



Volume 2.3

Old guy gets "Coached Up" by young guy

Recently I went on a guided fishing trip down the Sandy River with Brandon Glass. This trip was setup by my fishing friend Ralph Young, and our goal was to learn about side drifting and bead fishing, both of which I had never done. I guess you can say I had gotten too settled in my old familiar ways.

I told Brandon to "coach me up" like the inexperienced dude I was (and really, still am...) and he did an excellent job. Using the really nice Lamiglass 10 ½ foot rods he has for side drifting I hooked a fish within the first couple of minutes! It was a scrappy bright native steelhead, which we carefully released. Later in the day I got another as part of a "double" with my friend Ralph who was fighting one on at the same time near Dabney Park.


I missed a couple other chances due to my inexperience/inattentiveness, but learned some things about this method as well.

We even contributed a hatchery steelhead to the new ODFW hatchery broodstock project, with its fish tank at Jack Glass's dock. Brandon caught that one on his first cast while Ralph and I were out of the boat evaluating the sweeper log site for later removal.

Brandon is a very skilled guide, with an intimate knowledge of the river but even better - if you want to learn HOW, not just catch fish, he'll "coach you up".

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If you have any questions just ask me. You'll find my email address on the "Board" tab on our website under Committee Heads.

John Hydorn



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Tree Removal

Due to very high water , I have postponed this project to a later date when I feel the river conditions are safer.

Thanks for the offers to volunteer, but I want to do this as safely as possible.

No new project date has been set.

Thanks

Larry Palmer



Fish Feeding

Howard Berg will still need Volunteers for the Fish Feeding at the Acclimation Pond Thru March 20th.

\Robert Wisher



"Watch that hydraulic lift. It's a little touchy."



2015

MARCH

4 Membership Meeting
Guest Speaker will be Brandon Wedam with Holey Worm
11 Board Meeting
14 Ray's Frostbite Follies

APRIL

1 Membership Meeting
8 Board Meeting
11 Salmon Quest

MAY

6 Membership Meeting
dinner/ auction
9 Fishing Clinic
Contact Larry Palmer
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13 Board Meeting

JUNE

3 Membership Meeting
10 Board Meeting

JULY

No Membership Meeting

AUGUST

No Membership Meeting

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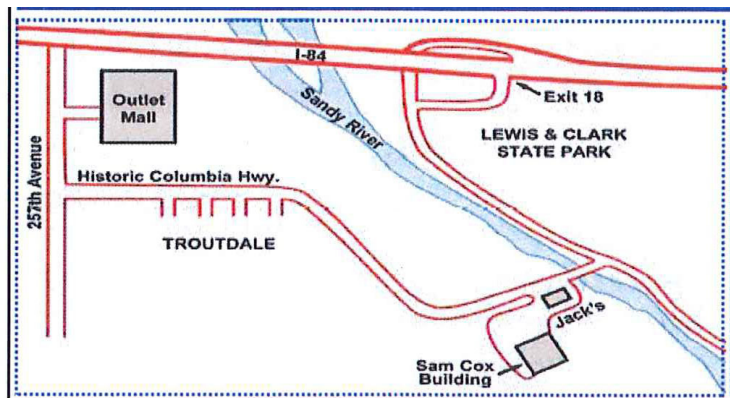
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**Our Members are our greatest asset to the Chapter.
We welcome visitors to join the Sandy River Chapter,
of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders.**

Seventeenth Annual Dinner - Auction

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 at 6:00 PM Sam Cox Building at Glen Otto Park, Troutdale

Our May meeting is on the first Wednesday evening as usual. The May program will feature a buffet catered by our own Kathryn Israelson & Joli Ritchie.

Dinner this year will be barbecued pulled pork (or pulled chicken) on a bun. This will be complimented with baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and dessert. Of course there will be coffee & soft drinks.

The price is just \$12 for those who purchase their tickets at the February through April meetings or mail in a check by April 25th. Children age 10 or under are just \$7 each. The cost will be \$2 more per person after the 25th and at the door. We expect everyone to come dressed the way they normally come to our chapter meetings.

Please use the following form to order your banquet tickets. Our hall will only seat 80 people for a meal so we will need to limit attendance at the banquet to this number. Please place your order soon to insure you will have seats and to allow us to give the caterers an accurate head count.

