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Flyfishing Gear-aholic

Hello. My name is **Richard Embry**, and I am a recovering flyfishing gear-aholic. Naw, just kidding! I'm still buying stuff!

Early in my fly fishing career, I was counseled that one of the first pieces of equipment I should buy is a shed, because I would then have a place to store all of the cool fly fishing items I would be sure to soon purchase. I should have heeded that advice, as like many of us, I can't resist a bargain, and my cup runneth over with fly fishing and fly tying equipment.

So, instead of my having to buy a shed, the WFFC is thoughtfully helping to bail out folks like me by sponsoring, during the month of August, an opportunity to sell surplus or unused equipment. This is that month. When conceptualized about 5 years ago, the idea was to provide members a venue to liquidate inventory, and provide an opportunity for the club to make a little money. Although it's not required, it's encouraged and suggested that a small percentage, say 10%, of a person's sales be donated to the club. Over the last couple of years this latter concept has somewhat disappeared.

Don't forget to bring your goodies to sell, and most of all, don't forget to make a donation to the WFFC! I'll be bringing several mint condition Abel, Loop, Lamson, and Orvis reels (about 6 each); new and used lines; numerous packages of Daiichi (Alec Jackson), Tiemco, and Mustad hooks; leaders and tippet material; Hoffman and Metz hackles; and miscellaneous fly tying and fishing gadgets. I'm talking boxes and boxes of stuff. So, bring your checkbook and cash, bring your goodies to sell, and we can all acquire some new bootie to replace our old gear, and donate some dinero to the WFFC!

NORTHWEST CASTING EXPOSITION

Mark Saturday, September 20, 10:00am - 5:00pm on your calendar. That's the day when our WFFC team takes on some of the best casters in the area. The event is sponsored by the Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers. Our own **Jimmy LeMert** is the volunteer organizer, so we can't make him look like a doofus and not attend, can we?

It will be held at the Trophy Lake Golf and Casting Club located at 3900 SW Lake Flora Road in Port Orchard. Take Hwy 16 westbound to the Sedgwick Road exit. Turn left and

go four miles. TLGCC is on the left. Admission is \$10.

Internationally renowned fly caster, Mel Krieger, will give a demonstration and share helpful hints. Besides Mel, there will be other great casters, non-competitive events, valuable prizes, casting instruction, and equipment testing. You can also win 3 nights and 2 days fishing at Weigh West in Tofino by raising the most funds for the WSCFFF.

For more information, call (253) 265-6162 or visit: www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

And here's some more from Don Simonson

The WFFC will be entering two, four person teams this year. The members will be **Chapin Henry, Steve Sunich, Kris Kristoferson, Chuck Ballard, Tom White, Richard Embry, Ed Sozinho, and Don Simonson**. At the spring try-outs the members voted to practice and have our Captain, **Ed Sozinho**, schedule another tryout in August to determine which members will be on Team A and Team B. The members voted that we want to "Go For The Gold" and have our best casters on Team A.

There are four areas of competition. Distance, accuracy, fishing, and donations. For club members who would like to donate, the money goes to the Washington Council of the FFF. A member could designate that his donation be assigned to an individual team member, or to the whole team either A or B.

In the year 2001 our team won overall, taking all four categories. Last year we won the distance event, with the over all going to the Puget Sound Club. We want to win it back!

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Dismantling of 2 dams on Elwha River

slowed Thursday, July 10, 2003 By LEWIS KAMB
SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

Planned removal of two dams that have choked off once-legendary salmon runs in the Olympic Peninsula's Elwha River for most of the past century will come later than once expected.

Dismantling of the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams is expected to begin in 2007 and will take up to three years to complete, said Brian Winter, Elwha project coordinator for the National Park Service.

That's two years later than what planners expected a year ago, he said, as the project continues in "design phase" with construction of a water treatment facility soon to begin. "Once that construction is complete, we can begin dismantling the dams," Winter said.

