

#### June 2021

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

### **<u>Cancelled</u>** - Sandy River Chapter June 2021 meeting.

With Oregon Covid-19 State and Local restrictions on social activities, and other unknowns it is not practical for us to hold a highly social activity like one of our meetings, in the near future.

We hope to be able to recommence later in 2021. We will keep you informed here and on our Facebook page.

August 21, 2021, Saturday – Annual Sandy River Chapter picnic - <u>Location:</u> Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park area B, Troutdale, OR. Time to be announced in upcoming newsletter.

October 8–10, 2021 – Tillamook Crab/Fish along – Arrive on Friday and depart early on Sunday.



# New Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group

We invite you to visit the new Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group at "Sandy River Chapter NW Steelheaders" - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/451895135882897</u>. Our previous Facebook page did not permit posting by anyone but the Administrator. The move to a "Group" is for public viewing, meaning anyone can visit, like, and follow. As set up, being a "joined" member only adds the ability to post to the site.

Even as a non-joined visitor you can suggest postings through "Messenger" ( Can Logo in upper right section of home page) at any time and we will review your input for publishing.

We are trying to initially keep those with "joined" membership to this Facebook group to current ANWS members. This is due to the difficulty in managing large numbers of participants, and our need to ensure joiners follow the rules and regulations of the Sandy River Chapter and the ANWS related to fishing conservation.

If you are not already a member of the ANWS consider joining for as little as \$30.00 per year. We would be happy to have you as a member and you can join the Association of NW Steelheaders at : https://nwsteelheaders.org/get-involved/membership/ . Any further questions, please ask.

# **Mechanical Fin Clipping of Sandy River Hatchery fish**



On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 we were able to visit the Sandy River Hatchery to see the mechanical fin clipping process on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This being one of five (5) such trailers used by ODFW around the state.

The fish being processed on this date were Spring Chinook spawned and reared on site to be released into the River early 2022.

- There is a target of 15 lbs. of smolt per weighed net. This is then dipped in a bucket to inoculate against specific infections.
- They are then poured into a container within the trailer.



- Then swimming through a pipe to a sorter where they are photographed to determine size and sorted into one of six (6) specific small open holding pools from which they swim onward one at a time.
- Then they are photographed a second time to determine the location of their adipose fin, which is then clipped mechanically. Then they are released to swim down piping to the appropriate holding pool.



There is a process goal of 200,000 Coho, 200,000 Spring Chinook and 160,000 Sandy River Winter Steelhead to be clipped. 12% of these Sandy River Hatchery Spring Chinook also are tagged with a 1 millimeter coded wire for later identification in the clipping process. Also, the Winter Steelhead Brood stock program fish will be hand clipped with their left maxillary and adipose clipped indicating one parent of the fish is a native. The maxillary is a bony structure, located on the upper jaw of a fish, circled in red on the photo.



# Annual Chapter Board Election:



As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers. Election of Chapter Board Officers would typically take place at our April Chapter Meeting. We have had no one else express an interest in running for any of the offices for this year. The current board members are willing to stay in office until Spring of 2022 to help bring us back to some sense of our past normalcy of monthly meetings and activities post Covid.

Position	Name	Phone	
Co-President	Jeff Stoeger 503-704-7920		
Co-President	Greg Reed 503-869-1795		
Vice President	Jeff Boughton		
Secretary	Terri Boughton	503-307-2546	
Treasurer	Vacant 503-869-1795		

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

However, if you would like to run for any of these positions all you need to do is contact any current officer. To run for an office you must be a current member in good standing. We will vote on this at our Annual Picnic on Saturday August 21, 2021.

So, if you have some great ideas let us know prior to the end of April 2021. 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.



# Thanks to Jim Cathcart for these morning on the river pictures!





## Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic is Back! Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale

Pandemic restrictions are almost over and we soon can start getting back to normal! The picnic will be one of the first gatherings for you and your Sandy Chapter friends to once again get together and exaggerate the size of all the fish you have been catching.

Everyone can expect a great time with a barbecue and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family.

The chapter will provide the main dish with wild ocean caught coho, hamburgers, and hot dogs, but what makes the meal a real success is the potluck for side dishes, salads, and desserts. There is a lot of gastronomic talent in our chapter and it's a lot of fun to share and partake in that talent. Of course, the chapter also provides various sodas, water, and coffee.



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

<u>Put the event on your calendar and look for more details in the next newsletter and on our</u> <u>Chapter Facebook group page.</u> We need an accurate headcount to know how much food to purchase so call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 or email neritchie1@gmail.com letting us know how many are coming, what each person wants off the grill (salmon, hot dog, or burger), and if you will be bringing a salad, side dish, or dessert.



# Chinook Landing boat ramp fire....

Two launch lanes are closed due to dock damage. Reportedly a boat owner failed to ventilate an inboard prior to turning on the ignition. 2 of 6 lanes closed. For how long....?



Three pictures taken on 5/21/21 and one from NBC Sports Northwest.

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