

June 2016, Sandy River Chapter Newsletter

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

**The Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders will meet
Wednesday, June 1, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Sam Cox Building,
Glenn Otto Park, 1102 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR.**

Guest speaker, Doug Hays, owner **OREGON TACKLE**

Doug will share his tackle line that is found in most tackle and sporting goods stores. See the newest line-up that will be a killer for Summer Chinook and Fall Chinook, his new line of plastic spinners that will be deadly, used behind the pro-troll and new short bus flashers.

Most everyone has used Doug's product over the years. So come with your questions and find out about his new line of tackle.

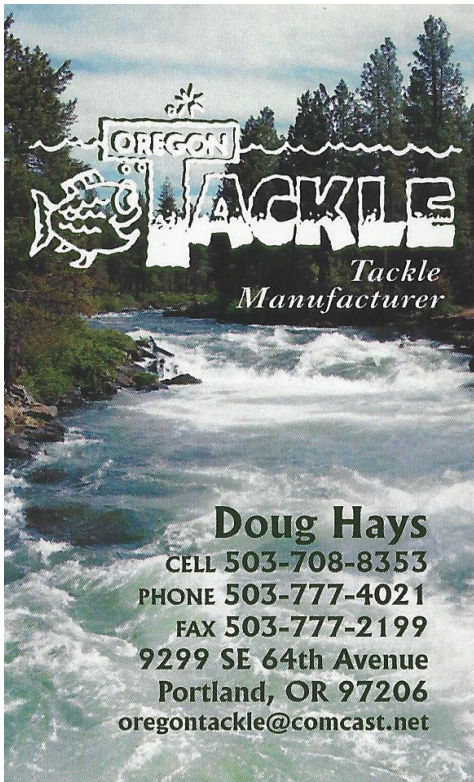
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See Doug's ad in this newsletter. He is a supporter of the Northwest Steelheaders and Sandy River Chapter.

***UPCOMING EVENTS SANDY RIVER CHAPTER**

- JUNE**
- 1 Chapter Meeting
 - 4 Spring Chinook Classic, Corbett, OR
 - 8 Chapter Board Meeting
 - 11 July Newsletter deadline
 - 24-26 **NEW: John Day Fishing-Campout**
- JULY * 6 NO CHAPTER MEETINGS JULY OR AUGUST**
- 9 Community Summer Fest.
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 - 13 Chapter Board Meeting
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OXBOW PARK CLINIC – Float Fishing**
- 30 Chapter Family Picnic, Glenn Otto**

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A CONSERVATION CONVERSATION

Salmon Survival in Times of Climate Change

By Brad Halverson, VP Conservation, Association Northwest Steelheaders

May 2016

Earlier this month, the Midcoast Watersheds Council hosted Dr. Rebecca Flitcroft, Fish Research Ecologist, as their guest speaker. She works for the U.S. Forest Service in their Research Station in Corvallis; and spoke on how salmon may be affected by predicted changes in climate.

Dr. Flitcroft's research deals specifically with aquatic systems from their headwaters to the ocean. Through her efforts, and others dedicated to this cause, we have learned that native aquatic species are very adaptable to a wide range of environmental conditions within their natural habitats; and few species are as adaptable as wild salmonids. Is past survival and reproduction a prelude to their adaptability to what will surely be challenging future climatic conditions effecting their spatial distribution all the way from the headwaters of tiny spawning streams to the ocean? That is the \$60,000 question scientists such as Dr. Flitcroft and her associates are asking.

While salmonids have been present since the last Ice Age (22,000 years ago), are they now on a trajectory to becoming a Marine only species in the far off future (4 million years hence?) Though in the past they have demonstrated a muscular resiliency to geomorphic events, including significant sea level increases, human disturbances (dams, destructions of estuarine habitats, etc.) that now characterize their landscapes may prove chronic, and impair their ability to rebound.

With the exception of when they spawn, salmon are not habitat specific. Rather, they demonstrate a more opportunistic behavior to embrace habitats favorable to their comfort, safety and health. Indeed, this behavioral diversity reflects an approximate 20% stray rate, especially when disturbances effect their natal streams. It's interesting that through substantial research we are trying to minimize stray rates or eliminate them altogether in hatchery stocks. But, in the wild, it is precisely this ability to stray from perilous settings that will lead to at least a portion of their population surviving man's disorders.

What are the options for salmon in light of climate change?

