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President's Message

It is that dreaded time of year when we launch the Association Raffle Ticket Campaign and try to make salesmen out of each and every one of you, a role you should find easy given our reputation and good work we do every year. Most of you reluctantly take some tickets (the minimum amount), toss them on your desk or dresser and forget about them until we call for them to be returned. The net result is a few tickets sold, except for Art who sells a boat load of tickets.

This year we are taking a different approach at the Sandy River Chapter. We aren't going to ask you to sell a single ticket. If you want to sell tickets we will give you as many as you can sell. What we are asking each of you to become

is a buyer. Not the buyer of \$100 worth or even \$50 in Tickets. We simply want you to buy \$20 worth of either 25 Trip Tickets or 5 Boat Tickets. \$20 and you don't have to feel embarrassed that they are still on your dresser, you'll have more room on your desk and we won't ask you again.

The Numbers:

There are 3,500 Boat Tickets, if you buy 5, your odds are 1 in 700

There are 20,000 Trip Tickets, if you buy 25, your odds are 1 in 800
There are 1,600 Steelheaders, if every Steelheader bought \$20 worth of Tickets, we would be sold out.

There are 220 Sandy Chapter Members, if you all buy \$20 worth, we'll raise \$8,800.

If you do your part (buy \$20 in Tickets) you will beat Art's record.

- Buy your tickets at the membership meeting
- Send a check payable to ANWS with your phone # to Doug Briggs, 1493 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060 or send your credit card information to dough@leewens.com

Doug Briggs



Trip Tickets

Association of Northwest Steelheaders
\$1 each 25 for \$20

Grand Prize: Four night, five day Alaska fishing pleasure cruise (cabin to be shared, meals for two people, airfare, etc. not included).
Prizes awarded by random drawing, drawings held at the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, 1493 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060. (503) 625-4175.
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What You Get For \$20.00

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The Annual Tillamook Fish-Along

The Annual Tillamook Fish-Along is slated for September 19th thru the 21th. Cost for the food associated with the event is \$50, which includes a Dinner Friday & Saturday nights at Nom & Joli's beach house. There will be a light continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning at the Ritchies' and the Neiwerts' beach homes. Anglers are on their own for lunch on Saturday and meals after breakfast on Sunday.

We have limited lodging (sleeping bags on beds or cots) for about six people each at the Ritchie beach house in Rockaway and Eric Neiwert's beach house in Netarts. Others will need to make their reservations at local hotels, RV & camping parks or with coastal friends. Here are a couple of your better options:

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At the boat ramp in Garibaldi, OR 97118

Reservations: 503.322.3251

Website: www.harborviewfun.com

Barview Jetty County Camp Ground

8000 Cedar St, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

(503) 322-3522

Reservation web site: <http://reservations.co.tillamook.or.us>

Sign up after the
meeting on
Wednesday
September 3rd

The same with boats, we have a limited number of seats. If more people sign up than we have room for, we will select based on volunteer hours from the past year. Boat and lodging assignments will be announced on Friday September 12th. If you make motel reservations, confirm you can cancel a week before.

Fishing is for all day Saturday & ½ day on Sunday. On Friday there will be fishing while the crab pots soak. The dates for this year's event were driven by competing events, tides and availability of personnel with boats.

Contact Doug Briggs

503 729-2023,

dougb@leewens.com

The Sandy River Chapter Tillamook Fish Along is September 19th thru the 21st.

.So far we have the following:

4 boats with 9 seats beyond the boat owners,

Lodging for 12 people,

11 people have signed up

We need more boats and more fishermen



Boating Safety Tips

When anchoring be sure that your bow line is shorter than your boat so as not to get tangled in the propeller.



License Fee Proposal

The Fish and Wildlife Commission also approved a budget proposal calling for increases in most fishing and hunting licenses and tags, beginning in 2016. Instead of a one-shot 26 percent (average) hike, the bite would be spread over three budget cycles, through 2020.

Also adopted were proposals for an ocean endorsement for non-salmon (\$10), a new pioneer fee (\$6) and a new juvenile license for those between 12-17 (\$10).

A proposed fee schedule is found on the ODFW Web site. Click on "About us," then "Budget," then find the link "2015-17 budget development process and proposal" then find the links on the list.

The proposals are far from final. The budget now heads to Gov. John Kitzhaber's office, which can make changes before sending it to the Legislature in January

-Bill Monroe



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day
- 3 **Membership Meeting**
Guest Speaker Fetha Stix Rods
- 10 **Board Meeting**
- 19 -21 Tillamook Fish-Along
Doug Briggs
(503) 729-2023

OCTOBER

- 1 **Membership Meeting**
Guest Speaker Larry Palmer
Fall Chinook on Spinners
- 8 **Board Meeting**
- 13 Colubus Day

NOVEMBER

- 2 Daylight Savings time ends
- 5 **Membership Meeting**
Guest Speaker Dave Calhoun
NW Composite Rods
- 8 **Clinic Larrry Palmer/ODFW**
Winter Steelhead
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 **Board Meeting**
- 16 Hall of Fame Auction
and Banquet
- 27 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 **Membership Meeting**
Town Hall:
Bruce Polley - President CCA
Bob Rees - Exec, director ANWS
Trey Carskardon - Director of
Legal Affairs for ANWS
- Topics:**
Gill Nets, legal Issues
ANWS Events and open Q & A
- 10 **Board Meeting**
- 25 Christmas Day

2015

FEBRUARY

- 7 **Fishing Clinic**

MAY

- 9 **Fishing Clinic**
Contact Larry Palmer
503-286-2093



September 23rd is the first day of Autumn



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Membership Meetings

When:

