

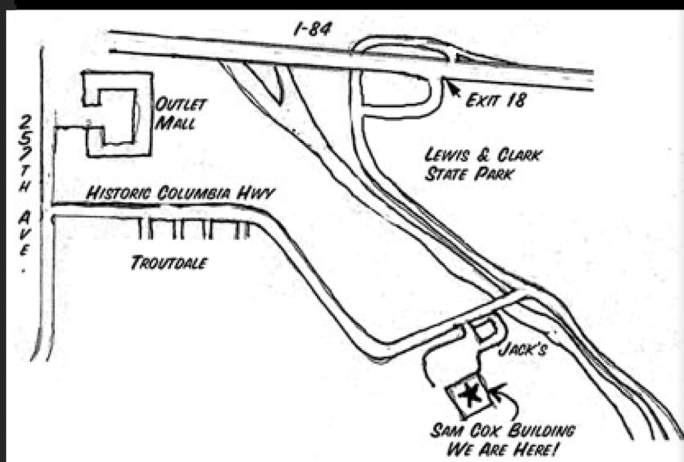
Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, 1106 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon.

No charge to visitors! Bring your kids too! We welcome you to come by for one of our informative monthly meetings. Learn more about fishing! Get involved with conservation projects in the Sandy River.

This months speaker– Rob Brown, spinner expert! Learn more about fishing and building these very effective lures for Coho and Steelhead. Rob's shop, *Jack's Snack and Tackle*, is only a few steps

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of September. That's the 2nd !

Meeting Map



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jay Burris- 360 798-9000

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Leslie Hinea - Auction

Tom Gemelli - River Cleanups

Bill Beith - Membership 503 252-8278

Mike Myrick - **Classroom fish tanks**

Eric Koellner - Sales

Monthly program (continued)

away from our chapter meeting hall. Rob and his wife custom paint and assemble all their spinners and he's always willing to lend advice to you .

Rob has a lot of knowledge about fishing for silvers and using spinners as the main tackle for attracting these feisty fish at strike. Rob will be selling spinner packs at this meeting and the proceeds will go to Dornbecker Children's Hospital.

President's Message

Summer is almost over. All of the Camp Angelos fish camps are behind us. Now we are looking forward to Fall. We have the STEP Conference coming up, a river cleanup, and the Coho Clinic. We are preparing for our annual Chapter Auction/Dinner, and the annual Tillamook fish-along. It is going to be a busy fall season. As we look at all of the activities coming up we should think about what else the Sandy River Chapter can do to help fulfill the mission of the Association of the Northwest Steelheaders.

That mission is: "Anglers dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and tomorrow."

One of the things we can do is become educated in the various issues affecting fish and fisheries. Then become advocates for the Association. This is an exciting time to be involved. There are a lot of groups out there that have interests in fish. We are all realizing that as separate lone groups we may not reach our goals but in joining together we form a formidable force that has clout and influence. I am hopeful that we can find some common ground and accomplish some great things. One way you can get involved is to attend the up coming STEP Conference. There will be classes and lectures that I am sure you will find valuable. The conference is designed to give teachers, watershed council members, students, volunteers and the media, the tools and information they can use to spread the word about the importance of conservation and salmon recovery. I will be there. I hope to see you there also.

I attended a function in Bend to kick off a brand new Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders. It was a rousing success! There was roughly 70 people in attendance and we signed up about 30 new members. I can't help but think that if we can get that kind of response in Bend there must be lots more possible new members out there. My name was put in a drawing for signing up a couple of new members and I won a prize! So did Howard Berg! I am making it a point to ask people I talk with if they would like to take advantage of the \$10 special. It is important to attract as many new members as possible. The Association is a non profit organization and like most non profits relies on membership and donations for its funding. If you are looking for a good place to make a charitable donation, the Association would be very grateful. Please give it some thought. **Sincerely, Jay Burris**

Some Stick!

On Monday August 24 Sandy River Chapter members Howard Berg and Tom Gemelli fished with Larry Palmer on the Columbia River near Portland.

