



NOVEMBER 2017

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

### Meetings

#### November 4th

Chapter Meeting 6:30-9 p.m., (meet & greet 6pm)  
Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park.

#### Speakers:

Dave Calhoun of Northwest Rods

(<http://www.nwrods.com>) and "GPS Outdoors" TV show

(<http://www.nbcsports.com/northwest/outdoors>).

#### November 16th

Chapter Board Meeting

Date: Thursday November 16, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Round Table Pizza

4141 NE 122nd Ave, Portland, OR 97230

\*\*\*December Newsletter articles due November 20

### Events / Workshops

#### November 5th and 11th

Winter Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop. Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale. Full day in classroom on November 5th. Half day On the Water Session on November 11th. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Contact Jim Cathcart; [ornavigator@hotmail.com](mailto:ornavigator@hotmail.com) or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106 to volunteer.

#### November 11

30th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet & Auction

Time: 4-9pm

Location: Wilsonville Holiday Inn  
25425 SW 95th Ave, Wilsonville, OR 97070

Cost: \$60 per person

### 30th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet & Auction

November 11 @ 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm



The Association of Northwest Steelheader's Annual Hall of Fame Banquet & Auction honors the volunteers who dedicate their time to cooperatively working for a lasting legacy of healthy fisheries.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th | 4pm – 9pm

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\$60 per person

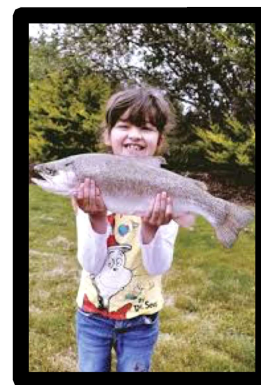
All proceeds benefit the Association of Northwest Steelheaders

Resolve, Respect, Recognition represents our 57-year battle against gillnets on the mainstream Columbia River. Due to our Resolve, we've finally achieved a nearly six-decade fight for an equal share of the Columbia River harvest. Along with that allocation comes a better future for wild salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River basin. With the most significant non-selective method of harvest largely removed from the mainstream Columbia, wild spring Chinook, wild Coho and wild steelhead have a fighting chance for recovery in our region. We have earned the Respect and Recognition as a community, not willing to falter until we achieve what's best for the resource

#### Call for Volunteers!

#### Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop – November 5<sup>th</sup> and 11th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5th (note new date) and Saturday, November 11th, for the next Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop the Chapter puts on in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The workshop will be held at the Glenn Otto Community Park in Troutdale. I need instructors and mentors (you know who you are). I also need assistant volunteers. Are you a new member new to steelhead fishing? Or, a past graduate of a workshop? Volunteer as an assistant as this is an excellent opportunity to learn by helping at no cost!



The time commitment is all day (preferred) on November 5th and a half day on November 11th. There will also be a 3 hour (tops) planning and preparation meeting from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Location to be determined. This meeting will be especially important for Instructors and Mentors.

Contact Jim Cathcart, Angler Education Director, at (503) 238-4775, ext. 106 or email at [ornavigator@hotmail.com](mailto:ornavigator@hotmail.com).

## One Last Cast

*Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)*

What does it mean that steelhead are a fish of 1000 casts? Patience and persistence. Tenacity. River fishing for Coho salmon – especially on the Sandy or Clackamas River – can be a fish of 10,000 casts. Coho are notorious for lock jaw and simply not biting in fresh water. This can be incredibly frustrating – tons of rolling fish presenting themselves -- and nothing, I mean nothing, gets bit. But, every so often, Coho bite. Like a good golf shot; that is what keeps me coming back to the game. In fact, on one trip, I eagled and caught a limit of 3 hatchery Coho salmon on just 5 casts! Spinners.

I have tried to keep a mental note as to what conditions are present when river Coho bite. Here are my anecdotal observations. First, the Coho are on the move. That means the river has come up, is on the drop, and fish are moving through. In smaller tributaries, like Eagle Creek (Clackamas River system), you can see the fish move. In groups. This is a good sign. Get something in front of them and they are likely to hit it. Second, the fish are not pressured. The usual saying is never leave fish to find fish. Not true with river Coho. Fish that are stacked up in holes, rolling like crazy, waiting for the next rain, contain few, if any biters. Especially if there is a crowd. Move.

Third, when you move, look for less fished or overlooked areas. Even in low water, the Coho move upriver and they can be found between the classic holes. Make casts to small buckets of holding water in riffles and runs; spots that are away from the crowds. Cover water, stay active. Make a lot of casts because you need to get to 10,000! If the return numbers are high, your chances of reward are that much greater.