1. Adapt – random mutation of genes. But human caused changes are now happening faster than natural disturbances did. So, genetic modification is not probable.
2. Tolerate – use existing variations.
3. Move – change their distribution. We are seeing a northern migration to colder waters in many species. In fact, a NOAA representative speaking at the recent Columbia Basin Partnership symposium predicted that the only salmon friendly habitat remaining before the turn of the next century will be at the mouth of the Bearing Sea.
4. Die – self-explanatory. We are seeing this now.

But, to all these options, thermal conditions (water temperatures) provide a hard stop. As a side note, that is why we observe dedicated Northwest Steelheaders such as Bob Rees, Joyce Sherman and Ian Ferguson working so diligently on our behalf (really on behalf of our treasured anadromous salmonid stocks) to reform forest harvest practices to protect streamside habitat for safe juvenile rearing.

Observed oceanic climate variations are demonstrated in El Nino and La Nina years, and the recent Warm Blob off the West Coast. In addition, predictors show a huge sea level rise which is unlikely to recede ever again. And, this will likely lead to greater coastal erosion during storm surges, as well as the potential loss of estuarine habitats (key salt marshes) if they flood during these surges. The coastal mountains here provide a natural barrier to these floods being able to migrate upstream; so flooding estuaries is plausible.

Nevertheless, Dr. Flitcroft offered hope in the face of this destiny. Reexamining the options pallet, we can turn to the tolerate option and focus on restoration projects that will facilitate their adaptive resiliency, and hence better tolerate the changing landscape. 85% of Oregon coastal salt marsh habitat is gone. But, by re-scouring historic drainages to reposition channels, and removing ditches and dikes, we can restore the diversity of these habitats and reconnect them according to their use during the various life cycle stages of migrating salmonids.

Future articles will continue this theme of climate change influence on salmon survivability.

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JOHN DAY CAMPOUT – JUNE 24-26 SANDY RIVER CHAPTER

FROM JOHN HYDORN

How about a fun weekend camping out and fishing for steelhead, catfish, bass & crappie?

We are planning just such a weekend. We just need to know who might be interested in joining us. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Steve Rothenbucher, (503-257-0039).

Camping and parking fees are expected to be \$20 per night. Bring your own meals...maybe we can plan a potluck for Saturday evening. We plan on parking at Le Page Park at the mouth of the John Day River. From there we will boat up to the Albert Phillipi Park. We will be camping in a park that is only accessed by boat.

ITENERARY:

- .Arrive at Campsite on Friday, June 24th
- .Fish, eat, and whatever camping entails on Saturday, June 25th
- .Breakdown and return home on Sunday, June 26th



ANGLERS DEDICATED TO ENHANCING AND
PROTECTING FISHERIES AND THEIR HABITATS FOR
TODAY AND THE FUTURE.



Tualatin Valley Chapter Association of NW Steelheaders

Drift Boat Safety Workshop

Saturday - June 18, 2016

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Riverside Park - Clackamas

Location Address: 17298 SE Water Ave, Clackamas OR 97015

This class includes safety training and float trip with experienced drift boat captain. Lunch is provided. New members welcome.

**Contact the TV Chapter Member Tom VanderPlaat – email
tvanderplaat@msn.com or call 503-784-6228**



Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, July 30th at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale

Everyone can expect a great time with a barbecue and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family. There will be bingo if it does not get rained out as it did in 2015. Bring three one dollar bills for the bingo games. Winners take all!

The location is a place we all know well. We have a site straight down the trail from the Sandy Chapter meeting hall.

We will be providing the traditional salmon, burgers, and hot dogs, but what made the meal a real success last year was the potluck for side dishes, salads, and desserts. Of course we also provide various sodas, water, and coffee.

People should arrive starting about 11:30 am, but be sure to be there before we start serving from the barbecue which starts at 12:30 pm.

We need an accurate headcount to know how much food to purchase, so if you were not able to sign up at the chapter meeting, please call before Monday, July 25th.



To sign up or if you have any questions or suggestions call Joli Ritchie at 503-970-5620 or email neritchie1@gmail.com.

We will want to know your preference of salmon, hamburger, or hot dog and what you intend to bring as a potluck item.

