



July 2018

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

2018 Events

The Sandy Chapter does not hold monthly meetings in July or August. Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you at our Picnic in July.



July 11th, Chapter Board Meeting



July 14/15th, 2018 - 7:00am Saturday – Sunday - Willamette Fish and Float invitational –
Contact – Larry Palmer at Palmerlarryd@yahoo.com



July 29th, 2018, Sunday – Annual Sandy River Chapter, ANWS picnic at Glenn Otto Park,
Troutdale, OR



September 5th, Chapter Meeting 6:00pm Meet and greet, 7:00pm Meeting opens @
Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park.



September 7th – 9th, 2018, Saturday – Tillamook Crab/Fish along – Arrive on Friday and
depart on Sunday.



September 12th – Board Meeting



October 6th, 2018, Saturday - Chapter Sandy River Bank Fish along to register, contact
Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503)238-4775, ext. 106



November 3rd, 2018 - Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop – at the workshop to Glenn
Otto Park, Troutdale. We will likely revert back to the two day format - full day classroom with
half day on-the-water session. Date for second day to be determined. Contact - Jim Cathcart
at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4755, Ext. 106.



November 10th, 2018 - Steelhead Fish-along – half day on-the-water session. Contact
- Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4755, Ext. 106

Willamette Fish and Float invitational

By Larry Palmer

Several years ago, I organized a couple of chapter float trip/camp over's down the Willamette River near Eugene. These were a lot of fun, we spent the night camped on an island hearing only the sounds of water and wildlife.

We are again planning such a trip. It will be for July 14/15th, 2018 - 7:00am Saturday – approx. 3pm Sunday.

Primarily a trout fishing trip and warm water fishery and you might fish for steelhead. We put in at Armitage Park on the McKenzie River float down, fishing as we go, into the Willamette. Overnight in tents on an island in the Willamette, fish down to Harrisburg on Sunday. Then take out and shuttle trailers and then go home Sunday late afternoon. This is good trout fly fishing and small spinner water.

Obviously, we need as many boats and rafts as possible. If you can go and have a boat that can accommodate another person, that will serve as your volunteer effort this year!

Pairings will be made with boat skippers from this email list. I'll put them in touch with each other with that list so they can plan their camping gear and so forth.

People are responsible to arrange their own camp gear/ tents and float arrangements. Cost per person is \$20. Payment to be made by July 1st. Checks made out to the Sandy River Chapter. Cancellation by trip participants less than 10 days before the event will be non-refundable. Chapter will provide cooking gear and some food for 10 people, from the \$20.00 per person paid (above). Participants will bring a bag lunch for themselves on Saturday. Saturday evening dinner will be Dutch oven cooked chicken with vegetables, salad and berry pie. Sunday breakfast will be sausage, hash browns, and scrambled eggs. Bag lunches made for Sunday.

If you are interested in going, please submit your name to me (the coordinator of this effort...) at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com. That will be the only avenue of tracking your interest, attendance and keeping you informed of any trip information. I'll put your name in an e-mail work group to keep you advised of any details of the upcoming trip.



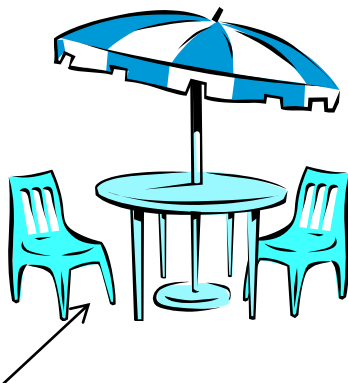
Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic **Sunday, July 29th at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale**

Remember, this is on Sunday – not the traditional Saturday event! The meal will be a bit later in the day as well to allow enough time for people to get to the picnic after church.

Everyone can expect a great time with a barbecue and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family. We have both the picnic site and the meeting hall, so everything can happen rain or shine. You will need to bring your own lawn chairs for outside picnic seating. There will be bingo. 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. John Hydorn will be grilling up his famous salmon and Jeff Stoeger will be grilling the traditional burgers, and hot dogs, but what made 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 we also provide various sodas, water, and coffee.

People should arrive with their chairs and pot luck items starting about 1:30 pm, but be sure to be there before we start serving from the barbecue which starts at 2:30 pm.



See these chairs? We can't provide so remember to bring your own!

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 23rd.

To sign up or if you have any questions or suggestions call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 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 pot luck item.

