



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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The Leader's Line

President Wayne Dixon Sr.



Hello Fly Fishers,

Summer is still with us but you get a feeling that Autumn is not far off. Days are getting shorter with the sun rises and sets moving on to the south. This is a great time of year for fishing. Salmon and steelhead are beginning to show up in the rivers and cutthroat are sure to follow. Trout in the high country are packing on the protein as they start to anticipate the icy blasts of an approaching winter.

The club is gearing up for Autumn as well. In anticipation of the change in seasons, we will be hearing from the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG) at this month's meeting. The HCSEG is working hard to maintain the salmon runs on the Canal. This is a timely program as we are looking forward to fishing the Canal this fall.

Outings this month are on the Cowlitz River. We plan to have a joint overnight camping outing with the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers at Blue Creek this coming weekend September 14th and 15th. Max Doerge is having a midweek outing to fish the Cowlitz from Blue Creek to Mission Bar on Friday 9/13. This is a great float and is sure to be fun. The recent rains may just be what is needed to have the fish move up river. Get more information about these outings in this edition of the Garden Hackle and at the club's new website: southsoundflyfishers.com

The club is also gearing up for a beginner's fly tying class starting in October at the Olympia Center. You will find the details and learn how to sign up in this edition of the Garden Hackle.

Lots of activities are happening as we begin to move from Summer into Fall.

Wayne



Photo by Heidi

The September Program



Lucas Marin at work

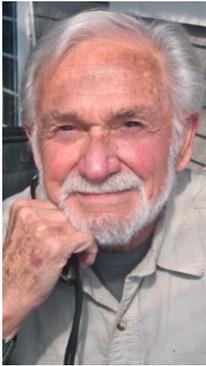
The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

Lucas Marin Education and Outreach Coordinator will present a program highlighting the major activities of the Salmon Center. The Salmon Center is located on Hood Canal at Belfair.

The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, the regional fisheries enhancement group, focuses its efforts on research of local salmon populations, restore salmon-bearing streams and provide education surrounding salmon and the ecosystem.

The presentation will include information about their ongoing research and restoration projects, education programs and volunteer opportunities. Of course, they also strive to teach everybody a few new things about one of Washington's most iconic species!

This will be an interesting and informative program that you will not want to miss.



Greetings Fly Fishers,

We have been contacted by Dan Spencer of the US fish and Wildlife Service about working with disadvantaged youth to use fishing as a means of involving them with environmental preservation.

Dan has supported the youngsters attending NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Dan has been invited to attend a SSFF general meeting and talk about his mission of working with disadvantaged youth on the environment and conservation.

You will be hearing more about this program over the coming months.

Tight Lines,

Ben



Heidi Marie Wellard

Outings

Jim McAllister Outings chair



Greetings Fellow Fly Fishers,

There is an overnight outing planned this month at Blue Creek/Cowlitz. The mid-week outing ghillie, Max Doerge, is planning a float of the Cowlitz from Blue Creek to Mission Bar. Please see below for details.

What: Club two day joint outing with the Clark Skamania Flyfishers

When: September 14 & 15 2019 (note this is before our club meeting)

Where: Cowlitz River at Blue Creek

Gillie: Jim McAllister 360-970-2953

Sea Runs, Steelhead and Salmon are targeted. A 5 weight rod is needed for Sea Run cutthroat, 7 and 8 wt. for Steelhead and Salmon. Floating and sink tip lines work. Bring dry flies and nymphs for the species you target. Bring a PFD and whistle for each person in a floating device, Discover Pass for each vehicle, Fishing license, snacks and drinks for the river trip. Dress for the weather so bringing a change of clothes and foul weather gear is always a good idea.

Dinner on Saturday night will be a potluck buffet with the Clark-Skamania club so bring something to share. Bring your own beverage of choice. This is dry camping for over night stays. A tent, tent camper, shell camper, trailer or RV all work. They have toilets but no running water.