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

*No meetings in
July and August*

Where

Sam Cox Building,
Glenn Otto Park
1102 E Columbia River Highway
Troutdale, OR

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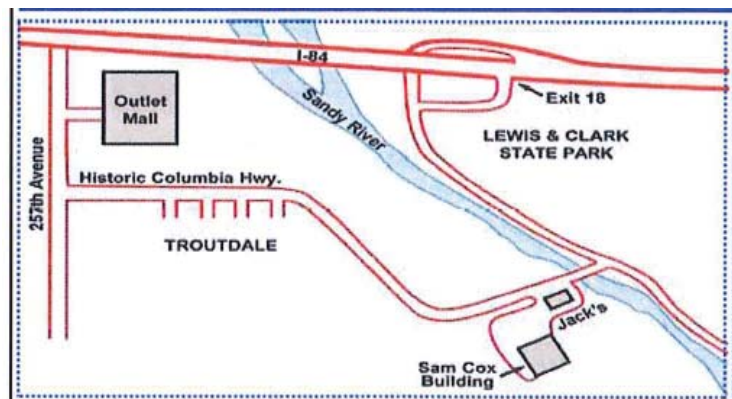
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Sandy River Chapter Fishing Clinics

The steelhead clinic our chapter did at Camp Angelo on April 5th was very well received by the students and our partners in this effort, ODFW. Both were quite impressed with the excellent instruction offered by our presenters and the helpfulness of our members. The lunch was popular too. I certainly agree!

ODFW contacted Doug Briggs and myself, expressing an interest in doing more clinics. We made an agreement with them to do the following clinics-

- Saturday Nov. 8th - 9 AM - 5:30 PM Winter Steelhead
- Saturday Feb. 7th - 9 AM - 5:30 PM Spring Chinook
- Saturday May 9th - 9 AM - 5:30 PM Summer Steelhead

All clinics will be held at our regular meeting place, the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Park.

These clinics will be a bit longer than the April clinic allowing more "hands on" time to learn the knots and rigging methods. A great new feature is that as part of the fee paid to register for the class, the students will receive a one year membership to the NW Steelheaders!

These clinics represent a significant new way of recruiting members, and providing angling instruction to interested people. Let me encourage all members to volunteer to help out in putting on the clinics. As a volunteer you get to be at the class for no charge, and you will be helping someone new learn more about fishing. Hey, I learned a new trick or two myself!

Please contact me at-
palmerlarryd@yahoo.com
503-286-2093
Thanks
Larry Palmer



Want to email someone that you see on the Sandy Chapter Website? When you see a name identified as "By" or "Contact", just hover your cursor over the person's name and then click. Your default email will be activated with the person's email address inserted and ready to go.



Fall Sandy River Clean Up

Greetings Sandy Chapter members! I know this is short notice but I have scheduled our Fall river clean up for Saturday September 13th 2014 from 9:00am to 12:00noon meeting in the parking lot at Glenn Otto Park for the distribution of gloves, trash bags, safety vests, and litter pick up tools.

I will have a sign-up sheet at our September 3rd meeting for those wanting to volunteer, or you can call me at 503 665 3953 and I will put you on the list. Thanks!

Russ Sumida
Director River Clean Up





Sandy River Chapter Fishing Clinics

11/8/2014

2/7/2015

5/9/2015

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

ODFW Stream Project Event

9/27/2014

Contact
Robert Wisher
(503) 780-8212
rjwisherstix@gmail.com



Anglers on the lower Columbia River risk stiff fines for lingering in the wrong waters

Anchors aweigh, folks --
aweigh and away.

Columbia River shipping
traffic will come with armed es-
corts this month and next.

Armed with citations, that
is, issued to anglers and other

boaters who either don't think
they need to get out of the way
or wait too long.

Oregon and Washington
sheriff's deputies, the Oregon
State Marine Board, Washing-
ton fish and wildlife cops and
the U.S. Coast Guard are gear-
ing up a response to the highly
touted record salmon run and
the floating traffic jam it will cre-
ate.

"Operation Make Way" is
specifically aimed at anglers (or
other boaters) anchored in the
lower river's shipping lanes. Pi-
lots and captains of large ships,
some loaded to within inches
of the river bottom, dread this
season and are especially con-
cerned this year because of the
increased sportfishing fleet. You
may think you're pulling an an-
chor in time, but remember --
you disappear quickly from view
from the bridge of that ship,
where every day is Sunday dur-
ing the fall salmon run.

Chinook run deep and if you
remain anchored too long in the
shipping channel, your pock-
ets had better be deep, too. If
you're lucky, an Oregon
sheriff's deputy can only
issue a \$260 ticket. The
sailors in orange and blue
Coast Guard uniforms can
pack up to a \$2,000 colli-
sion alarm for violation of
federal right-of-way rules.

Flashing blue lights typi-
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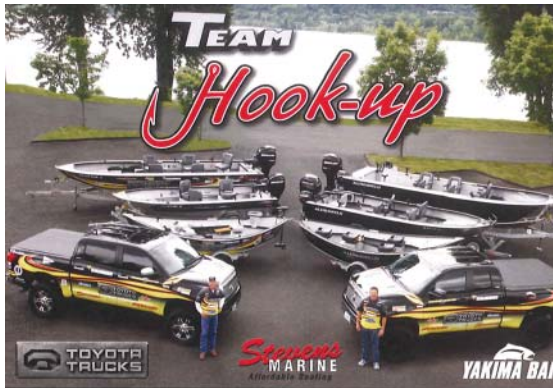
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48 Oz.	\$7.20 each
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80 Oz.	\$12.00 each

Contact
Larry McClintock
(503) 257-0553



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Fishing Schedule

December, January, February, March.....Winter Steelhead - Sturgeon - Walleye
 March, April, May, June, July.....Spring & Summer Salmon - Steelhead - Sturgeon - Walleye
 August, September, October, November.....Fall Salmon - Steelhead - Walleye



This year's SHOT will be held October 10th and 11th in Tillamook. Please save the date and register. For more information go to nwsteelheaders.org.



