

February 2022

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



Wednesday February 9, 2022 - 7pm - Sam Cox building, Glenn Otto Community Park in Troutdale, Oregon. The chapter has scheduled an in person meeting. Our guest speaker is ***Jack Glass of Team hookup guide service***. Jack will share his knowledge and experience of the Sandy and give you the best info for catching winter steelheader.

*The city of Troutdale and the State require mask to be worn in public buildings. We require **proof of vaccination, checked upon entry, and that face mask be worn indoors at all meetings until further notice** . Hope to see you all at the next meeting.*

Election of new Chapter board members **Held at the April 6, 2022 Monthly Chapter meeting.**

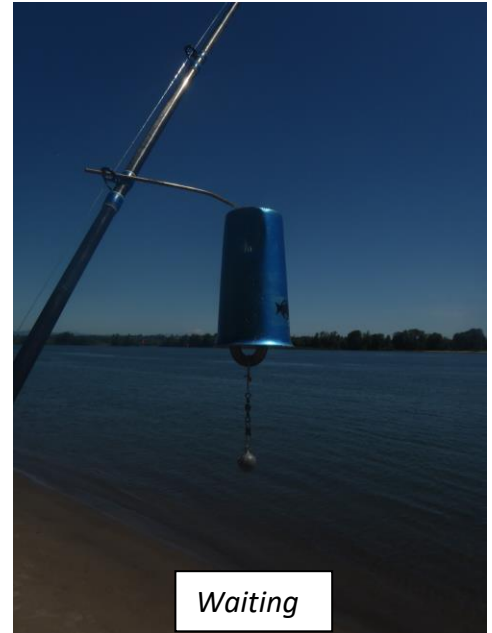
Please let us know if you are interested in running for any position. Many of the current board, including President have served for 4 years and while not leaving the Chapter, do not intend on running for office in 2022. Past Officers will help the new Board in the transition.

We need candidates of all offices and supporting members. This includes, Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter editor, and Membership coordinator.

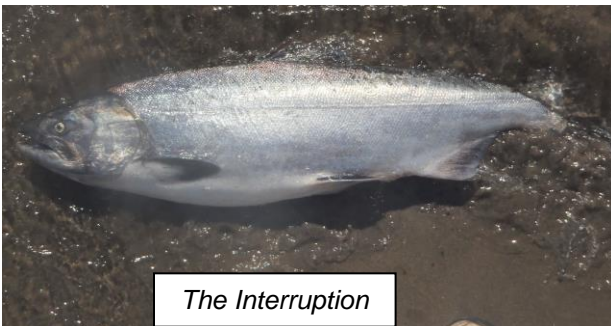
One Last Cast

Article and photographs by Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

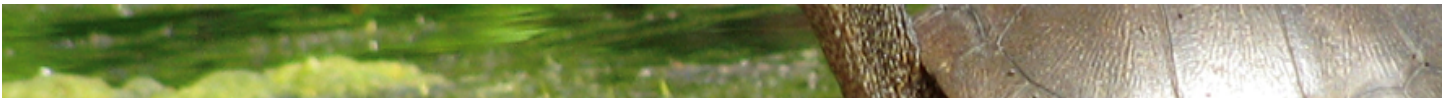
Interruptions. At times they can be rude. Other times a distraction. Some are necessary due to their importance. In fishing, interruptions are what we live for. They are welcomed and for those of us in the 90% that catch only 10% of the fish (like me) – they are as rare as a calm windless day in Troutdale. Think about it. Our approach to fishing is rhythmic. Take drift fishing. What we instruct to the newbie is to find the balance in the weight – back in the day a pencil lead – to get a rhythmic feel of the bottom. Tic, tic, and tic. Every 2 to 3 feet of the drift. Cast upstream at a 45-ish degree angle, reel in your slack, let the rig settle to the bottom and keep you line under control by reeling in the slack so you feel a gentle tic ... tic ... tic Let line out to extend the drift – tic ... tic ... tic Then let the rig swing – tic, tic, tic-tic, tic-tic-tic, tic-tic-tic-tic! And just like with shampoo, rinse (i.e., reel in) and repeat (cast upstream again at a 45-ish degree angle). But unlike shampoo, we must do this 1000 times before we experience what we have been waiting for: tic ... tic ... tic ... funky, spongey feel ... what happen to the next tic ... maybe I should set the hook ... INTERRUPTION CONFIRMED (zing, zip, explosion, splash)! And, if we are good because we kept our hooks sharp, we land the chromer.



Fly fishing. Same thing. Take dry fly fishing. Casting upstream. Keep the line and leader with just enough slack to allow the dry fly to drift down river. Watch the fly. Continue the watch the fly. It bobs and dances downstream below you. If you are seasoned, you let it swing. Rinse, repeat. Fortunately, in trout fishing it is only for 100 casts. On the next cast, continue to watch the fly, it bobs and dances in its free drift downstream; but this time – ‘pluck’, ‘slurp’, ‘boil’, ‘explosion’ – an INTERRUPTION! And if you are actually paying attention (still) – you might hook the fish and if you sharpened your hooks, land it.