If you want a map, go to the calendar under the “Events” tab on the club’s new website: Southsoundflyfishers.com

Mid-week Outing

COWLITZ RIVER FLOAT---SEPTEMBER 13, FRIDAY

LOCATION: Cowlitz Trout Hatchery Contact: Max Doerge Cell:360-790-6613

TIME: 8:00 am at the boat ramp, look for the club sandwich boards for direction.

Mav will be able to provide the shuttle needs for Mission Bar take out.

We will leave from the Blue Creek boat ramp on Friday and float to Mission Bar. This is an easy float!!! This stretch of the Cowlitz River allows you to drift with a kick boat, pontoon boat, kayak, or drift boat. Watercraft are optional for this outing since there is good wading water in both directions from the boat ramp.

Expect jet boat traffic for the first third of the drift which is the most fished and reputed to have the most productive waters for steelhead and sea run cutthroats. The middle third of the drift has a few good spots to pull over and prospect for smaller cobble, finding channels and sheltering bank structures. Depressions on the bottom are particularly important in this stretch. People typically pull over and have lunch on an island on the right side of this stretch of the river.

The lower third to Mission Bar ramp has productive waters that are excellent for wading with good bottom cover for the fish. After several hours of floating, the river makes a sharp left turn. You know you've made the turn if you see a house on the left bank that looks like a Cabela's store about a 1/4 mile further downstream. Then another 1/4 mile downstream the ramp will be where the trees end on the right side of the river. There is a brown notice board next to the ramp that can be seen from the water.

Cell phone coverage for AT&T and VERIZON is spotty on the river.

FLY LINES: Floating & sinking tip lines, 5-8 weight (5 weight if you are after sea runs; 7/8 weight for steelhead and Coho). A fast action 6 wt. or medium action 7 wt. is a good compromise.

WET FLIES: Black, blue, purple, red, and orange stinger/intruders; bright flies on sunny days and dark flies for cloudy skies; smaller flies if the water is clear (6-14).

DRY FLIES: October caddis and muddlers. Swing fly with sink tip or skate fly on surface with dry flies for steelhead, Coho, and sea runs. Nymphing the drop offs has proven to be effective for both fish also. If you are fly fishing for cutthroats, try targeting slower water and back eddies next to fast water.

Bring: PFD and whistle for each person doing the float, fishing license and Discover Pass.

Membership

By Randy Allen Vice President



Please meet a new member that joined the club!

At the August picnic I introduced **Bill Kline** to our members. This was his first meeting. Nice going, Bill. Any meeting we're serving food is an *especially* good time. To top it off he didn't go home empty handed. He left with one of the night's raffle prizes, a Jay Paulson *Titanic* fly. To complement the fly in his prize winnings was an institutional size bottle of Heinz ketchup. Another SSFF first! And just think - had he delayed attending until our regular meeting this month, the best I could have offered would have been a club patch and a club Finn fly. That Finn will have some big shoes to fill now that Bill's casting a *Titanic*. (Or, vice versa?) Timing is everything, Bill! Some meetings you just never know how things will work out! But, it's going to be good, no matter!

Look for Bill at the September meeting - we'll present him our customary new member welcome. Oh yeh - the patch and Finn fly too. We'll have an article and photo next month.

Speaking of new members, let me ask you ol' timers who have been members for 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 years, maybe more. How many new members have *you* introduced *yourself* to this year?

We've taken in about a dozen new members so far in 2019. Some are out of the area and haven't attended meetings. In 2018 another dozen joined. Given life's events, work schedules, families, etc. etc. it's unlikely all new members will attend the same meeting. But, at any given meeting I see newer members.

Membership isn't just about handing out a patch, a fly, a name badge, patting them on the back, and wishing them a great fishing life. Or, "oh-gee - lookit who came to the outing!" It's about welcoming the newcomer into our club, letting them know what activities are planned, and making them feel we want them to join us and participate. "Hey new-member Bob - I want you to come to this *next* outing!" It's all of our jobs.

