



# SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

# THE GARDEN HACKLE

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## Leader's Line

Jared Wood, Club President



Greetings fellow fly fishers,

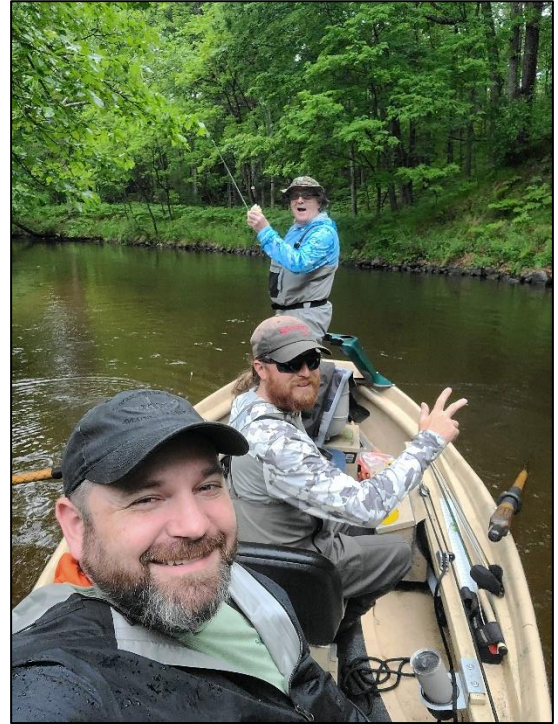
Let me begin this month's column with a great big thank you to everyone who helped support the education programs with classes through the City of Olympia and the Casting/Fly Tying classes with Griffen Middle school. We can measure success by the large numbers of outreach, but I prefer to reflect on the quality of instruction and the impact our club makes on our community. All these programs take a great deal of time and commitment from many club members, and that is what makes the SSFF group special and noticed. Our club can always use new volunteers. You do not have to be an expert to make a contribution, you only have to be willing to get involved.

June, the official start of summer fishing! I have always been partial to summer fishing as who really prefers the rain to clear blue skies? Puget Sound summer fishing is even better. The opportunities from saltwater to mountain streams are amazing. Please make it a point to get out and enjoy the beautiful resources we are blessed to have in our area. Remember, pictures of your catch or it doesn't count!

At our **June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>** club meetings we will have casting practice and a **mini-BBQ starting at 5:30** for anyone who wishes to join. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and soft drinks will be provided.

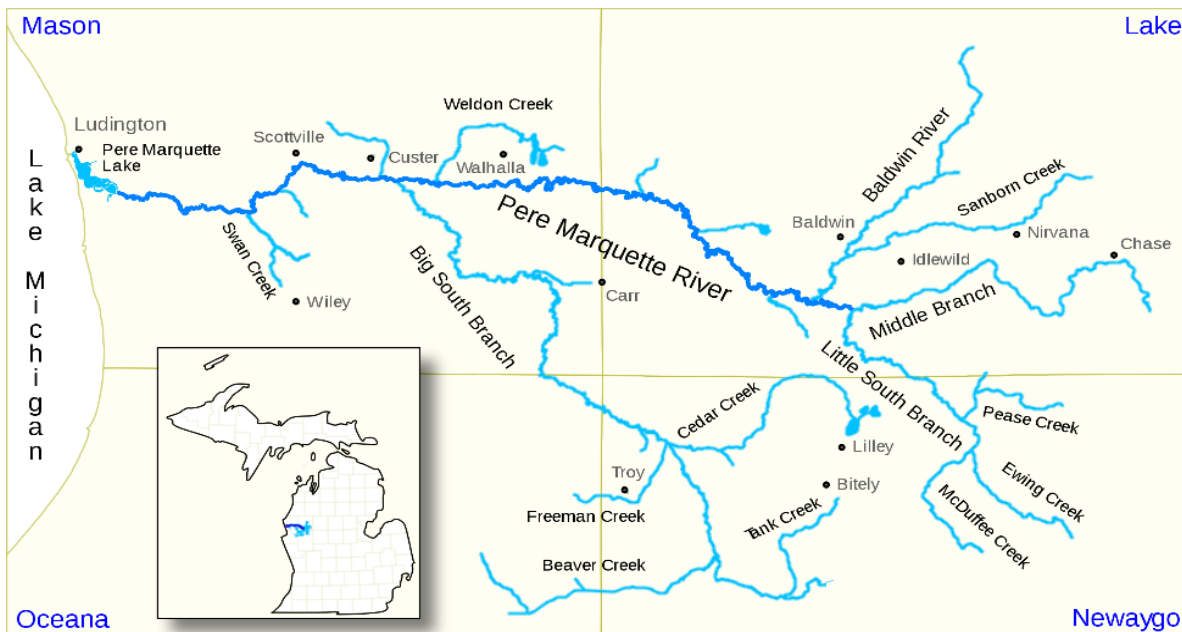
Some of our members have even taken the initiative to build an FFI casting Skills Development Gold course. More to follow on that, but I am excited to see the new things we can all learn.

