while the IBEW and PGE ran the electrical power system. Tom Smoot (McLoughlin Chapter) was the go to guy in orchestrating the installation with ODFW at Cedar Creek Hatchery on the Sandy River.

The refrigeration unit will provide storage for both, Cedar Creek on the Sandy River and the Clackamas hatcheries.



**TOTES IN OUR FISH TRAILER HOLD FROZEN CARCASSES UNTIL
THEY ARE TOSSED IN RIVERS FOR FISH AND CRITTER NUTRIENTS.
VOLUNTEER FOR THE NEXT FISH CARCASS TOSS -- IT'S FUN!!**

By Doug Briggs



*Sandy River Chapter President Steve
Rothenbucher enjoys the project*



Volunteer who helped with our last carcass toss

Totes are 4' square by 2-1/2' deep, (about like a hot tub) have a pallet bottom, are stackable, hold about 4 cubic yards or a couple of hundred carcasses. The carcasses are frozen and stored until they are needed to add nutrient to the river. Then the totes are thawed, taken to the creek for tossing.

A Carcass Toss is fun, something everyone should do it at least once. It would make a nice entry on your bucket list. Key to having fun is to dress in waterproof gear, from head to toe. Everything will go smoothly initially, but inevitably someone will toss the smelly, slimy carcass too close to someone else (particularly someone with sophomoric tendencies) and the fight is on. A food fight like the one in Animal House on steroids

Make your own floats.....

By Larry Palmer

Using floats (also called bobbers...) for various kinds of Steelhead fishing has gained popular has popularity in recent years. It's easy to understand why float fishing allows a presentation in snaggy places or slow currents that are tough with some other methods and you don't lose a lot of gear. Especially in winter time when cold hands make knot tying difficult, not having to rig up repeatedly after breaking off is a real blessing. There are plenty of commercially available floats that work great ranging from Styrofoam, soft foam, or cedar that will work perfectly. When the rivers are too high for fishing, you can still pursue some aspect of fishing by making up some floats for trips soon to come.

This is how:

I use wine corks. I don't drink myself, so I'm always asking friends of mine to save me their wine corks. Once a supply is on hand here's what I do to make a float.

. The ends of the cork will be slightly rounded so I get them level by sanding them down over a wood block onto which I have glued a #60 grit piece of sandpaper. I tried power sanders but this is easiest.

. I usually glue up 2 corks or 2 1/2 corks so I may cut some corks in Half and sand their ends smooth also. I then drill a 5/32 to 1/16" hole lengthwise in the corks. A hand held drill or drill press work fine. Just try and get it as close to center as possible.

I make two types of floats – stem floats in which a bamboo BBQ skewer or 1/8" hardwood dowel runs through the center and is held on the fishing line with two pieces of 1/8" surgical

tubing, or a slip float that has a plastic tube running through the center. The ideal plastic tube is similar to a cartridge in a ball point pen, but you can also use a stir stick for drinks. Not as durable, but serviceable. Ones depicted in the pictures are 2 1/2 stem style floats.

. Choose a couple of corks and sure the flat ends mate well together: Sand a bit if needed. Pair them up and set 10 pairs aside.

. Mix up some epoxy and apply and apply it in between the parts and on the pieces around to get good glue coverage. Set aside to cure.

. Once cured, I trim the wooden stems so they are about 1" long past the floats ends and sand a slight taper on the stem ends to allow them to slip up in the surgical tube when used. I trim the plastic stir flush with the ends of the floats.

. You can sand the floats a bit to make the sides smoother (just for looks really....) and I round the top end a bit to make it track nicer when I reel it back in. Then I paint on a 1 inch band of bright colored model paint. You can also use a 1 inch strip of brightly colored duct tape if you are in a hurry.

Slip floats can be adjusted to fish many feet up the line with a bead and bobber stop setup. For a lot of Steelhead fishing, I find that the peg style float with a 5-6 foot leader works just fine and casts well on the longer rods many people use these days. It's quick and easy to rig and simple to adjust depths.

. I have shown the peg style bobber with orange Dacron line representing your fishing line for clarity in the picture.

OK, the rivers are back in shape now, (so says the author!) so get that long rod out, some floats, rubber worms, beads, jigs and maybe some bait and get out there! You've got half of those home projects done and the others can wait for the next high water. Watch that float and mend your line so it floats naturally...until that fish yanks it under!!

See next page for materials



Chef's Corner

8 CAN TACO SOUP

From: Martha Galash and Kathryn Israelson

1 (15 oz.) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15 oz.) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 (14.5 oz.) can petite, diced tomatoes, drained
1 (15.25 oz) can sweet corn, drained
1 (12.5 oz) can white chicken breast, drained
1 (10 oz) can green enchilada sauce
1 (10.75 oz) can cream of chicken soup
1 (14 oz) can chicken broth
1 packet taco seasoning

Directions: Mix together in a big soup kettle, heat until hot, stirring occasionally. Ready to eat! Serve with tortilla chips and sour cream, if desired. Freeze leftovers!



THANK YOU RUSS SUMIDA

By Doug Briggs

Russ Sumida, the long standing Director of River Clean-Up, retired from the position effective January 1st. Russ has health issues that prevented his continuing. Russ' legacy will follow him during this semiannual event. Russ combined two of his creative ideas by obtaining Hi-Vis (High Visual) yellow safety vests to protect our volunteers working on projects.. He also put the Chapter logo on the vests so people know who is cleaning Lewis & Clark, Dabney and Glenn Otto parks / river banks.

We welcome Don Voeks, Chapter Vice President, who will also become the Director of River Clean-Up.

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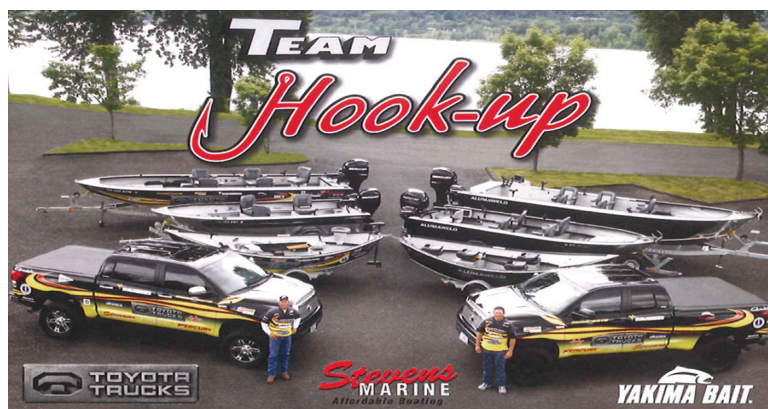


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