At the September meeting - be on the lookout for new faces to you. Please walk up to them and introduce *yourself*. Fly fishers are the greatest folks. These new members are no exceptions. They have great stories, and interesting, diverse backgrounds. You might be surprised by what you'll find in common. On behalf of the new members - *thank you!*

Till next month - Narrow loops and drag-free mends.

Randy

Education

Max Doerge Education Chair



Greetings fly fishers,

SSFF and the City of Olympia have teamed up to offer a beginning fly tying class on consecutive Monday evenings starting October 7th running through November 21st. The class includes lab sessions to be held 10/17, 10/31 and 11/21. All classes and lab sessions will be at the Olympia Community Center.

This will be a beginning class for the many folks that would like to learn the basics of fly tying taught by some of the talented members of the club. The class is \$49 and includes all fly tying materials. The fly tying equipment needed is loaned by the club with a \$50 deposit that is refunded at the completion of the course.

Registration and class fee is through the City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department. Registration for the class is explained in the city's publication "Experience It." Class information and registration is on-line through the website at:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/olyparksartsrec/Activity_Search/beginning-fly-tying-class/6600

You can also obtain information and register by calling the Community Center at 360-753-8380. Another option is filling out the registration form in "Experience It" and fax it to 360-570-5853. This form can also be mailed to: Olympia Community Center- 222 Columbia Street NW, Olympia, WA 98501. Checks and major credit cards are accepted.

Tight thread,

Max



Greetings Fly fishers,

The club has several dedicated funds and they are all part of carrying out the club's mission.

The **Sea Run Cutthroat Fund** is dedicated to supporting this iconic fishery in the South Sound and Hood Canal. This fund began when the Women's Fly Fishers club in Seattle made a major donation to the club in support of SSFF's efforts to improve the Sea Run populations in the South Sound and Hood Canal. This work is now performed by WDFW as part of the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition.

The club has a **Munn Lake Fund** used to pay WDFW for the extra fish food needed to grow the trout in their facilities for Munn Lake.

The **Alan Harger fund** supports the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy by supporting young people so they may attend even if they are from a low income family.

If you would like to donate to one or more of these programs, just indicate which programs and the amount you wish the money to go to in the notation portion of the check.

Please mail your check to: South Sound Fly Fishers, PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507.

Thank you for your support of all of these programs.

South Sound Fly Fishers is a Non-profit corporation registered with the State of Washington. South Sound Fly Fishers is a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). Donations to SSFF are tax deductible to the full extent of IRS guidelines.

Jim



SSFF Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction

Save the Date: SSFF Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction - Saturday, May 2, 2020

The South Sound Fly Fishers' Family Dinner and Auction will be held next year at the Black Lake Grange Hall on **Saturday, May 2nd of 2020**.

The dinner usually begins at 6:00 and the auction starts at 7:00. It will be a live-only auction and all funds raised will go to the club's conservation and service projects like:

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly-Fishing Academy

South Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

Casting for Recovery

We hope to auction donations of “experiences and adventures” (fishing trips, gourmet dinners, etc.), and valuable items like rods, reels and gift cards, art, and fishing supplies. We are looking forward to evening of fun, fine food, friendship, fish stories, and entertainment as we generate funds to continue our club's conservation and education programs.

SSFF Raffle News:

We had a 50/50 raffle at our annual picnic at Scott Lake

We had a 50/50 Raffle with individual tickets sold at \$5.00. The winner was Jim McAllister and he received half of the total sales. It worked out well considering Jim and his wife Mac hosted the picnic cookout at Scott Lake Park. The second place winner was Bill Kline who won one of Jay Paulson's very effective Titanic Flies.

SSFF Patches

Official SSFF Patches are available at the Raffle Table for only \$5. These can be placed on a cap, shirt, jacket, or fly fishing vest to show your membership in the club.

SSFF Stickers

Official SSFF Stickers are available at the Raffle Table for only \$10. These can be placed on your boat, truck, auto, motorcycle, skateboard, or virtually any hard smooth surface to show your membership in the club.