Fun Fact: The Pere Marquette river in western Michigan was the first river in the United States to have brown trout introduced and planted in 1884, which came all the way from Germany. I had the privilege along with 7 other veterans from the PNW to fish that river for 3 days last week through Project Healing Waters. It is always fascinating to see different techniques used in different regions. The guides there all used floating line with weighted poly-leaders (5 or 8ft) due to quick swap for changing shallow water depths. That river is also designated and protected as a National Wild and Scenic River (same program for our 13 OP rivers). This was evident as upkeep can only be done by federal agencies, and many trees were down requiring accuracy in casting, but great cover for the +20 inch browns. I also highly recommend fishing the Muskegon River if you are in the area. We had multiple days of 40+ fish caught, and their epic steelhead run is all over YouTube. I hope to see you on the water this month!

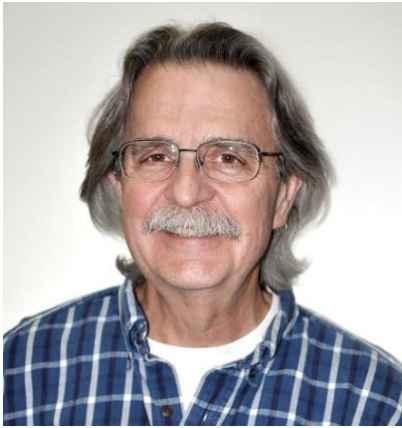


Upper Pere Marquette River 6/5/24

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*Pere Marquetter Watershed located in central western Michigan*



Our speaker this month will be Josh Phillips -

For over 30 years Josh has been surrounded by fishing. Growing up in the Pacific Northwest, his father was a head fisheries biologist for the state of Washington. After graduating from high school in Olympia, Washington, Josh received an athletic scholarship to play soccer at Gonzaga University. During his four years at Gonzaga Josh excelled both in the classroom and on the field, receiving All Conference Academic and Athletic awards.

After four years and graduating with a degree in Business Administration, Josh landed his dream job as a professional soccer player. While playing in 2017 Josh put a team together and launched a company in the fly fishing industry that you know today as Spawn Fly Fish. With a foundation built on the same roots as his soccer experience, Josh knew he could lead a team, company, and community to success. Today you will find Josh continuing his relentless determination to bring Spawn Fly Fish to the front and center of this industry.

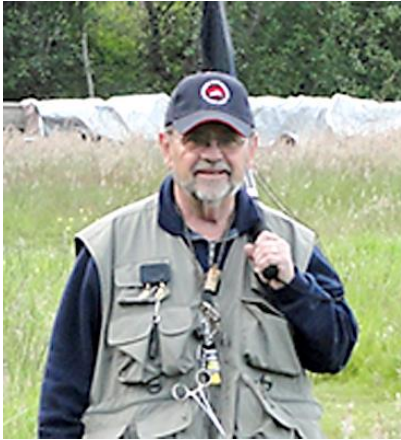
Lee Yeager  
Program Chair



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# Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI) & Government Affairs

Mike Clancy, Chair



The Council is planning another Fly Fishing Fair to be conducted September 21, 2024 in Vancouver, WA. The program will be similar to the Lake Ballinger event. Hopefully with better weather. There will be casting testing for Bronze - Silver - Gold at this event, which you can practice at our June and July meetings. The FFI conducted a survey of the FFI members to learn how folks thought about conducting an event in Montana next year. The events I have attended over the years in Montana were a lot of fun with some great fishing in the surrounding areas.