Removing the dams will release sediments that initially will degrade the river's water quality. Under federal law, the Park Service must protect water quality for the river's industrial and municipal users -- including the city of Port Angeles, the Daishowa paper mill and two fish hatcheries.

Two weeks ago, the House Appropriations Committee approved \$12.9 million for the Elwha project -- the next fiscal year's allotment for the estimated \$135 million project -- in what U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks called "another important step ... to restore what could be the region's most plentiful salmon run."

Funding of the once controversial project -- culminated under the Clinton administration and sharply criticized by then Sen. Slade Gorton -- has continued despite fears it would evaporate under President Bush, said Robert Elofson, river restoration coordinator for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, which has fought the dams for more than 70 years. About half of the project's total funding has so far been appropriated, he said.

"We're now confident that this project is going to get done," Elofson said.

Once possessing some of the most bountiful native salmon and steelhead runs in the nation, the Elwha River boasted chinook weighing more than 100 pounds among an estimated 360,000 wild fish that returned to its waters each year. And then came the dams.

Built more than 70 years ago, neither dam possessed fish ladders, despite state laws at the time that required them. The dams now block about 70 miles of salmon habitat, mostly within the Olympic National Park. Today, only about 3,000 salmon and steelhead return to spawn in the five open miles of river between the lower dam and Strait of Juan de Fuca. At least one native species -- the sockeye -- has gone extinct, and two others have reached the brink of elimination.

The federal government acquired the privately owned dams in 2000. Once they are removed, planners estimate it will take 30 years to return salmon runs to historic levels.

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Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To work to the outlawing the use of salmon eggs in any form during the regular trout season.
3. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
4. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout in state waters.
5. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
6. To encourage and assist boys -- particularly of high school age-- to become fly fishermen and true sportsmen.

Club News & Bits

New Member Outing – Coming September 7

The annual "New Members Outing" will be Sept. 7. While we don't have to fish saltwater, it's a humpy year and there should be thousands of them at Kayak Point Park again. It's a great time to get a new member into loads of big bright fish, close to home. The 2001 outing at Kayak was relatively lightly attended, but every body got into fish and the reports at the next club meeting were great. The club provides lunch, so there's no excuse not to come down and meet and fish with the new members. That's really the point of this outing. **Dave Schorsch** will be contacting all of the new members and their sponsors from the last two years personally. All club members are invited to participate and share their knowledge, or glean some.

Directions to Kayak Point Park:

Kayak is a county park about 45 minutes north of Seattle. As a county park, it's operated for the benefit of "splash and gigglers," not fishermen. So it doesn't open until about 7:00 in the morning, and closes soon after dark.

There will be a line to get in so get there early if you want to beat the crowd. There is a small fee to enter. There is a boat launch and other facilities, which is a very good deal. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. To get there take I-5 to the 116th St. exit north of Marysville. Go left over the freeway, and turn right to parallel I-5 north to 140th. Follow 140th west, past Lake Goodwin, to the end. Turn right, and a half mile up the road is the park entrance on your left.

The fish will be right on the beach in the morning, but will be pushed back by the human activity. A float tube, pontoon boat, or cartopper will put you on them. (hint: look to the south side of the park. A walk down the beach can put you on hundreds of fish.) A sink tip and any sparkly pink fly will do the trick. Lunch will be ready around one or two at one of the covered structures on the beach. Look for the club banner. See you there!

The Roster Keeps Growing *By Bill Kuper*

Please join me in welcoming our two newest members, **Greg Bush** and **Doug Donaldson**. Doug and Greg were voted in at July's meeting. We hope they make it to the New Member Outing, and look forward to their contributions to our fine club!

New Member Voting

The membership committee has approved two new candidates for membership. The general club membership will vote on these candidates at the August meeting:

Craig Koepler; Craig began fly fishing in 1976, and attended his first casting class with the WFFC in 1977. His fishing exploits have taken him to most areas of Washington, into Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Florida, Vermont, Hawaii, and British Columbia. He is an active rod builder, a clumsy but improving fly tier and has been working toward

certification as an FFF fly casting instructor. He is also a member of the FFF and participated in the 2002 Casting Expo at Trophy Lakes. Craig's interested in working with youth and participating in political action groups to preserve habitat for fisheries.

