



## SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

# THE GARDEN HACKLE

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### The Leader's Line

President Wayne Dixon Sr.



### Hello Fly Fishers,

I have been blessed enough to be able to retire a few months ago, and aside from my fly-fishing business I found myself with some free time to get out and experience the fall colors and fish the local streams and rivers for fall trout.

This is a great time of year to be hiking down a river and looking for that perfect hole that holds fish. One thing I noticed was that my usual group of (go to) flies have not been performing as well as they used to in summer. Also, the trout showed a little interest but then suddenly and sadly turned away. Sad for me not the trout!

I suddenly remembered an article I read on changing the colors of your flies right on the river. I thought this may be the answer to a more aggressive trout. After some agonizing decision making, I took a light tan spruce moth and carefully placed a dark brown stripe down the middle on the bottom. Within 5 casts I had a fish on the hook (barbless of course). Most people know that the Banshee fly is by far one of my favorites, but when the old standby doesn't perform break out the ink. I gave that fly black wings and a black collar with my sharpie! Again, I was now catching fish. Although this is not new there are some new products that make the task easier. You can look on-line and pick up a whole set of colored perm-a-markers with different tips for sprucing up your fly. Next time you're on the water try this and see if it doesn't change your luck.

October is here and it has been a great year. Our club has accomplished so much but we have a lot more to do. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out all year. Our introduction to fly tying kicks off Mon 7 oct and will run through most of November. In November, it will be time for new selections on the Board of Directors. We really need people to step up and take a turn at the helm. We will be losing 3 Board members, so now is the time to volunteer your help. I want to thank you all for a great 2 years as your president and hopefully the next President will have as much fun as I did in this role. Hope you all have a great holiday season.

Peace,

*Wayne*



Photo by Heidi of Magical Moments PNW

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## The October Program

Frank Haw



**Frank Haw** will be our guest speaker at the club meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>. Frank is a fisheries biologist who worked his way up in WDFW to become Deputy Director.

Frank is one of the most respected fisheries managers in the northwest. Frank was there when the Bolt Decision was handed down. Frank was there when the numbers of licensed fishers outnumbered the pro--sports fans by a wide margin.

Frank has authored two excellent books on saltwater fishing in the northwest.

Frank will take questions from club members.

You will not want to miss hearing from one of the most experienced and knowledgeable fisheries managers and consultants in the Pacific Northwest.

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## Outings

Jim McAllister Outings chair



Greetings Fellow Fly Fishers,

Here are the outings planned for the next few weeks:

**What:** Chum Salmon outing at Hoodsport

**When:** Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 (Scheduled for Chum run at Hoodsport)

**Where:** Meet at Hagen's parking lot—exact time will depend on tides

**Gillie:** Jim McAllister 360-970-2953

**Details and Outing Q&A at the October club meeting**

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

### Mid-week Outings

**WHAT:** October outing on October 17<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATION:** Skookumchuck River      **Contact:** Ghillie-- Max Doerge (Cell:360-790-6613)

**TIME:** 9:00 AM meet at Kiosk near hatchery

**FLY LINES:** Floating or slow-sink line or sink tip—4 or 5 wt.

**Bring:** Warm clothing and rain gear if needed. Waders, wading boots

Details discussed at October 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

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## Membership

By Randy Allen Vice President



### Hello Fly Fishers

The *second* F in SSFF stands for ... *Fishers!* But you knew that. Is this an odd start to the Membership column?

Not really! *Membership* - it's not about taking a newcomer's \$40 and handing him or her a badge the next month. That's mechanical and administrative. Then what - we leave the newbie adrift in a sea of floating lines?

Membership . . . It's about putting folks together, and getting them *fishing*. You're interested in sea-run cutthroat? Let me introduce you to . . . . Oh, you want to fish for tuna on a fly? One of our guys just did that! Let's go meet him! So, you're *brand new* and haven't been on an outing? I *really* want you to attend our outing Jim planned. I really want to see you land a fish on your new fly rod gear. I want to be there and help as you need. I want to see it all come together for you. And I think that's in more of us than not.

