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President's Message

As we prepare for the bountiful return of the fish to the Columbia River and its tributaries, we need to remember while we are reaping the rewards of good hatchery practices – there is still plenty of work to be done to ensure future fishing.

As noted, our Chapter volunteers have given many hours to protect and enhance our fisheries. And now is not the time to take the foot off the pedal. We need to stay engaged and encourage members to support our Chapter and our fish by volunteering. Just a couple hours **will** make a difference.

When I joined the Chapter, as an Individual member I volunteered for the Hogs n Dogs event. My daughter who was 15 at the time helped me out – grudgingly at first. She loved it, she told Mom how much fun she had – volunteering. The next year, it was all of us at the same event and at Camp Angelos for the cancer camp. That was the hook for my family and when I renewed my membership it was a family membership.

Our members who put in long hours to coordinate events, recruit volunteers and execute projects need not only a tip of our hat, but also our help.

The next time a sign up sheet comes around, autograph it!

Scott Bowling
Senior vice President

Man's Carelessness can ruin a great hunting or fishing trip. Be sure to take some precautions and remember Smokey the Bear!



As dry as the season has been and fires everywhere it is imperative that each person be extremely careful when out fishing or hunting this fall.

Be sure to park your vehicle in areas that cannot burn because a hot engine and exhaust can start a fire in dry grass very quickly.

If you are hunting be sure your muzzle flash is not close to dry tinder or items that can burn rapidly.

All of us love the outdoors and it is up to us to help preserve and maintain it. Be extremely careful this fall season and good luck hunting and fishing.

Larry McClintock



**Remember
Only You
Can Prevent
Forest Fires**



River Clean Up September 13, 2014

It was a beautiful sunny Saturday morning when the Fall Sandy River clean up began. With 18 members volunteering, I believe this group to be the largest since I took over as Director.

I want to thank Doug&Pam Briggs, Jim Cathcart, Robert Crayton, Travis&Miles Daly, Pat Greene, Paul Leonard, Doug Miller, Jack Morby, John Pearson, Steve Rothenbucher, Mel Stanislawski, Jim Stengle, Ed Wilson, Robert Wisher, and Lee Van Speybock for participating in this worthy cause.

This group collected 22 bags of trash, a sign post, part of a transmission, a shopping cart which member Pat Greene returned to Fred Meyer, and a \$5 bill found by your Director. Who says it doesn't pay to volunteer?

Those members who didn't leave to watch the Ducks vs Wyoming game were treated to lunch at Subway. Thanks again crew!

Russ Sumida
Director, River Clean Up

Welcome New Members



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1 Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker Larry Palmer

he will discuss Steelhead fishing and fishing with things that glow.

8 Board Meeting

13 Columbus Day

NOVEMBER

2 Daylight Savings time ends

5 Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker Dave Calhoun

NW Composite Rods

8 Clinic Larry 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

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

**No meetings in
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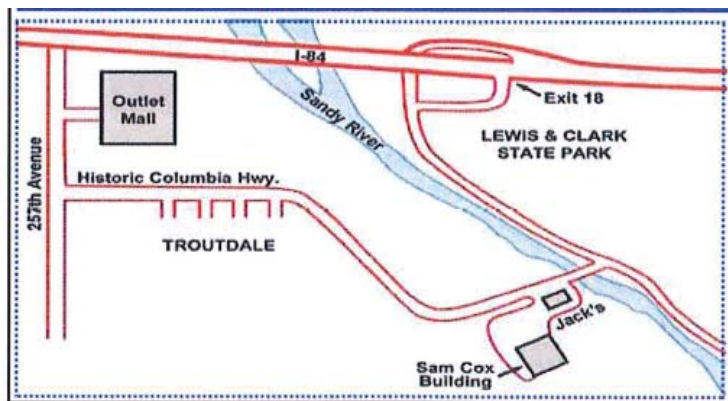
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Clinic hours will be 9 AM to 3 PM. Members may volunteer for the clinic and attend for free by checking in with me beforehand and volunteering to help in some way. Other than that they can register and pay via the ODFW website. Volunteers are expected to help the students on a scheduled 1/2 day from shore fish along the following Saturday 11/15/14 from 8 AM-12 PM. Meet at Glenn Otto Park at 8 AM

Room setup begins at 8 AM. If you are a volunteer, please show up then.

