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# SANDY STEELHEADER NEWSLETTER

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## Speaker for May

Our guest speaker for our May meeting will be Ed Fast. Ed is a member of our chapter and is a local guide who spends most of his time guiding on the the Sandy River. Ed plans on show us how to tie up inexpensive jigs for steelhead and salmon. He has tricks up his sleeves to show us how to save money by building your own, and do with material that you may have in your fishing vest or on your fly tying vise. If you have a portable fly tying vise, the chapter sure could use your help by having you bring it to the meeting. The chapter will supply all the materials for making the jigs for this event. If you have any tricks or secrets that you would like to share at this event, please come and share your info and knowledge. Ed mentioned that if you can't make the meeting, you still want to learn how to tie jigs. You can go to youtube and type in tying jigs and it will give you a list of video's to watch. If you want to learn how to fish jigs properly, and learn how to read water. You can buy one of the best jig fishing video's around. This was created by Mark Anderson of First bite jig who is a sponsor in our news letter. If you're looking for a good time and want to fish your jig for steelhead you should talk with Ed about booking a trip in some prime jig water.

## President's message

Well it's the day after the "club elections" and I am thinking of the opportunities for our club and it's problems . One of the first issues I want to address is to retain more members. Like a lot of clubs now days new members come in, but just about the same number leave each month. Starting in May we will have two different color name tags, the blue tags will be for members and the red tags will be for guest and new members. When you see someone with a red tag

go and introduce yourself, show them that we are a friendly group. Nothing is worse than going into a new group and being ignored.

We need more activities to keep the interest of our members. One of the ideas I am exploring is a breakfast get together. This week I went to a fisherman's breakfast in Vancouver. They meet on Friday mornings at 8:30 every two weeks. Some brought their wives. Various members told about there fishing experiences and tips for successful fishing and of course they have a contest for the biggest and smallest fish .

Communication to and from the members needs to be top priority. Every month the news letter needs to go out, even if it is just the program for the next meeting, the schedule of coming events and the advertisers who pay us to show their ads. Right now about 60% of our members get email messages. We need to have the email address's of all of our members who have internet service. People seem more at ease giving feed back through email than phone or letters. I would like every member to think about the ideas I have suggested and tell me your ideas.

Like most organizations we have a hard time getting people to take on volunteer jobs. Life is a lot more hectic now days and many of us have jobs and family obligations. I am going to divide the jobs up, so instead of one person with all the responsibility, it will now have 2 or 3 people taking various parts of the job.

I will help coordinate and assist the volunteers.

Well as you can see English is my second language and unfortunately I don't have a first, but I hope you get the idea that we have a great organization and together we can make it better

Howard Berg, President

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## Grant McComie not renewed

For those of you who have been following it on internet fishing boards and in the newspaper, longtime outdoor reporter Grant McComie will not have his contract renewed by KATU channel 2. It is evident that Channel 2 has decided that it needs to do more reporting on investigations and edgier news items. This turn of events is a blow to the fishing community and anyone who enjoys the outdoors. At a time when outdoor and conservation issues are becoming more important we will be losing a reporter who has an in depth knowledge of the outdoors of Oregon and the issues surrounding activities like sport fishing. There has been an extensive campaign developed online regarding this issue with letters going out to KATU and to its advertisers. To add insult to injury Grant's last broadcast was cut. This was supposed to be a compilation of news items from the past and a goodbye to all of Grant's viewers. It seems like a poke in the eye to outdoor enthusiasts in the Portland area. I know that I will not be watching KATU in the future for any reason. -Eric Neiwert

## Passport to fishing

Every year the passport to fishing is a great even to get involved with because it helps kids get into fish and experience fishing when those opportunities are often out of reach for them. We will be asking for help from members to volunteer to assist at the event. Mark your calendars now for June 8. There will be a sign up at the May meeting.

## Roslyn lake fish to be removed

April 25 - Beginning next week, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Portland General Electric will attempt to remove the remaining fish from Roslyn Lake before it is drained. Where possible, the fish will be relocated to other waterbodies.

Roslyn Lake, located near Sandy, will be drained over the next few weeks. Once emptied, Portland General Electric, which owns the lake, will restore the lake bed to its natural contours. Removal of the Marmot and Little Sandy Dams upriver has eliminated the need for the lake.