Sean Overman; Sean grew up in Sedro-Woolley and spent many summer days wading the creeks and smaller rivers of the valley, usually with a can of worms. Two weeks after high school graduation he left for Marine Corps boot camp and spent the next ten years kicking around the globe. He left the Marines in 1993 and returned to Sedro-Woolley to raise his family and begin a new career as a computer programmer and settled back into life in the valley. Always on the lookout for a new challenge, he started dropping hints to his wife about fly fishing, and on Father's Day about six years ago she gave him a fly rod and reel and a two-day course. After many more classes, several hundred dollars and countless hours on the river, he still hasn't produced many catches, but is extremely eager to learn more. Sean would likely put his computer skills to work on the club's website efforts.

PICNIC REMINDER

Don't forget the WFFC Club Picnic Aug. 17, from 12:30pm - 10:30pm at the Good Shepherd Center, Picnic Center

Directions: Exit I-5 at NE 50th. Drive west to light at Sunnyside. Turn left. Turn right into Good Shepherd Center. Park in lot and walk around building to Picnic Shelter on west side. (Maps were provided in previous issues.)

The Club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Could those members whose last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad or side dish; and those from M-Z please bring a dessert. If you have any questions, call **James Schmidt** at (206) 523-5262.

Central Oregon Fly Fishing Caper

Frank Vulliet invites WFFC members to join him at his Sunriver home for a week of great October fly fishing, October 6-12. The weather and waters will have cooled (sunny days, chilly nights) and the fish will be "stoking up" for the coming winter. This is prime time for Hosmer, Lava and the other central Oregon lakes and streams.

Very affordable: No costs beyond an Oregon license and contribution to the house "kitty" to cover breakfast and lunch groceries, libations, and dinners out. Frank will fix two dinners: New York steak and baked potato, etc. and "Jackson Hole" spaghetti. Space limited. Shorter stays and airport pickup possible for "jet-setters." For details call Frank at 206-789-0881 or 335-9343. (And yes, if the Mariners are still playing there is cable TV).



Eliguk Lake, June 14-21, 2003 *by Dave Round*

The wind blew and the rains followed by sleet and hail that bounced on the boat deck and rattled off the foul weather gear so thoughtfully brought along. The Blue Fleet, widely scattered, headed into the wind or drifted with it trolling or mooching and hoping for the best. In the west end of the lake hiding in what was supposed to be a lee shore a boat or two was still grimly working dry flies in between the hail and they too, waited for at least a return to rain and better visibility. This is a good description of the WFFC and friends afloat in the Blue Fleet, most of which left the lodge under more auspicious circumstances that morning. The big draw for one and all was the Eliguk rainbows that were striking pretty much anything in the fly department. Even at the height of the weather contacts were being made. Our boat, with myself and my brother Bill, the lone boat in the east end of the lake, and also at the end of a two-mile wind reach enjoyed several hits, even a pair together. While neither was landed, Dave managed to get the boat off the shore in time to avoid an unwanted landing during the height of the blow. We had some wind daily, but generally, the weather was reasonable and we had a couple of days of almost complete sunshine. There was even dead calm during some of the early morning hours and not a lot of the sun glove, sun block weather that seems to send the fish below for other fish activities not associated with chasing flies about.