Jim McAllister personifies all that spirit. When he's with a newbie you may have noticed Jim's line high and dry. Why isn't he showing the newbie "how it's done?" Jim already knows how to fish. His line isn't wet because he's patiently coaching that new fisher to catch their first fish on a fly. And, when they do, I assure you Jim is just as thrilled as the new fisher!

I enjoyed a memorable day with a new member this summer. Vic Andrade joined our *Intro to Fly Fishing* class last March. He promptly bought his rod setup from Bjorn, and attended our series of follow-on casting classes. He was working to master his mechanics. Now, it was time to put it together and see how it all works on the river.

We joined Jim's Skokomish River outing to the Olympic National Park above Lake Cushman. A beautiful day, high 60's, and clear water. Vic showed me his new flies with loops on the end of their tippets for fast changes. Impressive! He'd done his homework! Let me cut to the chase. The photo shows Vic's first rainbow trout, a nice 10 - 11 incher caught on his *second cast!* A second fish after Vic's *fourth cast!* A *third fish* after his *eighth cast!* Each fish was an inch larger than the previous.

Vic tried to chalk it up to beginner's luck. I assured him it was *not*. When we first reached the water's edge I quizzed him a little. "Vic, think back to your Intro class when we discussed holding spots in a stream. What do you see?" Vic pointed out likely holding spots behind several rocks and the seams coming off those rocks. We talked about casting and drag free drifts. Vic didn't notice any hatch activity so he reminded me that Wayne taught the class to play the odds that 80% of the fish's diet is nymphs. And then he cast. A little suggestion how to better manage his slack line, and first fish was *ON* ! I'm so glad I was there to be a part of it!

Membership - It's *much* more than handing out badges. It's about introducing that newcomer to other members, and helping them take the next step for their new interest, and helping get him or her out on the water. And the newer they are, the better it is when you're there for their first fish!

And y'know, we're *all* Membership chairs in this club! It *has* to be that way! Till next month, meet a club newcomer and help him or her to the next step. And get them out on the water!

*Randy*



Vic Andrade on Skokomish Outing

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# Education

Max Doerge Education Chair



**Greetings fly fishers,**

SSFF and the City of Olympia kicked off the beginning fly tying class at the Olympia Center on Monday evening October 7<sup>th</sup>. Experienced tiers from SSFF got the tying newcomers off to a good start. The participants are tying a different fly each class night. One of the goals is to produce an assortment of flies they can use fly fishing.

Short videos on tying techniques were shown to help the class understand basic fly tying skills. The Instructor team from SSFF are Wayne Dixon, Randy Allen, Mark Brownell, Jim McAllister, Loren McAllister and Lee Yeager. The classes continue on consecutive Monday nights through November 21<sup>st</sup>. The class also has lab sessions on 10/17, 10/31 and 11/21.

*Max*



Photo by Howard Nanto

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## Club Business

## Jim Maus Club Treasurer



### Greetings Fly fishers,

Just got back from West Yellowstone where we had a great time.

I want to go over again with you the several dedicated funds the club maintains.

The **Sea Run Cutthroat Fund** is dedicated to supporting this iconic fishery in the South Sound and Hood Canal areas. 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 Cutthroat populations in the South Sound and Hood Canal. This work is now performed by WDFW as part of the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition effort.

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 eventual planting in Munn Lake.

The **Alan Harger fund** supports the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy by supporting young people so they may attend the Academy 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 important 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

Please save the date: SSFF Potluck 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**.

The potluck 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:**

Thank you, to all the club members who participate in the raffle at each meeting, and all the members who donate raffle items. Remember, we will continue to have interesting and useful raffle items at every meeting, so stop by before the meeting and get your tickets. We also have some empty fly boxes to fill for the raffle, please see me at the raffle table.

## **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*



Photo by Howard Nanto

### Doug Rose



(Note: This is the fifth 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.)

#### Doug Rose on Conservation and the Environment

Doug Rose was a writer, a guide and a conservationist. He believed that protection and preservation of the environment was everyone's responsibility. Spending a great deal of time fishing, hunting and hiking contributed to Doug awareness of the interconnectedness of all things. Although Doug was a very positive person he once wrote that sometimes it seems the most profound lesson of spending a lifetime hunting and fishing was learning to adjust to seeing the places and creatures you love slowly disappearing before your eyes and being completely unable to do anything about it.

