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Sandy River Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders Meets the First Wednesday of Every Month at 7:30 PM Sam Cox Bldg., Glen Otto Park • 1106 E. Columbia River Hwy. • Troutdale 97060



April 2006

President's Notes

I hope that someone will step forward to become the next president for our chapter. Its been a pleasure being the chapter president for the last 5 1/2 years. It doesn't seem like it, but it has. I have a new job that requires me to go out of to elect new officers. This is an extremely town and I'm not sure when I'm heading out of important meeting that you need to attend town until the end of each month. I want to thank everyone for all their help in making this chapter what it is. I know that we have a group of very dedicated members that make this chapter stand out. So I'm now counting on some of the new members to step forward and carry on the the torch to continue to move us in a new direction. I hope to see every one at the meeting in April, there will be desert for all and time to discuss the direction that the chapter want to move in. Thanks for all your help. Jeff Stoeger co-President.

Sandy Chapter at a Crossroads

It was just announced that the Sandy Chapter has earned the title of chapter of the year for the second year in a row. We can thank the leadership of the chapter and the dedicated individuals who are make a difference by putting in their time. The problem is that as of this next meeting Jeff Stoeger and Dana Wood will no longer be serving as Co-Presidents. Combined with this problem is that other members of the chapter have not stepped forward to take part in doing the work that is required to make the chapter work. So what is keeping you from making a difference? I know that there are those out there who could be attending meetings, writing letters, organizing events. And yet they choose to sit on the sidelines while others do the work of the chapter. It's time to pick up and do some work folks. Let it be known that you want to make this chapter and the association better. Put your name in the hat to be an officer or director for the chapter. Make it happen!

Sandy Chapter; chapter of the year! I'm very pleased to announce that at the

Banquet on April 1st, our Association chapter was awarded chapter of the year for the second consecutive year. I'm very proud of the individuals who put in countless hours of volunteer work, and those who serve on our chapter's board. This award goes out to every member of our chapter. I want to thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to make this chapter what it is.

Yearly meeting with elections and pie!

This is the the meeting we have every year and make your voice heard. Plus, there's pie! Make sure you attend.



Turn in your raffle tickets!

Bill Beith is asking that everyone who has outstanding raffle tickets to be turned in to please bring them to the next meeting as he needs them to turn them in by April 10.

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Gus Kriara; foot soldier of the year

I'm very pleased to announce that **Gus Kriara** was named as one of two Foot Soldiers of the Year by the Association. Gus deserves this award for all his countless hours of work to give kids the chance to fish. Every year, Gus gives

a week for kids to learn how to fish at Camp Angelos. He also works with the Kids with Cancer program, where kids and their family can come out for a week of camping and fishing. Everything is paid for by donations and grants. I can attest that Gus is Greek. He is the only person I know that can get blood out of a turnip. He is amazing in raising money for his camps. He also has a week long Fly Fishing camp for kids, where they learn the art of fly tying and fishing. During this week at his general fish camp, he gets various companies like Lamaglass to donate rod blanks and guides and send some one from the company to help kids build their own fishing rod. His fish camps have anywhere from 40 to 60 kids. Gus has never turned away any child from his fish camps.



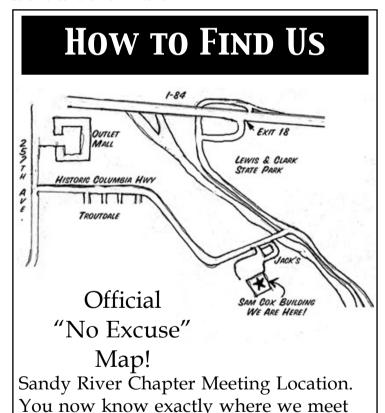
Join The Mailing List!

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.

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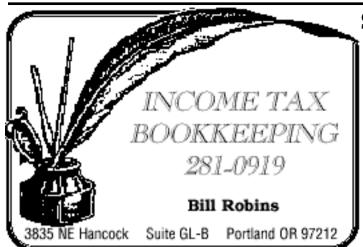
Gus Kriara is presented with the "foot soldier of the year" award by Gary Benson and Norm Ritchie



We need your attendance!

SANDY STEELHEADER'S CALENDAR

General Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m. Sam Cox Building, Glen Otto park Elections!



Students get hands on Education at hatchery research center

SALEM — Students with Oregon State University's Saturday Academy will explore the Oregon Hatchery Research Center April 8 to examine salmon and steelhead and learn about the role these fish play in the ecosystem.