It appeared generally that everyone was having a good trip, getting lots of hits and both dry and wet flies were working well. We kept an account of fish hooked and what they were striking on for our boat, possibly typical, perhaps not. We landed 73 fish during the week, mostly on Spratleys, red Careys and the ever working Gil's Monster for the wet flies, and Thom Thumbs and Adams worked very well for the dries. From the talk at the lodge many other flies worked very well also. By length, our fish were 13 @ 12 inches, 13 @ 13 inches, 32 @ 14 inches, 12 @ 15 inches and 3 @ 16 inches, for a total of 73 fish. The average weighted length was 13.71 inches. We measured all fish either by carpenter's yo-yo in the water or against a scale laid out on one of the boat seats. Heard talk of 18 inch fish around the resort but did not know if these were measured or estimated lengths. We did not get to Petry Lake this year so can't comment on what went on there although most that went seem to have scored pretty well. For our own statistics, it seems to our memory that the fish may have been at least a fractional inch larger than earlier years. Unfortunately we did not keep our numbers from earlier trips that would have been handy for comparison purposes. The only other item of interest was that we hooked at least 4 very dark spawners, all 15 or 16 inches long. All dark fish were released as were the rest of the fish except the fish taken home and one eaten at the resort.

In our WFFC contingent at Eliguk were **Chuck Ballard, Bruce Clingan, Perry Barth, Ron Hofmeister, and Lyle Manson**, together with numerous guests, many of them veterans of many trips with the WFFC. The cabins, food and equipment were all in top shape, something we have grown to be used to at Eliguk Lake Resort. All in all we had a very good trip.

Tofino, BC, July 17-19 *By Steve Sunich*

After making a reservation, months in advance, at *Weigh West* for mid July, I had many people tell me it was too early for Coho. I was beginning to wonder as I got there and I was the only "fly guy" there. I was scheduled to have the guide (fish master) all to myself for two of the three days of my trip.

The weather was great the first day and my wife and I caught and released about 5 fish and lost another 4 or 5 the first morning. The fish were in the 6 and 7 pound range and were mostly caught "bucktailing" flies that I tied just two nights before I left. It was funny because these fish acted more like Chinook with heads shaking and no long runs. They also were very adept at spitting flies right at the boat. Our guide was stumped at this activity. We gave our guide the afternoon off as we took off for the hot springs tour.

The next day, I was on my own with the guide and the weather was great with plenty of whale and eagle watching. My "personal" guide was very good at finding fish as he would take off and leave me at a spot (they give you your own boat) and radio that he had found more fish. That day, fish were caught "bucktailing" and casting and between the guide and myself we probably released 15 fish the biggest being about 10 pounds. These fish were significantly different than the day before, with long surface runs striping into the backing in a matter of seconds and hence were not spitting flies as easily. Since my guide and I saw whales, eagles, porpoises, fish and seals, on my wife's birthday no less and she was not with us, I had plenty of explaining to do.

The next morning my wife decided to take a book and go with me again. She ended up with 5 or 6 fish the biggest being 8 pounds, and the whales, eagles, porpoises and seals did an encore performance. What a save! It was interesting that day because the guide had told me that the chartreuse did not produce and that orange and pink were the "ticket". Well, those of you that know me would realize that now there was a challenge I could not pass up. I switched over to chartreuse and after releasing another 4 or 5 fish, my guide wanted to bum one off of me. As a matter of fact the other people that joined us that day wanted some too. Everyone caught fish on chartreuse! However, the high point of my day was after dropping my wife off for the afternoon, in the pouring rain, I went out again and managed to get two 7 pound Coho on two rods at the same time, by myself. With one fish tearing line off to the left and one tearing line off to the right, I had no idea what to do. I never imagined how difficult it was to reel two reels with a rod in each hand. I figured slacking one off would drop one fish and I could bring one to hand. It ends up that did not work and I landed

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both. What a tough situation, NOT!

Anyway, for anyone interested in salmon to a fly, Tofino is a great spot for both husband and wife. All of the people were really nice and helpful, the food was great and we had other things to do besides fish.

Zhuponova Rainbows *By Dyche Kinder*

When the phone rang in the spring of 2001 I had no idea it would, eventually, lead to my spending 36 days of fishing in Kamchatka, the peninsula the size of California that juts down into the Pacific in far eastern Siberia. Pete Soverel, chair of the Wild Salmon Center was on the other end of the line, looking to fill a then partly empty Cedar Lodge on the Zhuponova River, known for its legendary world class rainbow trout fishing - the largest river-resident rainbow found on earth. I had contacted him years earlier, but illness had thwarted my going. By late July, I was en route to Petropovlosk, Russia to spend a week at Cedar Lodge, the massive hunting and fishing lodge erected for the *nomenclatura* before the end of the Cold War, 70 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean, deep in the heart of Kamchatka's seemingly boundless wilderness.