TV Chapter NW Steelheaders Contact – Tom VanderPlaat Cell- 503-784-6228 or tvanderplaat@msn.com	Drift Boat Safety Workshop June 18, 2016 Riverside Park – Clackamas – 8 am – 1 pm (lunch provided)		Must be a member of NW Steelheader – New members welcome	
Name (please print)	Phone Number	Email Address	Student or Capt.	Boat Yes/no
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2.				
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SUMMER STEELHEAD ON THE FLOAT

By Larry Palmer

Over the past 15 years or so I have watched the rise of various float fishing methods grow until now I'd have to say they are predominant. Some are done only out of a boat. The method I will describe here is commonly used from shore.

First, the rod and reel: a spinning reel with modern woven line (I like Nanofloat a lot..) in 14-20 lb test. This reel will hold 125 – 150 yards easily. The line diameter is small for that lb. test, so any steelhead sized spin reel will do. The rod should be 9 – 10 ½ feet long. Longer rods make for better line control when the float is far away and for easier long casting too.

The rigging: the cork or Styrofoam float with a bead and stopper knot above it and another below it (in case you break off...) tied to a barrel swivel. Run a short monofilament “tag” line out from the swivel and put on about one inch of hollow core lead. You can add a bit more if needed. The leader will be 3 – 4 feet long. 10# test monofilament tied to a size #1 hook with an egg loop knot. Put some small BB shots on the line for the first 18 inches spread out 6 inches apart.

What you'll put on the leader: You can slide a “Holey Worm” on the leader before you tie it on, or a rubber salmon egg imitation. Put a small tuft of light pink or white yarn in the egg loop knot and add a drop of shrimp oil.

Adjust the stop knot above your float to about 5 feet above your hook. Start with that, if it's not deep enough you can easily make it deeper on your next casts.

Cast this upstream in holding water that's moving at a slow walking pace and 4 to 6 feet deep. See if your bobber “jiggles” once or twice as it floats through the drift as your rig just barely touches bottom. You want to be close, but no really dragging. As your rig comes towards you, reel in line, as it gets directly across from you, open the bail and let line slip out easily through your fingers. If the bobber moves suddenly, close your fingers and YANK ON IT! Then start reeling, the fish will be on the reel to fight.

Now put those lawn tools away and get out there!

**ODFW / SANDY RIVER CHAPTER – JULY 23RD CLINIC
AT OXBOW PARK, GROUP PICNIC AREA “ALDER”
(Formerly, Group Picnic Area “A”)
Contact Larry Palmer to volunteer**

Our next ODFW Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 23rd at Oxbow Park. We would appreciate your help! Let me know what roll you would like to play – instructor, what subject, general volunteer, food prep assistant, etc..... There will be lots of access for our students to experience being on the beach as they will when ‘really’ fishing. We are fortunate as ODFW has paid the fee and reserved this location for us.

We will have a covered picnic structure with tables and BBQ facilities, so we will be able to have a fun day and tasty lunch in the great outdoors. **Volunteers**, please arrive at 8:00 AM, for set up and orientation. The Clinic will last from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**THE FOCUS OF THIS CLINIC WILL BE ON STEELHEAD, WITH A SPECIAL
EMPHASIS ON FLOAT FISHING METHODS.**

I need you to please volunteer and share your knowledge with those who will be there wanting to learn. In the past, it was very difficult for me to get an accurate head count on how many instructors / volunteers we would have at the Clinic. Many people did not sign up as requested and just said later, “well, you knew I would come, right?” No, I didn’t

It’s pretty much impossible to make a plan that way...so here’s the method this time – respond to me by email at **palmerlarryd@yahoo.com**

Let me know what role you’d like to play... instructor, what subject, general volunteer, food prep assistant or ??? I will put you on an e-mail group list and any updates will go out to all of you on the list. From that list I’ll select at random, two names for a fishing trip with me in the near future. It could be the Sandy River, maybe the Clackamas River, we’ll see. Bottom line though, if you’re not on the list obviously you can’t get drawn.