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Sandy River Chapter Fishing Clinics

5/9/2015

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Need Help With Women's Fishing Clinic

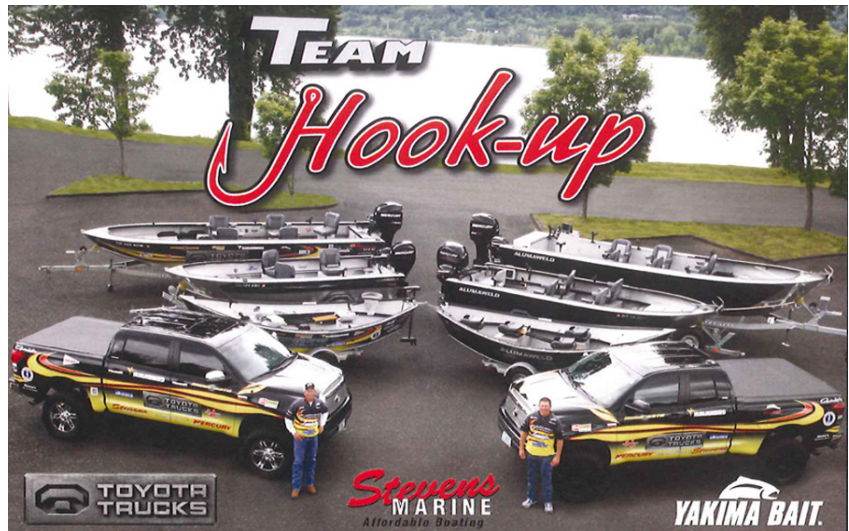
Our chapter has recently done three very successful fishing clinics in concert with ODFW and we are looking to have one with a special focus on women anglers.

I am willing to help plan and organize this event, but I want the involvement of the women anglers in our chapter in planning and conducting this event.

I'd say we will plan on the women's clinic happening after the new year, probably in the fall, giving us plenty of time to set its theme, find instructors and make a good plan.

Please contact me with your ideas on this subject and we'll get started. Best contact for me is by email.

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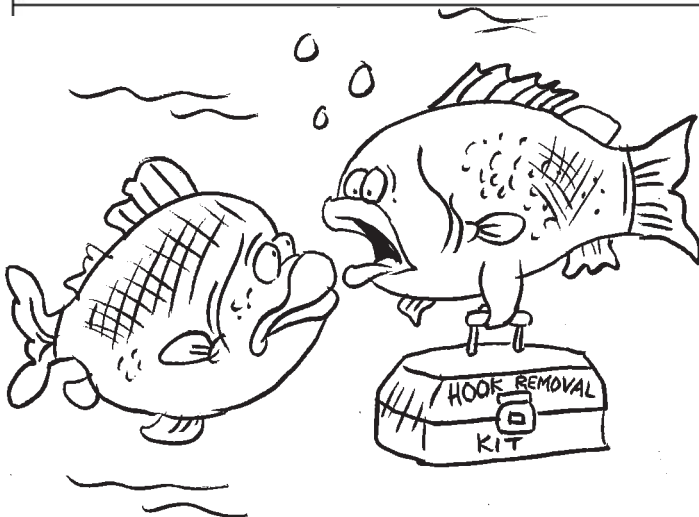


MARCH



WEEK 1	<p>WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH MEMBERSHIP MTG 7:00 PM @ GLENN OTTO PARK GUEST SPEAKER: BRANDON WEDAM. "HOLEY WORMS PLUS", "IRISH KEY LIME BARS"</p> <p>SANDY RIVER CHAPTER ELECTIONS 1 APRIL 2015 STILL TIME TO PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT CONTACT ROBERT WISHER AT RJWISHERSTIX@GMAIL.COM</p>
WEEK 2	WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH BOARD MTG 6:30PM IZZY'S GATEWAY
WEEK 3	<p>WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH NEWS ARTICLE DEADLINE</p> <p>FISH FEEDING ACCLIMATION POND BEGINS CONTACT HOWARD BERG @howardbergate@gmail.com</p>
WEEK 4	

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Election of Officers, Directors and Members of the Board of Directors will be held at the regular April 1st Membership Meeting



As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers. The five positions that we need to vote on are President, Vice President (2), Secretary and Treasurer. We will be electing members to the Board of Directors, as well. If you would like to run for any of these position all you need to do is contact any current officer or member of the board of directors. To run for President Position you must be a current member in good standings and must have been a member for longer than a year. So if you have some great ideas we are looking for you to fill one of these positions. You can run for president or vice president with a co-partner. If you have any suggestion of someone who would make a great President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director ask them if you can nominate them for the positions. **You cannot nominate someone without their permission.**