Students will participate in two learning sessions at the center. In the first session, ODFW Fish Health Specialist Craig Banner will discuss how fish adapt to their environment. He will teach students about the salmon and steelhead life cycles and how important the cycle is to the entire ecosystem. Students will use a microscope to dissect and examine fish and will learn about fish anatomy.

HRC Facility Manager Ryan Couture will guide a tour of the Hatchery Research Center, and students will get to

net, handle and measure juvenile migrating salmon and steelhead from floating fish traps. Students will learn to identify juvenile salmonid species.

The Saturday Academy cooperates with business, education and professional communities to provide learning opportunities in science, mathematics and technology. Classes, held after school and on Saturdays, are small and hands-on to enhance the learning process for students in grades 5-12.

The goal of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center is to answer scientific questions related to fish recovery and hatchery programs, including the differences that may exist between wild and hatchery fish, and how to manage those differences. The Oregon Hatchery Research Center is a cooperative research project between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Trout Stocked for Youth Event

CLACKAMAS — Young people interested in angling can find a great fishing opportunity April 8 at St. Louis Pond near Woodburn.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is stocking 1,500 rainbow trout into St. Louis Pond as part of the Youth Angling Enhancement Program, now in its second year. ODFW staff and volunteers will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide access to fishing equipment and angling instruction. Contact the Clackamas ODFW office at 503-657-2000 for more information.

The stocking program was made possible through a \$50,000 appropriation from the Oregon Legislature and a partnership with the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, which has pledged an additional \$50,000 and is working with ODFW to develop and promote youth fishing opportunities throughout the state.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the fun of fishing and encourage participation in outdoor recreation activities," said Salmon Trout Enhancement Program Biologist Jeff Fulop. "A lot of credit goes to the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation for all their hard work and financial contributions to help make this event possible."

Under Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, anglers under the age of 13 can fish for free. A juvenile license is required for anglers 14-17 years of age. All other anglers must have an Oregon adult fishing license. All fishing regulations continue to apply.

To find St. Louis Pond from I-5 take the Woodburn exit. Then go east from the exit to Hwy 99E. At 99E you head south to Gervais Road. Go west on Gervais Road through the town of Gervais. The road eventually changes to St Louis Rd. Continue west on St Louis Rd back over I-5 to Tesch Road, at the railroad crossing. Go left on Tesch Rd and follow the signs to the ponds. The event will be at pond # 3.





Sea Lions Deterence stepped up on Columbia

The Oregon and Washington fish and wildlife departments are stepping up sea lion deterrence efforts in the Columbia River this year, and are seeking federal authority that would allow removal of selected problem animals in future years if expanded hazing is unsuccessful.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission agreed to seek federal authority to expand future sea lion management options during a public meeting today in Newport, and the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission agreed to the same course after a discussion in its February public meeting.

Up to 1,000 sea lions flocked to the Columbia River last year, devouring spring chinook salmon and making their way up the fish ladder at Bonneville Dam, despite attempts to drive them off with fireworks and acoustic devices. This year, sea lions also have been observed killing adult female sturgeon, and have entered Columbia River tributaries, such as the Lewis River, where they are feeding

With this year's upriver spring chinook salmon run predicted at only 88,000 fish, biologists estimate sea lions could kill as much as 10 percent of the run. As spring chinook salmon begin to make their way up the Columbia River, biologists are growing more concerned about the sea lions' impact on the river's fish populations, several of which are listed for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act.

"The states will be using every hazing method available to us under federal law, including acoustic and percussive devices, flares, and rubber bullets," said Steve Williams, acting administrator of the Fish Division for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Williams said the hazing campaign will broaden last year's efforts to keep sea lions from preying on salmon and other fish species near Bonneville Dam. Like last year, state fish and wildlife agencies will conduct the hazing in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, operators of the dam.

The new hazing activities are scheduled to begin April 1 from Bonneville Dam downstream approximately 12 miles to Marker 85. The directors of the two state agencies informed NMFS of the expanded hazing plans in a March 15 letter.

Meanwhile, Washington and Oregon fish and wildlife agencies will seek federal authority and funding to remove a select number of problem sea lions from the river if hazing is determined to be unsuccessful.

Removing sea lions – which could include both lethal and non-lethal methods - must be approved by the NMFS, the federal agency that manages sea lions under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. If the states' request is approved, removal of problem sea lions is not expected to begin until after this year's hazing activities have been completed and assessed.