The Academy is right around the corner. The Academy will take place June 22-29 at Panhandle Lake west of Shelton. 18 boys and girls have signed up for the event, some from out of state. Since the move to Panhandle Lake the costs have increased due to the rental of the facility and the cost of food. They expect to serve around 560 meals during the week. However, since the donations from the FFI Clubs, TU Chapters, and individuals, the Academy is doing well this year. Volunteer positions that they still need help with include casting assistant, lake fishing mentors, stream fishing mentors, and knot tying. You can sign up at: <https://nwyccffa.com/volunteer/>

Purchase of the Yakima Canyon Ranch on the Yakima River is complete. The Washington Council FFI and many FFI affiliated fly clubs contributed to the campaign to buy and preserve the property. BLM has taken possession of the land and on May 16 officially opened the Bighorn Recreation Site. In 2023, Western Rivers Conservancy launched a campaign to purchase the 812-acre ranch and turn it over to BLM for management as part of its Yakima Canyon Conservation Area. Washington FFI was proud to back the effort, and the directors thanks all of the members and affiliated fly clubs that joined us in donating to the campaign.

Bighorn is now open to us all, but it's not fancy. The site contains a spacious gravel boat ramp, 15 primitive campsites and several day-use and picnic areas. Curtis Bryan, Wenatchee field manager in BLM's Spokane District said the priority this summer was to do basic clean-up of the site and open it for public use. For now, there is no charge for campsites. Improvements are coming, but before they begin Bryan said the agency wants to gather ideas from the public for the best way to develop and use the property. For that purpose, BLM has created a website at Yakima River Canyon ([blmyakimarivercanyon.org](http://blmyakimarivercanyon.org)) where fly fishers can learn about the opportunity at the site and suggest ideas for how it should be used.



### Education:

By the time this is published we will have completed our seven-week casting class. About a dozen students improved their skills in casting and line management.

I want to start with a kind note I received from Linda Lowell, one of our students in the Introduction to Fly Fishing and Casting classes. Please know that I was merely the recipient of her note. She wrote this to all of you SSFF instructors who participated in her casting class.

Thank you and your crew for all that you do to introduce fly fishing to us novices and the patience you have shown in teaching us the techniques in this great sport that helps us become successful. I look forward to seeing all of you again at the meetings and in our rivers, streams, and lakes that we are so privileged to live near. Linda Lowell

Linda's progress with casting was evident. She practiced and took our suggestions to heart. On our last night she reported that she recently caught three beautiful trout on a lake near Fort Stevens, Oregon. The only thing better than hearing her excited report would have been to be there to observe her catches.

Linda - Thanks so much for taking the time to write us. We look forward to you joining our outings and coming to the club meetings. Maybe next fall you'll want to learn to tie flies? Thanks again.

So we concluded teaching casting, starting back in April. Wind, rain, and cold evenings greeted our class, but we all persevered. It was downright *cold* out there some evenings. Max - have you finally turned off your heated vest and long-johns?

But, overall the weather cooperated, especially on the night we taught off-shoulder casting to manage the wind. We had it, alright.

We taught roll casting on Long Pond. Know that Long is restricted for juveniles, disabled, and seniors. Max Doerge called DFW to inform them we were teaching casting with no flies - we cast only bright yarn. Thanks Max. No one arrested us and seized our fishing gear.

Kevin Angevine appreciated Max's phone call to DFW. He was working with a student when a fish grabbed his yarn just like a dry-fly. That yarn must have looked tasty. That fish pulled on the yarn for five seconds of rod-bending excitement. He would not give up. Kevin always goes the extra mile to demonstrate proper technique to the students. You never know what trick he has up his sleeve.

And Max - when we demonstrated line mends on the moving water of Deschutes River, Max wanted to point out that your rod sections need to be securely joined. He demonstrated mending his line with crisp \*flicks\* of his rod. He flicked alright.

Maybe with fewer CFM of river Max's rod tip-section will make itself apparent, sticking up from the bottom of the channel. It was a lesson the students did not expect, and they learned a lot. Very visual! Heck, it was a lesson Max did not expect, and he learned a lot as well. Nothing like teaching a subject to prove to yourself how much you know about it. Kevin Angevine wet-waded to locate that rod-tip, but to no avail.