The Zhuponova rainbow truly are immense, *averaging*, I would guess, 25 inches or more in length. If you go, and the weather holds (Russia can be unpredictable - lost 13.5 of those 36 days to mostly bad weather or motor failure) you will catch these hard hitting, feisty, and often acrobatic monsters - and, probably, lots of them. The average is about 3 to 4 fish a day, and some days you have to work quite hard to get them. My largest was 30". Try to spend two weeks, minimum, if you can afford it just for that reason. It now runs about \$4500 a week before travel expenses, etc. of about \$2000.

I returned two more times after that first week in August of 2001, both times late in the fall. High summer, however remains, by far, my favorite, and, if you are to go, mid to late August would be my suggested time frame, if you don't mind sharing the lower river with the great Russian bears. I would spend two weeks, one at Cedar Lodge, and the other floating the upper river from one fixed camp to the next. It's possible for bad weather to blow out the river for a whole week - ask Scott Hagen. If bears bug you, wait until late September but prepare for very cold conditions. Bears still congregate in great numbers on the lower river well into September.

Some rivers, like the Hoh, or the Stilly, possess an ethereal quality and are visually mesmerizing; others are brooding, and muscular, like the Sol Duc. The Zhuponova is a combination of both. It is a moderately big river, which, primarily, conveys an overall impression of power, in its strong current, which makes wading a challenge - those of you of advanced vintage take note - in its breathtaking setting of volcanoes, mountains, and distant high plateaus, in its many islands and back channels, in its steep gorges, redolent of China or Vietnam, cloaked in dense, almost jungle like forest, its banks of lush vegetation, behind which, at any locus,

lurk its population of omnipresent brown bear, and, most importantly, its fish. It is, in every way, the apotheosis of a wilderness river, possessing all the superlatives one could possibly conceive of in a trip to that part of the world. And the fishing is mind-boggling, and not just for the legendary rainbow, either.

The river possesses not only the largest rainbow still known on a yet still largely wild and not fully explored peninsula, but experiences large runs of char - not only the Dolly Varden in staggering number (running upriver to the lodge for mile after mile when they are rising in the evening is an unforgettable sight) but the huge, surly, and ferocious fighting Russian/Japanese white spotted char (*kundzha*) which grow to 36 inches, and are legendary for busting your tackle when you think you've got them whipped. Chum and sockeye enter the river in August, attracting the bears, and later, the silver salmon. Kings also are occasionally present. When you put your fly in the water in the Zhuponova, you don't know what you're going to encounter, but you do have a very high confidence it will be big, if not immense, and it will fight savagely once you hook up. This is true even of the myriad Dolly Varden, some of which were brilliantly hued.

An eight-weight rod with a sinking line or sink tip, which is what I used most often, works very well on all these fish. Most fishing is done by wading in waist-deep water, swinging big streamer patterns. Strikes are explosive, the rainbow often go airborne, exploding from the surface like sleek silver ICBM's in a vertical trajectory from a submarine, or sending your reel screaming on long, surging runs. They prefer holding in faster, heavier water, preferably roiling over large volcanic rocks, or in the many deep pools. You can find them in the back channels behind the many islands in the lower river if you can persuade your Russian guide to take you there. *Kundzha* hit like a freight train and dog about heavily under the surface. Zhuponova *kundzha* are quite large - my largest was 36" and none were under 23". You will find them in abundance on the lower river at Cedar Lodge in August/early Sept. They were almost non-existent on the upper river float trip in late fall, but my companion did catch a 36 incher. Late fall is much better for the silvers, which are sizeable - averaging, I would say about 10 lbs. You are 70 kilometers or more from the sea and the salmon of all species are, by then, colored up. That doesn't seem to diminish their fighting qualities, however.