During its regular monthly commission meeting today in Newport, Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission directed agency staff to begin the process of applying for authority under Section 120 of the act, which would allow lethal removal of specific nuisance animals. Oregon Commissioners cautioned members of the public in attendance that the move toward Section 120 authority will not provide immediate relief.

"We urge people looking for a 'quick fix' to this problem to be realistic," said Commission Chair Marla Rae. "This process is neither quick, nor a good permanent fix. Resolving the sea lion issue and protecting Oregon's fish stocks will require an act of Congress, not an act of this Commission. However, we realize this is a serious problem, and seeking federal authority to manage it is an important step in the right direction."

The Oregon Commission also directed agency leaders to convene a workgroup with constituents, stakeholders and neighboring states to begin exploring appropriate possible venues to propose federal legislative changes.

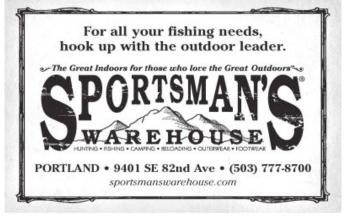
Jeff Koenings, director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, said he is encouraged that state and federal agencies are in agreement on the need to address the problem of sea lion predation through cooperative management strategies.

"Sea lion predation in the Columbia River is clearly a persistent problem that appears to be getting worse, and we need to explore every option available to resolve it," Koenings said. "We're concerned about balance—in the Columbia River, an overly robust population of California sea lions is preying on weak populations of wild salmon and steelhead. We need to pursue an active management approach that restores balance to the river system."

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Sea Lions Contined

The hazing actions set to begin next month will expand on last year's efforts, which focused on the area of river immediately below the Bonneville Dam fish ladders. In that first experiment, NMFS, the Corps, and the Oregon and Washington departments of fish and wildlife conducted a two-day hazing and assessment effort using both percussive and acoustic Nicole Cordan, Save Our Wild Salmon, 503-230-0421 x 12 devices. Results showed sea lions were driven off temporarily, but returned within a day.

Since that time the Corps has installed grates in front of the fish ladders and has placed acoustic devices in the ladders designed to deter sea lions from entering. However, at least one sea lion made its way through the grates and entered the fish ladders this spring.

As sea lions have rebounded in recent years, their impact on salmon and salmon recovery away from a focus on degraded habitat and sturgeon populations also has increased. An adult sea lion typically eats salmon-killing dams and onto the backs of sport and five to seven salmon a day. Last year 500-1,000 sea lions were estimated to be hunting in the Columbia River, and at least as many are expected to enter the river this year seeking food.

Some 100 sea lions at Bonneville Dam last year were estimated to have "This budget proposal will take its place in a long line of antieaten approximately 3-4 percent of the 106,000 spring chinook salmon run passing the dam, according to Corps biologists. State biologists said Nicole Cordan, Legal and Policy Director of Save Our Wild additional salmon were consumed downstream in the river.

While hazing will be aimed at stopping sea lions from killing salmon, other fish in the river, including sturgeon, are expected to benefit, an efforts to blame fishing families for salmon declines actually outcome that pleases fish biologists concerned about the increasing number caused by dams, we can't help but ask: when it comes to of reports of sea lions seen eating sturgeon.

"The Columbia River supports the largest healthy white sturgeon Of particular concern to salmon advocates is President Bush's population in the world," said Williams, "and sea lions have the potential low-ball request of \$67 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon to severely deplete mature female sturgeon, which are their preferred prey. Recovery Fund, which provides crucial assistance to states, Those sturgeon represent the future of the species."

In addition to the biological impacts caused by sea lion predation, reduced salmon and sturgeon populations also could have a negative effect on the local economy.

"Sport and commercial fisheries in the Columbia River are fundamental to the regional economy and to the social traditions of the Pacific Northwest " said Roy Elicker, interim director of ODFW. "Sea lion predation on salmon and sturgeon, if left unchecked, has the potential to rise to a level Rivers. "The president's budget would severely undercut these that causes economic harm to individuals and businesses that depend on efforts - now it's up to Congress to make sure that Columbia River fisheries."

Bush Administration budget and initiatives spell trouble for salmon

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Bush Administration Budget, Misguided Initiatives Spell Trouble for Pacific Salmon

Washington, DC - On the heels of an announcement by the White House that it intends to shift the burden of Pacific commercial fishermen, the Bush Administration has released a budget for fiscal year 2007 that will dramatically underfund federal efforts to restore salmon and steelhead up and down the West Coast and inland to Idaho.

salmon actions put forth by the Bush administration," said Salmon. "When salmon-based communities look at the President's budget alongside the illegal federal salmon plan, the elimination of independent salmon science, and recent salmon recovery, does this administration have a commitment issue?"

tribes, and local governments as they strive to protect salmon runs; fiscal year 2007's request reflects a \$23 million drop from last year's, and falls at least \$130 million short of what the federal government needs to contribute to help ensure the success of local and regional salmon recovery plans.