Angler 1 Name _____ Address _____ City, State Zip _____ Mobile # _____ Home # _____ E-mail _____		Give it your best SHOT! Before Sept. 1 Sept. 2-Oct. 7 One angler \$90 One angler \$100 Team \$270 Team \$300 Team name _____
Angler 2 Name _____ Address _____ City, State Zip _____ Mobile # _____ Home # _____ E-mail _____		I am paying \$ _____ for _____ # of anglers. <input type="checkbox"/> By check or money order <input type="checkbox"/> Authorizing MC or Visa payment Name on Card _____ Zip Code on Card _____ Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Angler 3 Name _____ Address _____ City, State Zip _____ Mobile # _____ Home # _____ E-mail _____		Send to: Northwest Steelheaders 6641 SE Lake Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97222 You can also register by calling 503-653-4176 or online at www.nwsteelheaders.org/events/SHOT



Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday – August 13, 2014

Called to order: 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Doug B, Steve R, Art I, Kathryn I, Larry P, Doug M, Russ S, Robert W, Bill K, Scott B, Nona B, John H, Leslie H, Mike M, Lee V, John B, Larry M

- Doug commented on the Fishing Clinic held on Saturday, big pat on the back from ODFW. Doug's favorite comment on student feedback: "I got a bargain"

- John distributed treasurer's report, in the future the reports can have more detail on specific events

Doug introduced Bill Kirkpatrick, member, retired CPA and Audit Committee Chair. The Committee reviewed financial information for Chapter and offered recommendations for a more clear and concise financial statement. Their recommendations included: reporting designed for chapter level, specific event reporting, add a transfer line item to account for transfers between accounts, and suggest the Association take control of the Classic event's accounting. Doug thanked the Audit Committee for their work.

Discussed newsletter – July/August double issue. Doug expressed that he would like the newsletter and website to have the same information. Scott to write piece on safety.

Larry gave ODFW update on clinic and future clinics. Reviewed feedback comments from clinic participants. Overall most were satisfied and some suggestions included: arrange room differently, had a hard time hearing. Suggestion of U shaped tables – speakers can interact better with participants and use of audio/video equipment available at meeting hall. Jeff Fallop and Tom Smoot arrived at the clinic to observe and critique – good feedback.

Robert updated on STEP program. Events scheduled for 9/6/14 for tree placing and 9/27 for potential carcass toss. For the tree planting at the Delta, Doug suggested working in pairs for safety.

Doug, Lee and his Daughter, Juliana, volunteered pulling up Police-man helmet weeds.

Doug inquired about the carcass storage trailer. The project is

stalled due to trying to determine specifications – trailer or container, used or new. There have not been any discussions that anyone is aware of regarding getting permission from property owners.

Russ is heading up the fall clean up on Saturday 9/13 – needs to get in newsletter and will have volunteer sign up sheets at the membership meeting.

Doug asked about SOLV and the release forms for volunteers that seemed to have a scary effect – Russ & Doug will discuss further offline.

Robert displayed and explained the activity board that has the current year events – Each month display, a week by week overview.

Doug to get with Doug Miller about the things needed for the Outdoor GPS picnic on 8/23.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

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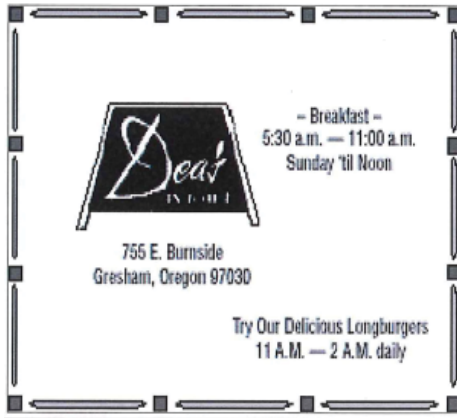
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The Sandy River Chapter Helps Robert Remove Policeman's Helmet.

Robert Wisher (cameraman), Lee VanSpeybrock, his daughter Juli-ana and Doug Briggs joined Cor-rine Handelman from the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council (3rd from right) in removing the invasive non-native plant growing on the Salmon River wetlands.

Located at milepost 39.5, Wild-wood Park is a large natural space with miles of walking trails (as-phalt) and a salmon viewing sta-tion. Definitely worth the drive & preserving.



The Policeman's Helmet has an ex-plosive seed pod that disperses 200 seeds per pod. There are 5 pods per stem. We calculated that we pulled well over 100 plants removing over 100,000 seeds from the river bank. The seeds are spread by birds, wind and the water.



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Please do not forget 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

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hour Report

Name:

Event:

Date:

Hours:

Event:

Date:

Hours:

Event:

Date:

Hours:

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).



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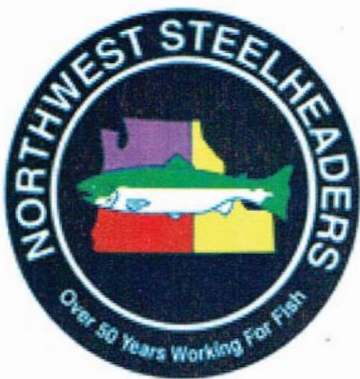
Welcome New Members,

Attached is a sample copy of Certificate for a an Association of NW Steelheader hat. The certificate will be sent to you with your membership card. Preset your Certificate at any chapter meeting or at the main office as indicated. Included is a list of Chapters and their meeting locations and times. As a member you may attend any meeting at any time. You may also bring a guest.