John



Doug Rose



(Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles about Doug Rose who for 25 years lived, fished, guided and wrote about the Olympic Peninsula. Unfortunately Doug lost his battle with cancer in 2013. Doug was a frequent presenter at club meetings and his friendly, gentle and giving nature endeared him to many members of South Sound Fly Fishers.)

Coastal Cutthroat Fishing

Doug loved coastal cutthroat and on the Olympic Peninsula he was a recognized master of cutthroat fishing. There are many kinds of fresh water fish that have sea run versions of their species. Brown and Brook trout immediately come to mind. Coastal Cutthroat or the fish commonly referred to as Sea Run Cutthroat in the Pacific Northwest are found up and down the Pacific Coast. They are not large compared to mature salmon and steelhead but on a pound by pound basis they are arguably the best cold water sport fish in the world. On a flyline they sometimes behave more like a steelhead. Let me share with you some stories about sea run fishing with Doug Rose.

Each fall we targeted sea runs in Northern Hood Canal and Admiralty Inlet. We particularly enjoyed fishing the area known as the “Government Cut.” This is the narrow body of water separating Indian Island from the mainland. It is just down the bay from Port Townsend. We fished the “cut” and the bays as both ends.

We usually fished until lunchtime then we had what Doug called “Hotdog Fridays.” It was a potluck at one of the nearby parks. We’d all bring something to eat with Doug bringing the sausages and condiments. Hotdog Fridays became a tradition wherever we fished on the Olympic Peninsula. So, we fished many Fridays throughout the year at a beach or river selected by Doug. When Doug set the Hotdog Friday for the Government Cut we knew we were in for a treat because it meant we’d have the potluck at one of the parks on Indian Island.

I got in the habit of bringing a pot of baked beans to the potluck. I still have the recipe because it is popular and its been in the family for years. It came from my wife’s aunt Josephine. Usually I use this recipe whenever we have an SSFF potluck as this recipe is a real winner with club members. As I said Doug always provided the hotdogs and buns with all the trimmings. I’ve often thought it would be fun to have a “Hotdog Friday” group in the South Sound Fly Fishers during the spring and fall. There are enough parks and places to fish locally in the Olympia area. We’ve had tailgaters in recent years at Munn Lake that were always fun. Hotdogs are about as easy as you can get served from the backend of a car or truck. Max and John have done this several times on outings and it’s always a plus to have food on an outing.

When the weather was cold and windy and a picnic was impossible, we’d go to a restaurant in Port Townsend. This happened a lot in wintertime. It got so the restaurant staff expected us on Fridays that too were wet and windy for fishing in Port Townsend Bay. They would take care to save a big table for us in a particular part of the restaurant and the servers became familiar with the food and beverages each of us ordered.

Doug liked good food and grew most of his own vegetables. Many were varieties not easily found in the stores. Vegetables such as red tipped Romaine lettuce, Broccoli Rabe and Arugula were usually growing in Doug’s garden. Doug got me started growing some of his favorite vegetables. I still grow a few varieties from seed in our back yard garden. They are always provide a good break from the varieties carried in the local food stores. Not only do they provide wonderful flavor, they are likely better for you because they have never been sprayed and the soil they grow in has not been contaminated with pesticides.

As I’ve mentioned before, Doug saw fly tying as a blend of art and science. He spent years studying the eating habits of cutthroat trout as they ate all manner of things available to them after they used up their egg sacks. One of their prime sources of protein was Chum salmon fingerlings moving from the fresh water of their natal streams to their great adventures in the salt waters of Hood Canal and Puget Sound heading to the Pacific Ocean. Doug spent years designing the perfect fly to imitate these fry or fingerlings as they made their way to open water. Doug named this fly the “Keta Rose” and today it is considered a classic found in almost all fly boxes of fishers of Sea Runs. It worked well when Doug created the “Keta Rose” years ago and it still works well today.



The Keta Rose created by Doug Rose

Other Sea Run patterns we often tied and fished were the Knudsen Spider with a brown or green body, the Chum Baby, Sand Lance, and the Dead Chicken. All these patterns are just as effective to this season as they were when they were created.