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Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hour Report

Name: _____

Event:

Date:

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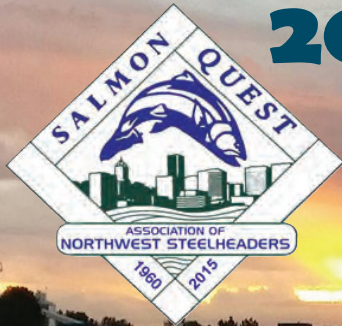
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A sea lion catches a salmon on the Columbia River just below the spillway at Bonneville Dam

Tribes could kill Columbia River sea lions under new bill: Oregon environment roundup

A new bill co-sponsored by Oregon Rep. Kurt Schrader would address the growing number of sea lions congregating at Bonneville Dam by giving authorities more leeway to kill them.

The Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act, co-sponsored by Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Wash., would change the Marine Mammal Protection Act to allow tribal members to kill sea lions and harbor seals. Before resorting to bullets, the tribal members would first need to make several unsuccessful attempts to move the animals and receive training from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The bill has support from the Coastal Conservation Association, a fishing group, and the Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

“Our tribes are working hard to restore balance, wherever we can, in a highly altered and degraded river system,” said Paul Lumley, the group’s executive director. “The Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act are thoughtful laws that need to be reconciled with one another.”

Bonneville Dam creates a barrier for fish in the Columbia River, making it a lucrative feeding ground for the sea lions. Because many of the salmon they eat are endangered,

it also creates a dilemma for fish and wildlife managers.

Fishery managers say the number of sea lions eating salmon at Bonneville Dam has increased since they first began showing up in 2002, forcing them to put more effort into re-locating the animals. Last year, fish and wildlife officials in Washington and Oregon relocated hundreds of sea lions and killed dozens of them.

Currently, the Marine Mammal Protection Act allows only state officials to kill the animals, and only after multiple benchmarks are met.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates that last year, sea lions and seals consumed nearly 45 percent of the salmon returns in the Columbia River and its tributaries.

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CATASTROPHE (ALMOST) ON THE SANDY RIVER

AKA: "Spirit Down"

By
Brad Halverson

It was a brisk, sunny January (13th wouldn't you know it) day when John Hydorn, Steve Childress and the author launched the author's drift boat at Oxbow Regional Park



for a day of friendship and fishing. All three are experienced steelhead-ers and boat captains in both drift and power boats. The run was in, the water dialed steelhead green, weather was perfect and anticipation was high.

Within 100 yards of the launch comes your first decision: to follow the mainstem to the left, or venture down the back channel along the right-hand bank. The latter can produce some fine fishing opportunities, especially under higher flows (which we were not experiencing that day), as it provides softer current for the fish, and channels them into a narrower zone for targeting.

And, while the captain (yours truly) had floated this section often before, he had not been on it yet this year. Less than 1/3 of the way through, disaster struck. Around the first bend in the channel, a gravel bar further divided it into two smaller seams. One clearly appeared too shallow to float their vessel. But, the author, who had not yet put on his sunglasses, was momentarily

but completely blinded by the sun as they ventured down the deeper seam. A couple of the photos show the glare off the water they experienced. When visibility returned, it was too late to pull back from a deadfall that blocks all but 20%



of this seam. The hydraulic force pushing the boat into the tree won the day against the captain's best efforts to pull back.

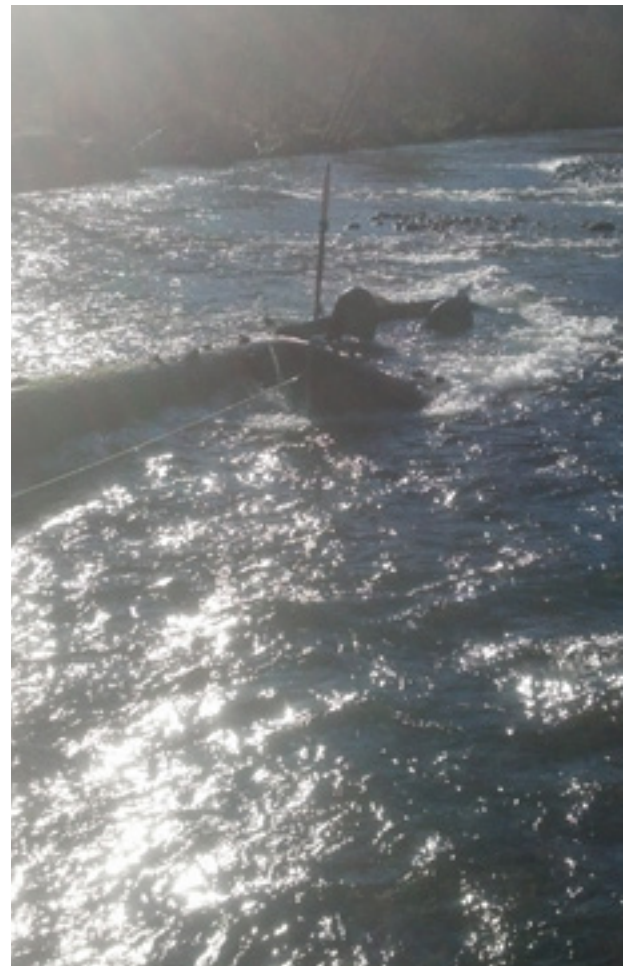
While the collision was head on, the impact was not as forceful