Attendees to the Sandy River Chapter can expect the following:

- Registration at the entry with verification of your address, phone numbers & e-mail address
- Present Certificate for Association hat, if applicable (certificates are returned to the Association office)
- If you can tie one of the Clinic knots (egg loop, bobber stop, Palomar or Clinch) you receive a prize drawing ticket
- Door prize tickets are available; before the meeting, during the break and prior to the drawings for \$1 each
- During the meeting you will be introduced and asked to stand
- As a new member you will receive a steelhead spinner
- We have a written agenda, start at 7:00 p.m., adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and have a guest speaker.
- Coffee is available for a donation, and Robert Wisher provides culinary delights.
- We end with a series of door prize drawings
- Sandy River Chapter members receive a copy of our monthly newsletter via email. Copies can be mailed to non-computerized members. All ANWS members receive the Steelheader magazine.

Steelheaders are more than a fisherman's club, we are a volunteer organization doing projects and fund raisers to improve fishing opportunities. The Sandy Chapter donated 5,358 manhours to these efforts last year. That is about 2-1/2 hours a month. Our Goal is 3 manhours a month. Volunteer early & often.



Certificate

The bearer of this certificate is entitled to one Northwest Steelheaders hat when presented during a meeting of any chapter of the Steelheaders or by making an appointment at the main office, 6641 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, 503-653-4176.

COLUMBIA RIVER

Second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Pied Piper Pizza
12300 NE Fourth Plain Road, Vancouver

DESCHUTES BASIN

Meetings scheduled based upon
Fishery needs
Contact Joyce Sherman, 541-614-1252

EMERALD EMPIRE

First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Veterans' Memorial Building
1626 Willamette Street, Eugene

MCLOUGHLIN

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Denny's
15815 SE 82nd Drive, Clackamas

CHAPTER MEETINGS

MID VALLEY

First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Albany Senior Citizens Center
489 Water Avenue NW, Albany

MOLALLA RIVER

Third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Farmstead Restaurant
28313 S Highway 213, Molalla

NEWBERG

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Chehalem Senior Center
101 Foothills Drive, Newberg

NORTH COAST

Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
ODFW Tillamook Office
4907 Third Street, Tillamook

SALEM

Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
City of Keizer Community Center
930 Chemawa Road NE, Keizer

SANDY RIVER

First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Glenn Otto Park
1208 Hist. Col. River Hwy., Troutdale

TOM McCALL

Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
Old Spaghetti Factory
0715 SW Bancroft Street, Portland

TUALATIN VALLEY

Second Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Aloha American Legion Hall
20325 SW Alexander, Aloha

Most chapters do not have regular meetings during July and August.



I ♥ MY
HANDHELD
WIRELESS DEVICE





Members,

The “Spreading Attacks on Sport-fishing” is going to affect you for the following reasons:

- A million fewer releases (in Washington) translates to an immediate reduction the number of fish in the whole eco system each year for 12+ years
- The commercial fleet will get the same quota on fewer fish
- The tribal interest will claim their ½ of a diminishing whole arguing for a large % to maintain the same number of fish
- The self-serving special interest groups like NFS will be embolden by their purported win, using the Gestapo tactic of bullying public officials
- Since the commercial interests and the tribal interests will retain or actually increase their number of fish, it leaves fewer & fewer fish for the sport fishermen.

The increased legal action is designed to weaken ODFW further by pulling valuable budget \$ from hatcheries to fund the legal Issues

What has the Sandy River Chapter done to thwart these real threats?

· Sandy River provided the early funding of \$1,000 towards the Amicus Brief on the NFS suit on the Sandy

· We were an early Sponsor and Producer of the video Hatchery and Wild

· We pledged another \$1,000 to the River Defense Fund, which is the McKenzie

· We donated the 2013 and 2014 proceeds from the Sandy Spring Chinook Classic to the River Defense Fund, nearly \$10,000

· The Amicus Brief was so effective the McKenzie plaintiffs filed a motion preventing a similar filing with the court

· Sandy River pledged future proceeds from the Classic to the River Defense Fund

The Members of Sandy River Chapter should be proud, as we are making a difference. The leadership would be ineffective without the ‘volunteering’ Membership’s overwhelming support.

What Can You Do in Support

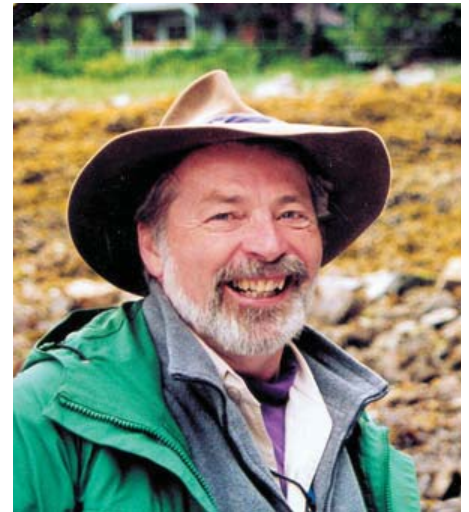
- Get Involved
- Write Elected Officials
- Sell Raffle Tickets
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- Support Our Fund Raising Events Banquet, Auctions, Etc.
- Volunteer, Early and Often

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Attack on Sportfishing Spreads!

By



Terry W. Sheely

Wild Fish Zealots Now Targeting Wenatchee, Methow, Entitat Hatcheries

Meeting little opposition from sport-fishing advocates, tribal fish managers or industrialists while pocketing thousands of dollars in questionable settlement payoffs from WDFW, the Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC) has again expanded its threat to eliminate or seriously reduce competition from hatchery salmon and steelhead in a singular quest to expand wild-fish in Washington.

This time, in their push to propagate wild salmon and steelhead by sacrificing sportfishing opportunity the small Duvall-based non-profit group, Wild Fish Conservancy filed a 60 day notice of intent on July 9 to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Admin-

istration alleging violations of the Endangered Species Act.