- Winter Steelhead 11/8/14
- Spring Chinook 02/7/15
- Summer Steelhead 05/9/15

Thanks

Larry Palmer

Please contact me at-
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Thanks



Sandy River Chapter Fishing Clinics

11/8/2014

2/7/2015

5/9/2015

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Need Ideas For A New Clinic

The other night a new idea came into my head about a different sort of fishing clinic...it would cover the many sorts of skills that old hands at the fishing game seem to keep in their back pocket. Knowledge that isn't fishing per se, but adjunct to it. This clinic would be a hands on sort of thing, with many people demonstrating their particular or favorite skill.

Here's a list of the ideas I had- see if you can add to it. Maybe we can make a clinic out of this in the future. Please contact me with your ideas at-

palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

Skills to demonstrate or talk about:

- Build a spinner
- Make a slinky
- Tie a jig
- Felt a set of boot soles
- Tie a herring leader
- Cut plug a herring and put in hooks
- Make a yarnie
- Make a Glo Bug
- Tie steelhead/ salmon leaders
- Cure a batch of eggs
- Make cork floats
- Brine and smoke fish
- Build a fishing rod

I'm sure there are more. Please send me your ideas.

Thanks
Larry Palmer

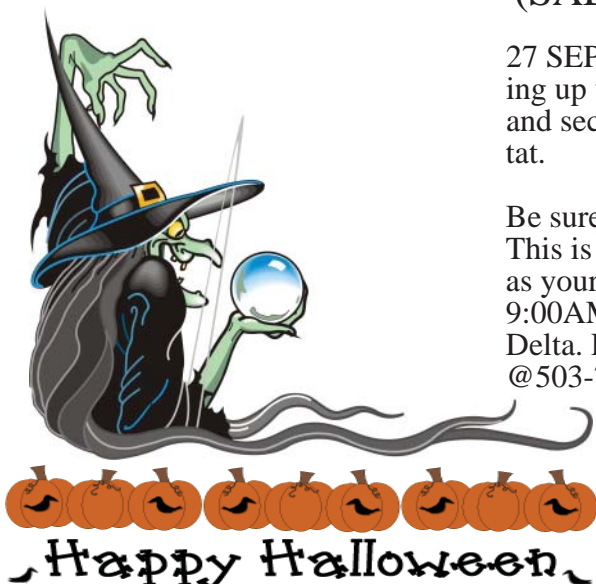


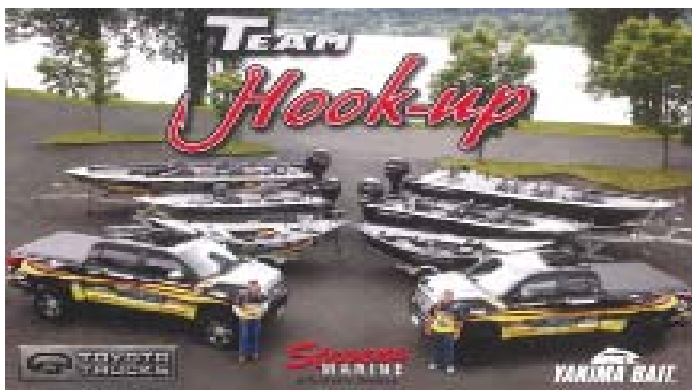


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(SALMON, TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM)

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Be sure to bring some comfortable work gloves. We will provide lunch. This is a ODFW project so please keep track of your mileage as well as your time. Those that can make it on 26 September the day before 9:00AM we will meet at Glen Otto and transport additional trees to the Delta. Please give me a call or E-mail for either day. Robert Wisher @503-7890-8212 or rjwisherstix@gmail.com





