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## ***Invasive Weed Pull Project*** In Conjunction with Sandy River Basin Watershed Council

( From Corrinne Handleman ) I'm excited for the Sandy chapter of the Steelheaders to volunteer with us again for the removal of Policeman's Helmet along the Salmon River. Here are details for our event, feel free to just copy this into your newsletter! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Volunteer to combat invasive species and restore pristine habitat for native salmon with the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council

Where: BLM Wildwood Recreation Site- 65670 US-26, Welches, OR 97067

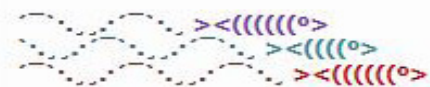
When: Saturday, August 15th at 9:30am, meet at Glenn Otto Park to

carpool at 8:30am

What: Invasive plant species cause environmental degradation along our rivers, including the Salmon River in the upper Sandy Watershed. This area supports key spawning and rearing habitat for wild salmon, so we are working to restore native vegetation by removing Policeman's Helmet, an annual flowering invasive species. This work includes hand-pulling the plants along side channels and in wetland areas that are adjacent to the Salmon River. Work gloves and instructions will be provided, please bring boots to prevent from getting wet feet as well as your own water and lunch for the day. We anticipate about 2-3 hours of work, and parking will be free for volunteers

To RSVP: Contact Robert Wisher, or if you have additional questions, call Corinne Handelmann from the Sandy

River Basin Watershed Council at  
(503) 564-8391



## The two sides of volunteering

Sometimes it gets old being asked to volunteer, let's admit it. We all have other things to do, family commitments, house repairs, you name it. We take the attitude "I'm busy... let someone else do it. It's not my problem".

Here's the real story...this organization runs entirely on volunteer effort. Like going on a fish along? Volunteers organize it. Enjoy the chapter auction? Done by volunteers. Think the stream projects are good for fish? Who does them? Volunteers. Did you enjoy one of our free to members fishing clinics? Or one of our monthly meetings? Volunteer efforts make those happen.

We could stop asking you to volunteer. But all those things listed above, as well as every other chapter function would have to end.

That's why we keep asking you to volunteer. Simple as that.

*Larry Palmer*

## Rules for Chapter Newsletter

Dates for the chapter newsletters deadlines will be published in each issue of the newsletter. a four month span of dates will be featured.

Deadline is 6 pm Wednesday following the chapter board meeting. Don't expect that being late will be OK. Being late means your piece won't be in the newsletter.

All submissions will be in digital format. Handwritten or typed submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions will be sent as an attachment, titled appropriate to content, date part of title. Exmple- "August 8 Clinic piece 6/7/15."

Please add, "This is for the newsletter" as the subject or as the pre-title when sending an email.

Computer program language will be MS Word. IF you have a Mac, buy word for it, or create the file on a computer that does.

Submissions will be ready for insertion and spell checked.

Photo format will be jpeg or pdf. Please include captions for all photos.

Submissions on a flash drive will be accepted at the chapter board meeting. Flash drives will be returned to you at the next general meeting.

Directors and officers reports should be of a similar size from month to month. Space will be reserved in the newsletter for it. Sending in a report that is 2-3 times as large as last time just complicates the layout process and basically cuts into the space reserved for others.

### *Newsletter Deadlines*

**August 19**  
**September 16**  
**October 21**  
**November 18**  
**December 16**

Hi All,

Hope you all are keeping cool and having a great summer.

It is time for the Kids & Cancer Fish Camp at Camp Angelos.

Dates: Saturday - August 1 thru Wednesday August 5

Saturday thru Tuesday - 2 shifts each day

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

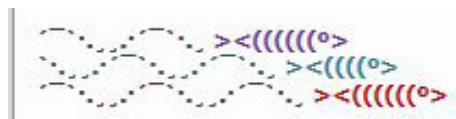
On Wednesday - 8/5 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Please give me a ring and let me know what days and times work for you - of course you are welcome to work both shifts!

Thanks!

Scott Bowling

503-253-6606



## *Up coming clinic*

Learn the basic skills required to fish from shore or a boat for salmon and steelhead. We'll discuss the different types of rods and reels needed to suit your particular techniques, and the right sort of water to use them in. For steelhead fishing we'll show you how to rig up for the subtle art of drift fishing, the simple but effective jig and bobber method, or how to use a sideplaner to use steelhead plugs from shore. Those bites on plugs are really powerful!

