



December 2018

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

2018-19 Events



December 5, 2018 - Chapter Meeting - Time: 6:00pm Meet and greet, 7:00pm Meeting opens
Location: Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park. Projected Speaker **is Mark from Korker boots**
<http://www.korkers.com/footwear/fishing.html>



December 15th, 2018 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.



January 9, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Steve Leonard of **Steve's Guided Adventures**
(<http://www.stevesguidedadventures.com/>)



January 19th, 2019 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.



February 13, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Brent Soule, **Brent Soule's Sport fishing guide service**, in Washougal, Wa. speaking primarily on Kokanee fishing. Ph: 360-903-8944



February 16th, 2019 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.



March 6, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Chris Vertopoulos, **Northwest Angling Experience**, Speaking on Withler Steelhead fishing. Chris grew up on Vancouver, Wa. and has been fishing since he was 8. He has been a Guide since 1992, and guided extensively in Oregon and Alaska. Ph: **503-349-1377**
<http://northwestanglingexperience.com/meetguide.html>



March 9th, 2019 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.



April 3, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



April 20th, 2019 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.



May 1, 2019 - Annual Chapter Potluck / AUCTION – This is our annual fundraising event.



June 5, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Glen Ward of Benchmade Knives - <https://www.benchmade.com/>

No chapter meetings in July or August 2019. No chapter meetings in July or August 2019.



September 4th, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



September 21st, 2019 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.



October 5th, 2019 - Steelhead Fish-along – On-the-water session. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or 503-238-4775x106.

Chapter Meeting date changes

January 9th and February 13th, 2019 Chapter meetings are being held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. This permits resting from holidays and avoids a conflict with the Portland – Pacific NW Sportsman's Show (February 6- 10, 2019)

HELP – WITH NEWSLETTER

We are currently in great need of someone with word processing skills to editor our newsletter. If you are interested in helping out please contact one our Co-Presidents: Greg Reed at g_a_reed@comcast.net (Ph: 503-869-1795, or Jeff Stoeger at mjstoeger@msn.com (Ph: 503-704-7920).



We have a winner !!! Raffle **2018 Jack Glass signed Steelhead Rod & Reel**



To help the Sandy River Chapter in funding our operations, Jack Glass, Team Hookup guide service and long-time Sandy River Chapter Member donated and signed a Lamiglass G1000 Pro 9'6" Medium GP 96 JS line 6-15 lb. lure ¼ - ¾ oz. rod, an Okuma RTX-35S reel with line and Bobber Dogging bobber.



The Ticket Drawing was held on November 7, 2018 during the monthly Chapter Meeting. At the Sam Cox Building of Glenn Otto Park, 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, Oregon.

And, the winning ticket holder was Sandy River Chapter member John Wheeler.

Park Adoption



The Sandy River Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders has officially adopted Glenn Otto Park. For many years the chapter has helped in park and river cleanup events. For years the chapter also has helped in maintaining surrounding park trails. This will continue as the purpose of the City of Troutdale's Adopt-A-Park Program is to provide volunteers with an opportunity to maintain, preserve, develop, and improve parks and trails in the City of Troutdale.



A Big Step Forward for Threatened Salmon and Steelhead

Source: Association of Northwest Steelheaders

ODFW announced on Thursday that it has received permission from NOAA to lethally remove sea lions below Willamette Falls. This is significant progress towards rebuilding ESA-listed steelhead and salmon runs in the Willamette Basin. But, our work is far from over. Sea lions are one of many problems our threatened Willamette river winter steelhead and spring Chinook face, so this is welcome news that may provide some immediate relief while we push for federal legislation that will allow ODFW to proactively address pinniped predation at Willamette Falls and the growing threat of sea lions preying on spawning grounds in the tributaries like the Clackamas, Sandy, and Cowlitz rivers.

The Northwest Steelheaders and many others groups have been supporting ODFW's efforts to obtain this authorization for a long time. Collectively and individually, our groups pushed for reform to protect our fish, and thanks to those concerted efforts, we're almost there on this issue. A special thanks goes out to the Steelheaders own Norm Ritchie, who served on the federal Willamette Basin Sea Lion Task Force.

Our work is not yet done. Please continue to urge your federal elected representatives to pass pending legislation allowing ODFW to proactively manage sea lion predation on threatened salmon and steelhead. In Congress, a bill to allow lethal removal of sea lions has already passed the House, and two competing bills have yet to be voted on in the Senate. Urge your senators to come together to get one of the two through Congress. Wild winter steelhead will soon be returning to the Willamette Basin, and sea lions won't wait for parliamentary procedure.

Continued support from members and the fishing public make the successes possible. Without your support we never would have made it this far. Thank you!

To view the ODFW interview Thursday, 11-15-2018 at 2 pm, for online newsletter, place your cursor on the web address below, press the Ctrl key on your computer and then click on it with your mouse.

<https://www.facebook.com/MyODFW/videos/736799226687775/UzpfSTlxMDA1NTlxOTAzODkxNzoyMTg3NjE1NDkONjE2MjAz/> .