July is a good time for trying dry flies for rainbow. Mousing is supposedly better during the summer months but it worked spectacularly well during the late fall on the upper river. To spare a wrist facing, what I then thought would be two more weeks of steelheading I did not attempt it. Weather, later reduced that two weeks of steady fishing to five days...and on my third Zhuponova trip, we were plucked off the water, suddenly, with some drama, by a helicopter on the fifth day, because of threat of a cyclone moving in off the Pacific. It proved a false alarm, but it's upside meant a day touring Petropovlosk which I never otherwise would have seen, something you should, by all

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means do, if you get the chance. I was disappointed when that helicopter came into view - I had just a half hour earlier that morning, been fishing a hole no bigger than a bedroom or king-sized bed, had five hook-ups and tussles, with at least four heavy rainbow, all of which we saw, clearly, and which I then lost (barbless hooks are used). That experience was emblematic of the Zhupanova - full of surprises, astounding excitement and ample challenge.

There are other rainbow rivers in Russia that produce many more fish than the Zhupanova, but the fish are smaller - in the 22 inch range or so. No river seems to match the Zhupanova in terms of fecundity, which produces the giants - the largest American caught rainbow is said to have been 34", or it's diversity of species in such large size. All rainbow caught by Americans, at least, are released, unless used for scientific research, to grow larger, with each passing year.

By Russian standards, Cedar Lodge is quite comfortable. Anyone who has not yet been to Russia should be prepared for Spartan bedding, and somewhat primitive bathrooms. The fixed camps on the upper river are comfortable, either permanent lodges already erected for hunting or double-walled tents. You are transported into the wilderness by massive, lumbering, Afghanistan war-era helicopters. The scenery enroute is breathtaking, characterized by vistas of vast, trackless forests of birch and alder, deep valleys, and low mountains, with gigantic volcanoes looming up amongst them. On the upper river trip an active volcano was erupting at 10 or 15 minute intervals. Occasionally brown bear can be seen below, and our pilot swerved wildly to avoid colliding with one of the giant Stellar sea eagles seen in profusion, on the lower river.

The food at Cedar Lodge is prepared by a full time cooking staff. It is, again, by Russian standards, superb, with many colorful salads and rich desserts, good, inexpensive vodka that flows like water and a great local beer. There is even a laundress. Food on the float trip is, by necessity, more scaled down, and you should be prepared for Russian "mystery" meat, served with both élan and abundance. There is even a



gigantic structure next door with a Russian banya (sauna) and pool hall, that is open, periodically though not when I was there. In the back of that there's a huge cage the Russians had built, occupied on my second trip by a living symbol of Siberia's wildness the Russians had trapped, live - a lynx who paced about tirelessly, his yellow eyes burning with a fierce gleam.

Russians, in Kamchatka, are, for the most part, friendly. The Russian guides on the Zhuponova are incredible and are delightful, unforgettable personalities. The American guides are quite capable and, mostly, friendly and responsive. The boats, either sleds or rafts, are good, the motors, prone to downtime. This is, after all, Russia. The WSC brings in some of Russia's top scientists to do research. You may get to meet them there. You will get to meet them steelheading on the other side of the peninsula where they may double as your guide.

I used two guiding services on my three trips, most of it with Sovere's Wild Salmon Center, one week with Larry Schoenborne who addressed the club not that long ago. Both did an excellent job. The WSC for the next five years, has a lock on guiding the Zhupanova, or, at least out of Cedar Lodge, and they control access to the upper river's complex of stationary fixed camps, where guides are assigned beats for each daily float, thereby assuring a minimization of fishing pressure. Larry is now running rafting trips on other Russian rivers. You can book a WSC Zhupanova float trip through The Fly Shop in Redding, CA. Prices seem to be going up. In the past, for hundreds of dollars extra, it has been possible to get a helicopter from Cedar Lodge either to Russia's answer to Yellowstone - The Valley of the Geysers, or a spectacular high volcanic lake for fishing for immense Arctic char. I had the chance to do both my first trip with WSC. I demurred, electing to stay put. The Zhupanova, once experienced, even for a few days, exerts such a powerful effect it will, thereafter, hold you tightly in its thrall.