But, Max's teaching really stuck for our student John Toohey. The next evening on the river... his rod did the same thing. Would you believe it - but Kevin was right next to John. Kevin waded in again and this time retrieved John's rod tip. Obviously, we have to spend more time discussing rod set-up in the next class. Thanks for that added show 'n tell, Max. Point well made. You didn't have to go to those lengths, but thank you!

**Thanks for making our casting class a success.** Linda's note was written to you.

Please help me thank **Kevin Angevine, Max Doerge, Lee Yeager, Mike Clancy, Bert French, Tim Mettier, Tobey Anderson, and Jared Wood.** Thank you all. You helped our new students greatly.

For the third year the **Griffin Middle School** requested SSFF to help teach fly fishing to 41 PE students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Teacher Justin Poland even leads a field trip to Long Pond so the students can test their skills against the pond's fish; they'll catch fish with the flies they personally tied.

It's been truly gratifying to watch the students return each year to improve their skills. Remember - unlike the club fly tying class when students tie 10 flies at home, these students tie only one of each fly daily. Two if they were really fast. Improve? They did, and we are really proud of the flies they tied. We know they will have success at the lake field trip.

When asked why she was in the class, one young lady responded that her cousin fishes, not with flies, and she wanted to show him her flies from the class and how to use them. Looks like she will have her own student. Her elk hair caddis will impress him. It really impressed us; any of us would be proud to fish it.

For working with these youngsters more **thanks are due to Kevin Angevine, Doug Dunster, Bert French, Lee Yeager, Tobey Anderson, Phil "Lefty" Jaramillo, Walt Dohring, Fran Eide, John Rosenberg, Mike Clancy, and Max Doerge.**

We've worked with these youngsters for the last three years, and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be in high school next year. What an experience Griffin Middle School afforded them. What an experience teaching them provided us! One of the young men will attend the youth academy this year. Getting to know him over the last three years, Max and Diane Doerge personally sponsored him into the academy. Max and Diane - thank you for providing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for this very excited youngster.

We wish all the students the best, and only tight lines for their fishing futures.

**Here is our annual education program:**

**Introduction to Fly Fishing** - Taught during the spring.

What is fly fishing all about? Is this something I want to try?

Students learn fly fishing gear: rods, reels, lines and leaders, waders, boots, and floatation devices (boats). We discuss locating fish in rivers, lakes, and the salt water, as well as local

fish species you'll encounter. Our evening on entomology teaches about the life cycles of various insects, and which artificial flies imitate them.

Students also learn three useful fly-fishing knots.

We include two Saturday mornings to introduce you to the basics of casting a fly rod.

Enrollment is through the City of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation.

**Fly Casting** - Taught spring-early summer, seven weeks. This class is for single-handed rod casting (not two-handed spey rods). You will cast a fly line for different situations including the wind. You'll also learn to "mend" your line to overcome the effect upon your line by moving river water.

**Introduction to Fly Tying** - Taught in the fall, nine weeks. Students learn a new fly each week. Students also tie flies at home and bring their homework to the next class. The instructor-to-student ratio ensures students receive individual attention.

We teach a variety of flies useful anywhere including nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. After completing the course students can apply their skills to other similar flies. We're working to set the dates for this fall's class.

Please contact Randy with questions. <https://southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/>



*Rock Creek, Montana Trout*

## Outings

## Doug Dunster, Chair



**June 20 & 22- Summit Lake (Thurston County) - rainbow, kokanee, cutthroat, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and perch.**