*Fourth. Change colors, sizes, and techniques. Go small, but don't overlook big. Just keep changing it up. My last Coho, caught on October 5<sup>th</sup> on the Sandy River was caught this way. I was fishing below Cedar Creek during the week and was the first to the Meat Hole – even though it was midafternoon. The river was low – 7.9 feet at the Bull Run gauge. It was a beautiful sunny day. The crisp of the fall season in the air. Spinners did not produce. Bobber and bait did not produce. I had bought some twitching jigs a couple of years back and my plan was to try them if my go to's did not work. (It*

*helped that the program at the Sandy River Chapter Membership Meeting the night before was on twitching jigs by our very own Jeff Stoeger). The jig I picked was a ½ ounce, Coho Madness, by John's Jigs. Purple with a pink worm. On just the 5<sup>th</sup> cast, the jig got hammered. The fish was hot, mad and bright. A hatchery keeper. It happens.*

# To All Veterans



**Whether At Home Or Abroad**  
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired  
**All Americans Say:**  
**THANK YOU!**

## Notes from your Chapter Board

### Newsletter publication – Publication ideas & Reminder –

We wish to remind you of the following when submitting articles for our Chapter Newsletter.

- 20<sup>th</sup> of each month deadline for submissions
- 25<sup>th</sup> of the month is the deadline for publication
- All submissions must be in/on MS Word to allow Newsletter formatting. And, Photos are limited to 25MB in size in Jpeg format.

**Notification of Newsletter Publication** - Email "Blasts" will no longer announce publication. The newsletter will be posted online (mailed) between the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month. And,

**Newsletters are available on line at:** <http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/Newsletter>

**Vacant Board positions** – Thank you to Doug Miller, who has stepped up to oversee Membership. Our Chapter still has vacant positions for Vice President and Secretary.

**Board meetings have been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.** This will begin with the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting at Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR . This change has been made to try and attract the attendance of others who have conflicts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### Sandy River Chapter member survey 2017

In an effort to better meet the needs and wishes of our membership we are asking that you take part in a Membership Survey. A copy follows this note. The Survey will be available at each of the upcoming Chapter Meetings with a collection box present. There will be a raffle for a prize of a rod and reel combination and some smaller items as well. If you wish to be eligible for a prize you will need to include your name and contact information on the survey when completing it and be a member in good standing (dues up to date).



The Survey will be collected through January 15, 2017. There will be a collection box and survey copies at each Chapter meeting November through January. They are also included in the Newsletter, which will be available on line at

<http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/Newsletter>

If unable to return a completed Survey at a meeting, they can be mailed to Sandy River Chapter NWS, P.O. Box 301114, Portland, Oregon 97294-9114.

The prize winner(s) will be announced at the February 2018 Chapter Meeting.

### **Sandy River Chapter member survey 2017**

We are trying to find out more about our members and how well the chapter is doing serving their interests and expectations. Please take a moment to tell us how it's working for you- both the good and bad- and what we can do to make it work better. Please circle answers applicable, number in priority, or write in an answer of your own. Be sure to include your name and contact information on the last page if you wish to be entered in the Survey prize contest  
Thanks!

**1. Why did you join the NW Steelheaders? Please number in order of your priorities #1 - #5**

☐ Wanted to learn more about fishing

☐ Wanted to learn where to go

☐ Wanted to make fishing friends

☐ Wanted to be involved in conservation projects

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What sort of programs would you like to see most- Please number in order of your priorities #1 - #5**

☐ Guides

☐ Presentations by expert members

☐ Presentations by companies

☐ "How To" Clinics

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How important is the chapter being involved in conservation projects to you?  
Please number in order of your priorities #1 - #5**

☐ Very important

☐ Somewhat important

☐ Not very important

☐ Not at all

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4. How did you hear about our chapter?**

- ☐ From a friend  
☐ Newspaper listing for a monthly chapter meeting  
☐ Newspaper listing for a clinic  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Have your expectations for being a chapter member been met?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ Somewhat  
☐ No  
☐ New member and not certain yet  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. How important are our "How to" clinics to you? Please number in order of your priorities #1 - #5**

- ☐ Very important  
☐ Somewhat important  
☐ Not very important  
☐ Not at all  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**7. How important are our group fish-alongs to you? Please number in order of your priorities #1 - #5**

- ☐ Very important  
☐ Somewhat important  
☐ Not very important  
☐ Not at all  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Are you willing to lead and mentor new members on chapter outings that follow our "How To clinics"?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ Somewhat  
☐ No  
☐ New member and not certain yet  
☐ Other/comment \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Are you willing to lead and mentor new members on chapter conservation projects or river cleanups?**

- ☐ Yes

- ☐ Somewhat  
☐ No  
☐ New member and not certain yet  
☐ Other/comment \_\_\_\_\_

**10. What would you most like to change about the chapter?**

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**11. Are you willing to take on any leadership roles in the chapter in the future?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ Somewhat  
☐ No  
☐ New member and not certain yet  
☐ Other/comment \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Would you recommend membership in the chapter to your fishing acquaintances?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ Somewhat  
☐ No  
☐ New member and not certain yet  
☐ Other/comment \_\_\_\_\_

**13. What is your primary style of fishing?**

- ☐ Bank  
☐ Drift Boat  
☐ Power Boat  
☐ Guided trips  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**14. How often are you able to attend Chapter events/meetings?**

- ☐ Monthly  
☐ Quarterly  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Contact information (If you wish to be entered in the Survey prize contest)

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## ***Sandy Chapter Board Members***

### **OFFICERS**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Steve Rothenbucher	503-257-0039
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Secretary	Vacant	
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### **DIRECTORS**

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### **COMMITTEE HEADS**

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