Feds approve ODFW plan for limited sea lion removal on lower Willamette

Source: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2018/11_november/111518.asp

Nov. 15, 2018

SALEM, Ore. – The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has approved the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's application to lethally remove the few California sea lions present at Willamette falls in an effort to help save winter steelhead and spring Chinook from extinction.

Sea lions are protected under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). On Oct. 6, 2017, ODFW applied for authorization to remove California sea lions at Willamette Falls under a provision of the MMPA that allows for limited lethal take of sea lions that are having a negative impact on protected fish species.

ODFW filed for the application because their analyses showed that the high levels of predation by sea lions (25% of the steelhead run in 2017) meant there was an almost 90% probability that one of the upper Willamette steelhead runs would go extinct. The level of predation on spring Chinook, although lower (7-9% annually), was still enough to increase the extinction risk by 10-15%.

The NMFS reached their decision after considering public comment on ODFW's application as well as the recommendations of a 14-member stakeholder taskforce.

"This is good news for the native runs of salmon and steelhead in the Willamette River," said Dr. Shaun Clements, ODFW policy analyst on the sea lion issue. "Before this decision, the state's hands were tied as far as limiting sea lion predation on the Willamette River. We did put several years' effort into non-lethal deterrence, none of which worked. The unfortunate reality is that, if we want to prevent extinction of the steelhead and Chinook, we will have to lethally remove sea lions at this location."

Clements noted that this authorization will do nothing to help curb the recent influx of the much larger steller sea lions into the basin, or their impact on white sturgeon, a species that can live up to 100 years. "Steller sea lions are preying heavily on sturgeon in the lower Willamette but current federal law prohibits us from doing anything about that," said Clements.

California sea lions in the U.S. are not listed as "endangered" or "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The most recent population estimate for the U.S. stock was 296,750 animals in 2016. ODFW requested and was granted authority to remove up to one percent of the population's "potential biological removal" level, a metric that translates to a maximum of 93 animals a year on the lower Willamette. According to ODFW's Marine Mammal Program Lead Dr. Shea Steingass, there are 50-100 animals that are present at the Falls at some point in the year.

"Removal of these sub-adult and adult males will have no impact on viability of the sea lion population but will greatly improve the outlook for threatened upper Willamette winter steelhead runs," she said.

With federal authorization now in place, ODFW can move forward with plans to trap and remove sea lions from the Willamette. "We currently have up to 12 animals at the Falls and a majority of those have been seen here every year for the past 10 years" said Steingass.

ODFW will have to meet two federally-mandated criteria to remove an individual sea lion: it must be observed in the area between Willamette Falls and the mouth of the Clackamas River for two days, or be seen eating salmonids. Those sea lions captured on the Willamette by agency biologists will be transported to a



A California sea lion catches a salmon or steelhead in front of the fish ladder entrance at Willamette Falls. (Photo by Rick Swart/ODFW)

secure facility and humanely euthanized by a veterinary staff. Staff will also perform a necropsy and collect samples to determine the age, health, and diet of the animal in an effort to better understand ecology and behavior of these animals. ODFW will continue to monitor sea lion predation at Willamette Falls, and report its findings to NMFS, which will decide in five years whether to renew ODFW's authority.

Clements said the action is about striking a balance between the recovery of imperiled salmon and steelhead and the ongoing conservation of sea lions.

"We are trying to prevent a few individual sea lions from habituating to these areas that are hundreds of miles from the ocean where they are especially effective at driving already depleted fish populations further down the path to extinction," he said. Predation by pinnipeds also threatens to undermine the gains made by significant regional investments in recovery efforts, such as improvements in fish passage at dams, restoration of fish habitat, and implementation of fishing regulations that prohibit anglers from harvesting wild fish.

The MMPA, unlike the ESA, has fewer tools for managers to use to balance the conservation of predators and prey and prevent these situations in locations where fish are most vulnerable. Sections of the MMPA were revised in 1994 to allow limited management of sea lions for the purpose of protecting ESA-listed salmon and steelhead. Unfortunately, the revisions do not allow for proactive management and cannot address emergencies like that occurring at Willamette Falls. In this regard, ODFW has been working with Oregon's congressional delegation, which is working on a legislative solution that would give wildlife managers broader authority to deal with conservation problems if they arise elsewhere in the Columbia Basin. "I'm optimistic that we'll get what we need from Congress, but also nervous that time is running out to get this done before the end of the congressional calendar," said Clements.

Contact: Dr. Shaun Clements, (503) 947-6212
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On November 10, 2018, the Association of Northwest Steelheaders' 31st Annual Hall of Fame Banquet & Auction honored the volunteers who dedicated their time to cooperatively work for a lasting legacy of healthy fisheries over the past year. The theme this year was *Healing our Homewaters* which represents our collective efforts to advocate for increased salmon protection from predation, enhancement of our public boat launches and parks, support of veteran fishing events, and our recognition that the future of a healthy Columbia River means providing environmental and angler education to our youth.