For salmon fishing we'll show you the strategies of anchor fishing with wobblers, how to properly bait wrap a Kwikfish or Flatfish, and trolling with spinners. We'll also cover that hard to master herring rigging to help you get the spin just right. To complete the picture we'll show you the setup for bobber fishing with an adjustable depth bobber and bait setup for tidewater, where all those salmon hold before finally ascending into the rivers after a hard rain. Yes, someday it will rain...

Learn about the importance of tides for salmon fishing, reading a tide book, and choosing the best days to go. Once you have a fish, you may want to smoke some of it too! We'll show you how, and give you a taste of some we have made.

You class fee includes a free one year introductory membership to the NW Steelheaders. This clinic is taught by members of the Sandy River Chapter of the NW Steelheaders.

Class fee also includes a free picnic style hotdog lunch, snacks for break times and soft drinks, prepared by members of the Sandy River Chapter of the NW Steelheaders

Larry Palmer



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### When:

First Wednesday of the month  
7:00 P.M. Sharp

***No meetings in  
July and August***

### Where

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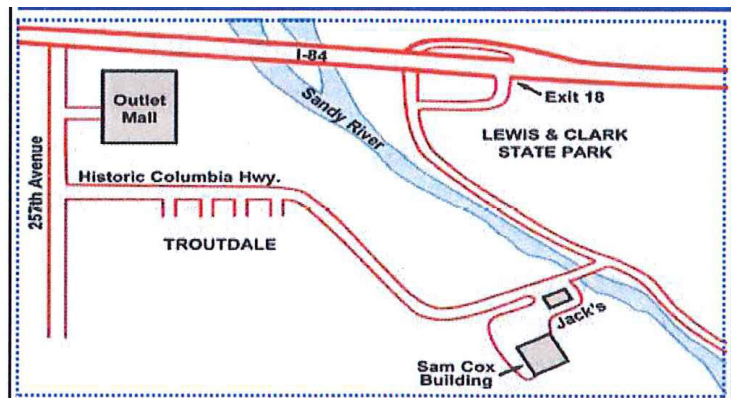
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**Our Members are our greatest asset to the Chapter.  
We welcome visitors to join the Sandy River Chapter,  
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## AUGUST

No Chapter Meeting  
8 Fishing Clinic  
12 Board Meeting  
22 Annual Assn Board Meeting  
at camp Rialea

## SEPTEMBER

2 Chapter Meeting  
9 Board Meeting  
19 & 20 Tillamook Fish a long

## OCTOBER

7 Chapter Meeting  
14 Board Meeting

## NOVEMBER

4 Chapter Meeting  
11 Board Meeting

## DECEMBER

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9 Board Meeting

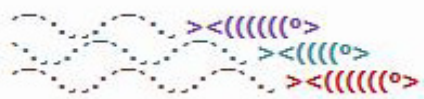
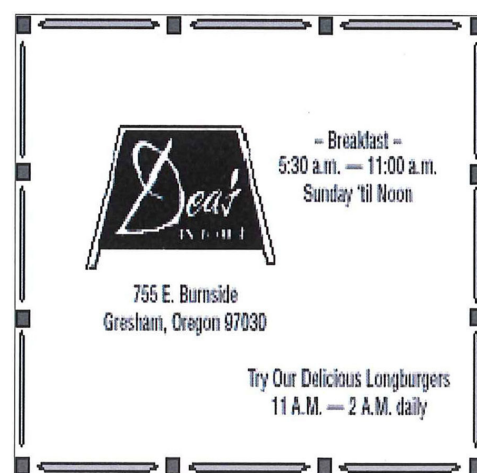


Someone recently said they could not find our "Calendar" on our website. Well, we have one. It is called "Events" and it does not look like the graphic grid that you commonly see. When you click on the Events tab, you are presented with a choice of "Current", "Upcoming" and "Archive". The Current Events are a small list of those in the immediate future. The Upcoming Events include everything in the Current Events plus everything that has been posted as future events. The Archive Events are the events that have already passed. Note you will also find the Current Events displayed in the middle of the first page that gets displayed on our website, the Home page.

Give it a try and go look at our calendar by entering <http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/> in your favorite browser.

Do you have questions about our website? Email me at [JohnHydorn@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHydorn@gmail.com) and I will answer your question in future newsletter.

