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# SANDY STEELHEADER NEWSLETTER

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## Guest Speaker; Hobart Manns; The Outback Angler

Hobart is our guest speaker this month. You likely have heard Hobart with Jack Glass on Saturday mornings on 860 KPAM from 6-7 am during the Outback Angler Hour. Hobart is an authority on antique tackle, fishing tips, and of course cooking in the field. Hobart will demonstrate some streamside meals you can easily prepare on your next fishing trip.

## President's message

I would urge all members of the Sandy River Steelheaders club to read Norm's September 20th memo about the SAFE Salmon program for the Columbia River and its lower river tributaries like the Sandy and Clackamas rivers. SAFE is an acronym for Select Area Fisheries Enhancement.

The plan as I understand it sets up off-mainstream areas such as Youngs Bay, Grays River and other locations along the lower Columbia for commercial Gill-netters. The mainstream of the Columbia would be for Sports fishing only.

The plan was developed by several former State and Federal fish and Wildlife directors and supported by Northwest Sportfishing Industry, Association of Northwest Steelheaders, Trout unlimited, Northwest Guides and Anglers Assoc. and officials from sporting goods companies.

Under this plan the existing program of supplementing the commercial net fishery with hatchery fish released for net pens and caught for the market when they return as adults would be expanded with more net pens filled with hatchery salmon to be released close to the

ocean as smolts imprinted on SAFE areas. This should improve their survival rate. Removing the Gill-netters from the mainstream Columbia would also reduce the high rate of incidental killing of wild salmon and steelhead by the Commercial fishing industry. Under this plan the commercial fishing industry would actually expand.

This program would allow more wild salmon to escape for spawning; thus reducing the competition between stray and wild coho at the spawning beds and wasted uncaught coho returning to hatcheries. This plan would eliminate the 11th hour season openings and closings and give the sportsman a longer fishing season. There are questions on how this program would affect the hatcheries on the Sandy and other rivers that feed the Lower Columbia River.

This plan is obviously a compromise between the Commercial and sport fishing industries. The 9,000 Costal Conservation Assoc. Pacific Northwest wants all Non native commercial fishing eliminated from the Columbia River and is working on legislation for Oregon and Washington. Some of the commercial fishermen are opposed to any change to their traditional fishing grounds. Any legislation on fishing in the Columbia River has to pass in both Washington and Oregon and Washington has a very powerful Commercial fishing lobby.

The SAFE for Salmon program is an attempt to work around the government and commercial interest road blocks. They are asking for your help and money to get their message out. So if you're interested in helping or want more information call 503-631-8859 or write SAFE for Salmon PO Box 4 Oregon City, Or. 97045.

Howard

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## Oxbow Salmon Festival

Yes Virginia, there is a Salmonfest. As plans were being laid for the 2007 Oxbow Salmon Festival, Metro announced that it would not be the lead agency for the event in the future. Even though there were many long faces following that announcement, there were many more believers and volunteers who refused to let this great happening die.

Oxbow Regional Park's entertaining and meaningful celebration of the return of the Chinook Salmon to the Sandy River will take place October 11-12. The Sandy River Chapter will once again have a booth next to the ODFW aquarium trailer. We will discuss with the public the mission of the ANWS, recruit new members, demonstrate the purpose of the trash receptacles we installed near the four Sandy River boat ramps, operate and explain the purpose of one of our brood stock transport boxes, and offer for sale raffle tickets for our "North to Salmon" fishing trip, as well as the always popular Clackacraft Drift Boat. We will have a volunteer sign up sheet for this event, available at the Dec. 1 membership meeting, and I will have parking passes. Booth set up will be the afternoon of Friday, the 10th and the festival hours will be 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday.

