



Sandy Steelheader

Sandy River Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders

Meets the First Wednesday of Every Month at 7:30 PM

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April 2007

Frost Bite Follies

February 17

This years frost bite follies was a wet one. You were either a beaver or a duck. The weather was on the cold side as we put up with constant rain. We had thirteen boats for this years event. We all met at Dabney Park and we shuttled our vehicles to Oxbow and back. There was one fish caught a native by Eric Neiwert and put in one of the fish transportation boxes. ODFW wanted to use hatchery fish and so they let the fish go. There was three more fish hooked and lost at the boat. Colonel Thomas was blamed for losing Russ Morrow's fish when he hit the line with the net. The fished weighed about 16 lbs. " **No not really**". You just have to blame him for something though, he did have the net in hand though when the fish un-hooked it self at the boat. The Lunch was good as always. Lots of food for everyone. We had 33 people show up for the event. I would like to thank everyone who attended this event and everyone who paid for lunch. I hope that next year that we catch more fish and that we will have to keep the wild fish because Marmot will be gone. Tight lines good fishing

Clackamas river cleanup

I had been asked by members who missed out last year to let you know when the next big Clackamas River Cleanup will take place. This event, coordinated by the Clackamas River Council will be on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Be sure to mark your event calendars for this one.

Those who attended the event last year enjoyed a BBQ dinner and live band along with a lot of other good people after the cleanup. The cleanup itself had a bit of fun competition to see who would find the biggest, strangest, etc. trash.

Steelhead clinic!

This month will be the second part of our two part steelhead clinic. We will be going over fishing with spinners and spoons, making slinkies, drift fishing, boots and clothing, and making rags. This is the lead up to the on river clinic on April 21. The clinic will focus on water that steelhead frequently hold in, locations anglers can reach along the Sandy and how to put some of the techniques into practice. All you need to do is be a member of the chapter to participate and get the instruction.

Upcoming Events!

Note the other chapter events that are coming up in the next several months. There is a river cleanup on April 28. Usually this involves a nice breakfast and maybe a little fishing. Also there is a spring fish along scheduled for May 19! Try to rustle up a spring chinook. And lastly, don't forget the chapter's annual picnic which is a great event for the whole family!

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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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Steelheader lobby day

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In the past, your participation has made this a terrific opportunity to spend a day in the Capitol talking with your legislators about what matters to the sport fishing public. Beyond your personal concerns, we want Steelheaders to communicate the importance of sport fishing opportunity and fish habitat to their legislators. On April 3rd, a briefing session for Steelheaders will be in Room 167A at 10:00 a.m. to prepare you for your meetings. At 11:00, we will join the OCN delegation to hear from Secretary of State Bradbury, Senate Environment Chair Brad Avakian and Speaker of the House Jeff Merkley. At 2:30 there will be a climate change discussion in Hearing Room 350. In the afternoon, you will also meet with your legislators. Here's a brief overview of the issues we'll be talking about:

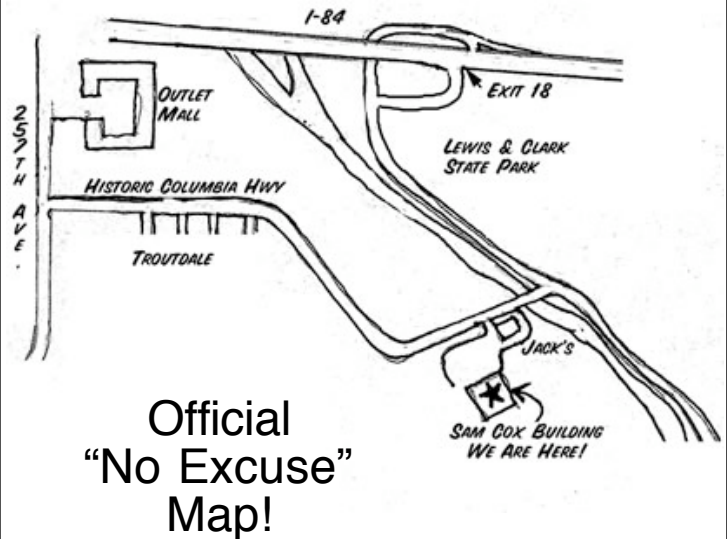
Deferred Hatchery Maintenance - It is no secret that Oregon's hatcheries are in disrepair. Lack of investment in facilities hurts smolt production and keeps Oregon from incorporating new management ideas that will make hatchery fish more compatible with wild fish. This session, \$1.5 million has been proposed to begin to address the estimated \$9 million backlog of maintenance issues and NW Steelheaders are leading proponents for this funding. We need your voice to tell legislators that hatcheries are an important investment in the economic and cultural vitality of Oregon.

