



March 2019

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

2019 Events



March 3rd, 2019 – Sunday - Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



March 6, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Local Guide **Tom Randall** - Steelhead Bobbers, Beads, & Rigging for Steelhead,



March 8th to 10, 2019 – Family Fish Camp – Camp Angelos, 32149 SE Stevens Rd, Corbett, Oregon - Contact the Education and Outreach Coordinator with any questions at orhabitat@nwf.org.



April 3, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



April 20th, 2019 – Saturday - Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



May 1, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



May 4th, 2019, Saturday - Annual Chapter Banquet and Auction - This is our annual fundraising event. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR



June 5, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Glen Ward of Benchmade Knives - <https://www.benchmade.com/>

No chapter meetings in July or August 2019. No chapter meetings in July or August 2019.



June 20th to 24st, 2019 – John Day River Campout – Weekend Family fishing campout on the river. Contact – Steve Rothenbucher at rothenbuchers@gmail.com or Ph: (503) 257-0039.



August 24th, 2019, Saturday – Annual Sandy River Chapter picnic - Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park area A, Troutdale, OR



September 4th, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



September 13th - 15th, 2019, Saturday – Tillamook Crab/Fish along – Arrive on Friday and depart on Sunday.



September 21st, 2019 - Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



October 5th, 2019 – Coho Salmon Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.

HELP – WITH NEWSLETTER

We are currently in great need of someone with word processing skills to editor our newsletter. If you are interested in helping out please contact one our Co-Presidents: Greg Reed at g_a_reed@comcast.net (Ph: 503-869-1795, or Jeff Stoeger at mjstoeger@msn.com (Ph: 503-704-7920).

Line depth at 45 degree angle			
Depth	Feet of line	Depth	Feet of line
15	21.2	34	48.1
16	22.6	35	49.5
17	24	36	50.9
18	25.5	37	52.3
19	26.9	38	53.7
20	28.3	39	55.2
21	29.7	40	56.6
22	31.1	41	58
23	32.5	42	59.4
24	33.9	43	60.8
25	35.4	44	62.2
26	36.8	45	63.6
27	38.2	46	64.1
28	39.6	47	66.8
29	41	48	67.9
30	42.4	49	68.9
31	43.8	50	70.7
32	45.2	52	73.9
33	46.7	55	77.8

Kokanee Trolling depths in relation to angle and line length

Our speaker, Brent Soule, Soule's Sport Fishing Guide service (360)-903-8944, shared a handout on this at our February 2019 Chapter meeting. We've typed it up and provided for you here.

Feet back	Depth in Feet				
	1oz	1.5oz	2oz	3oz	6oz
10	4	5	6	7	9
20	7	8	9	12	16
30	9	11	13	16	23
40	10	13	15	20	29
50	12	15	17	24	35
60	13	16	19	28	40
70	14	18	21	31	46
80	15	19	23	35	51
90	16	20	24	39	56
100	17	21	25	42	61
Based on 10lb test Mono at 1.5MPH over ground					

Annual Chapter Board Election:

Election of Chapter Board Officers will take place at the April 3rd, 2019 Chapter Meeting. As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers. The Chapter Board positions we need to vote on are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Note the last few years we have ran short of nominees for positions. We all want a successful chapter, so please step up and help us in areas you have qualifications to fulfill.

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 Election Committee. To run for an office you must be a current member in good standing.

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, or Treasurer ask them if you can nominate them for the positions. You cannot nominate someone without their permission.

Smolt Have Arrived At The Acclimation Pond!

Terri B. –Sandy River Chapter

The acclimation pond in Sandy, Oregon is up and running! Volunteers are currently helping to feed the smolt. A few changes were made to the feeding program this year, we received approx. 5000 more smolt this year and the decision was made to feed once every other day for three weeks rather than each day. "The smolt are there to have a chance to acclimate to the smell of the river they call home, not fatten up", said ODFW management team Ryan Queen and Ben Walzak. Ever since we cut back to once a day feeding a few years ago, I have noticed the smolt have grown healthier and the amount of mortalities decreased before releasing each year.



