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Our Mission Statement

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

Did you know you can access our newsletter anytime? Just go to our website <http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/Newsletter>.

Meetings

September 6

Chapter Meeting 6:30-9 p.m., Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park.

September 13

Chapter Board Meeting ** I need where & when I know it changed

October 4th

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October 11th

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Events / Workshops

August 26th

Sandy Chapter's Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue on Noon to 4:00 pm, at Rooster Rock State Park

September 16

NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along
Contact: Norm Richie 503-807-7729
neritchie1@gmail.com

Sept 20

ExCoM Meeting - NW Steelheaders

Oct. 5-7

2017 Salmon Hawg Open Tournament Clinic

October 7th

Bank Fish-a-Long. 6:30 am to 1:00 pm. Sandy River.
Contact Jim Cathcart; ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106 to register.

October 21

ODFW Family Fishing Event - Mt. Hood Pond

November 4th and 11th

Winter Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop. Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale. Full day in classroom on November 4th. Half day On the Water Session on November 11th. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Contact Jim Cathcart; ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106 to volunteer.

**** October Newsletter Deadline September 20, 2017**

Do you have questions about your rods, reels or tackle?

Take your fishing equipment and questions to our chapter meetings where experienced Chapter Members will be glad to help you solve your problems. This message brought to you by Sandy Chapter President, Steve Rothenbucher.

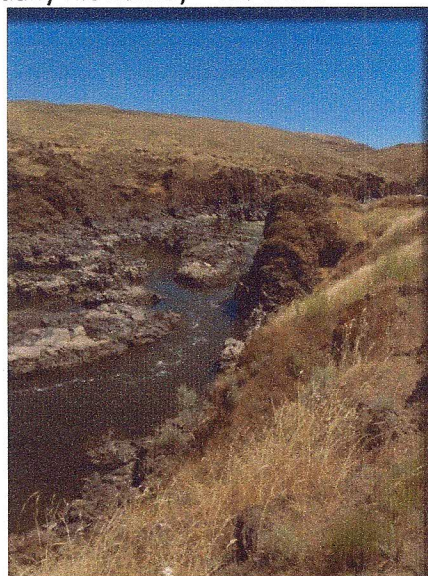
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One Last Cast

Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

The big one got away. That is never a good lead in line for describing how a fishing adventure went upon your return to reality. But, for me, it seems the old normal. I once heard or read that you tend to remember the fish you lose as oppose to the ones you land. My head is stuffed with memories. Here is the most recent.

I was fishing with John (let's call him John because that is actually his name) – we were spending a nice long weekend at the Chapter fish-along outing on the John Day Arm of the John Day Pool formed by the John Day Dam on the Columbia River. (Which is nowhere near John Day nor within the Path of Totality). We had heard of the catfish fishing along the lower John Day River in a spot called "The Narrows". If you have not been there, the best way to describe "The Narrows" is that it is like a mini Sherars Falls on the Deschutes River. Deep pools formed by bedrock cliffs and ledges below a fall. Catfish country. What we learned is that catfish – both channels and blues – are fluvial. Meaning, they migrate to spawn, but not from the ocean, but from the Columbia. May and June is the migration run and they use the John Day River to spawn. So, they keg up in The Narrows as they rest before navigating the cascades and falls. Naturally, people fish for them and do quite well – hauling stringers of 2 to 12-pound fish. If you don't know it, catfish are excellent table fare.



John wanted to give it a try. We looked at our gear and quickly concluded we had none suitable. Not deterred, I said "I can use my trout pole (which was subbing as my bass pole this trip) and just deal with it if I hook a fish So, we motored up to The Narrows, beached the boat, and hiked in the ½ mile to the fishing holes. I casted out night crawlers on a one ounce weight working the seams and eddies to get the worms down to the fish. One particular cast got below them pesky bass and I hooked up. I put everything my homemade fiberglass Fenwick spinning rod and 6 lb. Andre line could give and magically I worked the 8-pound blue catfish to a ledge. Problem – our net was safely stowed ½ mile down river. Then I forgot to do the math – holding an 8-pound fish out of the water on 6 lb. test results in only one thing when one is waiting for the other to go down and grab the fish. SNAAAAAAAAAAP!!!!!! You might have heard it, the sound was so loud. Both John and I thought the rod broke. (It didn't). The cat rolled back in the river with that "not this time" smirk and nod. Big one that got away.

Last Call for Signup! Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Sep. 16, 2017

Well, almost last call but if you won't be able to attend and sign up at the Sep. 6th Sandy Chapter meeting, you need to contact Norm Ritchie at (503) 807-7729 or email neritchie1@gmail.com to sign up or for additional details.

Show up Friday Sep. 15th by 6:00 pm for pizza dinner and a meet with Robert Bradley, District Fish Biologist followed by a fishing report and fishing clinic. (It's OK to show up later but pizza choices may be more limited.) 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. Sunday morning starts with another hot breakfast. 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.)

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. It is just south of Highway 6 on Third Street, just off the Wilson River Loop Road. (Turn south off Highway 6 at Wilson River Loop Road. This road ends at the fairground with the two story bunk house to your right.) Bring your



Close to a typical Tillamook Bay Fall Chinook catch at last year's Fish-Along.