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Fishing Schedule

December, January, February, March.....Winter Steelhead - Sturgeon - Walleye
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 August, September, October, November.....Fall Salmon - Steelhead - Walleye



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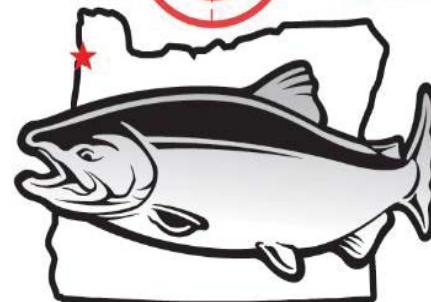
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The Steelheaders have an important fundraising effort going on right now- selling raffle tickets for a dream fishing trip to Alaska at Yakutak Lodge, and a fully outfitted ClackaCraft drift boat, a great fishing boat. Trip tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20. Boat tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. A book is defined as \$20 worth of tickets; 25 Trip or 5 Boat.

Each year we ask members to sell tickets, but this year we are emphasizing that members can also buy tickets themselves, especially a book of 25 tickets, and that's what this special message is all about. Because this year we are going to have a special reward effort for all of you who buy a book or sell a book of tickets, of either type- Yakutak Lodge or ClackaCraft boat. There's going to be a drawing held by our chapter, to go fishing with chapter members who really know a lot about fishing.

I am volunteering my time and boat, and have already recruited other chapter experts to volunteer theirs, who will take the winners of a random drawing at the end of the ticket selling effort. To "get your name in the hat" all you have to do is buy or sell books of tickets. Each completed sale will be tracked by the chapter and your name will be entered in the drawing. Naturally, the more books of tickets you sell, the greater number of entries you have in the drawing.

The drawing to go fishing with us will be held at the conclusion of the ticket sales effort at our May general meeting. For sure, a couple of you are going Spring Chinook fishing with me shortly after that drawing is held!

This effort will be limited to chapter members and guests at our chapter functions. Winners in the prize drawings will go on the trips awarded at the date and locations chosen by the trip providers. There will be different sorts of trips

awarded given the preferences, schedules and equipment of the trip providers.

So buy a book or two of tickets and get in that drawing to go fish! Sell books of tickets to go fish! It's that simple.

Thanks
Larry Palmer



Members,

Listed below are the Buyers of Raffle Tickets. Each earned either a gold star for \$20 & 2 gold stars for \$40 worth.

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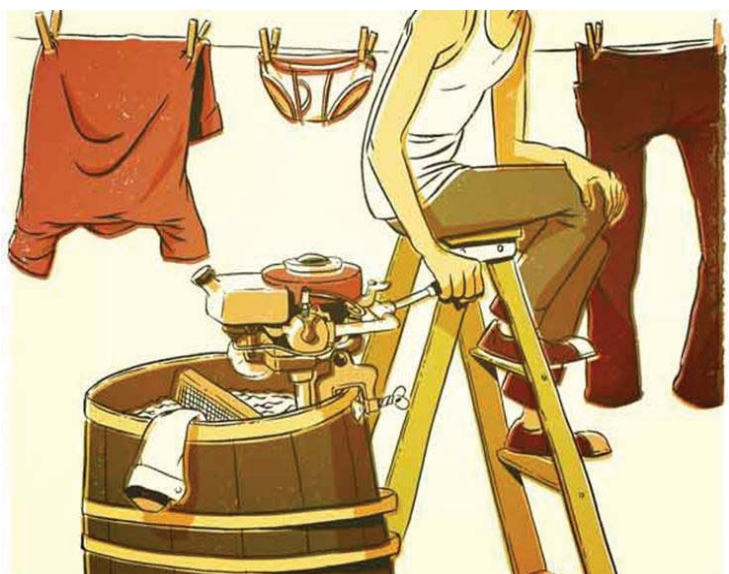
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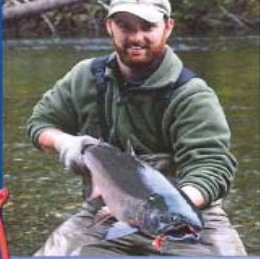
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Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hour Report					Name:	
Event:					Date:	Hours:
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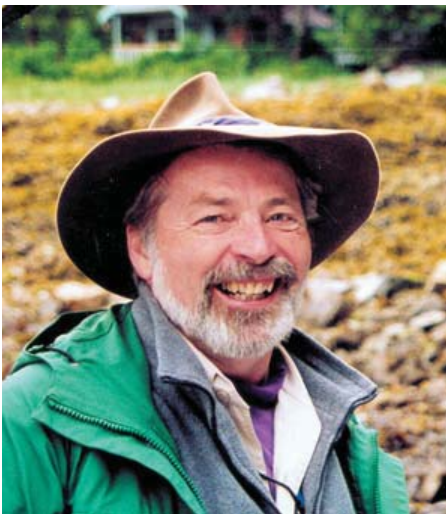
OCTOBER