Bobber and jig fishing, bobber dogg’n, side drifting, swinging spoons and spinners. It is all the same. Cast, let ‘er fish, rinse repeat. Rhythmic. Plunking (still fishing) is the same thing – except the rhythm is watching the rod tip or listening for the bell. The more you stay in rhythm, the greater the chance you will notice the INTERRUPTION. Backlashes in your reel, catching a tree, snagging the bottom – all these things effect our rhythm. One could call these things interruptions – but I call them mishaps. Avoid mishaps. Stay in rhythm and wait for that welcomed INTERRUPTION. When you are in the groove, time accelerates like lightening. Before you know it you are locked behind the gate, loading the boat in the dark, or worse yet – miss dinner. Fishing is waiting for something to happen and having time go by in an instant when nothing does. So, what is it that brings us back time and again? The INTERRUPTION.



Two rods allowed in lower Willamette starting March 1

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January 19, 2022

SALEM, Ore.— Anglers with the two-rod validation will be able to use two rods in the lower Willamette River beginning on March 1, under a temporary rule adopted by ODFW.

Effective March 1 through Aug. 15 for anglers with the validation, two rods can be used while fishing the lower Willamette River for all game and non-game species, except sturgeon. The area includes the lower Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel), and that portion of the Clackamas River downstream of the Highway 99 Bridge (just upstream of the confluence with the Willamette). Anglers above Willamette Falls are still limited to a single rod.

Fishing for sturgeon remains restricted to the use of one rod per angler.

Two-rod validations cost \$28 for both residents and non-residents. Licensed anglers who purchase the validation can use two rods wherever regulations allow them, which is primarily in ponds and lakes. When possible, ODFW extends the validations to specific streams like it did under this temporary rule.

Kids under the age of 12 do not need a validation to use a second rod in areas where two rods are authorized.

For the latest fishing regulations, see the Fishing Report for your Angling Zone in ODFW's Recreation Report, <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/>

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A real and present danger to hatchery and wild fish stocks.

At our January 12th, 2022 Chapter meeting Dave Schamp of Hatchery and Wild Co-Exist recommended we watch these three video presentations in the order listed below.

The first one was compiled by a group which included the Association of NW Steelheaders.

The second, "Artifishal" by Patagonia using poor data and misrepresented pseudo facts to demonize Hatcheries. Note the owner of Patagonia, Yvon Chouinard has stated, "I see no difference between a fish farm and a hatchery."

The last one is Hatchery and Co-Exist's "Benefishal", from Salmon, Trout, Steelheader magazines' website. This is in response to "Artifishal" challenging their misrepresented facts and their opposition to Hatcheries. *This short film does an excellent job showing why 'Artifishal' got it completely wrong, and damages the truth of what our fish and anglers need for a continued future of salmon and steelhead fisheries.*

1 – **HATCHERY AND WILD** -

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video; ylt=Awr9DtiSb.BhkwYA8kVXNyoA; ylu=Y29sbwNncTEEcG9zAzEEdnRpZAMEc2VjA3BpdnM-?p=hatchery%20and%20wild&fr2=piv-web&type=E210US105G0&fr=mcafee#id=2&vid=8973cd71d27723d29ed303425365d79d&action=view>

2 – **ARTIFISHAL** - <https://www.patagonia.com/stories/artifishal/video-79192.html>

3 – **BENEFISHAL** - <https://www.salmontroutsteelheader.com/blogs/salmon-trout-steelheader/hatchery-wilds-benefishal-shows-why-patagonias-artifishal-got-it-totally-wrong>

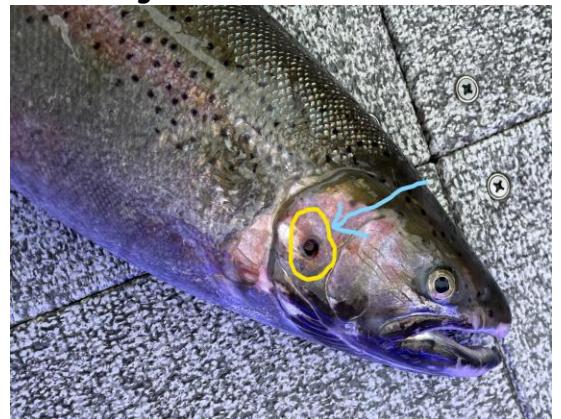
Once you have viewed these a good list of questions and answers regarding the effect of Hatcheries on our fisheries at: <https://hatchery-wild-coexist.com/fag/#:~:text=Can%20hatchery%20programs%20be%20improved%20to%20better%20coexist,effectiveness%2C%20return%20rates%20and%20quality%20of%20fish%20released.>

Note: This information has been included on our Chapter Facebook page.

