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# SANDY STEELHEADER NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are monthly the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto park 1106 E. Columbia River Hwy in Troutdale OR

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## Guest Speaker; Steve Lynch of Pro-Cure products

Often the difference between going a day without fish and catching your limit can be small. One not-so-small item in this equation is the scent of your presentation. Pro-cure is a local company that has produced high quality products to help local anglers catch more fish. But Pro-Cure is not just about cures and curing your baits but has a wide range of products like their new UV scents, fillet knives, bait dyes, brines, and bait sauces. Steve Lynch will be speaking at our September meeting to fill us in on some great techniques and products to help us catch more fish.

## President's message

As we finish another season at Camp Angelos. I would especially like to thank the 28 volunteers who help make this season so successful. This is the most volunteers we have ever had for the three camps since I have been a member. I must admit at the start of the camps I was wondering if we would have enough help to cover all of the camps. In fact we scaled back the number of fishing days and sessions for the camps. You can thank Gus for providing the great looking sweat shirts for all of the volunteers this year.

In an earlier president's message I told about some of the new trends in volunteerism, so this year I actively recruited volunteers from outside of our club. We had three participate in our camp program. I am hoping they will also join our club now that they know a little

about us. This next year I hope to recruit more nonmembers to participate in our projects. I feel that a lot of people are reluctant to join a group, especially if they don't already know someone in the group. More family members helped out this year. I would like to see the club have more family friendly activities.

The camp season started off on July 19th with five of us repairing and rigging the fishing gear. After a year of various groups using the equipment, we had our work cut out for us-4 out of the 5 fishing nets needed repair and all of the repair supplies needed replenishing.

One thing that I have noticed is that the dynamics of each year's camps are different from the previous years. For Gus's Fish Camp we fished for 2 1/2 days this year. The kids were a little younger and more cooperative this year. We helped 220 kids' fish at Camp Agape cancer camp. One parent was our only problem. This year we had more minority and immigrant cancer patients. Fishing activities for the Greek camp were reduced this year. The kids were younger and the best behaved of any of the groups this summer.

I will always remember the look at some of the kids faces when one of our volunteers showed them how to catch that first or biggest fish. What's more important is that the kids will always remember that volunteer who showed them how to do it.

Thanks for making a difference in a child's life  
Howard

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## September STEP project

### September 14

Our next STEP project is a bit different. We are not going to do any "work" at all! Sort of...

All good projects begin with information to plan, and that's what we are going to start gathering. Bring your digital cameras, and clipboards. Lightweight waders or wading shoes might help, but probably not essential. We are just going for a look at a previous project and assess what might be done there.

I know its fall, and you probably want to go fishing, so OK...throw that Coho gear in and fish in the morning. Meet me at 11:00 at Dabney Park. We'll drive up that side of the river to have a look at Buck Creek where we worked in the past (Opposite side of the river from Oxbow Park boat ramp...). We'll look at anything else worthy of note in that immediate area. It will probably only take a couple of hours.

Following our reconnaissance of the area, I'll whip out the chapters portable gas grill and knock out a few hot dogs for the attendees....and there will be a special "STEP Project Prize Drawing". Names will be drawn from those who attend. Art Israealson won a slick "Leatherman" type tool last time worth \$60! There are more of those and some nice folding knives too.

## Survey help needed

The Fisheries biologist on the John Day river needs help in performing spawning surveys on that river. They run through the month of September and they rely on volunteers to get the surveys done. The surveys consist of walking 1-5 miles of stream and looking for Chinook redds and taking biological data from carcasses. They do these surveys in pairs so if someone would like to help but has no experience they can pair you with an experienced surveyor.

Please contact

Josh McCormick

Assistant Project Leader

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## First Bite Jigs special offer

After watching the First Bite Jig Video at the previous chapter meeting, I contacted Mark Anderson regarding making his video available to chapter members - the jig making tips in particular interested me. Mark offered to include three free jigs to any chapter member who purchases his video. Mark is an association member - I forgot to ask in which chapter. If interested, simply go to the First Bite Jig web site or see me, and I will try and help you with the purchase.