One experience I had while fishing with Doug was seeing hundreds of Cutthroat coming down the Government Cut following and feeding on a huge school of Sand Lance. I put on a Sand Lance pattern of the same color and size and began casting to the middle of the cutthroat. Well, what happened was nothing. All the fish simply ignored the fly. I didn't even feel a bump. What to do? I tied on various Sand Lance colors and sizes but still nothing. Finally, I just gave up and switched to a Knudson Spider and that broke the spell. It was one fish after another until the entire parade of fish passed by. My take away was, that Sea Runs are just like any other trout. Sometimes your fly simply gets lost among the naturals so, switching to a totally different pattern can sometimes do the trick.

Doug has been gone about six years but, often when I'm fishing alone, I can feel Doug's presence. I hear his familiar voice saying "Okay Joe, cast a little to the left or cast to that spot over there." Doug is always with me whenever fishing Peninsula waters. And, whenever I release a fish, I can hear him say "nice fish Joe, well done pal."

In next month's article I will tell you a bit about Doug's passion for the wilderness of the Olympic Peninsula and his fight to preserve this treasure in the State of Washington. Until then let me leave you with another poem by one of my favorite writers- Domanic Flomic

“Tie One On”

By Domanic Flominic

The Surgeon was operating
until the dawn.
He drives the backroads to the lake
to tie one on.

The grocer lifted boxes all day
like a pawn.
Exhausted, he slips to the stream
to tie one on.

The scientist squints down
at her specimen spawn.
bleary-eyed she goes to the creek
To tie one on.

The construction worker
drops his bag on the lawn.
Instead he hides under the bridge
To tie one on.

The dentist pulls teeth all day.
and feels withdrawn.
She escapes down to the river
to tie one on.

The grease-covered mechanic
lies to use the “john.”
Instead he heads to the reservoir
to tie one on.

The veterinarian struggles
to save the fawn.
It lives but he stays at the pond
To tie one on.

Inside, they’ve hung signs that says:
“fly fishing I have gone.”
grabbed their fly rods and left...
To go tie one on.

2019 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

By Mike Clancy, Co-Director



2020 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 21-27, 2020 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The Staff will be contacting over 50 dedicated volunteers to contribute their time for the success of the Academy and for the kids.

This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to teach them the basics of fly fishing and conservation. The event is one full week with the staff and youth living at the Gwinwood Center and boarding in cabins. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fly fishing gear.

The event is supported by WCTU and WSCFFI and members of South Sound FF, Olympia Chapter TU, Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma and local companies and private individuals.

The enrollment fee for each student is only \$300, sponsorships are available through, WSCFFI fly clubs, TU Chapters and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funds.



Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2020 until April 15, 2020. Applications may be downloaded from our website - www.nwycffa.org, sent via email to mtclancy39@comcast.net or call 253-278-0061 and Jim Brosio, brosioj@q.com. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why THEY want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor.

The 2020 Academy will be Jim and my last year as Directors for The Academy. It's time we passed the reins on to new folks interested in carrying on with The Academy. The new folks are welcome to attend the 2020 Academy, to shadow us and we will help for as long as it takes to counsel the new Directors. The event is a two person task. Jim and I have enjoyed our time with the event, it's time we move on.

We are very proud of The Academy, this has been a life changing experience for many of our youth.



THE YOUTH OF TODAY ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE FUTURE FOR OUR SPORT OF FLYFISHING

**Here are some recent communications from the Washington State Council:**

The Washington State Council of the (WSCFFI) provides this e-mail distribution to serve FFI clubs and other interested parties. In most cases the WSCFFI Board has not reviewed them and takes no stand on them.

However, the SSFF stood with the fishing community years ago when large scale mining on Bristol Bay was first proposed. We are against it then and we are against it now.

EPA rolls back Bristol Bay protections

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rolled back protections for Bristol Bay that were outlined in the 2014 Proposed Determination. Withdrawing the Proposed Determination is purely a political move - it ignores peer-reviewed science, millions of public comments and a process that is intended to safeguard the people, jobs and fish of Bristol Bay.