Mike Myrick

## Acclimation Site Cleanup

On Sept. 6, nine members of the Sandy River Chapter removed the liner and pipe from the acclimation pond near the now removed Marmot Dam. The site had not been used for some time, but the site must be returned to its original natural setting, as a requirement of PGE for the removal of the dam. The material cannot be used for a future acclimation site, however, it can be utilized for a number of other projects. The work crew first met at Dea's Inn & Out for a hearty breakfast, adjourned to the old Marmot Dam area where they removed brambles and leaves, cut the liner, measuring 150 by 45 feet, into manageable sized pieces which filled a pickup bed. The plastic 6 and 8 inch pipe was cut into 20 foot lengths and loaded on a trailer to be stored at the Clackamas ODFW yard. Between 350 and 400 feet of pipe was salvaged, along with a manifold valve. The Sandy River Chapter was instrumental in writing and receiving a \$7500 grant for this project 10 years ago, then providing volunteers for the construction. PGE was obligated to perform site cleanup, and, if not for this salvage project, the material would have been destroyed and dumped. Thanks go to Art Israelson, Norm Ritchie, Jeff Stoeger, Howard Anderson, Bill Beith, Jay Burris, Russ Nishitani, Jim Cathcart and Mike Myrick on the work crew, while Howard and Judy Berg spent two hours a few days before the event, scoping out the site, taking measurements and determining what equipment and how many volunteers would be needed to accomplish the task. We will now



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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 as a club.



wait for future projects to arise so we can re-use these materials in a true "recycle" program.



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## Income Tax Bookkeeping



Bill Robins

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## Breakfast Meetings

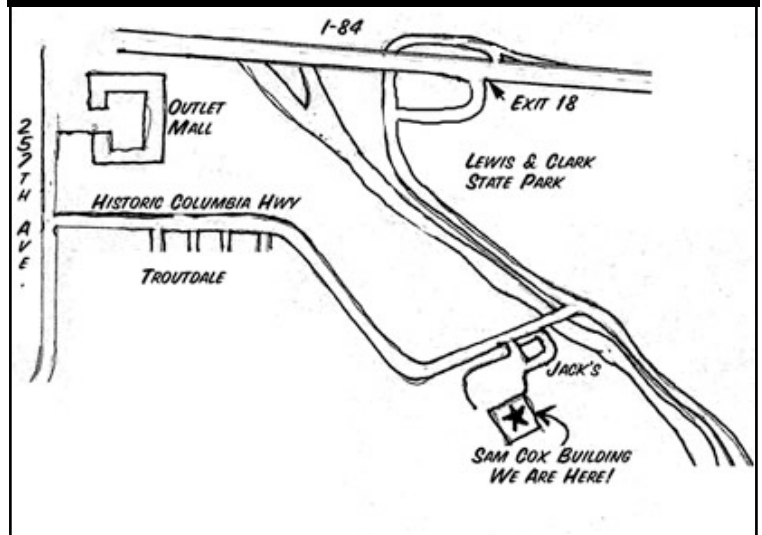
The Sandy River Chapter will have a get together and breakfast at the Tippy Canoe Restaurant located on the old Columbia river highway between the Troutdale and Stark street bridges. They have several breakfast selections for \$6.00 that I find very tasty and filling, did I mention you pay for your own breakfast. I have attended another fishing groups breakfast over in Vancouver and their average attendance is about 24 members. Besides the usual chatter members get up and give fishing reports and tips on fishing.

I would like to start on Friday October, 10th at 8:30am

If you are interested give me a call at 503-665-8008 so I can tell the restaurant what to expect.

Thanks, Howard

## Meeting Map



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# SANDY STEELHEADER CALENDAR

Date	Event
October 1	General Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Sam Cox Building Glen Otto Park Troutdale Hobart Manns speaker
was October 3,4,5	STEP conference *postponed until Spring*
October 10-12	Oxbow Salmon Festival
October 10	Breakfast Meeting at Tippy Canoe
October 24, 25, 26	Tillamook Fall Fishalong (bring \$20 for signup)

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## Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

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## STEP conference postponed

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has decided to postpone its annual Salmon Trout Enhancement Program conference, which had been scheduled to take place at Mount Hood Community College Oct. 3-5.

"Unfortunately, we have been forced to postpone the conference until next spring," said Tom Friesen, coordinator of the STEP program, who noted that advance registrations came in below expectations.

The Oregon Legislature created STEP in 1981 as a way for volunteers to participate in the restoration of native stocks of salmon, steelhead and trout. Since then thousands of volunteers have helped Oregon's fisheries through their contributions of time, money and materials. The annual STEP conference exposes volunteers to a wide range of fish related information through speakers, workshops and field trips.