WFC Director Kirk Beardslee has called WDFW's recent anti-hatchery settlements, "a huge win" that positions the group to now challenge the federal facilities.

Beardslee's celebratory reference is to WFC's controversial spring deal with WDFW Director Phil Anderson that essentially killed winter steelheading on west slope Puget Sound rivers. Without consulting sport or tribal user steelhead groups, Director Anderson said that to avoid fighting WFC's threatened lawsuit over ESA permit violations he felt he had to cave-in to WFC threats. He authorized paying the group \$45,000 in agency money to cover WFC legal fees, agreed to cancel stocking of 990,000 winter steelhead in all west slope rivers, except the Skykomish, and instead dumped the smolts into land locked trout lakes in eastern Washington. He also agreed to WFC's demands for a 12-year prohibition on stocking the Skagit River system.

The adult survivors of the derailed west slope winter-run hatchery planting were steelhead that would have provided fish for western Washington winter steelheading in 2015-16, and provide the brood stock necessary to produce smolts for the 2017-18 steelhead season. By unilaterally agreeing to WFC's demands Anderson effectively killed Puget Sound winter steelhead fishing for most of a decade.

Anderson's capitulation to WFC's demands, without a defensive move caught tribal fish managers and sport-fishermen by stunning surprise. One group, Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) sent a letter of "no confidence" in Anderson's ability to lead WDFW and resource management, to Washington governor Inslee and WDFW commissioners. A second letter signed by all the major sport-fish-

ing organization stressed the value of winter steelhead sportfishing to the state, laid out several management options whereby hatchery and wild steelhead could coexist, wild fish would recover and sport-fishing could continue.

Neither Governor Inslee or the commissioners have sent responses to the letters.

Coming off that easy win against WDFW, WFC is now accusing federal agencies of violating ESA guidelines at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery by planting hatchery salmon and steelhead that "harms and kills ESA-listed Upper Columbia spring chinook and steelhead and bull trout." The targeted Leavenworth hatchery complex includes salmon and steelhead facilities on the Wenatchee, Methow and Entitat rivers.

Hatchery fish are the foundation of sportfishing in Washington salmon and steelhead rivers. Without hatchery fish to catch sportfishing will collapse because it is illegal for anglers to target wild anadromous fish in Washington rivers.

The notice of intent to sue is the preservationist group's first attack on federal agencies and follows essentially several unchallenged victories at the state level. The basis of the suit is that the federal agencies violate ESA law by planting hatchery fish that may compete with wild fish. That's the bottom line of a list of potential permit and mandate violations.

According to the threatened suit, "The Hatchery harms and kills ESA-listed Upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon and steelhead, and bull trout through a variety of mechanisms. This take of threatened and endangered species violates section 9 of the ESA."

Sport-fishing advocacy groups, while saying they strongly disagree with the WFC science bias, un-

founded accusations and wild fish platform at the expense of steelheading and salmon fishing, have been slow to react or take action against either WFC or WDFW.

There has been lots of river chatter about suing WDFW over the decision to pay off WFC and kill steelheading on Puget Sound rivers but little actual repercussions.

Puget Sound and Columbia tribes have also been strangely quiet to WFC attacks that threaten hatchery operations critical to tribal fisheries and appear to violate fishery treaty agreements.

Senate Committee Hearing

One of the few loud voices railing against WDFW and WFC's questionable buyout package is State Senator Kirk Pearson, R-Monroe, a longtime supporter of sport-fishing and head of the Senate Natural Resources and Parks Committee.

The senator called a senate committee hearing of multi user groups to investigate WDFW's payoff and settlement agreements with WFC, including Director Anderson's decision to exclude tribes, commercials and sport-fishing groups from the negotiations. That they were left out of the original WDFW pay-off talks with WFC, and not allowed to present evidence that disputes WFC's claims has been a major sticking point for some organizations.

Senator Pearson's committee hearing was to be held July 29, which is after The Reel News August deadline. Scheduled to participate and offer testimony are WDFW's Jim Scott, WFC Director Kirk Beardslee, both present at the original agreement negotiation; and representatives who were omitted from the original WDFW/WFC agreement meetings, including represen-

tatives from three tribes, NOAA and sport-fishing advocacy organizations.

Spokesmen for most of the sport-fishing groups said that their future course of reaction to the Leavenworth and Puget Sound hatchery hits will be based on what happens at the Pearson hearing. Pearson is an ally of sport fishermen, and been outspoken in his opposition to WDFW's agreements supporting WFC's anti-hatchery stance.

WDFW Caved To Bullying

In an op-ed piece in the Everett Herald Senator Pearson described WFC's legal threats as "bullying" and faulted WDFW for caving in to preservationist bullies at the expense of sport fishermen.

"The (WDFW) agency claims its mission includes providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities," Senator Pearson points out, "yet it recently slashed fishing opportunities by cutting a deal with Wild Fish Conservancy — a bully threatening the state with lawsuits." Senator Pearson criticized WDFW for "deciding it was easier to appease the bully and eliminate the threat of the lawsuit than it was to continue to fight the lawsuit," and defend hatchery-based sport fishing.

The senator was also quick to point out that WDFW had already invested upward of a million agency dollars in rearing the steelhead smolts abandoned by the WFC agreement and that if allowed to be stocked in west slope rivers those relocated steelhead would have generated between \$7 and \$10 million in annual revenue.

Who Will Fund WDFW

By abandoning the state's larg-

est steelhead program, WDFW is likely to have eliminated a major funding source. A spokesman for the Steelhead Trout Club of Washington told TRN that his group fears WDFW has cut off significant fishing license sales. "License revenue," he said, "is going to dramatically decline and then who's going to fund (wild) fish programs or WDFW?"