**Meet at Shipwreck Café at Mud Bay at 7:00 AM**

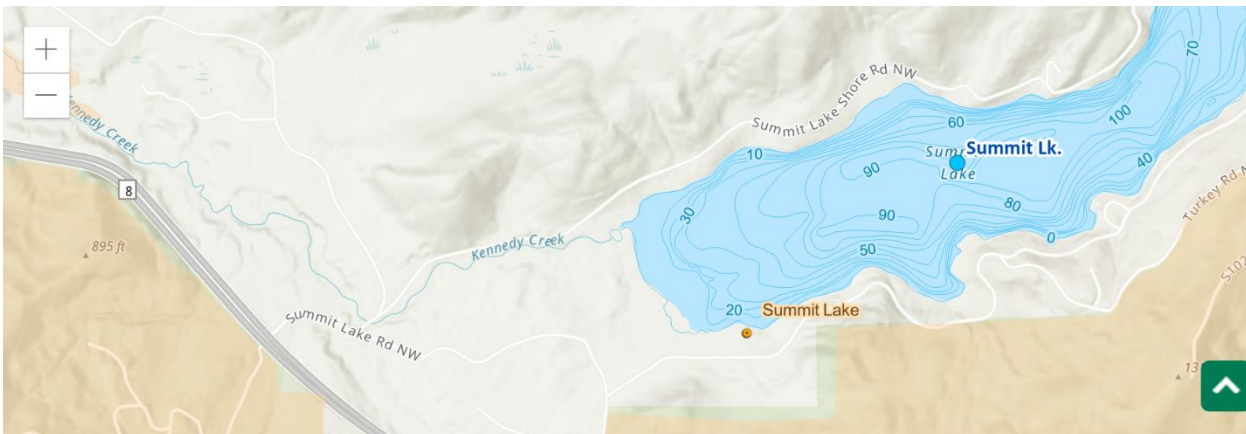
We had outstanding fishing at Summit Lake on the club outings the past couple years for spunky rainbows. I have had good results this spring without going too far from the launch area. There is a limited amount of shore access at the launch, but it is much better if you have a float tube or boat (gas motors are allowed on this lake). Members with boats, let folks know if you have space for another fly fisher. If you see some other club members catching fish and you are not having much success, ask them what they are doing. They will most likely share some tips and probably a fly too!

**Flies:** wooly buggers, leeches, damsel flies, soft hackles

**Lines:** floating, intermediate, or full sink depending where and style of fishing. Full sink might work best if trolling fairly fast in deeper water. I like to use an intermediate line when fishing from my pontoon boat.

**Recent Plants:** ~ 28,000 rainbow have been put in the lake since April, with 8,000 on June 5.

**Directions:** Use Google Maps and get Directions. Highway 8 West bound to Summit Lake Rd NW.



Visit [Catchable trout plant reports - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#) for information on the stocking dates, and numbers and sizes of fish that have been stocked to see where you might want to cast a fly.



South Sound Fly Fishers - 2024 Outings		
March 21 & 23	Munn Lake (Thurston County)	Rainbow, Cutthroat, Bass, Blue Gill
April 18 & 20	Spencer Lake (Mason County)	Rainbow
May 17-19	<b>Carlisle Lake and Cowlitz River</b> (Onalaska) – Rainbow and cutthroat	Rainbow and Cutthroat
June 20 & 22	Summit Lake (Thurston County)	Rainbow, Kokanee, Bass
July 18 & 20	Deschutes River (Thurston County)	Rainbow, Cutthroat
August 22 & 24	Kokanee Lake aka Lower Lake Cushman (Mason County)	Rainbow
September 22	Fly Fishers International Casting Skills Development - Clark College, Vancouver, WA	
October 17 & 19	Cowlitz River (Lewis County)	Coho, Cutthroat, Steelhead
November 23	Fly Tying	Boston Harbor Fire Station



*Munn Lake - Winter*

## 2024 Orca Action Month



This June marks the 18th annual celebration of Orca Month in Washington state and the eighth annual celebration in Oregon and British Columbia. Members of the Orca Salmon Alliance (OSA) are hosting events throughout the month to educate the public about the Southern Resident Orca population and the challenges they face, including reduced chinook salmon numbers, pollutants in the water, higher risk for oil spills, and noise and disturbance.

[Events and Activities](#)

## Stream Bug Community Science



Learn what stream bugs tell us about water health. Join a waitlist for dates between June 5- July 12 to conduct a biological assessment of a stream near you!

[Wait List](#)

# Fundraising

# Kevin Angevine, Chair



If you have an item(s) that you would like to donate, please send a note with a description of the item(s), value, and contact information to Kevin:

<https://southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/>

SSFF is registered as a not-for-profit corporation with the State of Washington and is an exempt organization under section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to SSFF may be tax deductible to the full extent of IRS guidelines. While SSFF operates in 'Good Faith,' all sales are considered "As Is" condition. SSFF assumes no liability and the buyer purchases items at their own risk.