Doug did something about the environment and encouraged others to follow his lead. He said that if each fisher or hunter picked up just 5 pieces of trash, the woods and river banks quickly be free of trash. On his fishing trips he always asked his fishing pals to bring a plastic bag so we could pick up the litter we saw. This was a small step that helped make a difference.

When Doug became a resident of the Olympic Peninsula he found that he had moved into a battleground between the timber interests and the public. Most of the old growth trees had been cutdown in the road accessible areas of the National Forests and Olympic National Park. Doug's interpretation of this struggle was that the enormous trees of the rain forest were like money lying on the ground and consequently the trees became prime targets of the timber companies.

Doug did not support of many of the well meaning Salmon restoration projects on the peninsula after the old growth trees were removed. Restoration was an admiral objective but it was begun without adequate study. As an example Doug knew of a small creek that was inhabited by beavers, Coho and Cutthroat trout. The creek was hidden by brush as it passed under several roads and culverts as it made its way to Hood Canal.

The creek was targeted by salmon run restoration groups and they spent \$600,000 replacing the culverts with bridges. The brush hiding the creek was removed and a sign was placed along the road saying "Fish Here." The result was a huge increase in fishing pressure on the small stream. Soon worm tubs and monofilament tangles littered the banks. In the process restoring the salmon most of the natural world was destroyed and one of Doug's favorite fishing spots eliminated.

Doug supported the effort of "Wild Olympics." to permanently protect most forests and rivers of the Peninsula.

Doug used the term "Carpetbaggers" to identify the large number of guides traveling to the Olympic Peninsula to be salmon and steelhead guides. He said there were far too many boats and people on the rivers during salmon and steelhead season. The fish needed places to rest on their spawning journey and with so many people finding a resting spot was virtually impossible. Doug recounted how Syd Glasso often said that in the old days he could count six Steel Headers that regularly fished the Westend rivers. Now it had gone to the other extreme with too many people going after a limited fishery resource.

One other thing I can Say about Doug is that he followed the Department of Fish and Wildlife's rules and regulations to the letter. He was always careful to check for WDFW's regulations before fishing a river or body of water. Doug always made sure anyone fishing with him was aware of the regulations and be careful to follow them.

Probably the greatest thrill for Doug was the project to remove the Elwha dams. Unfortunately, Doug's life was cut short before he was able see the dams coming down.

This is my final article on my dear friend Doug Rose. In my book Doug is a true legend.

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## 2019 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

By Mike Clancy, Co-Director



### **2020 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY**

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2020 Academy. 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. 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 some staff and all youth living in clean, warm cabins at the Gwinwood Center. 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 supported by WSCFFI, and members of TU and FFI fly fishing clubs of Washington.

The cost to each student is only \$300 for the week, sponsorships are available through, FFI fly clubs, TU Chapters, and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funding.



Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2020 until April 15, 2020. Applications may be downloaded from our website - [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) via email to [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net) or call 253-278-0061. 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. We have a Facebook page listed under our name for viewing pictures from previous events.

The 2020 Academy will be Jim and my last year as Directors for The Academy. It's time we passed the reins on to folks interested in carrying on with The Academy, while we can. 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 thereafter. The event is a two person task. Jim and I have enjoyed our time with the Academy. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact Jim or me. Jim's #360-943-9947.

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:

## News Release

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov>

October 7, 2019

### Anglers may retain up to 2 coho in Marine Area 13

**Action:** Returns salmon daily limits in Marine Area 13 to permanent rules as listed in the 2019-20 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet, allowing anglers to retain up to two coho as part of the salmon daily limit. Maintains coho daily limit of no more than 1 coho in Marine Area 8-1 and Marine Area 10.

**Effective date:** Oct. 7, 2019.

**Species affected:** Coho salmon.

**Locations:** Marine areas 8-1 (Deception Pass, Hope Island, Skagit Bay), 10 (Seattle/Bremerton Area), and 13 (South Puget Sound).