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WEEK 2	WED. 8 OCTOBER BOARD MTG @ 6:30PM ROUND TABLE PIZZA FRI.10-THURS.11 SHOT(SALMON HOG TOURNAMENT) TILLAMOOK
WEEK 3	WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SATURDAY 18 TOSS-A-SALMON MEET GLEN OTTO 8:30AM
WEEK 4	GO FISHING
WEEK 5	FISH-TALES
VOLUNTEER	

Attack on Sport-fisheries "The Rest Of The Story"

Fish Purists Step-Up Legal Tactics, Vow to End Hatchery Programs, Steelheaders Prepare Legal Intervention, Tribes Testify They Did Not Okay WDFW's Closed Door Deal to Shut Down Hatchery Winter Steelheading, Federal ESA Hatchery Permits Being Processed--Finally.

Sport-fishing Groups, Tribes Rally To Defend Hatchery Steelhead, Salmon



By
Terry W. Sheely

Courtesy of
The Reel News September
* Columbia River Region Column

The stepped-up attack by wild fish zealots to end nearly all state and federal steelhead and salmon hatchery programs is, after months of free-reign, running into resistance from sport-fishing organizations and treaty tribes.

The conflict escalated following 3½ hours of sometimes contentious testimony at a State Senate com-

mittee work session orchestrated by Senator Kirk Pearson, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Pearson is an outspoken critic of the anti-hatchery movement and of Washington Fish and Wildlife Director Phil Anderson's refusal to defend sport fishermen.

In the wake of the senate session federal ESA watchdogs assured the senator's office that they were moving to clear ESA permits for state hatcheries and once permitted those hatcheries will be able to produce salmon and steelhead in compliance with federal environmental requirements. It was the lack of these federal permits that allowed wild fish extremists to kill west slope steelheading and move against salmon and steelhead hatcheries.

Senator Pearson convened the committee hearing to shed light on the controversial closed-door deal between Anderson and Kurt Beardslee, executive director of the anti-hatchery Wild Fish Conservancy. The August senate hearing was also intended to provide a public-speaking forum for sport and tribal groups that had been ignored and excluded from the WDFW/WFC agreement to slash west slope winter steelhead plants by 83 percent. Twenty-five people took advantage of the opportunity.

And because anglers are not allowed to target wild winter steelhead, the only fish now available, the Anderson/Beardslee deal effectively kills sport-steelheading for winter-runs along the I-5 corridor from British Columbia to Olympia. Because of that settlement only one river, the Skykomish, will be planted with winter smolts.

"The goal of this hearing was to hear directly from the WDFW about why the decision was made to settle (with WFC) and begin to address the serious concerns

brought about by this settlement," Pearson said.

The Senator added, "The controversial decision by fish and wildlife to strike a deal under threat of lawsuit has created frustration and concern for anglers, tribes and our state's economy as a whole,"

The clandestine Anderson/Beardslee deal kills critical winter steelhead hatchery stocking programs on the east side of Puget Sound, ends winter steelheading for most of a decade, wasted \$1 million invested in rearing smolts that were not released in rivers, forfeits up to \$20 million in local economic benefits, and cost WDFW \$43,000 to pay WFC for legal costs incurred in threatening to sue the agency.