The acclimation pond is located at the Bull Run Watershed on the Bull Run River just above where it flows into the Sandy River. It's a giant size swimming pool approx. 60 feet long by 10 feet wide and approx. 4-5 feet deep, allowing our little Chinook to swim around and get used to the smell of the Bull Run River water before being released.

Once released, they make their way down to the Sandy River, out to the Columbia River and head toward

the ocean to live for the next 3-5 years.

This acclimation period helps the smolt remember the river water they're released from, hoping for a strong return of fish in 3-5 years when they come back as mature clipped Spring Chinook Salmon.

Retired ODFW representative, Jeff Fulop, told me years ago, "a normal return ratio for Chinook salmon smolt are between 1-1.5% from those released. Migration survival depends greatly on predation, enough food supply in rivers while small and in the ocean while growing as well as the harvest rate in the ocean and rivers while trying to return to spawn."

If you would like to volunteer for a day (or two) of feeding, call Terri Boughton at 503-307-2546 to schedule in your preferred day. This is a great chance to take your family up, feed the fish and record their progress. We will receive the 2nd batch immediately after release of the first, so feeding will continue thru the end of March.





When: March 8-10, 2019

Where: [Camp Angelos](#), 32149 SE Stevens Rd, Corbett, OR 97019

What: Learn fishing skills with the whole family in a summer-camp setting.

Lodging

Family Fish Camp is located at [Camp Angelos](#) along the Sandy River in Corbett, OR. Spend a weekend living a summer camp experience – sleep in cabin bunks, dine in the lodge cafeteria, and stargaze in the secluded forest along the rushing river.

All cabins are heated and handicapped accessible. Families will be housed together alongside other families attending the camp. Families will be staying in shared (co-ed) cabins. This means you will get to stay together as a family, but you will be housed together with another family. All cabins are heated and handicapped accessible. If you have any concerns or questions about this arrangement, please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding this arrangement.

Family Fish Camp is a fun weekend where families learn fishing skills together while staying overnight at cozy Camp Angelos on the Sandy River. Kids and adults can fish the pond, play games, plan their next fishing adventure, and participate in session activities on:

- Fish identification
- Casting and reeling
- Angler ethics and regulations
- Gear and equipment
- Water quality testing
- Fish art projects

Family Fish Camp is for all families who want to learn more about how to jump-start their fishing experiences in the Pacific Northwest. Passionate anglers with years of experience will teach you the essential skills, and your family will have the opportunity to recreate together outdoors alongside new friends.

Application and Cost

Cost for first adult and child pair: \$200

Cost for any additional attendee beyond first pair: \$75

Limited scholarships (full and half) are available to applicable participants.

Your ticket to Family Fish camp includes:

- 5 meals
- 2 nights lodging
- Access to all sessions and activities

Check back at a later date for more details by filling out your contact information

at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9h0jSDIm8P1yxjXfpUiu_frwkBmclROaMXFKakEu9t_7Quw/viewform to be notified when registration opens for Family Fish Camp 2019. Or, contact the Education and Outreach Coordinator with any questions at orhabitat@nwf.org.

States set 2019 Columbia River spring Chinook seasons

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2019/02_Feb/022019.asp



Feb. 20, 2019

PORTLAND, Ore. – Fishery managers from Oregon and Washington adopted revised spring Chinook salmon and steelhead seasons for the Columbia River today during a joint state hearing. These regulations replace permanent rules that remain in effect through February.

The season-setting process was complicated this year due to a below average forecast for upriver-origin spring Chinook of 99,300 fish and poor expected returns to the Cowlitz and Lewis rivers (1,300 and 1,600 fish, respectively). The predicted return to both of these Washington tributaries is less than what is needed to meet hatchery brood stock needs.