It's a question I heard echoed by all the major sport-fishing groups who point out that if WFC continues to eliminate or reduce hatchery steelhead fishing opportunities the sale of fishing licenses, a major part of WDFW's operating budget, is likely to plummet.

"WFC may win," said a disgruntled steelheader, "but if they cut off the license money supply to WDFW, who's going to manage and pay for their wild fish restoration programs? WFC's non-profit contributors? It's a small group," he said, "I doubt they'll fund anything. WFC may win the battle but we'll all lose the war."

It's a question likely to come up at Senator Pearson's committee hearing.

The senator's committee hearing is the first public airing the WFC controversy has run into and the first opportunity that pro-sports groups have had to counter WFC arguments and to offer scientific data that supports biologically sound hatchery supplemental programs.

Before winning the West Slope nowinter steelhead decision from WDFW, WFC had already won a virtually uncontested concession from WDFW that eliminated the Snider Creek wild-steelhead enhancement program on the Sol Duc River. Operated by the peninsula guides' association, the Snider Creek rearing facility raised wild stock steelhead to create a popular Sol Duc River sport-fishing pro-

gram from wild steelhead genetics. Wild fish advocates argued, with little opposition from WDFW that because the fish were reared in man made rearing ponds they were not truly wild despite their genetics.

WFC was also given several thousand dollars by WDFW if they agreed to delay legal challenges to the Tokul Creek steelhead hatchery on the Snoqualmie River.

By bullying WDFW's Anderson into shutting down west slope steelhead fishing for at least a decade and being paid by the state to do it, crippling Sol Duc steelheading and getting another state payoff to not immediately sue to stop the Tokul Creek operation, apparently has empowered the wild zealots to step-up their challenge to the federal hatchery level.

The Leavenworth national hatchery complex is critical to sport fishing in the lower, middle and upper Columbia River, the Wenatchee and Icicle rivers, the Methow and Entiat Rivers. Summer steelhead returns to the Methow River's fish hatchery at Winthrop has transformed that river into one of the most popular fall steelhead destinations in the Northwest, attracting fishermen from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Without hatchery steelhead to be caught, the Methow River fishery will collapse.

Several pro-sportfishing groups are beginning to weigh in.

After the west slope steelhead cancellation CCA of Washington wrote a letter to the fish and wildlife commissioners and overnor Jay Inslee voicing no confidence in WDFW Director Anderson and calling for an investigation of the payoff. Several groups signed off on a similar letter of noconfidence.

CCA Director Nello Picinich said,

“CCA Washington supports responsible, sciencedriven hatchery production as an important component in maintaining our fisheries.”

According to CCA, “License fee and excise tax revenue derived from recreational anglers is now WDFW’s single largest source of funding. WDFW ought to be looking for ways to increase hatchery production, through science-based tools like wild brood stock programs and improved smolt release strategies, rather than completely shutting down hatcheries and fisheries.”

Neither Governor Inslee or the WDFW commissioners have responded to the noconfidence letter.

Puget Sound Anglers’ Board President Ron Garner stressed, “We cannot allow extreme environmentalist to set precedence sue and stop our fisheries. These fish not being released hurts our communities that will see an instant negative economic effect. These areas rely on fishing as one of their big income generators.

“Fishermen will no longer be funding local businesses and millions of dollars in sales of licenses, gear, fuel and supplies will be lost.”

Before his committee hearing, Senator Pearson railed, “Forcing taxpayers to pay tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees will only encourage extremist organizations, like the WFC, to continue to sue the state again and again, until they reach their ultimate goal — the elimination of all fish hatcheries.

“We can’t have government by lawsuit and intimidation. Nor should we allow a relatively small special interest group to control public policy for the entire state.”

Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA) executive director Liz Hamilton said her orga-

nization, while basically supporting sound hatchery operations, has not had a meeting to discuss a possible action, and has been seriously tapped by legal fights south of the Columbia River. Although she added, “I’d be surprised if we did not enter.”

Hamilton was critical of hatchery vs. wild platforms describing them as “polarizing.”

“They set us up for false choices, i.e. hatchery vs. wild, when it’s clear we need both,” she said.

NSIA was instrumental in funding successful opposition to a similar hatchery challenge by wild fish advocates on Oregon’s Sandy River this spring and is now fighting a similar hatchery challenge on the McKenzie River.

While saying NSIA is concerned over the Washington threat, Hamilton admits, that the Oregon legal fights have cut deeply into NSIA monies available for legal fights. “These cases cost an extraordinary amount of money. Attorney’s fees, huge amount of staff time,” Hamilton said.

Disappoin ted in WDFW

She said that the NSIA board had agreed to join legal action that would have defended the Puget Sound steelhead hatchery program, had WDFW fought it. “We were surprised and very disappointed that WDFW did not proceed with the case,” Hamilton said.

Another long-time NSIA Oregon leader Trey Carskadon, told TRN, “Frankly, most would agree that it’s a gross oversimplification of the problem to think that simply removing hatchery fish will somehow magically restore wild fish. There are several examples of streams (in Washington) that have had no hatchery production yet still

spit and sputter along in trying to boost wild salmon/steelhead populations. So I guess actions like this make these groups feel like they’re doing something productive.”

The wild card in all of this is where the Puget Sound and upriver Columbia tribes stand.

Unlike the state which could roll over and pay WFC not to sue without further authorization, federal agencies at Leavenworth have an agreement of Tribal Trust Responsibilities.” And the Leavenworth hatchery pool is a fishery, in the words of tribal spokesmen “important to tribal members as one of the few remaining places in Washington State that offers a productive fishing opportunity utilizing traditional methods.”