In a nutshell:

- WDFW Director Phil Anderson has resigned effective Dec. 31.
- NOAA is finally processing ESA permits for state hatchery operations that could head-off future hatchery shutdowns.
- Wild fish advocates are expanding legal attacks targeting additional hatchery programs on Elwha, Entitat, Methow, Wenatchee, and Snoqualmie rivers, despite a July agreement with WDFW to not file hatchery lawsuits for 2 ½ years.
- Steelhead Trout Club of Washington has asked Seattle's largest law firm, Perkins Coie Law, to file a "Motion to Intervene" in the WFC Legal Challenge to the permit process for improvements at the Tokul Creek hatchery.
- A Wild Fish Conservancy spokesman confirmed during pointed questioning from Senator Pearson that the only hatcheries his group supports are hatcheries that have closed. "Those are the ones that we support," testified Jamie Glasgow, WFC's Director of Science, adding

that in WFC's opinion, "There is a very limited roll for hatchery production in this state."

- Representatives from Steelhead Trout Club of Washington, (STC), Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA) and Puget Sound Anglers (PSA), testified at the Pearson hearing and are voicing opposition to WDFW's agreement and demanding to be allowed to present scientific data that refutes WFC claims.

- Senator Pearson revealed that WFC, which is now threatening to sue the state rather than work with fish managers on salmon recovery, has received \$9 million in state salmon recovery grants. A WFC spokesman confirmed the wild fish group intends to apply for additional state grants.

- WDFW estimates economic losses to sport fishing-related businesses at between \$10 million and \$20 million attributed to closing hatchery winter steelheading.

- Tulalip and Lummi tribal representatives said as WDFW co-managers they were shocked at being left out of the WDFW/WFC decision making, that they oppose ending hatchery production and called hatchery fish critical for the state to meet treaty agreements. They told the senate committee that they did not sign off on the Anderson/Beardslee agreement, and have not consented, as co-managers, to the loss of 83 percent of the steelhead smolts intended for release in Puget Sound rivers. They called for the wild/hatchery issue to be cooperatively resolved with all user groups at the negotiating table.

- WFC Executive Director Kurt Beardslee was originally scheduled to testify before Senator Peterson about his role in the negotiations with Anderson, but remained in the audience, missing the opportunity

to explain his actions while dodging tough questioning by the committee.

STC President Al Senyohl, a long-time advisor to WDFW on salmon-steelhead issues said he was "troubled" that Beardslee was allowed to not testify before the committee. "That was not part of the hearing agreement," he told TRN, "Beardslee was the one who signed the agreement and was at the hearing," but remained in the audience unavailable for questioning. WDFW's Director Phil Anderson who made the agreement with Beardslee, did testify at the senate natural resources and parks committee hearing.

A stream of hatchery proponents and sport-fishing representatives testified that they were not given pre-emptive opportunity to challenge the claims by wild fish advocates that eliminating hatchery fish is necessary for wild fish recovery.

And while WFC was allowed to present data supporting their anti-hatchery stand pro-hatchery experts were not invited, or given time to present opposing science and evidence supporting fish management operational programs that maximize both hatchery and wild fish.

They complained that Anderson did not bring existing pro-hatchery data into play during his deal making with Beardslee.

No one is willing to estimate what impact Anderson's sudden retirement will have on the WFC agreements, the direction of WDFW fish management, or options being evaluated by the Senate.

While sources told TRN that Anderson had been considering retiring for some time, the timing of his retirement announcement appears tied to the WFC controversy. It came less than two weeks after

the director fielded tough questions at Sen. Pearson's hearing from largely unsympathetic committee members about his role in the closed-door agreement. The announcement made no mention of current accusations or the furor created by his agreement with WFC.