Starting at 6:30 AM, the tide was slack so we didn't bother trying to anchor and went immediately to trolling. We trolled in 40 to 50 feet of water, which took 10 OZ. of lead to keep regular contact with the bottom. Occasionally with this method you'll snag an old log or stick. If you're lucky circling back over the area will free the snagged lure or sinker. So when Toms' reel let out a little line without further action, it looked like a snag. We circled back..The rod was heavy under load, but quiet. It looked like a classic "soggy stick" story... until it got within a few feet of the boat. The swirl of a big fish tail caused me to grab the net in a hurry! After one look at Tom , the Chinook made a series of strong runs and tried to circle under the boat motors as well. Tom fought the fish patiently, and after about 10 minutes I netted a bright 25 lb hen for him. Some stick! This fish took a #5 Cascade style spinner, Brass blade with chartreuse tip and beads. **Larry Palmer**



Some guy with a fish.....

Send in YOUR fish stories and pix to the newsletter ! See details on page 5

Chapter Picnic Salad

For those of you who enjoyed Sharon Schaub's salad at the picnic, she has sent us the recipe-

Sharon's Summer Salad

- 1 Pineapple - cut into chunks
- 4 Kiwi Fruit - peeled and sliced
- 2 Red Peppers - thinly sliced

Dressing:

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tablespoons Lemon or Lime juice
- 1/4 Cup Chopped Parsley
- 1/4 Cup Chopped mint

STEP Update

This notice is to remind members of the upcoming ODFW conference and ask for their participation particularly by those members currently involved in STEP activity leadership (river cleanups, stream restoration projects, propagation projects, Eggs to Fry, youth fishing education, monitoring & surveys). This is an opportunity for those individuals to become more effective in their leadership role and help the chapters grow as STEP groups within their own watersheds. The specific information on the conference is as follows:

September 11–13, 2009 Oregon 4-H Center, Salem, OR

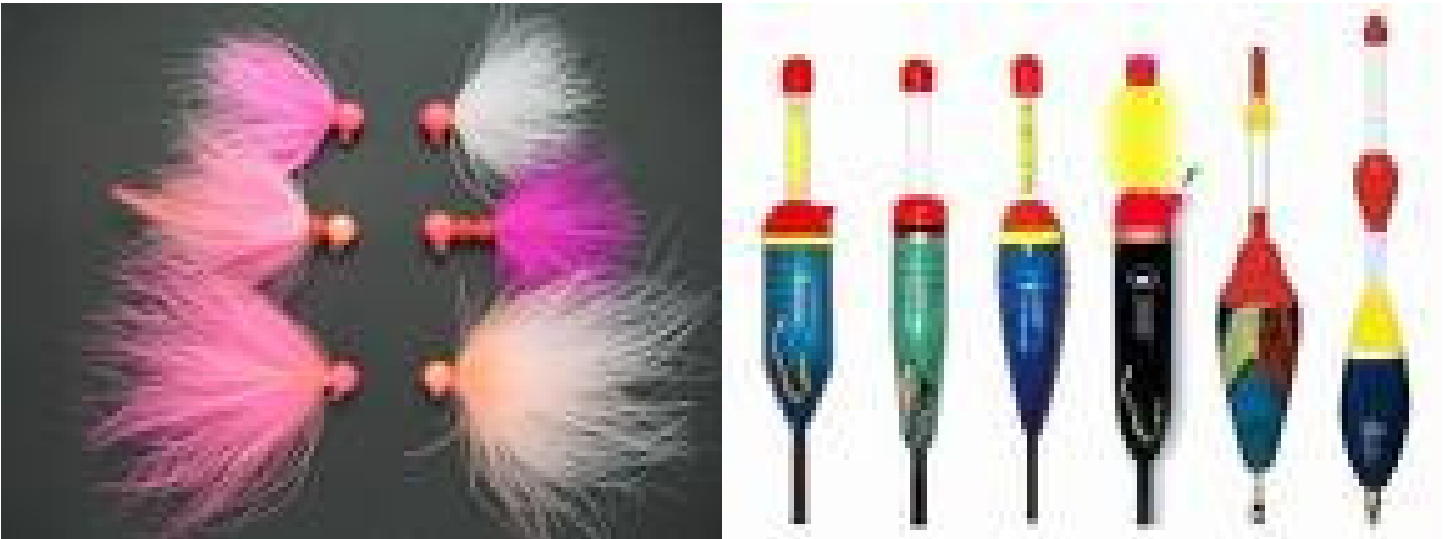
A conference for teachers, watershed council members, students, volunteers and other members of the public interested in the conservation and recovery of salmon.

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Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP)

For more information, contact: Debbi Farrell, ODFW, 503-947-6211

Or visit their web site at www.dfw.state.or.us/STEP



Jig it up!