The following items are available for purchase:

**Cabela's Stowaway Fly Rod 7'6" 4 weight 5 piece rod  
w/ Pfluger Medalist Reel Model 1594RC  
\$135**



Okuma SLV 4-5 reel  
w/ St Croix Rio Santo 2 piece 9' 5 weight rod  
\$200



Okuma Sierra S 8-9  
w/ Cabela's new WF8F Floating Line  
\$60



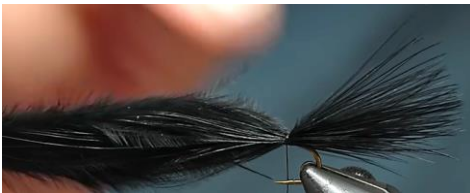
## Woolly Bugger



- Start by wrapping some six ought thread onto a hook
- Take a tip section of some black Miramu. Find the little section where the stem goes up through and pull it out. Now line all those feathers up, you're not going to see that little stem poking through and all the feathers.
- Preen these feathers down and measure the tail so that it's roughly the same length as the overall length of the hook



- Use the pinch technique to put that on the hook
- Pinch the Marabou down in the same spot with three turns



- Now lift your Marabou up take your thread to the front of the fly and then grab your Marabou with the other hand and then tie it off at the head of the fly



- Now trim it off and take the thread and wrap it back to where your tie-in point is. This creates a very nice even uniform body that you can put your Chenille over the top.
- Now wrap that down a little bit

- Now take the Chenille and preen off some of those fibers to get to the core tie down the Chenille with 4 or 5 turns on that core to trap it down
  - Typically, you would tie Hackle in on the butt or on the base, but we're going to tie it in by the tip.
- The easiest way to find this tie-in point is to hold your Hackle and preen your feathers down, you will see there's like a little break between where it is preened back and where it looks like a normal feather. That's where you'll tie that in
- Now that the Hackle is tied in take your Chenille and wrap it forward



- Wrap the Hackle through the Chenille
- Put 1 full turn in front of the Chenille tie that down before you trim it off
- Pull all those fibers back and get a few turns of thread right here A few more turns of Hackle. The head on this is just a tiny little head
- And there you have Woolly Buzzer with the right length of tail the Hackle tapers back perfectly the Hackle's not too big of too small.





<b>2024 SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS Officers, Directors, Chairs</b>	
President	Jared Wood
Vice President	Max Doerge
Secretary	Open Seat
Treasurer	Lee Yeager
Director at Large	Tim Veneziano
Director at Large	Dalton Gorham
Past President	Lee Yeager
Conservation	Open Seat
Education	Randy Allen
Fundraising	Kevin Angevine
Membership	Phil Jaramillo
Outings Chair	Doug Dunster
Programs	Lee Yeager
Webmaster/Facebook	Vic Andrade
Newsletter Editor	Dave Brombach
FFI/Gov't	Mike Clancy

<b>South Sound Fly Fishers - 2024 Meeting Dates</b>	
<b><u>Board Of Directors Meetings</u></b>	<b><u>Club Membership Meetings</u></b>
Jan 9 (in person)	Jan 16
Feb 6	Feb 20
Mar 5	Mar 19
Apr 2 (in person)	Apr 16
May 7	May 21
June 4 (in person)	June 18
July 2	July 16
Aug 6 (in person)	Aug 20
Sep 3	Sep 17
Oct 1 (in person)	Oct 15
Nov 5 (in person)	Nov 19
Dec 3	No meeting this month

Board of Directors meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 PM with the noted exceptions as indicated above.

Club Meetings are conducted by Zoom and in-person at 7:00 PM the third Tuesday of every month except December. Zoom is open at 6:30 PM if you want to visit and talk fly fishing. In-person meetings are held at the North Olympia Fire Department located at 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA. 98506.

**From the north** - Use I-5 south exit 105B and stay right toward the port of Olympia. Follow the main road as it changes its name to East Bay Drive and then to Boston Harbor Road. About 4 miles north of the State Ave. signal is a Shell gas station; you'll find the Fire Department just past the Shell on the right side.

**From the south** - Use I-5 north exit 105 and stay right toward the port of Olympia. Go right (north) at the round-a-bout, then left at the Plum Street signal. Continue up Plum St. as it changes its name to East Bay Drive and then to Boston Harbor Road. About 4 miles north of the State Ave. signal is a Shell gas station; you'll find the Fire Department just past the Shell on the right side.

The meeting announcement and meeting Zoom code are sent to members and friends about a day ahead of the meeting by email. Website: [southsoundflyfishers.org](https://southsoundflyfishers.org)  
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