"We removed the bag limit at the lake in January to give local fishermen access to all of the fish that are in the lake before the water is gone," said Todd Alsbury, ODFW District Fish biologist. "As we collect fish next week, we will transport the native species back to their natural home in the river. We'll take the non-native species and any remaining hatchery trout to nearby lakes and ponds to give anglers another chance to catch them."

Roslyn Lake holds several fish species including hatchery rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill, mountain whitefish, suckers and, possibly, brown bullhead.



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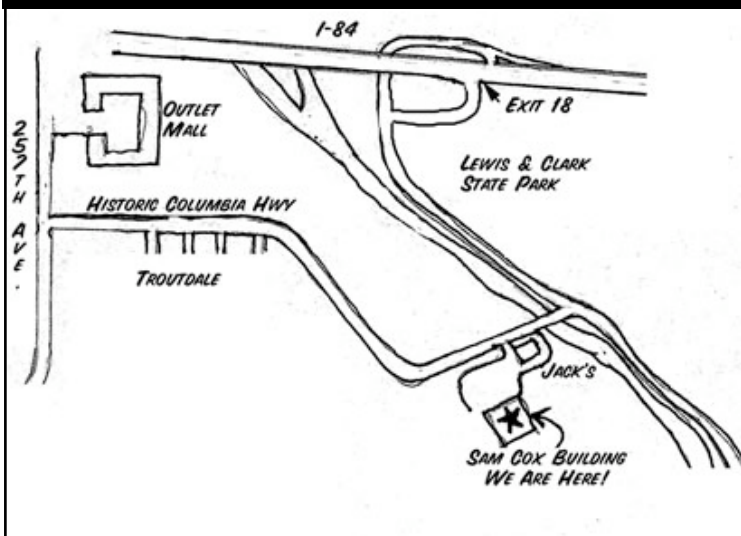
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HALTED IN COURT

With legal battles looming in the background, the Washington and Oregon departments of fish and wildlife on Thursday launched efforts to trap and remove California sea lions that have made a habit of feasting on spawning salmon in the turbulent waters below the lower Columbia River's Bonneville Dam.

A federal appeals court ruled Wednesday that the states could relocate the big marine mammals -- to zoos and aquariums [A] but could not exercise their newly won authority to kill persistent salmon consumers. The legality of that lethal removal decision will be debated in the weeks and months in U.S. District Court and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

A team of marine mammal biologists set out Thursday to capture specific animals [A] identified by brands and/or natural body markings -- in live traps on floating barges near the dam. Trapped pinnipeds will be transferred in cages to specially equipped horse trailers for their journey to a temporary quarantine facility at the Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium near Tacoma, Wash., for a medical inspection.

Healthy animals would then be flown out to new residences across the country. Qualifying zoos and aquariums have agreed to accept a total of 19 California sea lions so far, according to NOAA Fisheries' Garth Griffin. The federal agency in March approved an application from the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington to lethally remove California sea lions at the dam.

The trapping operation is expected to continue on various days for several weeks.

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## SANDY STEELHEADER CALENDAR

Date	Event
May 1	Board Meeting Stark Street Pizza, 92nd & Stark 6:00 pm Chapter members invited
May 7	General Meeting at Glenn Otto Park 7:00 pm speaker Ed Fast
May 17	Winks Sandy Chinook Derby
June 4	General Meeting at Glenn Otto Park 7:00 pm speaker TBA
June 8	Passport to Fishing

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## Fall and Summer Columbia seasons announced

CLACKAMAS, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife today announced the upcoming summer and fall salmon seasons for the Columbia River, including the popular Buoy 10 fishery. While many ocean salmon fishing opportunities have been severely constrained for 2008, opportunities in the Columbia River remain comparatively stable.

Public discussion of summer and fall Columbia River salmon seasons took place during the spring meetings of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. While much of the talk at PFMC meetings this year was about the ocean salmon seasons, participants in the public process did help fish managers craft the following recreational fisheries for the summer and fall seasons (including remaining spring seasons where applicable):

### **Buoy 10 upstream to Tongue Point**

- Open for shad May 16 – December 31
- Open for adipose fin-clipped adult coho (>16")

and adipose fin-clipped steelhead August 1 – December 31. Daily bag limit is two salmonids.