Upcoming Association Membership dues rate change

We are sharing this with you today to give Members time to digest the changes coming. For several months the Association has been discussing ways to reduce the complexity, reduce friction/confusion at sign up regarding a variety of options, and make this process more efficient overall.

At the March 18, 2018 Association of NW Steelheaders Board meeting a proposal was submitted. *It did not propose any change in the way the Association handles Lifetime, Budgeted Lifetime, or Business Memberships are now.* It did propose a single rate system for Memberships instead of the multiple (6) option and rate system now in place.

This single rate would also allow Members to donate/contribute more as they deemed appropriate. The amount to join or renew Memberships were discussed and outlined at 4 cost levels. It was decided at that time to take the recommendation to the upcoming Association of NW Steelheaders Board meeting for action.

At the May 19, 2018 Association of NW Steelheaders Board meeting the proposal was split for voting into two parts for action. First to decide if we would move to a single flat rate Membership cost as outlined above. A vote was taken in which it was unanimously approved to move to a single flat rate Membership cost. Secondly, four rate levels were discussed.

#1 - \$20.00 annual rate (a loss of - **\$9,170.00** annually) which would require enrolling 459 additional new members to meet our current total annual Membership dues paid.

#2 - \$25.00 annual rate (a loss of - **\$3,385.00** annually) which would require enrolling 136 additional new members to meet our current total annual Membership dues paid.

#3 - \$30.00 annual rate which would increase our current total annual Membership dues income by \$2,400.00

#4 - \$35.00 annual rate which would increase our current total annual Membership dues income by \$8,185.00.

After lengthy discussion these four were narrowed to #1 and #3. It was moved that #3 - \$30.00 annual rate be adopted, a second to the motion was made, and a majority of those present voted in favor of this.

So, more information and explanations will be forthcoming in the Association Newsletter. The intended effective date now is September 1, 2018 for a move to a single flat rate \$30.00 Membership expense.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 21, 2018

Colonel Aaron Dorf
Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District
333 SW First Avenue
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Dear Commander Dorf:

We write today about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) obligation to fish mitigation through the hatcheries program in the Upper Willamette Basin (UWB). Specifically, we have questions about the upcoming hatchery contracts for trout, salmon, and steelhead.

The Corps has funded its mitigation responsibilities at seven hatcheries in the Columbia, Willamette and Rogue Basin since the 1950's, the first opening in 1951. The purpose of this hatchery production is to mitigate for the impact of federal dams on habitat and fish species. Since that time the Corps has worked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) cooperatively to fund and operate these hatcheries. The work done at the hatcheries further supports a vigorous economy of sport-fishing enthusiasts.

As we understand, the Corps has had a mitigation responsibility of 749,800 pounds of hatchery fish annually for lost natural production of spring Chinook, winter steelhead and rainbow trout due to the Willamette Valley project. We are seeking clarification on whether the upcoming contracts will meet this responsibility.

1. We understand the contract for trout is up for renewal on July 1, 2018. Will the new contract meet the Corps' obligation to fund trout production at 277,000 pounds, the amount historically supported for the UWB? If the contract does not meet this production level, please describe the reasons why not.
2. What is the status of funding for salmon and steelhead programs? When are these contracts up for renewal? Will the Corps meet production levels at the amount historically supported for the UWB?

While we look forward to the day that healthy, harvestable wild populations of salmon, steelhead and rainbow trout do their part to support the communities and economy of the Willamette Valley, we are a long way from that and expect the Corps to fulfill their historic mitigation responsibilities.

We are hopeful that the Corps can continue to work with its partners in a collaborative manner and ensure that fish and wildlife funding is met and safeguarded well into the future. Thank you in advance for your response to our inquiries.

Sincerely,



KURT SCHRADER
Member of Congress



RON WYDEN
U.S. Senator



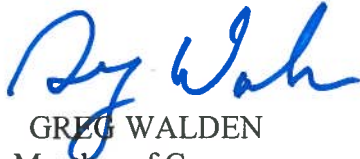
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One Last Cast – Jim has been on a new adventure and will have a write about it in our next newsletter.



Volunteer Hours

Please report your Volunteer hours to Greg Reed at g_a_reed@comcast.net , for now. The position responsible for tracking volunteer hours is currently vacant. We have contacted the Association in regards to this and the processes needed to ensure they are reported and recorded. If you can help out in this position, please contact Steve Rothenbucher or Greg Reed.

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