Thanks to each of you who continue to help with our Clinics, sharing your knowledge and

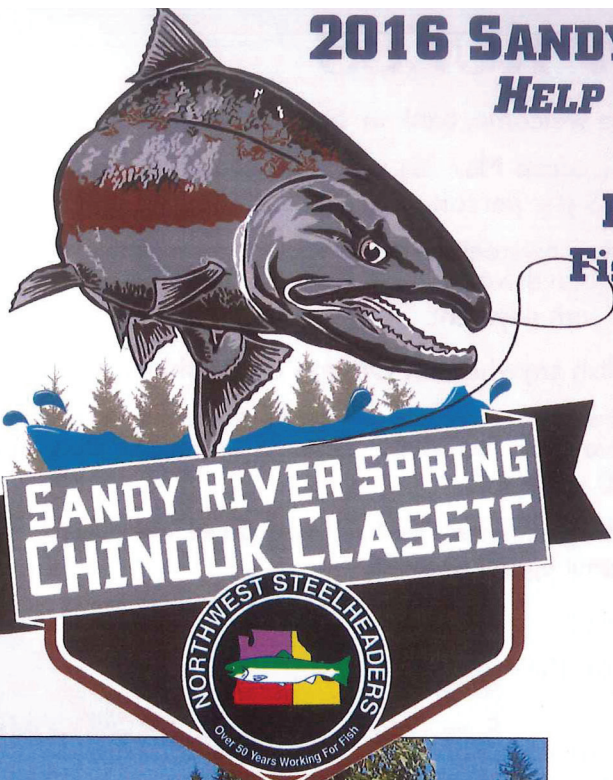
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1. All anglers are welcome, bank or boat.
2. Early entries (before May 25) are \$65 per person. Entries May 25-June 3 are \$75 per person.
3. Register at www.nwsteelheaders.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/, call the Northwest Steelheaders, 503-653-4176, or mail the form below with payment.
4. Anglers may fish anywhere in Oregon or Washington.
5. Only hatchery salmon caught Saturday, June 4, will be counted. All anglers must have their fish at the Historic Springdale Pub, 32302

East Historic Columbia River Highway in Corbett, for the 2:00-4:00 weigh-in.

6. Special trophy for the single largest salmon weighed in. Cash prizes awarded for top three individuals. Prize amounts based upon number of entries. *Please keep fish hidden until official weigh in.*

7. ODFW biologist on site to weigh fish. Jack Glass is Weighmaster.



8. All anglers in the boat must be registered or the entire boat will be disqualified.

9. Only salmon will be weighed and measured for a total individual score. Greatest total fish weight wins, two fish allowed per angler. In the event of a tie, combined length will be the tie breaker.



10. All anglers must comply with ODFW regulations.

11. Cash prize awarded for the largest salmon, special prize for largest steelhead.

12. No entries will be accepted after 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 3.

13. Derby Master Trevor Storlie will have the final say on all rules and interpretation of rules.

	By 5/25	5/26-6/3	Amount Due
Please register me for the 2015 Sandy River Spring Chinook Classic	\$65	\$75	\$ _____
I want to register additional anglers	___ @ \$65	___ @ \$75	\$ _____
I want to enter the Largest Salmon Contest for an additional \$10 per Angler			\$ _____
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

NAME _____	T-SHIRT SIZE(S) _____	Registration must be paid and received by Friday, June 3. Shirts available in S to 3XL. Participants whose registration is RECEIVED by May 25 will receive a T-Shirt in the size they order when they check in. Late registrants may order a shirt for \$10.00.
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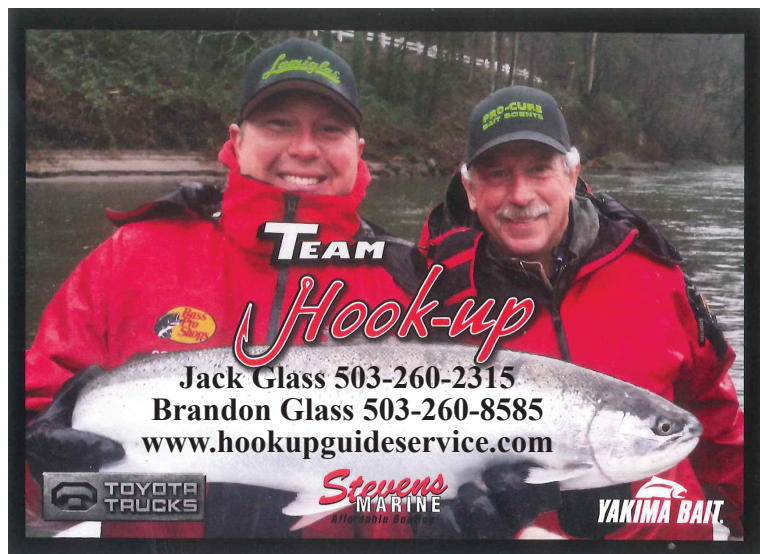
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