Spinners are great for Coho, but give jigs a look too! Your bobbers don't need to be as fancy as these though...I use some made from two wine corks silicone or glued together (I like Shoe-Goo) . Use an egg shaped sinker or hollow core below it just above your swivel. A 24 inch leader tied to your jig is all you need. Tie a Dacron slide knot above your bobber with a small bead between the bobber and bead.

An apology mixed with an explanation-

Recently I composed a fundraising letter which was mailed out to about 50 chapter members. The goal was simple– to raise some funds to assist the Association through some hard times. A request was made for \$100, and anyone donating this amount would receive a complimentary fine art fish print from the Associations inventory. The first mailing was *supposed* to contain a page which had small images of the prints used for this effort. Due to a misunderstanding in the initial effort, the page with images was left out of the mailing. I asked that the mailing be re-done with the image page included, in order to give everyone a better mental picture of those prints. Although I didn't know it, the second mailing went out with the note **“Second Request”** at it's head. It was not intended to offend anyone, simply to identify it as an improved effort (containing the page with fish images..) but some have taken offense. I'm sorry for that, it was not my intent to do so. **Larry Palmer**

How to submit your articles to this publication-

- All entries must be in a file readable by Microsoft “WORD 2007”. Spell check your work! It will be run under YOUR name as you submitted it.
- Email all files to **palmerlarryd@yahoo.com** include **“newsletter story”** and a **descriptive phrase about it in the subject line**. Example “newsletter story - Buck Creek STEP”
- Due date = No later than two weeks after the general meeting.
- Photos = jpeg format. Minimum file size is 100 K each, Maximum 3 Meg. Total of 4 photos MAX. All submissions will run as space allows. Some may run in later issues.

Volunteer fishermen needed-

We are having a big COHO CLINIC Fish along on Saturday September 26th, from 7 AM – 3 PM starting at Glenn Otto Park.

The goal is to help our members (new and old...)learn more about fishing *and* have some fun.

We hope some of the folks who joined at the COHO Clinic August 29th will join us to link up with more experienced members and go hit some favorite spots.

Hey, we all started somewhere! To these new members **YOU** are an expert! Honestly, we all know a lot more about fishing than we realize. Meet at Glenn Otto Park, and carpool to your favorite spots.

So come out, see some new faces and some familiar ones and get after those COHO!



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Sandy River cleanup—we need YOU !!!

Saturday, Sept. 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 PM we will have our annual Sandy River Clean-up.

WE will meet in the parking lot of Glenn Otto city park located just east of the city of Troutdale. The park is located on the west end of the bridge spanning the Sandy River.

I have been told by Glenn Otto park management that the banks of the Sandy from Lewis and Clark park to Dabney park had record attendance by the public this summer requiring them to add a second dumpster.

I will be asking for volunteers for the clean-up at our next meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2009. SOLV will be providing the trash bags and the chapter provides pick-up tools and plastic gloves. I am hoping we will have a good turnout for this community service event because of the possibly high amount of trash we expect to clean-up will make a positive impact on the appearance of the parks and the old Columbia River Gorge Highway. Thanks, **Tom Gemelli**

Chapter Fish A-long on the Sandy River– Sept 26th

Mark your calendar for September 26th. The chapter has decided to do something a little different. We decided to have a **fish a-long from the bank** of the Sandy for Silvers. The silvers start to show up in late August and peak in September and October. We all plan on meeting at Glen Otto park and head out for a day of fishing. The main goal for this event is to get the chapter members involved in a function that doesn't require the use of a boat. Those who fish the Sandy for silvers can give out a lot info on where and how to fish for these fish. I think that we will meet at the park at 7 AM so we can drive to where you want to fish.

Spinners work great, but eggs and bobbbers work well too. If you have any questions or if you wish to give out info on how and where at our September meeting please call me on my cell at 503-704-7920.
Jeff Stoeger

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Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Howard Berg, Erik Neiwert, General Thomas, Jeff Stoeger, Bill Beith, Leslie Hinea, Eric Koellner, Jay Burris, Larry Palmer, Tom Gemelli and Mike "Water Logged" Myrick

Meeting began at 6:35

I- Business

1. Howard reported that the three fish camps were concluded. Warm water was responsible for limited catching, and it seemed strange not to have Gus overseeing everything. Various plans are being explored to help water conditions for next year.
2. Jay is now the Association president and may need help in chairing the chapter. Howard volunteered to assist as a co-president. Plans are still ongoing to revise and upgrade Association by-laws.
3. Plans are in the works for the upcoming two coho clinics with Larry and Art working overtime in planning these events: Rob Brown, Mark Anderson and Ed Fast will have major contributions. Any member wishing to contribute/help/volunteer should contact a board member. In addition to the on river clinic and chapter meeting there will be a chapter fish-a-long in Sept. Encourage your friends and anyone interested in fishing to attend the clinic on 8/29.