Protecting fish and wildlife from global warming -Currently, Oregon relies on coal, oil and hydro to provide power for Oregon. All three have negative impacts on our state's environment (not to mention social and economic costs). Senate Bill 838 would establish a renewable energy standard of 25% by 2025 so that Oregon will begin to use more wind, solar and wave energy. The NW Steelheaders, along with the National Wildlife Federation, are advocating for solutions to global climate change and supports Senate Bill 838.

Other issues to speak out on include calls for increased logging in the Tillamook, Clatsop and Elliot State forests and a proposal to withdraw 500,000 acre feet of summer water from the Columbia River for irrigation.

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How to Find Us



Sandy River Chapter Meeting Location. You now know exactly where we meet. We need your attendance!

Refreshment schedule

Monthly Refreshments

Chapter Deserts	Apr-07
Patty Housley	May-07
Rex McIntire	Jun-07
	Jul-07
No meeting	Aug-07
Joy Gannett	Sep-07
Howard Anderson	Oct-07
	Nov-07
Chapter Ban/Auc	Dec-07

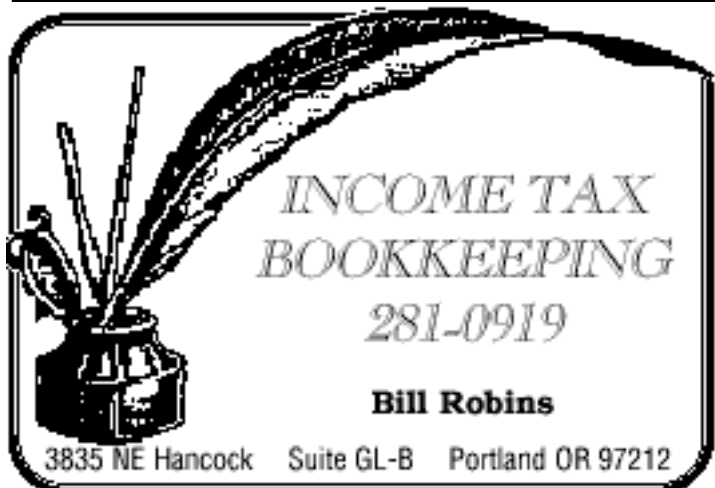
If any one would like to bring refreshment for the general meetings, we have a couple of months that are open.

SANDY STEELHEADER'S CALENDAR

April 4 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto park. Steelheading Class
 April 13 Hawgs & Dawgs
 April 21 Steelheading class outing
 April 28 Spring river cleanup

May 2 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto
 May 19 Spring fish along
 July 14 Chapter Picnic

Board meetings are open to any and all members who wish to attend and express their ideas or to increase their involvement.



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Tillamook boundary change for ocean fishery

Tillamook —The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reminded ocean salmon anglers to be aware of a change to the boundary off the mouth of Tillamook Bay.

The boundary for the “Tillamook Control Zone,” or “triangle” as it was once called, has been re-defined by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. The new boundary is now a rectangular area extending from Pyramid Rock on the south and Twin Rocks on the north out to the 15 fathom depth line, and is now called the Tillamook Spring Chinook Terminal Area. The ocean salmon season opens March 15 along the central Oregon coast.

“The change was necessary because the navigational buoy formerly used as a boundary marker has been re-located,” said Robert Bradley, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife fish biologist in Tillamook. “The new boundary using the fathom line in conjunction with permanent natural features should provide a consistent fishing zone for the future.”

The new boundary expands the size of the previous triangular zone somewhat, but “it is not expected to substantially affect the fishery, since the bulk of the spring fishery occurs around the mouth of the bay,” said Bradley.

Anglers may retain adipose fin-clipped chinook in the control zone March 15 through July 31. No changes were made to gear regulations or season bag limits in the Tillamook-area fisheries. Supplemental regulation pamphlets with 2007 ocean regulations and maps will be available at ODFW offices and license agents in May. The regulations also may be found on the ODFW Web site at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/salmon/State_Waters_Index.html

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generations. The agency consists of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, a commission-appointed director and a statewide staff of approximately 950 permanent employees. Headquartered in Salem, ODFW has regional offices in Clackamas, Roseburg, Bend, and La Grande with ten district offices located throughout the state. For additional information, please visit <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/>

Clackamas River Report

Steelhead fishing has slowed down due to the recent high water. Anglers should expect it to improve as the water drops. An occasional spring chinook has also been caught below Barton and a few fresh summer steelhead are now showing up in the catch.