While tribal fishers kill both wild and hatchery steelhead and salmon, the bulk of their Wenatchee/Icicle River catch originates at the Leavenworth National Hatchery. The Tribal Trust agreement appears to bind the federal agencies being sued by WFC to defending hatchery fish that benefit the tribes. Unless modified through negotiation that agreement would also benefit, by default, sport fishing that depends on hatchery releases.

Sport fishermen are also watching to see if, like WDFW, the federal agencies or tribes pay WFC to drop or postpone legal challenge to the Leavenworth hatchery complex.

The future of anadromous sport-fishing hangs on the outcome.

What About t The Other “Natives”?

In their rush to convince WDFW and the feds to sacrifice hatchery fish that support sport-fishing in order to recover “native” salmon and steelhead the Native Fish Society, Wild Fish Conservancy and other

self-serving non-profits appear to have ignored another “native” group, and that group is not happy.

Upriver “Native Americans” are coming out swinging at one-sided efforts to reduce or eliminate hatchery operations in the name of native fish recovery.

The Nez Perce and other treaty tribes are openly critical of a federal fish management draft program they say would dramatically reduce or eliminate hatchery actions.

Hatcheries, they fume “are intended to protect, mitigate, and enhance salmon runs impacted by Columbia Basin dams.” If the proposed federal fish and hatchery management plan is approved, more than 20 percent of the hatchery production above Bonneville Dam would be curtailed, according to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Instead of reducing hatchery production, the tribes argue, WDFW, federal fish managers and power generating companies should build on the tribal partnerships and the salmon-steelhead run enhancement successes that the tribes have developed throughout the basin. They also want to see salmon and steelhead shuttled above fish ladder-less Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams.

The Northwest Power Council is saying no.

It rejects the tribe’s request to make the above-Grand Coulee issue part of the federal hatchery program, insisting instead that above Grand Coulee issues should be negotiated as part of the U.S./Canada treaty.

Hatcheries, the tribes strongly emphasize are key parts of their comprehensive approach to rebuilding

healthy watersheds and restoring fish numbers. Well-managed hatcheries have been successful rebuilding tools, said the Yakama Nation’s Ray Colfax, in testimony on the proposed hatchery amendments.

Colfax pointed out that:

- Snake River fall chinook restoration that has gone from tens to tens of thousands of salmon in the last 25 years as a result of hatchery practices.

- Coho restoration success in the Wenatchee, Clearwater and Umatilla Rivers due to innovative tribal supplementation combining habitat restoration with propagation measures.

- Spring/summer chinook restoration in Johnson Creek, at tributary to the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River in Idaho. This program has demonstrated that propagation can rebuild abundance without affecting genetic diversity.

- The Cle Elum hatchery spring chinook program is the largest and oldest hatchery program funded under the Northwest Power Act. It has produced extensive contributions to the data-based scientific literature substantiating the benefits of propagation measures.

“In 2013 everyone in the Columbia Basin celebrated the largest fall chinook run that the region has seen since the construction of Bonneville Dam,” says Yakama Wilbur Slockish, Jr., “In the end, over 1.2 million fall chinook returned to the Columbia River Basin. However, the very programs that played a large part in last year’s fall chinook success will be directly impacted by the proposed amendments.”

A spokesman for the Northwest Power and Conservation Council says they don’t intend to curb hatchery production, only to rebuild wild stocks. What he didn’t say was how wild stocks would be

rebuilt without curbing hatchery fish numbers.

The tribes are standing by published scientific data documenting “that hatchery production is necessary to support the rebuilding of runs that spawn in the wild.”

Buo y 10 Launc hes Super Salmon Year

August 1 launched the Buoy 10 fishery and soon we’ll know for sure if the predicted run of 1.6 million fall kings and 900,000 coho are coming in as forecasted, and providing a bragging season for the ages.

Enthusiasm is soaring from one end of the river to the other, as it should, because if the salmon runs surge in at the numbers forecasted we’re going to be fishing on more salmon than we’ve had in the river in the last **three-quarters of a century!** It comes with shots at clipped and unclipped salmon and a three-coho limit at Buoy 10.

Fish managers are sticking to the original estimates and the overall forecast has not changed as run-size reevaluations come in.

“We’ve got close to twice the chinook abundance as last year, and that’s going to make a big difference,” says Doug Milward, WDFW coastal salmon resource manager, adding. “It will absolutely be one of the most significant seen in years, and there will be no better place to be than the coast.”

And that’s cause to celebrate.

The 2014 seasons are based on a projected record return of 1.6 million fall chinook and over 900,000 hatchery coho.

Fall Salmon/Steelhead

Buoy 10: August 1 – December 31:

Retention of clipped adult coho and clipped steelhead. August 1 – 29: Retention of chinook fin-clipped or not is allowed with bag limit of two adult salmonids, but only one of which may be a chinook.

August 30 – September 1: Retention of adipose or left-ventral fin-clipped adult chinook is allowed. The daily bag limit is two but only one chinook. September 2 – 30: Closed for chinook but the daily bag limit jumps to three adult coho or one coho and two hatchery steelhead.

More Science Backing Hatcheries

Creating fish for harvest while protecting threatened wild Snake River salmon and steelhead is a critical management challenge for Lower Snake River Compensation Plan managers, but one they are equipped to handle, according to the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP).

“Overall, the hatchery component is scientifically sound, according to the ISRP.

“After Snake River spring and fall chinook and steelhead were listed by the ESA. “The ISRP found that the hatchery programs for steelhead and spring and fall chinook salmon are largely consistent with the scientific foundation, artificial production strategy, and artificial production principles contained in the Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program,” the report says.

“Fall chinook supplementation has likely contributed to the recent increases in natural-origin fish abundance in the Snake River Basin, but the productivity of the natural-spawning population remains very low,” the report says. “Clear evidence for density dependence has

been observed in supplemented populations, especially in spring chinook, and this ecological response may inhibit desired increases in abundance and productivity.