II -Officer and Director Reports

1. Mike needs the newsletter for mailing 10 days prior to the meeting. Larry will set up a yearly calendar for his time tables of needing info for the newsletter (have you noticed the fine product he is developing for the chapter).
2. Jay reported that a new chapter is forming in Bend with much early interest/participation
3. Chapter funds are approximately \$11K
4. There is a river clean-up scheduled for 9/19 - both sides of the river have been severely trashed
5. STEP Conference is scheduled for 9/11-13. Anyone interested in helping at this event should contact Mike Myrick
6. Auction plans are under way, and it is not too early to make contacts for donations. As of now, we are planning to have four guided trips. If you have an item for donation, either bring it to the meeting or contact a board member.
7. Sales are slow, but Eric Koellner is involved in a propane reuse/recycling program. If you are a propane user, it may in your interest to contact him.
8. Gear donated by the camp and some from Gus' personal items will be used as door prizes and the auction. Bill, Captain and Larry P. are planning to set up a table for the next meeting with many used fishing items for sale - there may some good deals available so be sure and come early for the Sept. meeting. Meeting ended at 8:40

A Salmon Surprise

Larry Palmer, our guide, invited Howard Berg and me to a fishing trip on the Columbia River on Monday, August 24. Since I don't normally arise until noon making an early morning trip to St. Johns was a major effort leaving me in a stupor most of the morning. All I remember is it was slightly overcast and chilly. Larry and Howard helped me into Larry's craft. A boat with two motors (a big one and a little one) and lots of different sticks holding funny sliver things and something that looked like small canon balls on some string. We motored to a place called Frenchmen's bar or Spanish Bar or Willey's Bar, something like that. As an aside, I took a quick nap and prayed that I wouldn't be mocked for the way I fish by two experts or vomit all over Larry's boat. I thought if at least I caught a sucker I can claim some expertise. Anyway, Larry instructed that we were going to fish in really deep water, and close to the bottom like about fifty feet. Larry moved the boat up and down and up down a section of the river. I amused myself by looking at the shoreline and the really really big boats around us. About 8:30 my string stiffed, on the stick that is. I awoke from my nap. I said to myself, oh damn, I am snagged. Larry agreed. So we move the boat up and down the river. I was slightly embarrassed. Expert fisherman don't get snagged. Howard seemed a little annoyed with my snag. He kept saying "cut it cut it's interfering with my fishing." After several minutes of pulling and jerking on the string we came to the conclusion that the string should to cut. I thought "no way" I had the procedure when I was six month's old. Larry pulled out his machete from his belt, swung his arm up, I almost jumped out of the boat, and about the time something silver broke the surface of the calm water. He said, "my God", there is a fish on" like he never say a fish in his life, (just kidding). I tried to give the stick to Larry or Howard but they refused to take it from me. They said you caught it and you have to bring it in yourself. After an exhaustive few minutes (seemed like a hour or two) Larry stuck a holey bag in the water and pulled this big trout out of the water. Larry called it a Chinook salmon, a hen. This hen didn't have feathers on it, but out of respect I said nothing to Larry about his err. Howard called it a Chinook too. I knew better, I still think it is a trout. Larry said it weighed twenty-five pounds. I said it was an obese trout. On second thought when my wife called it a Chinook salmon I finally agreed with the consensus. After I caught the fish and go another snag Larry made me tie my own gear on the string swinging from the stick. Reaching back to my Boy Scout days I tied a slip knot on the silver thing. I asked Larry to take me back to the dock, "I caught my fish I want to go home now," Larry and Howard stood up in the boat came towards me, Larry with his big knife and Howard swinging his silver thing and small canon balls at me. After that encounter I decided I better take another nap. When we got to shore Larry gave me a knife, I thought he wanted me to commit Hari Kari, but he pointed to the trout on the boat ramp. Larry said he would like the yellow egg shaped stuff that came out when I slice the fish open, I think he called them "eggs." Again, I knew better than to correct him because he had the knife at that time. Besides, everybody knows eggs come from chickens. I am looking forward to another trip with Larry and Howard, I only hope they can control their emotions on the next trip. **Tom Gemelli**





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