Bank anglers can find access to the river in the Gladstone/Cross Park area, at Carver near the mouth of Clear Creek, along Clackamas River Rd, at Barton Park, at Bonnie Lure Park, at McIver Park near Dog Creek, and from the McIver Park boat ramp on up to River Mill Dam. Boaters should be aware that early winter high water events have made changes to the river that could surprise unsuspecting boat anglers. Be very cautious of debris as well, since recent high water has likely deposited trees and logs into the river.



Fisherman's
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Sea lion hazing efforts stepped up by states

SALEM, Ore.— For the third straight year, the Oregon and Washington fish and wildlife departments are hazing sea lions to deter them from preying on runs of threatened salmon and steelhead below Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River.

Using non-lethal deterrents such as crackershells, rubber buckshot and underwater firecrackers, crews will be working from boats seven days per week through May 31 in an effort to drive the marine mammals away from fish congregated below the dam. The hazing area extends six miles downstream from the dam to Marker 85.

“As in previous years, our goal is to change these animals’ behavior,” said Jeff Koenings, director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). “Predation by sea lions on fish in the tailrace of Bonneville Dam is a fairly recent phenomenon, and we don’t want any more of them to learn that behavior. We want them to recognize that this is not a good place to find an easy meal.”

Like last year, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and WDFW will conduct the hazing in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) --the agency that is funding the ESA salmon/steelhead protection effort--, U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Program, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, operators of the dam. Hazing methods will remain the same as last year, but this year’s seven-day-per-week schedule marks a significant escalation in the effort to deter predation by sea lions, said Sandra Jonker, regional WDFW wildlife manager.

“We want to give non-lethal deterrence every chance to succeed,” Jonker said.

California sea lion numbers have burgeoned since the 1970s. A September wildlife survey by WDFW documented 1,200 California sea lions at the mouth of the Columbia River, among an estimated West Coast population of 300,000 animals. Despite previous hazing efforts by Oregon and Washington in 2005 and 2006, the number of sea lions entering the Columbia River—and their rate of predation on ESA-listed salmon and steelhead below Bonneville Dam—has increased significantly since 2001, according to surveys by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Estimated predation on salmon and steelhead immediately below Bonneville Dam has reached over 3 percent of the total upriver run in some years, according to surveys conducted by the Corps.

“In addition to the impact on salmon and steelhead, we remain very concerned about the predation on white sturgeon,” said Charlie Corrarino, ODFW Conservation and Recovery Program Manager. “Broodstock male and female sturgeon are being preyed upon at an alarming rate,” Corrarino said.

In February, for the second year, Oregon and Washington conducted a separate state-funded hazing campaign designed to protect those slow-maturing fish, some of which can carry as many as three million eggs.

But the primary focus of the current hazing effort is to protect migrating salmon and steelhead, many of which are listed for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Upper Columbia River spring chinook are listed as “endangered” under the ESA; lower Columbia River chinook and steelhead, middle Columbia River steelhead, Snake River spring/summer chinook, and Snake River Basin steelhead are all listed as “threatened.” Concerned about predation on those populations, fish managers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho jointly applied last November to NMFS for permission to use lethal means – if necessary – to remove individual California sea lions that prey on chinook salmon and steelhead below Bonneville Dam. The application was submitted under Section 120 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which allows lethal removal of individual pinnipeds that negatively impact federally protected salmonid stocks. NOAA Fisheries is soliciting public comments on the states’ application through April 2.

“In the meantime, we need to do everything we can to protect our fish resources,” Jonker said.

Sandy River Report

A few fish have been caught at the hatchery and steelhead fishing overall remains fair. Several wild winter steelhead were caught last week above Oxbow Park.

The Sandy fish 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 initiated under the current Sandy River fish management plan. Angling should get better as water conditions improve and decent catch rates should be expected through March.

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

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Some photos from Frost Bite Follies



Oregon State Police Wildlife Activity

Leonard Call

Angler Refuses to Show License/Tag

Trooper Gorman and Sgt. Perske (both Roseburg) tracked down a suspect at a popular fishing spot who had refused over the previous week-end to provide an ODFW fish checker his license or tag. The suspect said the checker had checked him/it a couple weeks before and didn't think they needed to see it again, "in my opinion." The suspect was cited for the crime of failing to allow inspection of license/tag and advised further refusals would result in him being taken into custody. He did provide his license/tag to officers.