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## Volunteer Hours Needed

It's very important for members to write down all your volunteer hours on the Volunteer hours form that comes in your newsletter each month. You can bring this form to the meeting and give it to the Bill Bieth the membership chairman or mail it to him at Po box 301263 Portland Oregon 97294-9263. These hours go to the association office and this is an important criteria we are evaluated



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## Income Tax Bookkeeping



Bill Robins

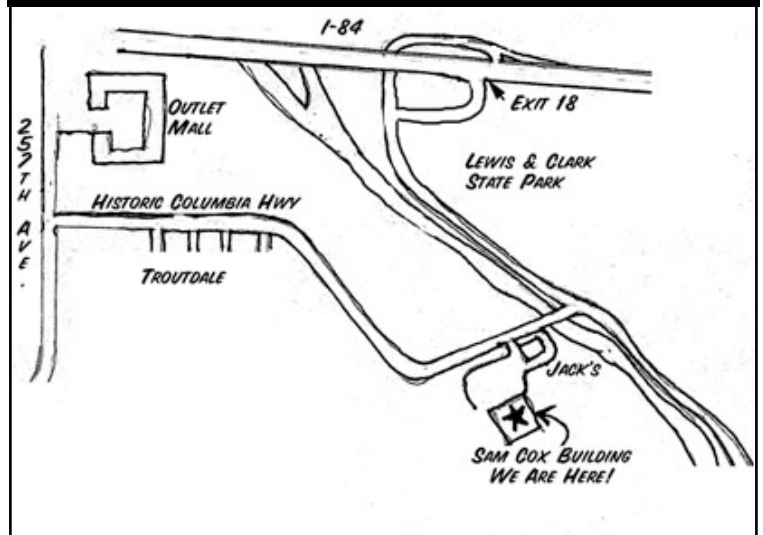
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## Breakfast idea

How would you like to get together for breakfast (in the \$6 range) with fellow anglers once a month to discuss fishing and socialize. Talk with Howard Berg and he will work to get something set up.

## Meeting Map



## Over 20 Years Full Time Fishing Guide



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# SANDY STEELHEADER CALENDAR

Date	Event
September 3	Chapter General Meeting Steve Lynch of pro-cure products 7:00 pm Sam Cox building
September 7	Clackamas River Cleanup
September 14	STEP project 11 am contact Larry Palmer
October 3,4,5	STEP conference
October 10-12	Oxbow Salmon Festival
October 24, 25, 26	Tillamook Fall Fishalong



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## Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

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Fill this form out and return it at a general meeting.

Please mark your time as beginning when you left your home until you returned home from the volunteer event.

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## Chapter Picnic pictures



## Camp Angelos Kid's camp pictures





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## Oxbow Salmon Festival

The Salmon Festival at Oxbow Park has been given a reprieve. As the planning for last year's event was starting, Metro announced it would not be the lead agency past 2007 and it looked like this very popular event had run its course. However, much to the joy of all the agencies and organizations that were involved in the event over the years, Salmon Fest will continue, this year's dates being October 11-12, with set up on Friday the 10th. The Sandy River Chapter will once again man a booth, showcasing our brood stock transport box, a streamside trash receptacle, explain the mission of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders and conduct our "North to Salmon" raffle ticket sale. Please consider helping man the booth and look for the volunteer list at the September and October general membership

## Passport to Fishing

This year's annual Passport to Fishing event at Bonneville Hatchery was another success. The number of fishing youth was 652, with an additional 563 family members attending. We have had many more participants in the past, but this year's numbers made for a more relaxed effort, which added to the enjoyment of all, especially the youth. The number of first time fishers this year was 284, and this is great, since the reason for this event is to educate and get more youth out on the waters.