Anderson's "retirement" comes while he is centered in what many see as the most controversial and divisive conflict in his six years as director. CCA has written to the governor expressing a lack of confidence in Anderson's leadership, sport-fishing organizations accuse the director of failing to defend anglers and state hatchery programs, and tribal co-managers and sport-fishing advisors say that Anderson left them out of critical fish management decisions.

There is also open conflict within WDFW, with long-time staffers complaining that promotion and management staffing is frequently based on patronage and nepotism instead of qualifications, that earmarked program funding is re-directed to cover administrative costs (ie: elimination of youth sport-fishing programs), and that recommendations from field staff on natural resource issues are ignored if that information conflicts with Olympia's predisposition.

Amid this swirl, WDFW's budget is poised to take serious hits from escalating costs, ever-tightening general fund allocations and a dump in license revenues attributed to the end of Pugetopolis winter steelheading, and mule deer hunting revenues created by the monstrous summer wild fires that incinerated critical winter habitat and popular hunting areas in the Okanogan.

Sports fishermen, fish managers and tribes said that as user groups and co-managers they were snubbed and excluded from Anderson's covert negotiation with the

wild fish advocates.

Anderson's capitulation to Beard-slee's demands at those negotiations effectively ends winter steel-heading in west slope Puget Sound rivers for at least a decade. For many fishermen it was insult to injury when Anderson also agreed to pay WFC \$43,000 to cover their legal costs and to engender a WFC agreement not to file hatchery issue lawsuits against WDFW for 2 ½ years. Anderson's capitulating agreement caught sport-fishing advocates by surprise and sent shock waves through the industry.

"We were stunned by what came about in a very short time period," STC's Senyohl told lawmakers. "The process really excluded the fishing public from any interaction on this matter and there was no time to try to stop this.

"The sports fishermen industry has been put at risk," Senyohl testified, adding, "The cost in hard dollars is substantial – the state spent 1 million dollars to raise steelhead smolt and hundreds of thousands of dollars transporting them across the state. We lost the Skagit River for 12 years. In addition we have the economic impact of 10-20 million dollars.

"There was not an opportunity to challenge the WFC claims – no opportunity to present the other side of the argument. This agreement will cause far more harm than good," Senyohl warned.

The Senate Committee called on Anderson to explain and was told by the director that his agency "was making a good-faith effort" to work with the federal government and conservation groups until legal pressure (from WFC) suddenly forced a quick move to avoid costly litigation. The threatened Wild Fish Conservancy lawsuit left WDFW little time to consult with stakeholders, Anderson testified.

"Our discussions with WFC came to an abrupt stop on January 23, 2014, with the notice of the conservancy's intent to sue," Anderson confirmed, adding, "Despite our best efforts to work with the Wild Fish Conservancy, we were faced with the legality of our hatchery program being at extreme risk.

"We determined that the terms of this settlement were better than the terms we would likely have received from a judge. We faced imminent litigations that included additional costs that could have gone far beyond what we agreed to [in the settlement]. It left us with inadequate time to do the consultation we would normally do."

The director's explanation appeared to fall short of satisfying the committee, tribes or sport-fishing representatives and his conclusions that WDFW would lose in court was not widely shared.

Senator Pearson did not back off his earlier description of the Anderson/Beardslee agreement as, "bullying" by WFC nor his criticism of Anderson for finding it "easier to appease the bully than it was to continue to fight" for the hatcheries that provide fish for sport fishermen and treaty tribes.

The Monroe-based Senator pointed out that, "Part of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's mission is to help secure fishing opportunities; yet the department's deal with the Wild Fish Conservancy means a drastic reduction in fishing," said Pearson.

"In addition to harming our state economy, the cultural and treaty rights of our tribes and the availability of recreational-fishing opportunities, this deal also sets a bad precedent of encouraging government by lawsuit and intimidation. I hope that in the future, we can bring all parties to the table, to

work out agreements that benefit the entire community and not just a few special-interest groups with attorneys on speed dial."