as you might expect. The current, however, easily persuaded the boat to turn sideways in the channel; and, with enough weight in the boat configured to make her list a bit to port, you know what happened next: indeed, once the gunnel was just a skosh below the waterline, she took on water in a flurry and began her descent to Davey Jone's locker. Wasn't he a Monkee in the '60's?

At this point, all three souls onboard proceeded to abandon ship. And, as captain, I would like to think it was I who gave the command. Rather, my sense is that on their own systematically, all three seasoned boaters evacuated the sinking vessel in an orderly fashion; with Steve exiting first, as he was seated on the starboard side. John was next. I followed, and was able to attain the

bowline from the front deck and secure it to the bow cleat on the exterior of the boat and drag it (the line not the boat) along with me to secure once we hit shore. Let me underscore here, it was not the line that held The Spirit (the boat's designation since being purchased new 20 years ago) in place. The force of the river at this juncture, which is also demonstrated in a couple of the photos, effectively pinned it tight to the tree. Believe me, it was not going anywhere anytime soon.

Now, before sharing the "rest of the story" with you earnest read-



ers, let me summarize for you two things:

1. What did I do wrong? It was an accident, right? No fault, right?



Not hardly. Because I had not yet floated this back channel, I was unfamiliar with any change to it in the year plus since I had last been on it. So much happens to a river each year, especially after high water events. Over time, entire channels are barred, while others become exposed.

Being unfamiliar with this path, I should have beached the boat at the top of the island separating the side channel from the mainstem and walked the island to inspect it. You can examine its entirety if you take the time. I would have seen the deadfall, and the shallower option off to the right, and opted to save that course for a higher flow. At this point, I could have pulled back from the island, albeit with a bit of heavy oaring, and floated the mainstem for a full day of enjoyable fishing and boating with friends. No worse for the wear.

Boating Tip: In technical water, taking time to mentally chart your course is strongly urged. How you set up to begin the technical portion of a run to a large extent determines your success on passage. Moderate course corrections taken well in advance of pending doom are often successful. Major course corrections well into rapid current rarely are.

But, even excusing that error in judgement, if I had been using my

sunglasses, there is high likelihood that when we made that first bend, I would have seen the tree blocking the deeper seam; and opted to

take the much shallower seam to the right, putting everyone safely onshore and roping the boat around the worst of it, avoiding the deadfall altogether.

No life-jackets were worn by two of the members of the party. I

will commend Steve Childress for wearing his, and let you draw your own conclusions about the others. As captain of our 22' Thunder Jet, lifejackets are a requirement, and provided for all hands, because we only use it in the Columbia River and the ocean...big water, right. But, in 20 years of safely floating our drift boat, in varying degrees of technical water mostly on coastal streams, I have never seen it to be a necessary accoutrement on the small water drift boats reside in. That point of view was forever altered on 01/13/15.

Finally, I do not want to embarrass two good friends and Sandy River Chapter of NW Steelheaders brothers, but this point is crucial: if at all possible stay out of the water. Certainly, once safely onshore, stay there. No gear is worth a life. But, you may be confronted with an "option" to return to a breached vessel to retrieve gear that temptingly is in view and an easy get. If getting in the water is optional, and not vital to

survival, don't do it. I will say again the hydraulics in our vicinity were extremely forceful, and could sweep us off our feet, and potentially pin us under the tree that had already provided our bridge to safety.

