



Garden Hackle



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Program

This month we are glad to welcome Neil Strickland and Alyssa Halls of Anadromy Fly-fishing. They will be tying their steelhead flies for us. Topics to be covered include materials, technique, specific patterns, and how to effectively present them. Winter steelhead season is almost here. Hope to see you there!

The Next Meeting is
Tuesday July 21th
7: PM
Neil Strickland and Alyssa Halls
Steelhead Flies
North Olympia Fire Station
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE



Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

Greetings

Sorry to have missed you all at the last meeting. I had the opportunity to get an early start on a five day Deschutes float trip. The weather was perfect, winds very mild, and the smoke from the fires at Warm Springs stayed up stream from us. The fish counts were quite low, so we only caught a few each, mostly on caddis nymphs.

Also, on a more local fishing front I understand that the Sound is still loaded with Coho. There has been an excellent return this year, and several of our members are hooking these usually lock jawed fish. I'm finally going to get out next week, hope the runs doesn't fade out first.

For next meeting, we will concentrate on officer selection. Due to a chronic shortage of replacement board members, we have a very limited pool for president, as the candidate has to

have been on the board within the past five years. Most of those qualified have held this position, some more than once.

On a one time basis, the board can pass by unanimous vote to waive this requirement. We will especially recognize similar experience in other volunteer organizations and clubs. Also, we encourage all of you to consider helping. Some of our efforts have diminished over the last couple of years, so expect to see a renewal of committees to aid the board in outreach and conservation programs.

Enjoy the spectacular fall weather, wet a line and bring a good fish story to the next meeting. True stories are preferred, but don't let that cramp your style.

Best regards

Conservation

By Gwill Ging

Munn Lake Volunteers are needed on Thursday October 11th to collect rainbow trout prior to the fall stocking, which is planned for October 11th or 12th. The water temperature is expected to drop to the desired 60 degrees threshold by the end of week. Larry Phillips, WDFW, and his crew would like to take measurements (length and weight) on the fish we catch, as well as the numbers of fish caught to verify how the existing population of fish are doing, both in terms of abundance and condition. This information is needed to assess the productivity of Munn Lake and determine the appropriate stocking level for the future. The start time and a few other details have yet to be finalized. If you'd like to participate, please send me an email at gwillg@southsoundflyfishers.org, or call me at 866-9116, so I can provide you with the updated details.

The spring stocking provided some exceptional fishing at Munn Lake. The fall stocking of 500 three pound and 100 one pound rainbow trout will provide some great fishing

opportunities this fall and winter. I'm really glad to have a year-round catch-and-release, special regulations lake close to home, especially on those cold, short day light days of winter when I don't want to put in the effort to go steelhead fishing, but need to get out of the house.

I hope to see you at Munn Lake.

Columbia River Gillnetting There have been many efforts over the years to end gillnetting on the Columbia River mainstem because of the adverse effects of this non-selective fishery. Non-target fish, as well as birds, typically cannot be released without suffering high mortality. The well-funded and politically connected commercial fishing industry has consistently stymied the needed fishery reforms. In response, the Stop Gillnets Now coalition and the Coastal Conservation Association decided to put the ban on gillnets in the Columbia River mainstem before the voters of Oregon through Measure 81.

On September 10th, in response to Oregon Governor Kitzhaber's request to support and work on his alternative proposal for eliminating non-tribal gillnetting in the Columbia River, the Stop Gillnets Now coalition and the Coastal Conservation Association agreed to suspend their efforts on Measure 81. Washington's two gubernatorial candidates, Democrat Jay Inslee and Republican Rob McKenna have both expressed support for Governor Kitzhaber's proposal to ban gillnets in the Columbia River mainstem.

We should be encouraged by the progress being made to end gillnetting on the Columbia River, but need to let our voices be heard when this issue comes up before the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. Stay tuned.

White Salmon River and Condit Dam On October 26, 2011, a tunnel was blasted through the base of Condit Dam, allowing salmon and steelhead to pass upstream to spawning habitat that had been blocked off on the White Salmon River for nearly a hundred years. Less than one year later, Condit dam is completely gone and the salmon and steelhead runs are rebuilding. The removal of Condit Dam resulted from the efforts of many people over a long period of time. The following link shows a video taken during one of the last stages of dam removal. <http://whitesalmontimelapse.wordpress.com/2012/08/18/condit-dam-removal-update-6/>

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General Meetings

When The third Tuesday of every Month except December.
Where North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE
Time 6:15 PM Doors open,
6:30 P.M. Social Time
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM at North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station) Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Articles

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at ronaldvs@me.com by Nov 10th

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