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.) Got a boat? Bring it! Those volunteering their boats for this event will get a \$20 discount on their event registration. 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 Dungeness crab for Saturday Dinner – assuming we can catch enough prior to the event. Interested in doing some crabbing before Saturday? It's generally good in the bay in September and can be even better in the ocean. Let us know if you are interested, particularly if you have a boat and some traps.

Fee Schedule (Fees only cover actual costs of renting the dorm and RV spots and buying food.)

- Per individual staying at the dorm or RV: \$80 (no reduction for staying only one of the two nights – we still need to make accommodations)
- Per additional family member staying in RV (not at the dorm): \$50
- Per individual or family member not staying at the dorm but participating in evening meals and activities: \$30 (does not include breakfast or lunch)

****Those providing seats on their boats are offered a \$20 discount on their total fees as an incentive to bring boats. (Riders are still expected to cover boat gas, ramp fee, bait, etc.)**

Payment must be received no later than September 9th 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, 779 SW Mawcrest Drive, Gresham, OR 97080-6577.



Fresh caught and cooked crab is hard to beat!

Weather Cancellation can take place the morning of 9/14/17 due to extreme conditions making boating unsafe (eg. Gale force winds). All participants will be called if this happens. The registration fee will be returned less \$10. A donation receipt will be provided for the \$10 and the funds will defray the costs of food purchased for the event that will need to be donated to the local food bank. This has happened only once in the 21 years of this event, so the risk is low.

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

***Tualatin Valley Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Cross Training / Volunteering Opportunity at Cedar Creek Hatchery***

Cedar Creek Hatchery once again invites you to assist without annual Spring Chinook Round up and Spawning on September 5th 2017. We need approximately 30 people to assist us with seining and spawning adult Spring Chinook out of Three Rivers. This is a very good cross training / volunteering opportunity involving all aspects of adult Spring Chinook collection, snout removal, pathology sampling, stream enrichment and spawning.

New to the event will be a live demonstration by Whooshh Innovation. Whooshh will be using their "Salmon Cannon" to transfer fish from the river to the landing area for processing.

The work begins at 9:00am and will be followed by a BBQ lunch prepared by BBQ extraordinaire Neal Rash. Chest waders and/or rain gear are required for most people helping.

Please RSVP to Josh Rist at the Cedar Creek Hatchery, Joshua.R.Rist@state.or.us or 503-392-3485, or to STEP Biologist Ron Rehn, Ron.F.Rehn@state.or.us or 503-842-2741 x 244, by August 21st if you plan to attend.

*****We can only guarantee to have food for those who RSVP *****

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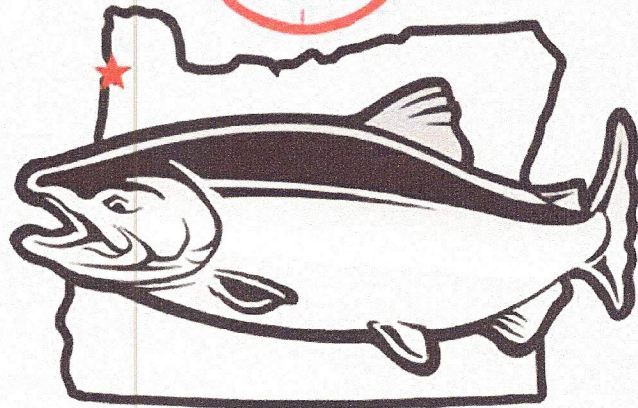
October 5 - 7, 2017

**County Fairgrounds,
Tillamook, Oregon**

Teams of 3 Anglers

**Registration Dinner,
Awards Banquet, Hosted
Bar, Trophies, Door Prizes,
Biggest Fish and Total Catch
Side Pools,**

**Silent Auction,
Commemorative gifts,
Photo Contest, and more!**



THINK BIGGER!

Overnight Accommodations

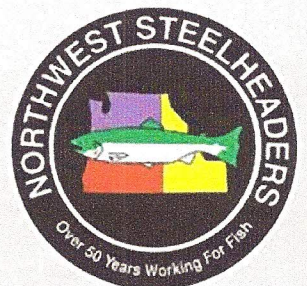
Tillamook has some great motels and camp grounds but if you are on a limited budget we have a bit more rustic solution - Stay at the Tillamook Fairground! The fairground's 4-H Bunkhouse and RV electrical and water hookups are available. See the registration form for costs. Bunkhouse guests need to bring a sleeping bag or bedding and shower, shaving kit, etc.

Door Prizes

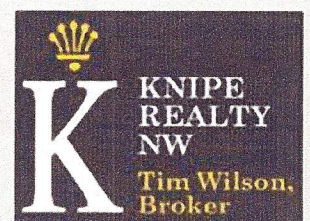
Everybody gets a prize! While most come from our donors, each team is to donate a prize (minimum \$25 value) representing the team and the joy of fishing. Bring your team donation to registration.