HOF Awards for 2018 are:

Foot Soldier ----- Leroy Schultz

Celebrity ----- Bob Toman

Chapter of the Year ---- Tualatin Valley

Affiliate of the year ---- Brandon & Ryan Wedam (Bn'R Tackle)

Member of the year ---- Aaron Sewell

President's Award ----- Stevie Parsons

Supporter of the year – John & Karen Robinson

Save your Hunter/Angler ID# and get ready to verify your account: New ODFW Electronic Licensing System on track to launch Dec. 1

Source: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2018/11_november/111518b.asp

Thursday, November 15, 2018

SALEM, Ore.—Get ready for the launch of ODFW's new modernized licensing system on Dec. 1—hang on to your 2018 hunting or fishing license or take a photo of it now to make verification easy!

Once the new system launches on Dec. 1, hunters and anglers should use their Hunter/Angler ID# to verify their account in the new system, which can be done either online at MyODFW.com or at a license sale agent. The Hunter/Angler ID# number is printed on all ODFW licenses and tags and stays the same from year to year. It will be known as the "ODFW ID#" in the new licensing system.

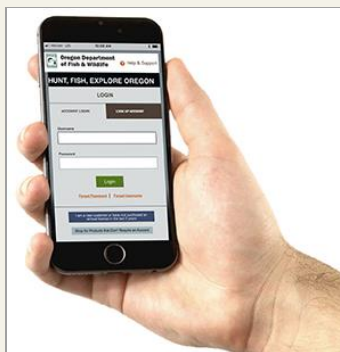
Hunters and anglers can also enter a phone number or email associated with their ODFW account to verify it in the new system. Those who don't have any of this information can visit a license sale agent or call ODFW Licensing at (503) 947-6101 for help.

Verifying your account will be an important step for hunters and anglers who have big game preference points or other certifications/special status in effect (such as a Pioneer License, Oregon Hunting and Fishing Disability Permit, Northwest Goose certification, etc.). Customers who have purchased a hunting, fishing, shellfish, combination or Sports Pac license in the last three years (2016-2018) should also verify their account in the new system.

All others can choose "I am a new customer or have not purchased an annual license in the last 3 years" to open an account either at MyODFW.com or a license sale agent.

More about the new ELS

ODFW's new modernized electronic licensing system (ELS), first announced in early August, remains on track for a Dec. 1, 2018 launch. With the new system, hunters and anglers will be able to carry their documents electronically (on their smartphone or tablet) and tag fish and wildlife with a mobile app that will even work offline. Or, customers can continue to use paper documents, but will be able to buy online at MyODFW.com and print licenses and tags directly at home on regular paper.



ODFW's new Electronic Licensing System mobile login page launching Dec. 1, 2018 for the sale of 2019 licenses/tags.

Use the **Look Up Account** to find your profile and create a user login, or if you have set up an account since December 1, 2018, enter your username and password on the **Account Login** tab

ACCOUNT LOGIN	LOOK UP ACCOUNT
ID Type <input type="text"/>	Identification # <input type="text"/>
ODFW ID <input type="text"/>	Date of Birth <input type="text"/>
Email Address <input type="text"/>	
Phone Number <input type="text"/>	
<input type="submit" value="Submit"/>	
Forgot Password Forgot Username	
<input type="button" value="I am a new customer or have not purchased an annual license in the last 3 years"/>	
<input type="button" value="Shop for Products that Don't Require an Account"/>	

Hang on to your current hunting/fishing/shellfish license or tag or take a photo of it, then be ready to enter your Hunter/Angler ID# (to be known as the ODFW ID#) to verify your account in the new system after Dec. 1.

Customers will also still have the option of purchasing licenses and tags at license sale agents (including many ODFW offices), but no special paper or computer equipment will be needed by these businesses. The majority of current license sale agents including large retailers like Bi-Mart and Walmart have agreed to continue selling ODFW documents through the new system.

Note that all customers age 12 and over who purchase licenses/tags online or choose electronic tags will be required to have a unique email address (not shared by anyone else with a MyODFW account, including a parent or relative) for their account. Customers who purchase paper tags at license sale agents or ODFW offices will be encouraged (but not required) to include an email address in their profiles.

The unique email address is one way customers can be found and identified in the new system and tied to their specific licensing information. Also, with the new system, ODFW is switching its primary communication method with customers from mail to email for cost savings and efficiency. Customers who provide an email can opt out of receiving certain ODFW emails if they choose.

The old licensing system will stop operating at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30 so the new system can launch sometime on Dec. 1. Not all license sales agents may have their new systems up and running immediately on Dec. 1, so customers who need to purchase 2018 licenses/tags to hunt, fish, crab or clam the first weekend of December are encouraged to purchase needed documents before Nov. 30.

To find out more about the new ELS, visit <https://myodfw.com/articles/odfws-new-electronic-licensing-system-els>

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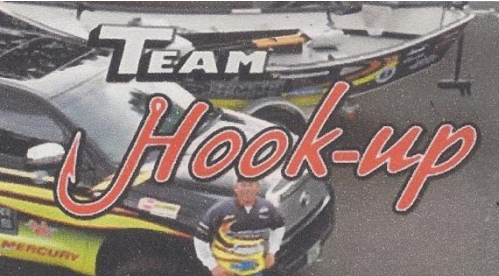
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