**Reason for action:** While precautionary measures for coho remain necessary for Marine Areas 8-1 and 10, escapement and hatchery goals are expected to be met for coho stocks in Marine Area 13.

#### Salmon rules by area:

**Marine Area 8-1:** Immediately through Oct. 31: Daily limit 2; up to 1 coho may be retained. Release pinks and Chinook.

**Marine Area 10:** Immediately through Nov. 15: Daily limit 2; up to 1 coho may be retained. Release Chinook.

**Marine Area 13:** Immediately through June 30: Daily limit 2. Chinook min. size 22". Release wild coho and wild Chinook.

Anglers are reminded to refer to the 2019-20 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/02077/wdfw02077.pdf> for the specific regulations in each Puget Sound marine area, or visit the WDFW website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations>.

**Information contact:** David Stormer, Puget Sound recreational salmon manager, 360-902-0058; or Mark Baltzell, Puget Sound salmon manager, 360-902-2807.

Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license, appropriate to the fishery. Check the [WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet](#) for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing rules are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules. For the Shellfish Rule Change hotline call (360)796-3215 or toll free 1-866-880-5431.

## News Release

**October 2, 2019**

**SEPA Contact:** Lisa Wood 360-902-2260

**Public Affairs Contact:** Carrie McCausland, 360-890-0996

### **WDFW seeks SEPA public comment on Cooke Aquaculture farming of rainbow trout/steelhead**

OLYMPIA – Yesterday, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) began a 21-day public comment period regarding Cooke Aquaculture’s proposal to farm sterile (triploid) rainbow trout/steelhead in Puget Sound.

The Department posted a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) mitigated determination of non-significance that analyzes the environmental impacts of Cooke’s proposal to transition from farming Atlantic salmon to farming steelhead in several of the company’s existing facilities. These facilities include four net pens located near Rich Passage and Skagit Bay, but in the future may cover three more Puget Sound net pens currently owned by Cooke.

“Given the escape of Atlantic salmon in 2017, we know that there is a heightened sense of concern around the impacts of fish aquaculture in Puget Sound,” said WDFW Fish Program Director Kelly Cunningham. “We want to hear from the public about Cooke Aquaculture’s proposal and our proposed permit requirements.”

In addition to agreeing to farm only sterile fish, Cooke will also need to prescreen any fish destined for net pens in Washington waters to ensure that they are free of disease.

Cooke submitted a five-year Marine Aquaculture Permit application to WDFW in January 2019, and a SEPA Environmental Checklist with supporting documents in July 2019. WDFW continues to work with its natural resource agency partners to provide oversight and ensure compliance with the terms of aquaculture permits and leases in Puget Sound. Cooke’s proposal would also be subject to additional regulatory review by WDFW’s sister state agencies before the proposed transition could take place.

The public is asked to submit comments by Oct. 22, 2019. The determination, including ways to comment, and supporting documents can be found at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

\*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.

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## Pocket Water

“Anglers are too apt to pin their fate on two or three favorite flies and to imagine that if the trout do not rise to these, they will not take at all.”

*-Theodore Gordon-*



Photo by Howard Nanto

Photos are provided courtesy of club member Howard Nanto. The quotation is taken from The Wit and Wisdom of Fishing provided by SSFF member Tom Case. The club is fortunate to have many generous and talented members.



## Club Bulletin Board

Please see "Events" at the new club website. The new Web address: [southsoundflyfishers.com](http://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.

**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/>

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# Fly Tying

FFI has a great fly tying resource available on their website. Paste the internet address into your browser and enjoy the videos!

(SSFF has been an affiliate club of FFI for many years. You can join FFI as an individual member, that way you obtain all the benefits of belonging to Fly Fishers International)

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/Tying/Educational-Resources/Fly-Tying-Video-Library>

(Copy and paste the link into your browser and go to the video of your choice)

Thank you FFI for sharing the videos!



Photo by Howard Nanto



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New website: [southsoundflyfishers.com](http://southsoundflyfishers.com)

USPS Mail Address: SSFF PO BOX 2792, Olympia, WA 98507

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 **November 10th** -Thank you.

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