• Adult chinook (>24") retention allowed August 1 – September 1, or until a quota of 6,000 kept chinook is

reached. Daily bag limit is two salmonids, but only one may be a chinook. Chinook may be fin-clipped or not. **continued on next page**

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## Columbia seasons continued

### Mainstem Columbia River from Tongue Point upstream to Bonneville Dam

- Open for shad May 16 – December 31

- Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead May 16 – December 31 in the area below the I-5 Bridge and June 16 – December 31 in the area between the I-5 Bridge and Bonneville Dam. Daily bag limit is two salmonids.

- Open for chinook salmon adults June 21 – June 28 and for chinook jacks June 16 – December 31. Daily bag limit is two adult salmonids and five jacks. Chinook adults and jacks may be fin-clipped or not.

- Open for chinook salmon adults (fin clipped or not) September 1 – 16 except in the area between a line projected from Bachelor Island, Washington shore across to the Warrior Rock Lighthouse, Oregon shore downstream to a line projected from red navigation marker #62 at Deer Island, Oregon shore across to green navigation marker #63 at Martin Island, Washington shore, where retention of all chinook (adults and jacks) will be prohibited from August 1 – December 31. This area encompasses river miles 79-88, approximately. Open for adipose fin-clipped coho and chinook jacks (fin-clipped or not) August 1 – December 31. In open areas/periods, daily bag limit is two adult salmonids, but only one may be a chinook. Anglers may also retain up to five jack salmon.

### Mainstem Columbia River above Bonneville Dam

- Open for shad year round

- Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead June 16 – December 31. Daily bag limit is two salmonids.

- Open for chinook salmon adults and jacks June 16 – July 31, or until guideline is met. Daily bag limit is two adult salmonids and five jacks. Chinook adults and jacks may be fin-clipped or not.

- Open for chinook salmon (adults and jacks) and coho salmon August 1 – December 31. Daily bag limit is two adult salmonids and five jacks. Chinook adults and jacks may be fin-clipped or not. Coho retained downstream of the Hood River Bridge must be adipose fin-clipped.



## APRIL 12 CLEANUP

Thanks to all the great folks that showed up for the Sandy River Parks Cleanup on Saturday April 12. We had about 20 members present, many of which started the morning with a great breakfast, compliments of the Sandy Chapter, at the Tippy Canoe riverside restaurant of Shirley Welton. One of us cleaned up the parking lot and river front of the restaurant and the rest moved on to Dabney Park and Glen Otto Park where many bags of trash were stacked. The break in the weather was really enjoyed where temperatures reached up into the 60's.

There were so many folks that showed up I'm not sure of the total head count but here are the names I have on my list. Sorry if I missed anyone. Thanks to: Jeff Kirkman, Colonel and Judy Thomas, Rob Gibb, Doug Briggs, Joy Gannett, Howand Anderson, Hal Blenn, Steve Ackley, Roger Beal, Howand and Judy Berg, Ed Fast, Art Noyes, Mike Baker, Leslie Hinea, Jack Glass, and yours truly Larry Beaver.

I hope many of you are out there on the river tagging fish. Best Regards, Larry Beaver River Cleanup Chairman

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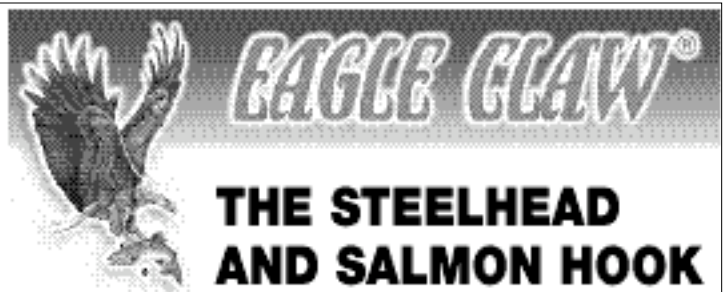
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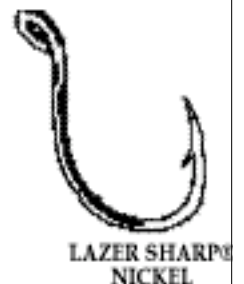
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