Clammer with 231 Cockles

Trooper Cyr contacted a sport clammer as he was leaving the clamming flats on Cape Arago Highway. The suspect did not have a 2007 shellfish license. Upon inspection Tpr. Cyr discovered the suspect had 231 cockles. The suspect was criminally cited for the Unlawful Taking of Clams and issued a violation citation for No 2007 Shellfish License.

Tips Lead Trooper to Suspect Exceeding Clam Limit

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) received a tip from ODFW shellfish biologist Matt Hunter regarding an ex-commercial razor clam harvester who had just exceeded his sport limit of razor clams. Mr. Hunter had also received a tip from another digger on the beach. Sr. Tpr. Klepp was able to respond in time to contact the suspect just as he was leaving the digging area. A search of the vehicle revealed the man had harvested 29 razor clams (14 over the daily limit). He was cited criminally for Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams. The 14 clams were seized and delivered to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

Guide is Fined and Suspended

Trooper Guerra contacted a suspect on the Nestucca River who was operating a drift boat. The drift boat displayed a 2006 guides license. On this contact, he had two clients aboard. Tpr. Guerra inquired about the 2007 license and the suspect told Tpr. Guerra that he was licensed for 2007 and had merely not attached the new 2007 license to his boat and had left his 2007 guides license at home. Tpr. Guerra warned the suspect for not having/displaying his current licenses. It was known to Tpr. Guerra that the suspect had been actively guiding prior to this contact. The contact occurred over a weekend and on the following Monday, Guerra contacted the Marine Board and learned that the suspect had moments earlier re-requested applications for 2007. So, the suspect did not have his 2007 licenses, etc. as told to Tpr. Guerra. Tpr. Guerra cited the suspect for No Guides License as a result of the information and earlier contact. Tillamook Justice Court Judge Lemery holds guides to a high standard and suspended the suspect's angling license for not being truthful to Tpr. Guerra during the contact. This is the second guide in as many years, that the judge has suspended for not being truthful to an officer during a contact. The judge also fined the suspect \$299.

Suspect Crabbing with more than Allowed Pots

A search warrant was executed on a local fishing vessel for evidence to support the crime of Fishing More Than the Allowed Maximum Number of Commercial Crab Pots. Two onboard computers were "copied" by the computer forensic experts. The computer evidence has not yet been analyzed.

One Commercial Crabber Caught Using 62 Crab Pots over the Limit

Troopers Urbigkeit, Klepp, Hoodenpyl and Howell, Recruits Spurlock and Schwartz and Sergeants Thompson, Scroup and Seaholm with the help of Washington Fish & Wildlife's Enforcement Vessel "Corliss" and USCG 47', initiated a commercial crab case that involved a commercial crabber fishing with more than the maximum number of crab pots and fishing with unmarked buoys. During the day long operation, 72 crab pots were seized from the ocean. Of the 72 pots, 62 belonged to one fisherman. F&W Work with

USCG Senior Trooper Klepp, Recruits Spurlock and Schwartz (all Astoria) were onboard the Washington Fish & Wildlife enforcement vessel the "Corliss." The Corliss pulled illegal gear from Cape Falcon to Cape Lookout. Tpr. Schwartz was onboard a USCG 47' out of Cape Disappointment. Lt. Lane (Salem) flew in a USCG Jayhawk helicopter out of Air Station Astoria, plotting crab pot strings.

Sgt. Thompson, Sr. Tpr.

Canfield and Tpr. Urbigkeit (all Newport) assisted with the Newport RHI. Lt. Samuels (Salem), Sgt. Seaholm and Tpr. Howell (both Tillamook) used the Tillamook RHI and Trooper Guerra (Tillamook) was onboard a USCG 47 footer. A total of 18 illegal pots were seized.