In the Columbia below Bonneville Dam, the modified recreational spring Chinook season will take place from Friday, March 1 through Wednesday, April 10. The open area is from Warrior Rock upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank), plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

In the Columbia above Bonneville Dam, the recreational Chinook season will be open from Monday, April 1 through Sunday, May 5. The open area for both boat and bank anglers is from the Tower Island power lines approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam upstream to the Oregon/Washington border. From the Tower Island power lines downstream to Bonneville Dam, only bank angling is allowed.

The daily bag limit for both areas above is two adult Chinook or steelhead per day, of which only one may be a Chinook, and only adipose fin-clipped (hatchery) fish may be kept. Shad may also be kept.

For the area from the Warrior Rock line downstream to Buoy 10, angling for and retention of Chinook salmon, steelhead, and shad will close effective March 1 in order to help protect the Cowlitz and Lewis river stocks of spring Chinook. The Warrior Rock line runs from the Warrior Rock lighthouse on the Oregon shore to red USCG buoy #4, then to the piling dolphin on the lower end of Bachelor Island.

Columbia River spring Chinook salmon seasons are driven by guidelines on the number of upriver-origin Chinook that can be killed. Therefore, season dates can change during the season if/when guidelines are met. The fishery below Bonneville Dam will be managed for a harvest guideline of 3,689 upriver Chinook prior to the run update. Above Bonneville Dam, the pre-update harvest guideline is 492 fish.

In a related conservation action, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife announced that it expects to close the Cowlitz and Lewis rivers to angling beginning March 1.

On the Willamette River, Chinook salmon and steelhead seasons will continue as planned under Oregon sport fishing rules. This year, ODFW fishery managers are forecasting a return to the Willamette of 40,200 adult Chinook, which is up from last year's actual return of 37,441 adults. The Sandy and Clackamas rivers are also open year-around for retention of hatchery Chinook, steelhead and coho.

For more information for upcoming fishing seasons, refer to Columbia River regulation updates at myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone and [e-regulations](#) for permanent regulations.

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Spring Chinook Salmon Workshop 2016 Manual excerpts

Herring

Many anglers fish for spring Chinook using spinners or “spoons,” a relatively flat-sided metal lure that wobbled as it went through the water. The use of trolled herring is covered herein. The main thing about the herring method is to appeal to a salmon.

The herring needs to have an appealing motion, usually a tight spin, as it travels through the water. This is mostly imparted by where you place the hooks. Another related method is Plug Cut herring, cutting off the head of the herring at a precise compound angle, and then putting the hooks in. The beveled cut will help it spin, but hook placement is still crucial. Plug cutting knife guides that will help you get a more consistent cut and are available at tackle shops. There are also rigs you simply clip the herring into, and an attached fin which imparts the required spin. They are pretty easy to use and sell for a few dollars each. There's more than one way to put in the hooks!



Herring come frozen, sorted by size. To keep things simple, colored labels indicate size. With the most common sizes to use being Red or Green label.

Extra small = Orange

Small = Red

Medium = Green

Large = Blue



Whole Herring



Back hook on this side



Push back hook through to other side

More about herring

Herring can be used fresh from the package, cured in herring brines available at sporting goods stores, or placed in a simple rock salt and water brine of one quart of water and 1/3 cup of salt. Keep them refrigerated and/or in a cooler while in your boat. Remember, the herring motion is very important! Watch where you put in the hooks and adjust them if your bait is not spinning.

Tired of fooling with real herring? Fake 'em out with Brad's Cut Plugs...put scent or bait inside.

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The following purchase web site was submitted by a member in follow-up to our article last month on "yarnies".

<https://pacificcoastoutdoors.com/collections/steelhead/products/yarnies>

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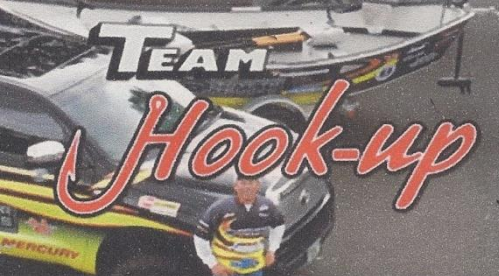
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