Keeping with this thought, you may note in one of the photos a person barely visible on the far shore, walking with the aid of a walking stick. This good friend was in the boat ahead of us downstream. They took the mainstem, and I think I mentioned in jest as they departed that if they didn't see us in 15 minutes we were in trouble. Well, you can imagine what they supposed when 15 minutes later they viewed our bait cooler floating to their position. The dear friend in the photo walked back to our position on the far shore, and ventured into the river to come to us. I'm guessing he had no idea exactly how he would help us. All he knew was, his friends were



in distress and he was going to help. Thinking about his gallant move, brought tears to my eyes later in the day when I had time to reflect. But, you can imagine the tears I would have shed had he been swept off his feet in that torrent. At the midpoint of the first seam, in no man's land when it is just as dangerous to turn around and go back as it is to proceed, he opted for the former, and safely returned to the original shore from whence he came. Both of these anglers are good friends, and meant well, either to retrieve gear, or come



to the aid of distressed comrades. But, the lesson to be learned is if going in the water is optional for your own safety, don't do it. In cold water survival classes they teach that if a party member is afloat or worse going under, don't you yourself enter the water to save them, as that action often ends in two fatalities.

2. What did we do right? The complete absence of panic acted in our favor.

The actions we took to exit the craft and make our way along the tree (bareback style) to the beach seemed more like an adventure than a distress. We were dry, had some of our gear (sadly not much of the skipper's) and our wits about us. Once ashore, I was able to make contact with the 911 dispatcher and was connected with Multnomah County River Patrol. Steve ventured to the mainstem side of the island to scout it out, and decided we would be more visible to rescuers on that side. We shared a cup of coffee from the thermos in Steve's bag which was retrieved, and proceeded to leave The Spirit as it lay. That was difficult. Gresham Fire were actually the first responders, launching at Lewis and Clark Park and speeding upriver in their Collared Jetboat, arriving at our position within 20 minutes of our distress call. But, just as no good deed shall go unpunished, sure enough these brave responders ran aground on the shallow mainstem. We proceeded to walk out to them and boarded the raft, some might say somewhat clumsily, but we were dry. After exiting the raft themselves and rocking it off the shelf, they com-

pleted their mission of seeing us safely to shore at Oxbow Park.

An exceptional brunch at Shirley's Tippy Canoe on the Old Historic Highway in Troutdale completed our adventurous day

much earlier than anticipated. But, we parted friends thankful for our well-being, and started planning our next fishing trip. Such is the mindset of a steelheader.

I must interject here that Multnomah County Sheriffs River Patrol, while responsive to our distress, and concerned for our safety at all times, were not enthusiastic to offer suggestions for retrieving the downed Spirit. Their helpful suggestion regarding salvage was to check it out online.

My wife and I did just that, and found Columbia River Marine Assistance, shown in the salvage photos, to be quite responsive, and we met them at Oxbow the following day at noon for the salvage op.

SALVAGE OPERATION: The methods employed were more muscle than technical or mechanical. We used the captain's Zodiac RIB to proceed down the side channel 2/3 of the way to the sunken drift boat. At that point, we shouldered the block and tackle, line and miscellaneous gear to

The Spirit. It was good to see her, very good, just as we had left her the day prior. Attaching the winch to a downed root ball on the island, we proceeded to crank it slowly toward shore, with the initial objective of getting the port side (upriver) gunnel above the water line to prevent further flooding of the vessel.

Once that was achieved, we manually bailed it out with a 5-gallon bucket. When one person tired, another would proceed, then the third, until draining as much as could be achieved with this method. The captain of the salvage vessel used a hand bilge to further reduce the weight in the drifter. When we



had removed all we could, we roped and pushed the boat back upstream to the salvage Zodiac and attached it with rope for towing back to the original launch point from the day before. The return trip up the narrow, shallow riffle at the head of the side channel proved to be adventuresome, but safe nonetheless. And, within three hours of first meeting at Oxbow, our boat was tucked snugly back on its trailer. This exercise required another stop at Shirley's





Tippy Canoe, this time for dinner. Under less demanding situations, I will certainly return to this exceptional eatery.