Ron Garner, president of Puget Sound Anglers, agreed with Senator Pearson arguing that PSA strongly believes that hatcheries are necessary to continue sport and tribal fishing, and that hatchery released smolts have not been scientifically shown to be the main cause of native steelhead decline.

Liz Hamilton, executive director of NSIA told the senate committee that because of Anderson/Beardslee agreement family-wage jobs are likely to be lost, as well as a loss of tax revenue paid by the fishing industry. She called the wild vs. hatchery debate unnecessarily divisive. The Northwest needs both wild and hatchery fish, she argued.

Unlike WDFW's leadership, Hamilton said, NSIA was willing to participate in taking WFC lawsuits to U.S. District Court, pointing out recent victories by anglers and hatchery advocates in similar ESA-based legal battles with Oregon wild fish proponents.

"When the states and the feds and the tribes stand in front of a judge and say, 'Your honor, you were right, we didn't get our paperwork done, we're working to remedy this problem, it's my belief,'" she said, "that a judge would give great deference to the agencies trying to work together to resolve the deficiencies in the paperwork."

Anglers are being asked to pay more for fishing licenses while getting less fishing opportunities Hamilton also pointed out, adding, "We regret that this was settled and wish we would have had a chance to fight it out."

A spokesman for Sportco/Outdoor Emporium, the largest locally-owned outdoor retailer in the af-

fectured Seattle-Tacoma area, testified that river fishing for hatchery steelhead and salmon brings in big dollars during seasonal down time.

"During the otherwise slow winter fishing period, the two outlets can move a quarter million dollars worth of product, thanks to steelhead," testified buyer Gabe Miller, pointing out that those dollars are an economic jobs factor that disappears without hatchery winter steelhead.

The big question now is what next?

A spokesman for Senator Pearson said their policy expert is evaluating next step legislative options. The tribes have given no indication what they plan, despite repeated promises to make themselves available to TRN.

NOAA, the managing federal agency, seems willing to sit back and let the state take the heat. Senyohl was among those pointing out that NOAA should be held accountable for the inaction that resulted in delaying the processing of state environmental permit applications. It was because the state did not have those federal permits that WFC was able to exploit and "bully" Anderson into forfeiting

west slope hatchery winter steelhead.

After the meeting I received information from Senator Pearson's office, that NOAA is "finally" moving ahead on the critical state permit applications, "albeit slowly. This is important," the senator's spokesman said, "because the permits will protect the other fisheries from similar legal challenges in the future. WDFW said at the hearing that the lack of federal permits was a huge legal obstacle that factored heavily into their decision to settle.

In regards the settlement, the best we can do is make reforms that will affect/prevent future lawsuits. As Sen. Pearson indicated at the hearing, he and staff are investigating potential legislative solutions."

Meanwhile WFC is moving ahead in its campaign, and has filed intent to sue the feds over operations of the Icicle Creek hatchery at Leavenworth. That hatchery complex includes the Wenatchee, Methow, Entitat rivers and Icicle Creek. WFC is also one of four wild fish advocacy groups that in August filed a 60-day notice of intent to sue federal, tribal and state agencies to halt hatchery programs on the Elwha River. They are also

moving ahead with actions to close the Tokul Creek rearing ponds and hatchery system on the Snoqualmie River.

Ray Fryberg, fish and wildlife director for the Tulalips called WFC's hatchery lawsuit "a giant step backwards." In the tribe's opinion a better approach might have been for WDFW to go to court where a judge would likely have ordered the parties to talk before launching legal attacks.

"It's about the survival and perpetuation of fish," Fryberg told the committee. "If we can't solve these problems collectively, what kind of legacy are we going to leave for our grandkids? Hatcheries are inevitable, because in my way of thinking is that, you're never going to put Humpty (wild fish) Dumpty back together again.

"Let's get to the table. I can't get to the table with your finger in my eye," Fryberg said. "I can't. But I'm willing to sit down — any of us here ... We're about working together, and that's what we encourage. Everybody that is out here, we need to be at the table.

"We're one people here."



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