



Sandy River Chapter

May 2020

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

**Cancellations:**  
**May 6, and June 3, 2020**  
**Sandy River Chapter Meetings**

**Postponement :**  
**22nd Annual Chapter Potluck Social and Auction**  
**From Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to Saturday September 26, 2020**  
**updates will be posted in future newsletters, on our Chapter Website,**  
**and on our Facebook page.**

**2020 Events**

Chapter Meetings held at the **Glenn Otto Park**, 1208 Historic Columbia River Hwy., Troutdale, OR 97060 in the Sam Cox Building



**Tentative – be sure to check back for updates - August 26, 2020 – Annual Sandy River Chapter Picnic.** Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park Area B, Troutdale, OR.



**September 2, 2020 - Chapter Meeting** – Our speaker is **Dave Schamp** representing **Hatchery & Wild Co-exist** <https://hatchery-wild-coexist.com/>. “There are numerous studies that show hatchery supplementation has had a positive effect on wild fish recovery. In fact, not only is there peer-reviewed science confirming hatcheries can be operated without significant negative effect wild stocks, some studies also show that wild fish abundance can benefit from hatchery supplementation.

Doors open at 6:00pm, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm members may meet, greet, share stories and techniques. At 7:00pm the business meeting and program begin.



**September 26, 2020, Saturday - Annual Chapter Banquet and Auction – 4:30pm to 8:30pm** - This is our annual fundraising event. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR



**October 7, 2020 - Chapter Meeting** – Speaker to be announced. Doors open at 6:00pm, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm members may meet, greet, share stories and techniques. At 7:00pm the business meeting and program begin.

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## *Annual Chapter Board Election:*



Election of Chapter Board Officers will take place at the our next scheduled 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.

We want to thank Tim Maples for serving as our Vice President for the 2019-20 term. He indicated he would not be able to continue as Vice President this coming term. Therefore, until the election Jeff Boughton, who is running for this position, has been assigned to the position.

Note the last few years we have run 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.

### **Currently, the following are running for offices.**

Position	Name
Co-President	Jeff Stoeger
Co-President	Greg Reed
Vice President	Jeff Boughton
Secretary	Terri Boughton
Treasurer	Vacant

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.

Contact Steve Rothenbucher, Chairperson of our Chapter nominating committee, at 503-257-0039.



# Bill Monroe: Complex set of sport salmon fishing seasons proposed

Updated Apr 17, 2020; Posted Apr 17, 2020 – The Oregonian/OregonLive

By [Bill Monroe | For The Oregonian/OregonLive](#)

After a grueling ordeal of number-crunching on slim salmon forecasts, the Pacific Fishery Management Council adopted a complex array of sport salmon seasons last week.



Columbia River recreational fisheries were also hammered out, under considerable criticism from anglers and guides who said the river's seasons have been short-sheeted by ocean interests.

All seasons are based on lower numbers of predicted coho and chinook salmon returning to rivers and streams from central California to the Canadian border. However, not all forecasts are down. Oregon coast wild coho are slightly improved, as are Sacramento River fall chinook and Columbia River upriver brights.

However, tule, Klamath River and Oregon coastal chinook are all down as are coastal hatchery coho. Most coho stocks other than Oregon coast wilds are way down.

*These seasons are in proposal form only until approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service in early May.*

Anglers must also heed the potential for sudden changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Biologists are talking daily about options, but as of Friday, nothing has changed.

## PACIFIC OCEAN

Leadbetter Point (north end of Long Beach Peninsula) to Cape Falcon (near Manzanita; area includes fishing off the mouth of Columbia River): Chinook only June 20-28, with one-fish bag limit and 22-inch minimum size. All-salmon June 29 until Sept. 30 or hatchery coho quota caught (13,250), with a two-salmon bag limit (only one chinook) and a chinook guideline of 7,000.

Ocean/Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain (near Port Orford; area includes most of Oregon's coast): Is open now for chinook salmon through Oct. 31, with minimum size of 24 inches and two per day; hatchery coho (two per day) opens June 27 through

Aug. 16 or until a quota of 22,000 are caught; a short any-coho season opens Sept. 4, on Friday and Saturday only until Sept. 30 or a quota of 3,000 are caught.

Humbog Mountain to the California border: June 20 to Aug. 7 for chinook only; two per day.

Coast rivers/estuaries: Will be set later by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## **COLUMBIA RIVER**

(All zones will have a one-salmonid daily bag limit. Seasons and bag limits may change sometime after a run update in about the third week of September.)

Buoy 10 to Tongue Point: Opens Aug. 16 for chinook and hatchery coho. Closes to chinook from Aug. 27 through Sept 22, but hatchery coho retention is expected to remain open the remainder of the season.

Tongue Point to Puget Island: Same dates as Buoy 10 to Tongue Point, but closes to all salmonids, including coho, Aug. 28 through Sept. 22.

Puget Island to Warrior Rock: Open Aug. 1-31 and Sept 23 through December 31 for chinook and hatchery coho. All salmonid fishing closes when chinook is closed.