The Sandy River Chapter provided 16 volunteers for this years event, at the registration booth, the ice and prize station, the steelheader's raffle booth and the volunteer's food station. Those members giving of their time and talents were: Norm Ritchie, Howard Anderson, Joy Gannett, Larry Beaver, Art Noyes, Steven Ackley, Michael Baker, Hal Blenn, Colonel and Judy Thomas, Art and Kathryn Israelson, Scott, Nona and Marjorie Bowling and Mike Myrick. I want to give my heartiest thank you to each and every one of you for another job well done.

## Sockeye return to Idaho

The Columbia/Snake river basin's most beleaguered salmon stock -- Snake River sockeye -- has continued its 2008 surge with total returns through Thursday nearly doubling the previous record annual return for a species now kept afloat by a hatchery captive broodstock program.

So far this season Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists have trapped 448 spawning sockeye in central Idaho's Sawtooth Valley and fish are still streaming in. The trap total Thursday was 37 fish, which would be an encouraging annual total in most years. The best return since the broodstock program was launched in 1991 was 257 in 2000. The next highest was a return of 27 sockeye in 2004.

So far 884 sockeye have been counted hurdling Lower Granite Dam on the lower Snake River, which is about 400 river miles downstream from the hatchery. It is the last of eight dams the fish must pass on their spawning journey up the Columbia, Snake and Salmon rivers. That tally is the most by far that have been counted at Lower Granite since the dam was built in 1975. The previous record was 531 in 1976, according to data posted online by the Fish Passage Center.

The returns this year are, for the most part, fish that were released as smolts in 2006 from Sawtooth Hatchery (39,622) and in Redfish Lake Creek (46,430). The smolts were the product of the captive broodstock program, some reared to that migration-ready stage at Sawtooth and some reared at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Oxbow Hatchery at Cascade Locks.

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## STEP Conference help needed

The Sandy River Chapter is one of the lead organizations for the STEP Conference, with representation on the planning committee. The committee is now fleshing out the needs we will have for volunteers, both for tasks and numbers needed. Examples of needs are: Registration, traffic flaggers in the parking area, kids fishing pond, food handlers, security at auction area, hospitality room, etc. If you wish to help, please call Mike Myrick at 503-281-6438.



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), along with many local natural resource agencies and organizations, are excited to announce a special salmon restoration conference coming to the Portland metropolitan area this fall. ODFW's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) will be hosting "Salmon in the City—Spawning Solutions Through Creative Ideas" at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham on October 3–5, 2008.

We are busy planning a great conference that will educate teachers, watershed council members, students, STEP volunteers, the public, and those interested in or working on natural resources issues. Session topics will include such interests as education and outreach, habitat restoration, fisheries and marine research, and fish propagation. We also plan to have an outdoor segment including angling clinics and kids events.

## OVERVIEW OF EVENTS

**Friday, October 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Registration and Reception

**Saturday, October 4, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Registration • Concurrent Sessions • Hospitality Room Open  
MHCC Fisheries Program Tours • Display Booth Area • Kids' Programs  
Lunch • Dinner • Auction/Raffle • Closing Ceremonies

**Sunday, October 5, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Tours of Local Areas of Interest

*A detailed brochure will be available soon!*

*For more information,  
contact Danette Ehlers at 971-673-6013*

Details and Registration Info:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/STEP/index.asp>



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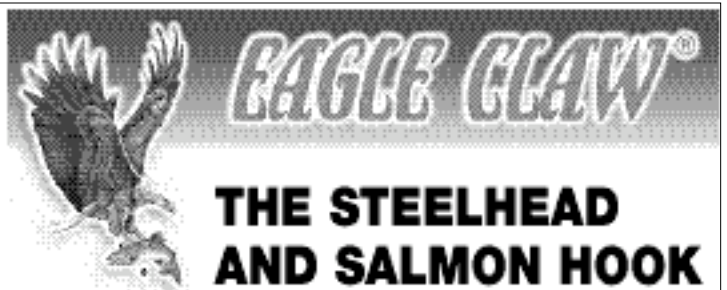
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