Five Commercial Vessels Receive 29 Violations

Troopers Cyr, Davis, Stone, and Sgt. Gifford (all Coos Bay), Sr. Tpr. VanProoyen (Gold Beach) and Lt. Samuels (Salem) assisted officers from CA on the patrol vessel Alba-core to check commercial crab gear in the Brookings area. Sr. Tpr. VanProoyen got underway with the USCG on one of their 47' motor lifeboats and conducted a patrol from Brookings to almost Port Orford looking for unmarked crab buoys. During the patrol, a commercial fisherman was attempting to cross the Rogue River Bar when his vessel went dead in the water. Quick action by the USCG got the vessel in tow, and very likely preventing it from capsizing. If not for the crab gear patrol, it is unlikely the USCG would have been in the area. Other officers utilized the OSP rigid hull inflatable to look for unmarked crab gear. A total of 22 unlawful crab pots were seized during the operation resulting in multiple violations being documented:



Association Page

Hall of Fame Banquet Auction Only Days Away

There is still time to make reservations for the Association Banquet/Auction set for March 31, 2006. KATU Channel 2 Outdoor Reporter Grant McOmie will be the event's Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer. You can now make your reservations on our website: <http://www.nwsteelheaders.org/events/20BanqAuc.htm>. You can also call or e-mail the office about the event.

Salmon Planning Act Gaining Federal Support.

Oregon's Earl Blumenauer and 17 other Congressmen are now sponsors of the Salmon Planning Act we have been working on with Save Our Wild Salmon for the past several years. Representative David Wu needs to hear from Oregonians that he, too, should be a sponsor. Call his office today! Portland: (503) 326-2901 & D.C.: (202) 225-0855

Speak Up on Seal Predation Issue



The feds have started the process requested by Northwest states to consider more effective management solutions. The Steelheaders have continued our efforts, including a request to have a

representative on the task force, but now it is time for individual members to also speak up. You can send an email to SeaLion.Predation@noaa.gov no later than April 2nd to let your voice be heard.

Raffle Tickets Available.

The date of the drawing is getting near and less than half of the tickets printed have been sold. Win prizes for selling raffle tickets! There will be a prize for the top seller at each chapter and all sellers will get a chance at another prize for each book they buy or sell. Half the proceeds are pure profit for your chapter with the Association paying all expenses from the other half. Help your chapter and the Association while you earn a chance at prizes by selling raffle tickets. Chapters get tickets for distribution to their members by calling or e-mailing the Association office.

Steelheaders Win Another River Rights Case

Our lawyer in the successful John Day River case, Thane Tienson, stepped in for us again. In the Klamath River duck hunter case the state court returned the case to the circuit court for reversal in favor of the defendants based on "the common law floatage easement and public access."

Clackacraft Drift Boat Winner Claims Prize

A Vancouver, Washington resident was understandably excited and anxious to pick up his new Clackacraft Drift boat. Art Israelson (with some help from Larry Beaver) sold most of the tickets, while Bill Beith ensured the bookkeeping was meticulously maintained. They earned nearly \$9,000 with this river ready donation from Bruce Belles at ClackaCraft. We owe them our thanks.

Lobby Day in Salem April 3rd.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to visit your legislator on Northwest Steelheader Lobby Day - Tuesday, April 3rd. The Northwest Steelheaders will join with the Oregon Conservation Network in the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 3rd. The Northwest Steelheader briefing will be at 10:00 a.m. in Room 167 in the State Capitol. Activities will go on throughout the day, so if you can take a day off work (or the river) to join us in the Capitol, please RSVP to Phil Donovan's office at 503-968-7161 or phil@nwpublicaffairs.com.

Magazine Distribution Coordinator Needed

There are several chapters with volunteers delivering Steelheader magazines to stores. Some stores run out while others have a volunteers from different chapters trying to stock the same display. We need a volunteer to coordinate magazine distribution. This is any easy job that is mostly communication with chapter volunteers via phone or computer. Let Chris Keller at the office know if you can help: 503-653-4176 or ckeller@nwsteelheaders.org.

Mary Attaway Honored by ODFW & STEP

Several McLoughlin Chapter leaders were on hand at the Salmon Trout Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting when STEP Biologist Jeff Fulop, in presenting the award, said, "Mary Attaway with the McLoughlin Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders stands out. Every spring Mary organizes the troops for the Oregon City Net Pen project. It's a big job that entails set-up, fish in pens, feeding, fish release, and pen breakdown. Mary gets the members out there in any kind of weather. They have gotten so proficient at it that I more or less stay out of the way. Mary is also an important player on the Passport to Fishing planning committee."

Fish in Hot Water? Jim Martin to Explain

NWF, Pure Fishing, and the Steelheaders are hosting an event on April 18 at Metzger Park in Tigard. Learn how you can help assure salmon and steelhead survival. A Loomis Rod is the grand door prize. Contact Joelle Robinson for details robinsonj@nwf.org 206-285-8707 x105.

Membership Report

New members

Please welcome these new members.

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