Steelhead Recycle Program – Sandy River

At the Cedar Creek (Sandy River) Hatchery all surplus hatchery fish are either recycled back downriver with a hole punch in their right gill plate to the Lewis and Clark State Park boat ramp (up to Feb. 15th) to provide additional fishing opportunities, given to local food banks if edible, or stream enriched back into the Sandy River Basin.¹

The two (2) lower Steelhead in member pictures, page 5, have been recycled back downstream to Lewis and Clark boat ramp and Dabney boat ramp to give anglers another shot at hooking them. These fish can be identified by a "hole punch" in the gill plate should you happen to catch one.



¹ Statesman Journal march 14, 2018 - <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/travel/outdoors/2018/03/14/fishing-report-winter-steelhead-still-around-but-spring-chinook-season-gearing-up/421836002/>

Member photos

Note - Recycled Steelhead & Cheek punch hole



Learn to Fish - Steelhead 101 Workshop

Presented by hosted by the Tualatin Valley Chapter of the Association of
NW Steelheaders and ODFW

Date Feb 12, 2022

Time 8:00am - 3:00pm

Location Riverside Park, 10220 SE Jennifer ST, Clackamas, OR 97015

Fee \$55.00

Registration deadline Feb 11, 2022

Organizer Amanda Boyles, ODFW

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Have you ever wanted to try steelhead fishing but weren't sure how? ODFW partners with the Tualatin Valley Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders (ANWS) to give you all the knowledge you need to fish for steelhead, from how to start, where to go, how to read the water, and what gear to get and how to use it!

Your workshop fee includes: instruction, use of ODFW equipment and program materials, and a one-year membership to ANWS. We have all the equipment you need, but if you have your own fishing equipment you are welcome to bring it and we can show you how to use it.

Sign-in begins at 8:00 on February 12th. Lunch will not be provided, so please bring your own lunch, snacks, and water. A detailed email of the plan of the day and further instructions will be provided after registration.

Anglers aged 17 years and younger are eligible to participate while accompanied by an adult 21 years or older.

Each participant MUST have:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear. This is an outdoor event under cover. Oregon weather can be unpredictable, so please dress accordingly!
- A combined angling harvest tag and a Columbia River Basin Endorsement are required if you wish to go fishing with the group after this event.

If you are 12 and older: A valid angling license, a combined angling harvest tag, and a Columbia River Basin Endorsement are required if you wish to go fishing with the group after this event.

HOW TO REGISTER AND SIGN-UP:


- Go to the web site at <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login>
- Login with your information if you already have an account.
- If you have never logged in, use Verify/Look Up to find your account if you've had a hunting or fishing license in the past. If you are a new ODFW customer, use Create an Account.
- After you have logged in, click "Purchase from the Catalog".
- Scroll down to Class/Workshop. Click "View All".
- Scroll down until you see the workshop title.
- Click "Add".
- If you are done with your purchase, click "Proceed to Checkout" to complete your purchase.

Register Now at : <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login>

SOURCE: <https://connect.xfinity.com/appsuite/#!/&app=io.ox/mail&folder=default0/INBOX>

New Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group

We invite you to visit the new Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group at “**Sandy River Chapter NW Steelheaders**” - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/451895135882897> . Our previous Facebook page did not permit posting by anyone but the Administrator. The move to a “Group” is for public viewing, meaning anyone can visit, like, and follow. As set up, being a “joined” member only adds the ability to post to the site.

Even as a non-joined visitor you can suggest postings through “Messenger” ( Logo in upper right section of home page) at any time and we will review your input for publishing.

We are trying to initially keep those with “joined” membership to this Facebook group to current ANWS members. This is due to the difficulty in managing large numbers of participants, and our need to ensure joiners follow the rules and regulations of the Sandy River Chapter and the ANWS related to fishing conservation.

If you are not already a member of the ANWS consider joining for as little as \$30.00 per year. We would be happy to have you as a member and you can join the Association of NW Steelheaders at : <https://nwsteelheaders.org/get-involved/membership/> . Any further questions, please ask.

Note: There will be redundancies between the Chapter Newsletter and our Facebook Group page in our attempt to share items to followers of both. Due to limited space in our Newsletter there may also be more posts on the Facebook group page than in the Newsletter.

Sandy Chapter Board Members

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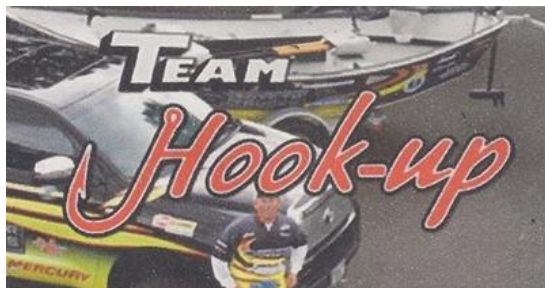
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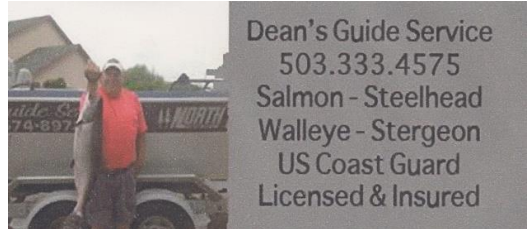
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