“In fall chinook, there has been a marked increase in natural-origin fish, and it is reasonable to believe that a number of these represent the progeny of naturally spawning hatchery fish. For logistical reasons, assessing the role of supplementation versus improvements in survival and harvest reductions is not complete, concludes the LSRP study.

McKenzie Hatchery Closing Battle

The fight to stave off efforts by wild-fish extremists to cripple the McKenzie River hatchery operation has turned into a battle headed for court.

Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, McKenzie River Guides Association and the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, are lining up a legal defense supporting the McKenzie River spring chinook hatchery production in the Willamette Basin.

On the other side are Native Fish Society and McKenzie River Fly-fishers who have sued ODFW and the Army Corps of Engineers seeking major reductions in the number of hatchery adults returning to the McKenzie River Basin.

In a published statement NSIA argues, “that ODFW is managing their hatcheries to protect wild fish.” Adding, “We do not support the Corps of Engineers being released from any of their obligations to mitigate for permanently blocking most of the prime spawning habitat for wild spring chinook with flood control dams.

“We intend to inform the judge of

the important economic, cultural and environmental values derived from these (hatchery) fish.”

The groups are asking for support from the sport fishing community, “to defend the system, just as a similar survey did for the Sandy River Hatchery.” A similar attack against hatchery plants of fish with wild fish genetics on the Sandy Hatchery was rejected by the courts last spring after being challenged by sport-fishing advocates.

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COLUMBIA RIVER REFORM MANAGEMENT UPDATE

By
Brad Halverson

Tony Nigro and John North testified at the recent Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting regarding the 2014 Pilot Commercial Seine Fishery in the Columbia River. It appeared that the WDFW was the driver behind this test fishery, and the framework for it was developed in conjunction with the Columbia River Commercial Fishery Advisory Group. In addition, these groups worked in consultation with NOAA.

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Commissioner Weber asked how mop up fisheries in Zones 4 & 5 impact the economic picture for commercials? The response was that since 2011, the compact have not allowed nets in Zone 4, just Zone 5 exclusively. They will most likely have an early Fall to end of October opportunity this year.

He also asked what other types of

alternative gear are being tested? The following were listed as under scrutiny for selectivity and mortality: commercial trolling gear used in the river; fish traps; fish wheels; arrow nets (shore based lead that leads fish into a trap); hook and line (most likely analytical test rather than field exercise).

Commissioner Atkinson asked why steelhead mortality is so much lower than that shown for salmon? They said they didn't know. It is hypothesized that marking and tagging released test fish adds greatly to their mortality. Finally, Nigro and North stated they have developed a **Functional Mortality Rate** rather than an **Actual Mortality Rate**.

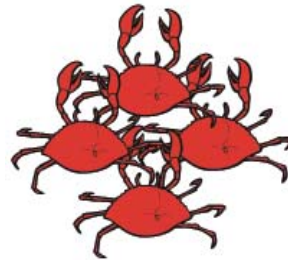
Chair Levy expressed concern about the approaching (2-1/2 years) deadline for removing gill nets from the mainstem, and how can off channel areas be made more viable? They responded that select areas were only down this Spring. Otherwise, they have been performing within stipulated boundaries for Coho and Fall Chinook.

During the public Q&A, a spokesman for the commercials (I believe Steve Fick was his name, but uncertain) said we need to implement adaptive management sooner than later due to these lower ex vessel values and higher mortalities. They need to be given larger impacts for the use of alternative gear than what was originally called for in the Reform. He also postulated that just adding stocks to select areas will create enhanced predation impacts like we see on East Sand Island. He had some vague biological, ecological reason why creating what he termed **artificial fisheries** are bad, and used Young's Bay this spring to make his point. Not sure how all that connected. When asked about his Alaska experiences by Chair Levy, he said they use Abundance Based quotas there and it works better. When she

asked him what the mortality rate in Alaska is he answered, "100%! We catch everything." How's that for honesty.

Director Elicker jumped in at this point and said we would not be using Abundance Based quotas in Oregon. He reminded everyone

that we are part of an International Treaty: The Pacific Salmon Treaty, and those partners in that treaty (Alaska, Washington, Canada) using these quotas fish on our fish and impact our fisheries negatively. He said the next negotiation for this treaty will in all likelihood be contentious.



Come and join us for a lot of fun and a boat load of crab. Then it is Time for the best part and that is the eating of the days catch! I can taste them already, How about you? Set your calendar for the primo event of our annual Crab-A-Long!

McLoughlin Steelheaders Crab - A - Long September 13th 2014 Garibaldi, Oregon

The What: A week of crabbing fun in and around the Garibaldi area culminating in a group dinner Potluck Saturday night along with the trophy for biggest crab caught that day for chapter members. The dinner takes place at the campground at whichever RV has the biggest awning. This year Tom Smoot has reserved space 26 starting on the 10th.

The When: September 13th is the main event but most folks come down and crab together for the whole week. Some stay at hotels but most of us camp at Barview County Park

The Where: Barview Jetty County Park. This is where we camp for the week and where the dinner on the 13th will take place. The good folks down at the campground try to get us all camping close together. So when you call to make a site reservation just let them know you're with the Steelheaders near space 24 or 26. The Chapter will cover 1 night stay for this Membership drive and appreciation at the State Park for McLoughlin members listed as their first chapter who turn receipt into Tom Smoot, so bring guest and sign them up.

Any member bringing a boat and taking out people, who would like to experience the fun of crabbing, will have their boat fuel reimburse with receipt, up to \$25.

**This event is open to all chapters and we would love to see you there!
Make your reservations by calling Barview Jetty Park at (503) 322-3522
If you have any questions please call Tom Smoot at 503-341-3939.**