Friesen said anybody who has registered for the conference that wants their registration fees back can get a refund by contacting the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, which was taking care of registrations for the event. Alternatively, they can elect to remain registered until the conference proceeds in the spring.

"On behalf of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and STEP, I offer my sincere apologies for any inconvenience the postponement may cause," said Friesen. "I'm looking forward to a productive and informative conference next spring." meetings. Please try to arrange to car pool to the event, as parking passes may be limited.

## Steelhead Recovery Plan Released

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has released its plan for the conservation and recovery of Oregon's native steelhead populations in the mid-Columbia River and is seeking public comment.

Recovery plans are a federal requirement for all species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Steelhead in the mid-Columbia River were listed as threatened in 1999. Conservation plans are developed under the State of Oregon's Native Fish Conservation Policy. The Oregon Mid-Columbia Steelhead Plan serves a dual purpose as both a component of a broader federal recovery plan and as a complete state conservation plan.

"We've had a lot of success in Oregon bringing together private and public partners to work on this plan and to implement actions to enhance and restore fish populations and their habitats," said Rich Carmichael, ODFW Recovery Planning Coordinator for the Interior Columbia River Basin. "This plan builds on a lot of work that's already underway by many entities and individuals to help enhance fish populations."

According to Carmichael, the Plan serves as a roadmap for conservation and recovery of listed steelhead populations in the Fifteenmile, Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla and Walla Walla subbasins. The Plan identifies goals for ESA delisting as well as an outline for rebuilding population levels well above delisting to provide significant ecological, social, cultural and economic benefits.

Key elements of the plan include identifying the current population status, major limiting factors and threats, management actions to address all threats, and an implementation plan and a monitoring program to assess success and make adaptive changes. The plan will help guide the actions of state, federal, and tribal agencies, as well as watershed councils, local governments, non-governmental organizations and landowners.

The Plan is a product of an extensive collaborative effort. Policy guidance for the plan development was provided by the Mid-Columbia Steelhead Sounding Board, whose members represent a diverse set of constituents, including many of those whose actions will be guided by the Plan.

The Oregon Mid-Columbia Steelhead Plan is the first conservation and recovery plan to be developed in Oregon to address ESA-listed steelhead or salmon. Other plans are currently under development.

The Oregon Mid-Columbia Steelhead Plan is being released at the same time that NOAA Fisheries Service is publishing its bi-state plan for recovery of mid-Columbia steelhead populations in both Oregon and Washington. The NOAA plan includes the Oregon plan as well as similar plans for Washington's steelhead populations in the Klickitat, Yakima and Walla Walla river systems. The bi-state recovery plan can be viewed at [www.nwr.noaa.gov](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov), which also details how to submit comments to NOAA during its public comment period which ends Dec. 23, 2008.

The proposed Oregon Mid-Columbia Steelhead Plan is available at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/esa/mid-columbia/>. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will be considering the Plan at its Nov. 14, 2008 meeting in Salem. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us) prior to the meeting. Written comments received by ODFW prior to or at the Commission meeting will be shared with NOAA if relevant to the bi-state recovery plan.



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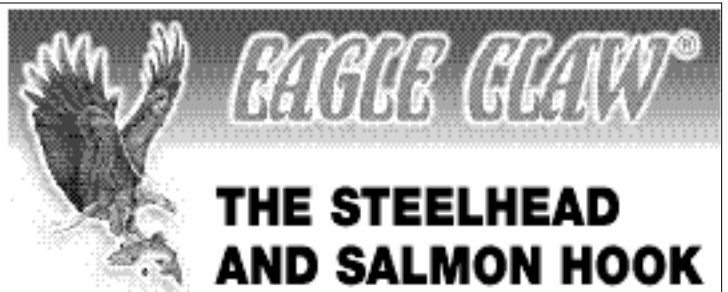
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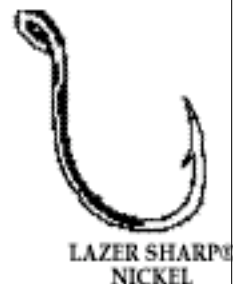
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