*Don't forget to  
continue turning  
in your volunteer  
hours!!*



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*Please do not forgot to turn in your volunteer hours. It is important that these hours are recorded.*

*You can turn in the volunteer hours form at the monthly meeting to Robert Wisher or by e-mail: [rjwisherstix@gmail.com](mailto:rjwisherstix@gmail.com)*

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hour Report				Name:						
Event:					Date:			Hours:		
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*Remember to include your travel time to and from the event. If you have any questions about your how to report your hours, contact the event coordinator. Turn this form in at the monthly meeting or by e-mail to Robert Wisher ([rjwisherstix@gmail.com](mailto:rjwisherstix@gmail.com)).*

Sandy River Chapter Logo Apparel

Shirts (men & ladies), hats, sweatshirts, blankets, fleece and accessories

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or Call Brad Halverson (503) 201-6052

**TEAM Hook-up**

TOYOTA TRUCKS

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## ***DODGE PARK WEIR***

The weir is in, we are being asked by the ODFW to help keep it safe. Safe from what you asked? THEM, them being all our good neighbors who like to swim in one of the nicest swim holes on the Bull Run River which just happens to be in front of the Weir.

What we do is keep an eye out for anyone attempting to climb on or disrrupt the fish trap. Very easy to slip and do some major body damage.

The weir itself is located at Dodge Park at the confluence of the Sandy River and Bull Run River. In a effort to prevent Hatchery Salmon (clipped Fin) to co-mingle with the Wet & Wild Salmon (I shudder to think about it). The weir directs the fish into the trap where our well trained fish handlers from the ODFW separates and allows Wet & Wild to proceed to their destiny up the bull Run River and the clipped Fin is returned to their fate at the Hatchery.

What a great place to spend a few hours picnicking or a day or to camping while casting an eye toward the weir. The camping is free ENJOY... R.S.V.P. NOW [rjwisherstix@gmail.com](mailto:rjwisherstix@gmail.com)

or 503-780-8212 Step Director Robert wisher



## **Sandy River Chapter Reports Record Breaking Volunteer Hours**

Robert Wisher, Sr. VP, reported that for the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year ended 6/30/15 the Chapter logged 7,299 volunteer hours up 38.8% from the prior year. The 2,041 hour increase was attributed in part to the ODFW clinics. The HOF Banquet, the boat show and the sportsman's show were also major contributors, according to Robert.

Robert said he was dismayed to hear complaints about the number of requests for volunteers at Chapter meetings. The numbers are simple; 7,299 hours divided by 225 member, shows that each member should volunteer 32 hours per year. That is less than 3 hours per month or 1 day per quarter and your hours include driving to and from. Yet, what we see are the same volunteer faces. The Chapter leadership would like to see more new faces.

Doug Briggs

Past President



## NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Sep. 19, 2015

Show up Friday evening for dinner and a fishing report and fishing clinic. There will be breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and a “build your own” lunch bar with lunch meat selections for sandwiches, fruit, a snack, and a beverage. With breakfast in your belly and a lunch bag in your hand, you are ready to head out with your fishing buddies. There will be a BBQ dinner Saturday night followed by tales of the day’s exploits and setting up teams for those who want to fish the next day. Big fish prizes will be awarded. Sunday morning starts with another hot breakfast and lunch bar. All this for just \$80! (See fee details below.) Everyone will need to pack out before leaving for fishing Sunday morning. (The dorm will be cleaned and locked up when everyone leaves. The gate will be left unlocked until late afternoon for the RVs.)

Boat captains are able to pick their own passengers, but we will help coordinate other boaters and riders to balance local knowledge and expertise to insure this is a learning experience for everyone who needs it as well as being a great weekend of fishing. This will be done well in advance to allow participants to coordinate their fishing. Riders are expected to cover boat fuel, launch fees, and bait (which are only a portion of the boat owner’s cost).

There may be fresh dungenous crab for Dinner – assuming we can catch some on Friday, prior to the event. Interested in doing some crabbing? One boat with three crabbers can get a limit of 36 crabs which would provide everyone with half a crab appetizer for the dinner. Let us know if you are interested, particularly if you have a boat and some traps.

Feeling Lucky? We will have prizes (of minimal value) for big fish. Prizes go to the anglers with the largest fish by weight after being gutted and gilled. (This allows anglers to take good care of their catch for optimum food quality.) Ties will go to the longest fish. Entries must be at the Tillamook Fairground Dorm weigh-in no later than 5:00pm.

### Location

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is an ideal location for this event. It is located between the most popular Tillamook Bay boat ramps and is between the Wilson and Trask Rivers. There are also bank fishing opportunities just as close. There is water and 30 amp electrical service for RVs and plenty of parking for boats and other vehicles.

The dorm has a large kitchen and dining/meeting room on the main floor and two bunk rooms with bathroom & showers up stairs. Bring your sleeping bag, towel, and other shower supplies. A hot shower really feels good after a day on the bay! (Ear plugs can be helpful if there are attendees that

snore.)