Register Today

Mail the form on the back, call 503-653-4176 or go to www/nwsteelheaders.org/events/shot



Alaska Wildland Adventures



Salmon Hawg Open Tournament Registration

Angler Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Other Phone _____

Email Address _____

Team Mate's Name _____

Team Mate's Name _____

Team Name _____

Mail registration to
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6641 SE Lake Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Angler Registration, \$100 per person \$ _____
(Non-NW Steelhead members will receive a free introductory membership. Members get a \$25 SHOT registration discount.)

Additional Award Banquet Dinners \$25 per Guest \$ _____

Stay at Fairground: 4-H Bunkhouse 3 nights for \$50, 2 nights for \$40, 1 night for \$25. RV with 20 amp for \$20 per night, with 30/50 amp \$25 per night.
(RV sites includes water but no waste dump.) \$ _____

Late Registration after 9/16/17 expedite fee \$5 per angler or Guest at banquet \$ _____

Total \$ _____

☐ Check or Money order

☐ Visa or Master Card, number _____

Zip code on card _____ Exp. Date _____

You can also register by calling **503-653-4176**
or on line at www/nwsteelheaders.org/events/shot

SHOT Rules

- Fishing is limited to Tillamook Bay, Nehalem Bay, and Nestucca Bay water sheds, including their tributaries and any legal bubble fishery that is open in the ocean at the mouth of these bays.
- Registration closes at 5:00 pm Monday 10/2/17. Fishing starts Friday and Saturday morning at the time it is legal to do so and ends when each angler needs to quit to make the weigh-in deadline. All anglers are encourage to attend the Thursday dinner, orientation, and clinic but at least one team member must attend this meeting.
- Fish will be weighed after removal of gills and entrails. This allows anglers to keep their catch at the highest quality possible. Take advantage of the law sponsored by the NW Steelheaders allowing these fish parts to provide nutrients by disposing of them in the waters from which the fish was caught.
- Fish must be weighed in by the deadline on the day they were caught. Weigh-in deadline at Tillamook Fairground is 7:00 pm on Friday and 5:00 pm on Saturday.
- Only legal adult Chinook will be counted for the tournament. Jacks or coho or dark fish (determined by the weighmaster) will not be counted.
- Most weight of fish caught will determine the winning teams. In the event of a tie, the anglers with the most Chinook entered will determine the winner.
- Heaviest single fish weighted will determine the individual largest fish winner. In the event of a tie, the longest fish will determine the winner.
- All questions or disputes regarding these rules will be resolved by the SHOT Chairman.
- Only three lines in the water per team and only 5 lines when a skipper/guide is a member of two teams on the same boat. Tournament caps are to be worn.

SHOT Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 5

6:00 pm - Event Begins Doors opens, bar opens, teams submit door prize gifts, and pool entries sold.

6:15 pm - Dinner Served

7:00 pm - Orientation and Fishing Seminar

8:00 pm - Doors close

Friday, Oct. 6

6:00 pm - Doors opens, Weigh-in begins, bar opens, snacks

7:00 pm - Weigh-in deadline, Doors close

Saturday, Oct. 7

3:00 pm - Doors open, Weigh-in begins, bar opens.

5:00 pm - Weigh-in deadline, hosted social hour, fresh crab, shrimp cocktails, and other snacks.

5:15 pm - Hawg (salmon) Dinner served

6:00 pm - Silent Auction closes, Awards presented, Pool Winners announced, Photo Contest Winners announced.

8:00 pm - Doors Prizes handed out.



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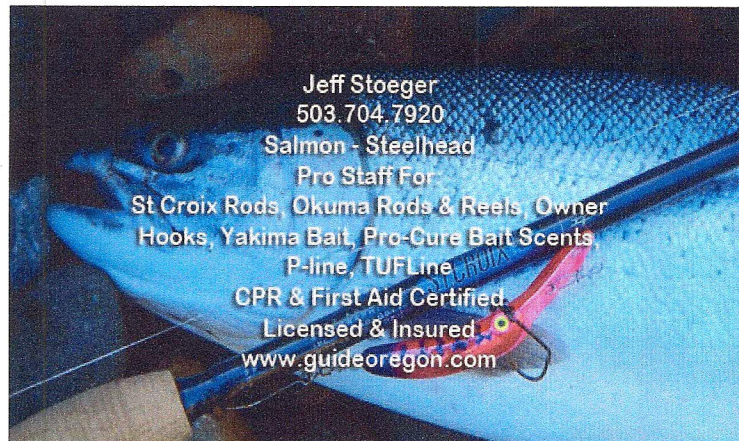


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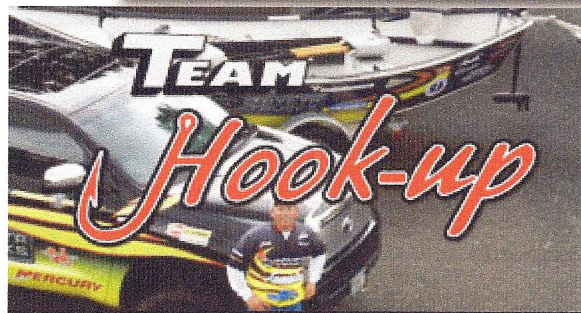
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