These protections are the reason most people thought that the Pebble mine was no longer a threat. Today, those protections are gone.

Right now Bristol Bay is at grave risk by Pebble mine. This roll-back requires us all to stay engaged and turn to our decision makers to advocate for the fish and fish-based industries in Bristol Bay. Here's what you can do:

Take a moment to [send an email to your elected decision makers](#) and tell them to stand up to this sham process and defend Bristol Bay. Tell them to stop this end run.

Just weeks after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released comments critical of Pebble's permit application, the agency withdrew the 2014 Proposed Determination on July 30th.

What is the Proposed Determination? The Proposed Determination were protections for Bristol Bay released in July 2014 after the EPA extensively analyzed the Bristol Bay Watershed and the effects of large-scale mining in the Pebble deposit area. Tribes, communities, fishermen and businesses of Bristol Bay requested the EPA undergo the process and the Agency conducted a three-year, twice-peer review scientific assessment to reach their findings. If finalized, these protections would have allowed the EPA to restrict the amount of mine waste released, even if the Army Corps of Engineers approved the permit.

Why was it revoked? Politically-motivated decision making. CNN released a report showing that scientists within EPA supported keeping the Proposed Determination, but were informed by political appointee staffers that it would be removed one day after Alaska Governor Dunleavy met with President Trump to discuss the state's mining future.

Why do we care? The EPA has given up its clear authority to defend Bristol Bay. The protections that were there are no longer on the table.

What can you do about it? Call or email your U.S. Senators and ask them to do everything in their power to stop Pebble mine. Tell them that you care about the fish and fish-based economies of the region and that the politically-motivated removal of the Proposed Determination is unacceptable.

Pebble filed for their most important federal permit in late 2017, which allows them to discharge waste materials into streams in Bristol Bay. While Pebble would have to secure other permits to begin their operations, they hinge on the review and approval of this one, so it's really important to prevent them from getting this permit.

The biggest thing we can collectively do right now to stop the Pebble mine is contact our U.S. Senators and ask them to stop Pebble mine. Whether you live in Bristol Bay Alaska or in the lower 48, every elected official needs to hear from us. Then, tell your friends about the threat of Pebble mine, and ask them to do the same.

WDFW News release:

September 3, 2019

Contact: Larry Phillips, 360-870-1889

Media: Michelle Dunlop, 360-902-2255

Agreement reached to benefit Coho salmon, steelhead in Wynoochee River basin

OLYMPIA – State and tribal leaders have agreed to a plan that will enhance Coho salmon and steelhead populations diminished by the Wynoochee Dam in Grays Harbor County.

A public meeting on the plan is scheduled at 6 p.m., Sept. 24, at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) regional office, located at 48 Devonshire Road in Montesano.

Under the agreement between WDFW and the Quinault Indian Nation, roughly 500,000 Coho salmon and 60,000 winter steelhead will be released annually as mitigation for the Wynoochee dam.

"This historic agreement benefits both wild fish populations as well as state and tribal fishers," said Ron Warren, fish policy lead for WDFW. "Despite some obstacles along the way, the state and tribe have worked collaboratively over the years to find a path forward for fish in the Wynoochee basin."

Under the agreement, WDFW annually will release:

- 100,000 Coho into the Wynoochee River;
- 400,000 Coho into the Satsop River;
- 60,000 winter steelhead into the Wynoochee River.

The 60,000 winter steelhead to be released in the Wynoochee and the 400,000 Coho bound for the Satsop River will all be marked with clipped adipose fins, making them available for anglers to retain during years when sufficient numbers of fish are forecast to return.

The 100,000 Coho released into the Wynoochee River will be tagged with a coded wire but will not be marked (with clipped adipose fins) for the first five years of the plan. As unmarked fish, these Coho have a better chance of making it back to the spawning grounds in the Wynoochee River since the retention of unmarked Coho is prohibited except in years when high numbers of wild fish are expected to return.