"Restoring healthy, fishable salmon and steelhead runs to our communities means making on-the-ground and in-the-water improvements to rivers and streams up and down the West Coast and inland to Idaho," said Michael Garrity of American underfunded recovery plans don't continue to serve as an obstacle blocking salmon recovery.'

Meanwhile, the Bush administration budget proposes \$578 million to fund the federal salmon plan for the Columbia and Snake rivers. While this reflects a slight increase over last year's request of \$571 million, the federal salmon plan itself has been ruled illegal, in part for failing to address the most significant cause of salmon mortality in the Columbia-Snake Basin: dams - particularly four low-value, outdated dams on the lower Snake River.

"This Administration seems determined to spend money on the wrong things in the wrong ways in the Columbia River, particularly on unproven dam 'techo-fixes' that will not really solve the salmon problem," said Glen Spain of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA), a commercial fishermen's organization. "Unless this Administration faces the real problems created by the Snake River Dams honestly, all they will be doing is spending their way toward salmon extinction, and in the process devastating the region's fishingbased economy. Both the science and the economics say that restoring the Snake River and replacing the benefits of the dams by other means is far cheaper and will be far more effective in the long run."

Fishing businesses, conservation groups, and other salmon advocates have expressed deep concerns with the direction of federal salmon recovery efforts, particularly in light of an initiative recently outlined by the White House that seeks dramatic reductions in already-rockbottom sport and commercial fishing levels. But the federal government's own scientists have concluded that even the complete elimination of Pacific salmon fisheries would yield few benefits, if any, for most stocks. These same scientists have identified removal of the four dams on the lower Snake River as the surest way to recover imperiled salmon and steelhead.



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Recreation Report

SANDY RIVER: The Sandy River water conditions remain good with the flows on Monday running at 1,670 cfs (9.34°), very clear water and the temperature at 42°. The catch rate for hatchery fish continues to be spotty, with the wild fish dominating the reports. The section of river between Marmot and Oxbow seems to be producing many native winter steelhead. Anglers should remember that these wild fish are catch and release only and need to be released unharmed. The drift from Oxbow down to the mouth has been slow with a few hatchery fish caught in this stretch. The more knowledgeable anglers are having some good success in the Sandy. Fish should be spread throughout the system from Marmot Dam down to Troutdale. Anglers are also picking up a few early summer steelhead and there have been reports of a couple of spring chinook caught in the lower river.

The Sandy winter steelhead 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 that is part of the current Sandy River fish management plan. These steelhead should create a mid-to-late winter fishery that likely goes on into spring.

Anglers can access the river from many parks including Lewis and Clark, Dabney, Oxbow, and Dodge. 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.

WILLAMETTE RIVER: The Willamette River is in good fishable condition. Monday's flows were at 20,000 cfs, the water temperature was up to 48°, and the visibility was at 2.5 feet. Fish counts at Willamette Falls were 4,334 winter steelhead, 154 summer steelhead, and 9 spring chinook through March 22nd.

The spring chinook angling effort has increased with the improved conditions and ramp checks are showing that a few springers were caught last week from the Lower Multnomah Channel all the way up to Willamette Falls . The Sellwood Bridge area has been the best spot with several days in a row of good catches taking place. Bank anglers at Meldrum Bar have had some success for both spring chinook and winter steelhead. Springer fishing should continue to improve throughout the river as the month of April approaches.

CLACKAMAS RIVER: Conditions on the Clackamas River are nearly unchanged from last week with both the water levels and visibility holding steady. Flows on Monday were at 2,256 cfs (12.24') but the water temperature has warmed up to 44°. Steelhead anglers are having fair success for hatchery and wild winter steelhead and the fish are spread throughout the system. One day can be good and then the next day a little slow. The anglers who are most familiar with the river are having the greatest success. The best angling continues to be below Barton and down through Carver. There have also been a few spring chinook caught in the lower river.

Bank anglers can find access to the river in the Gladstone/Cross Park area, at Carver near the mouth of Clear Creek, at Barton Park , at Bonnie Lure Park , at McIver Park near Dog Creek, and around River Mill Dam.

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

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