

Education

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I have seen the sign at Capitol Lake and a number of boats on the lower Nisqually. That can only mean one thing...The salmon are here! I know some of you have been following them down the Puget Sound, but they are now entering the rivers in the area. For great viewing opportunities, you can watch them enter Capitol Lake at the 5th Street Bridge, or head up to Tumwater Falls Park to see them stacked up below any of the falls. Last year, I saw what appeared to be two Chinook below the lower falls, guarding a redd. There were at least three cutthroat trying for a tasty meal. Let's see if we can view something similar this season.

One great way to learn a little more about fishing a particular body of water or a specific species of fish, is to spend a day fishing with a guide. Pay attention to the fly selection, where to cast, weather and water conditions, and any other little tidbit you can pick up. After that great experience, put in the time on the water yourself. Use a journal to document every trip, not only the successful ones. After a while, you may start to see patterns (not just fly patterns). Over time, you may become an expert yourself.

There are many guide services in the Puget Sound area. To find a good one, ask a friend (or a few friends), visit a local fly shop (some are also guides), or just search the internet. Make sure you hire a guide with the experience that you are looking to learn, or it may end up only another great day on the water.

Club Brochure

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Please do not forget to send to me any fishing picture you would like to include in the new club brochure. Plus, I would like everyone to answer one simple question. Why are you a member of the South Sound Fly Fishers? Is it the Programs? Conservation? Education? Hotdog social? Let me know so I can highlight our good points. Send the answer and your fishing pictures to me at trout.fly.hunter@gmail.com.