"The intent of this plan is to re-establish a healthy Coho population in the Wynoochee River while providing Coho and steelhead fishing opportunities within the basin," Warren said.

The first release of these fish into the basin could take place as early as 2021. Anglers could then expect to see Coho and steelhead returning as soon as the fall of 2022.

The most recent licensing agreement with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 1991 required mitigation for damage to fish populations as result of the Wynoochee Dam, owned by the city of Aberdeen. A new hatchery was planned but not constructed, due to site location difficulties. Funds intended for the new hatchery were put into a trust now held by Tacoma Power, which operates a powerhouse near the dam.

Without a new facility on the Wynoochee, there is limited capacity to raise more fish for release into the Wynoochee River, said Larry Phillips, WDFW regional director.

"Releasing more Coho into the Wynoochee will help offset years when natural production is low and could ultimately lead to more opportunities for anglers," Phillips said. "In the meantime, anglers can look forward to what's sure to be improved Coho and steelhead fishing within the entire basin in the next few years."

The state and tribe have sent the signed draft agreement to Tacoma Power for review before the utility forwards it to FERC for consideration. If approved by FERC, the mitigation plan will run through 2037, when the dam's federal license is up for renewal. WDFW estimates the cost of implementing the plan over the next 18 years (until 2037) is about \$2.6 million, which is the amount in the trust fund.

e-news FFI letter

(click this link or copy and paste in your browser):

<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational/feb-2019-ffi-eneews-990685?e=9568d73ba4>

Pocket Water

“Sea Run Cutthroat fishing in Wollochet Bay area is best done by boat in such shallow water that one oar is on the beach.”

George Uhlman



Photo by Howard Nanto

The quotation this month is by Joe Ulman’s father who lived and fished in the Gig Harbor area. Photos are provided courtesy of club member Howard Nanto and photographer Heidi of Magical Moments PNW . The club is fortunate to have such generous and talented members and supporters.



Club Bulletin Board

Please see "Events" at the new club website. The new Web address: southsoundflyfishers.com
For special events and outings for club members and guests this is "the" place to checkout.

Club Dues for 2019-- Dues can be given to the Treasurer by cash or check at meetings or by mailing a check to: SSFF at PO Box 7456 Olympia WA 98507. Thank you for supporting the SSFF mission of conservation and education.

Support SSFF member and bike rider [Vic Andrade](#) as he bicycles down the Westcoast from Canada to Mexico to help raise awareness of Big Brothers and Big Sisters as they provide mentors for young folks. Vic recently made a few long bike trips. See Vic's blog at: [<http://thelonerider.bike/donate/>]

Please help our First Responders Please keep the Fire Station's emergency vehicle driveways clear of parked vehicles during all SSFF meetings. If the designated parking spaces in front of the fire Station are full, please park in the lot behind the Station. Willy Worm the Garden Hackle mascot says thanks for your cooperation.

Redd counting is over for the season. The Coastal Cutthroat Coalition will announce when they need volunteers for the winter of 2020. Thank you 2019 volunteers! For more information on this fishery visit CCC's website at: <https://www.coastalcutthroatcoalition.com/>

Kids get plenty of exposure to cell screens and the internet, how about some exposure to the natural world? Here is an answer - The Salmon Center is taking signups for the Farm Steward Program for the Fall. This is a great weekly after school program. Learn more and Signup on-line at: <https://pnwsalmoncenter.org/>

FLY OF THE MONTH

Barr's Meat Whistle

Fly of the Month is from FFI's Tying Group:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JggK6LmGU3s>

(Copy and paste the links into your browser and go to the video on how to tie this fly)

Thank you FFI for sharing!



Photo by Howard Nanto



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Club Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month except December. Doors open at 5:30PM with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm. Unless announced otherwise, all regularly scheduled meetings are held at the North Olympia Fire Station, 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia WA. USA.

Please submit material for the next Garden Hackle by **October 6th** -Thank you.

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