Cost – Fees are due no later than Friday, Sep. 11, 2015:

(This is not a fund raiser. These fees just cover all the costs.)

- Per individual staying at the dorm: \$80 (no reduction for staying only one of the two nights – we still need to make accommodations)
- Per additional family members staying at the dorm: \$70
- Per individual or family member not staying at the dorm but participating in evening meals and activities: \$30 (does not include breakfast or lunch)
- Not staying at dorm but participating in all meals: \$50
- There are a limited number of RV sites with 20 amp electrical (no water or dump). RV spots are an additional \$10 per night
- Don’t forget the tournament entry fee!

Contact Norm Ritchie (503) 807-7729 to sign up or for additional details. Or email [neritchie1@gmail.com](mailto:neritchie1@gmail.com) with the following information:



Education Director Mike Myrick and Development Director Norm Ritchie with typical Tillamook Bay Fall Chinook.

name; phone number; will you be staying at the dorm, bringing an RV or staying elsewhere?; Will you be fishing the bank or do you want a ride on someone else's boat or will you be bringing a boat ; If you are bringing a boat, how many people can you take on your boat and do you have anyone already set up to go on your boat (must be a NW Steelheaders member); What is your knowledge of Tillamook fall chinook fishing?

Payment must be received no later than September 24th in order for us to know how much food to purchase. Please make checks out to the "Sandy River Chapter, ANWS" and mail to Norm Ritchie, 2834 SE 166th Ave., Portland, OR 97236-1861.

be able to move the oar locks. Move then forward or backward from 12" to 18". If they are too close to the front of the seat, the oars will rub your thighs while rowing. Your hand position should be between your navel (belly button) and nipple line. If your hand position is higher than this, you are doing all of the work with your arms instead of arms and back. This can be caused by oars that are too long and they will drag in the water. This is very tiring and you will lose power.

While rowing, you want only half of the oar blade in the water. If your oar handles are above your shoulders the oars are too short. They will dig deep and will lose power. When in a panic, rowing faster is good deeper isn't. Oar materials, design oar locks and techniques are a whole new subject!

Most boating friends will be willing to help you and let you experiment with their oars. That is how we all learn.

Remember, even if you are a good person on the oars, one missed stroke can be a disaster, wear your life jacket.

## August 8th clinic

Saturday, August 8th Salmon Fishing Workshop

Clinic presenter – Ralph Young

- 9-9:15 Introduction and registration- Frank Cantino
- 9:15-10:00 General info on rods, reels and lines- Jeff Kirkman, Steve Rothenbucher
- 10:00- 10:45 Knots- John Hydorn, Doug Briggs, Steve Rothenbucher
- 10:45- 10:55 Short snack break - Robert Wisher
- 10:55- 12:00 Rest o' the knots - John Hydorn, Doug Briggs, Steve Rothenbucher
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch- Kathryn and Art Israelson
- 12:30- 12:45 Fish Smoking and brines- Larry Palmer
- 12:45- 1:45 Drift fishing and Sideplaners- Jeff Kirkman, Jeff Stoeger
- 1:45- 2:50 Bobber methods- Jigs for steelhead, bait for Chinook salmon- Jeff Kirkman, Jeff Stoeger
- 2:50 – 3:00 Short snack break- Robert Wisher
- 3:00 – 4:00 Where to go – maps, tides. Best water types for different techniques- Ralph Young, Doug Miller, Larry Palmer
- 4:00 - 5:00 Salmon boat fishing methods- Anchoring with wobblers, K-Fish, trolling with spinners or herring- Buzz Wilcox
- 5:00 clinic ends, Room take-down and cleanup.

Volunteers for this event will receive a waiver of the \$52 fee that students pay, and be entered into a free drawing for a fishing trip with Larry Palmer

Contact Larry Palmer to volunteer palmerlarryd@yahoo.com 503-286-2093



## Buying Oars For your Boat Is A Very Personal Ourchase

By  
Art Israelson

Some things to consider:

1. Length of upper torso
2. Length of your arms
3. Length of your legs

The above lengths will effect the performance of the oars.

First, the boat seat has to be moveable--forward, backwards, up and down. (Doesn't move? Not a good investment.) You also may need to move the foot bar (located on the floor) so you are bracing your entire body to row.





## STEP INTO BUCK CREEK WITH THREE OLD MEN

The Sandy River Chapter spent three years getting the STEP project at Buck Creek approved by ODFW. Once approved and the date established, we had ten people signed up as volunteers, yet only two volunteers matriculated (showed up). The author makes three.