Let me take just a moment here to say how highly I recommend Columbia River Marine Assistance, and Captain Ron Micjan, USCG Master 100T, for any of your CR or vicinity boating mishaps. I'm pretty sure there is no type of salvage op with which he is unfamiliar. He has risen fully sunken vessels from the bottom of the Columbia and beyond, with experience in ocean rescue and salvage as well. He had never attempted a shallow water retrieval in rapid water, but was not deterred. The complete, satisfactory and safe retrieval of The Spirit is owing in total to Ron's experience, professionalism, energy, determination, and in no small measure muscle. In addition, he was quite ably assisted by Jim Virgin, a teammate of his on the SW Washington Organization of Rescue Divers when they trained together for Swiftwater Rescue, a ropes and fast water class. It was Jim who first scouted the back channel (via his kayak) and the condition of my boat,

to determine the feasibility of the salvage operation before it began. He might appear small in the photos, but he is all muscle and contributed a huge share of the heavy lifting.

The thankfully small amount of lost gear for John and Steve has been restored. The captain's loss is more substantial, and deservedly so, to underscore the lessons imparted that day. It will be reestablished over time, necessitating many trips to Fisherman's and Bob's. Darn.

Finally, this story would not be complete without a shout out to the Sandy River chapter of NW Steelheaders. I've been blessed over the past three years to be a very small part of this group, and develop meaningful friendships which I hope will be lifelong. Just an exceptional group of thoughtful, open, dedicated sportsmen and women. I received numerous calls and emails of encouragement and sincere caring from them. Each one hit home and buoyed my spirits. The offending tree remains in that side channel, so proceed with caution. But, as the good stewards of the Sandy River that this chapter of Steelheaders is, it would not surprise me if some day it will be dealt with, in order to assure safe passage for future boaters. That's just how they roll. Safe boating and

tight lines my friends.



Become an ODFW volunteer fishing instructor

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host an Angler and Aquatic Education Instructor training on Saturday, March 7 at ODFW Headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE., Salem, Oregon.

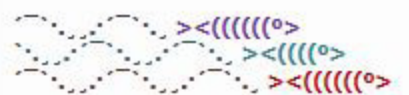
The training, which will go from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is free and open to anyone 18 years or older who is interested in becoming a volunteer fishing instructor.

"Our volunteer instructors are an important part of our efforts to introduce more families to the joys of fishing," said Shahab Farzanegan, ODFW Angler and Aquatic Education coordinator. "They are involved in ODFW-sponsored family fishing events, after-school fishing clubs and other programs."

The volunteer training will introduce participants to the program curriculum, which includes basic fishing skills, stewardship, aquatic resources and water safety. Participants also will learn about volunteer opportunities in their area.

"With this year's ODFW Family Fishing Events beginning in just a few weeks, this is a great time to learn how you can participate as an instructor," Farzanegan said.

Lunch will be provided, and pre-registration is required by March 3. To register, or for more information, contact Darlene Sprecher at (503) 947-6025 or by e-mail at Darlene.M.Sprecher@state.or.us.



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February 14th *Salmon Workshop a BIG Success*

Our recent salmon workshop done in concert with ODFW was another very successful affair, once again a full house of 30 students, matched almost by our chapters 28 volunteers. We received a new compliment of spinning rods for this class, so we now have enough for all 30 students to fish with at the end of class sessions. These were provided by our partners in this effort, ODFW. It was good to have them all, for the bulk of the class did in fact head down to the river at the end of the day. The procurement of these outfits was handled by Mark Newell, our ODFW coordinator in all these efforts.

Back to those 28 volunteers-recruiting for this class was exceptional, as was the contact time spent with the students. If they needed help with something all they had to do was to raise their hand and one of our volunteers was right there to assist them. The great number of

volunteers made it possible to assist them riverside as well. The students seemed to like the handouts I prepared as well. There were a couple requests for extra copies to take home for friends!

Once again our volunteers Robert Wisher and Kathryn Israelson out did themselves in the food arena, with Robert making fresh baked cherry and blueberry turnovers, and Kathryn preparing gourmet hot dogs. Everyone gave us high marks in the food ratings. I have made some notes about improvements in our clinic efforts, and sought further input from our volunteers. Although I think the clinics are very good now, I'm sure they can be even better with this input. Our next clinic is on Saturday May 9th covering Summer Steelhead. It will be at the same location, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale. It will cover drift fishing, spinner fishing, bobber and jig fishing, bobbers and

pink worms. I'm looking for instructors now. Interested in volunteering?

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for making this a very successful effort!

I am recruiting instructors now for the May 9th Summer steelhead clinic.

I think I have secured instructors for the Bobbers and Jigs and Drift Fishing portions. I'm looking for instructors for the Rods and Reels and casting with Spinners and Spoons portions of the program. Please contact me if you'd like to cover one of those subjects.

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