Warrior Rock to Bonneville: Open for chinook and hatchery coho Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Aug. 7 through Sept. 6 and 7-days per week Sept 23 through Dec 31. All salmonid fishing closes when chinook is closed.

Above Bonneville: Open for chinook and coho (hatchery only downstream of Hood River Bridge) Aug. 1 through Sept. 8 and Sept 23 through Dec 31. All salmonid fishing closes when chinook is closed.

## **CAVEATS**

All regulations may be subject to in-season modification.

Federal and state managers cautioned they will closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic situation and may need to close or restructure fishing seasons as necessary.

A late season chinook retention opportunity will be contingent upon an in-season run update, probably later in September.

Steelhead seasons are expected to be sharply restricted.

**Clam issues:** Razor clam diggers continue to challenge social distance guidelines on Clatsop County beaches, say biologists and law enforcement officials who are monitoring beaches daily and are concerned about the potential for closing all digging.

Diggers should be aware much of the access has been closed and those driving to the coast should bring their own food and drinks and enough fuel to get home without visiting local stores and filling stations.

Among the numerous violations are non-residents, currently banned from fishing, hunting and shellfish harvesting in Oregon.

Seaside beaches are closed to all access. Gearhart and Peter Iredale drive-on accesses are closed. Sunset and Del Rey drive-on accesses open Monday to Friday only, but walk-on is allowed.

**Fall tag reductions:** Oregon has reduced available deer and elk tags in several Eastern Oregon units, including 3,953 buck tags, 287 antlerless deer tags and 670 elk tags. Deer reductions are in Desolation, Fort Rock, Hood, Metolius, Mt Emily, Northside, Paulina, Silver Lake, Sprague, Ukiah, Walla Walla, and White River units. Elk reductions are for hunts in Imnaha, Maury, and Zumwalt Prairie (Sled Springs and Chesnimnus units).

Application deadline remains May 15. Those who have already applied can change their choices before June 1.

Details are online in an ODFW news release at -

[https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2020/04\\_April/041420.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2020/04_April/041420.asp)

Application deadline for big game hunts remains May 15. Those who have already applied can change their choices before June 1.

-- Bill Monroe for The Oregonian/OregonLive

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## ***One Last Cast***

Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

Here we are doing the best we can from home and adjusting to the new normal created by the coronavirus pandemic. One aspect of the new normal, particular for sports, is to relive the classics from the past. I have one such classic to share with you. The day was November 23, 2007 – a Friday – actually a Black Friday at that. Back then that was the traditional start of the winter steelhead season but on this particular day I still had salmon on the brain. The coastal rivers had received a nice freshet and had dropped into shape. I knew I would not be alone. The thing was that I was not going to be all that aggressive in getting up at o'dark thirty to get a spot on the river. Instead, fishing was the secondary objective for the day with a couple of Black Friday specials, including one at GI Joes (just to date the time), being the primary.





I did have a plan for the fishing none-the-less, the destination being the lower Wilson River beginning at the Sollie Smith boat ramp. I got there at the crack of 9:30 am. The parking lot was full of rigs with boat trailers, there definitely was a drift boat hatch going on. Nobody was bank fishing and I grabbed the choice (and only) rock above the boat ramp. This is a deep hole at the end of tidewater. All I had to throw at them was some Amerman's rocket red cured salmon eggs 5 years fresh (sic) from the freezer. I made casts to the center of the run and methodically covered water by lengthening each cast toward the far side. One cast in particular – right up against the brush – looked sweet as my 3 ounce Salmon Stalker bobber drifted straight up and down under the overhanging vegetation. As if calling it, the bobber then gently bobbed up and down, fell on its side and went UNDER! I reeled in the slack line furiously and set the hook – FISH ON! I saw the white belly of the chrome bright chinook as I put all the side pressure I could muster to keep the fish in the center of the river away from the myriad of snags that would surely free the fish. My biggest challenge is that the rock I was on was the only place I could be – moving along the bank was not an option. The fish gods smiled on

me as Dave (the owner) of Tillamook Sporting Goods happened by to take a census of the drift boats taking out (which at the moment were all keged up to provide me room to fight the fish) and noticed my dilemma. I was able to bring the tired salmon to the bank and with my permission Dave grabbed leader and fish to land it. Twenty one pounds of pure chrome!

I soon became the celebrity on the river as word spread of my success. "Are you the guy who caught the salmon off the rock?" "Yes," I replied. "Can we see it?" "Up in the cooler". While it is called fishing for a reason, sometimes catching is what it is all about. And it is not just the catcher that benefits. One person's good fortune brightens another person's day.

- Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

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## ***Sandy Chapter Board Members***

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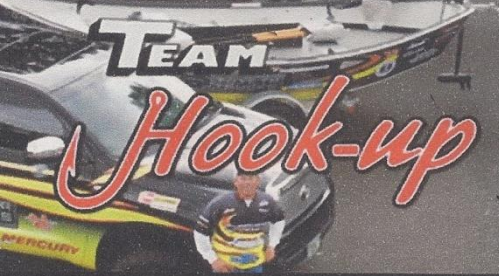
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