So three old men (71 is old by most standards) repelled down a hundred foot bank, sawed off a half dozen bicep sized limbs, drug the limbs out of the creek bed, removed approximately 6 wheel barrow loads of cobbles and boulders, all in very cold water.

The before and after pictures below clearly show the dramatic change three old men made in 3 hours. With younger men it might have taken 4 hours, as they are not as experienced as old men. A special thanks to Art Israelson, another old man, who got our parking permit, provided the ropes and other tools.

The jump pool was deepened and the overhead obstructions removed, giving the migrating fish a greater velocity and a higher jump. Designing the jump pool is complicated since it is species specific. Prior project on Buck Creek included building the multi-pool approach, a series of jump pools up from Gordon Creek and electro-shocking above the culvert. The area above the culvert contained trout, steelhead and salmon smolt, proof positive that the migration path thru the culvert is viable for these high jumping species. Salmon & Steelhead can jump 7' to 11' vertically with a large enough jump pool. For an in depth 50 page white paper entitled 'Technical Supplement 14N Fish Passage and Screening Design', copy & paste the following link in your Browser

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ANWS has gone to great lengths to develop and maintain a strong relationship with ODFW at all levels, from the new Director, Curtis Melcher, down all level to the local biologist. This has paid dividends for the sports fishery in the past and will continue to do so, provided we honor our commitments.

If you read last month's newsletter, the President's message calls for Doing Less, Better. Currently we have 225 members and expend 4,500 volunteer hours annually. Simple math says that each member should

volunteer for 20 hours a year, but only 20% volunteer, the same 20% volunteer repeatedly and do about 100 hours per year. Art Israelson worked 168 hours in January. Set a goal to volunteer for at least 20 hours between now & June 30th 2016. Then follow thru.

Doug Briggs  
Past President

Picture captions

Buck Creek Jump Pool Before, Buck Creek Jump Pool After and Two of the Old Men (somebody had to take the picture), Steve Rothenbucher Chapter President & Robert Wisher, Chapter Sr. VP





***Workers move quickly to transfer adult spring Chinook, one fish at a time, from their pool to a truck full of cool water. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service moved more than 160,000 salmon over the last two weeks from Warm Spring National Fish Hatchery in central Oregon to Little White Salmon Fish Hatchery in the Columbia River Gorge. Rich Johnson, fisheries supervisor, said more than 2,000 juveniles were dying a day from diseases related to warm water. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)***

## ***Heat forces Oregon hatchery workers to truck salmon 100 miles***

As a last ditch effort to save fish from increasingly warm waters, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has transferred more than 160,000 salmon to a different hatchery.

About 10 workers moved the mostly juvenile spring Chinook over a three-day period from Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery in central Oregon to Little White Salmon Fish Hatchery in the Columbia River Gorge. Then they moved 680 adult fish during the week of July 13.

State biologists said earlier it would not be desirable to truck fish around to other hatcheries. Not only is it a hard job, but it adds stress to the already weakened fish.

Rich Johnson, fisheries supervisor for the service, said at this point it's a better option than leaving them in the hatchery.

Oregon's drought is turning rivers into low-flow hot tubs for fish. Salmon are most comfortable in water temperatures in the 50s and become stressed and prone to disease in the 60s. Rivers are exceeding 70 degrees.

These temperatures normally happen later in the summer anyway, but that's at the tail end of migratory seasons when few fish are left behind to suffer the heat.

Already scores of fish have washed up dead along the Willamette and Deschutes Rivers.

Johnson said the Warm Springs hatchery had reached 76 degrees and

managers were counting up to 2,000 dead juveniles a day. And Johnson knew it could get worse.

He said staff considered other options, such as renting chillers to cool the water.

"It's horribly expensive, and logistically it would have taken a little while to get it hooked up," he said.

Once it was decided to move the fish, he said staff began to mobilize within 24 hours. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife chipped in with two trucks and drivers.

Workers started about 6 a.m. A special pump moved juveniles from the raceway to the truck. Johnson said this was less stressful than putting the fish in a net.

In the case of the adults, a Fish and Wildlife Service video shows the high-energy process of moving one fish at a time.

Then they drove at least two hours to Little White Salmon, where they slowly lowered the temperature to avoid shocking the fish.

The service did not leave any fish in the Warm Springs hatchery.

Johnson said staff noticed immediate positive responses. A fish health specialist, for example, checked water temperature and juveniles began nipping at the thermometer as if they were hungry.

If the fish are hungry and alert, he said, it's a good sign.

The juvenile fish will remain at Little White Salmon until temperatures moderate in October. The adults will stay until they spawn in August.