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Saltwater Beach Report 8/2/03 by *Richard Embry*

My buddy Brian and I hit local beaches on Saturday, August 8, 2003, in hopes of enticing a coho or several to bite our flies. Because of other commitments, we were only able to fish until about 2 PM. We had moderate to good success throughout the day (well, mine was moderate, Brian's was good). Within 15 minutes of hitting the beach, Brian had caught a 4 and 5 pound coho. Although the fishing was slow, it was steady, and by the time we called it quits, our daily tally included 4 coho in the 3-5 pound range, a handful of smaller coho, a searun cutt, and an 18" blackmouth built like a largemouth bass. Once hooked, the coho put up a great account of themselves, often jumping and zipping off in quick, athletic bursts. On our 6 weights, this was great fun. I love this time of year!

Classifieds

Fly Rods for Sale as of July 23, 2003

Two Orvis (Zepher) 9' 0", 4 wt \$200.00 each Excellent condition

One Cane Rod 7' 9" , 5wt \$350.00 Like New

One Orvis (Far & Fine) 7' 9", 5wt \$200.00 Excellent condition

One Orvis (Westerner) 10' 0", 6wt \$250.00 Three Piece Like New

One Sage Rod 9' 0", 5 wt \$200.00 Excellent condition

One Sage Rod 9' 6", 8wt \$200.00 Excellent condition

One Sage Rod with fighting Butt 9' 6", 10 wt \$ 225.00 Excellent condition

One Sage Rod 9' 6", 6wt \$200.00 Excellent condition

One Fenwick Boron Rod 9' 6", 9wt \$200.00 Like new

One Sage Spey Rod 15' 0", 10-11 wt \$300.00 Like new

Billy Pate Reel (anti reverse) \$325.00 Like new

Achilles Inflatable Boat (extras) \$750.00 Excellent condition

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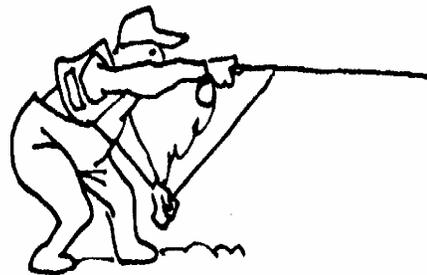


ODFW asks anglers to help fish when temps rise

With summer heating up, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife asks anglers to voluntarily stop fishing when in-stream temperatures reach a critical limit. Fish mortality levels increase drastically when water temperatures are over 74 degrees. As a result, Oregon Trout, Native Fish Society, Trout Unlimited and ODFW suggest voluntarily limiting angling during these times to protect trout populations and future fishing opportunities. Those who choose to angle are advised to fish in the morning, when water temperatures are cooler, or fish at a different location if water conditions are unfavorable at their usual site.

Anglers also can help by using barbless hooks, keeping fish in the water as much as possible and limiting the amount of handling time. Anglers should wet their hands before removing hooks, and to avoid touching the fish's gills. Reduced summer stream flow and increased water temperatures this year have decreased available fish habitat, disease resistance, spawning success and available food and oxygen, according to biologists from ODFW. Increased competition and predation also result. Stream flows in western Oregon are well below average and eastern Oregon already is experiencing wildfires due to dry conditions.

In this stressed environment, fish gather in groups where water conditions are most favorable, making them more vulnerable to anglers and predators. These threats can adversely affect adult trout numbers in future years by reducing the numbers of spawning adults. This is the third year of low stream flows in many areas of the state. Under normal water years, affected trout populations will quickly rebound and again provide for some quality angling experiences. ODFW encourages anglers to try some of the areas where water temperatures are cooler such as the High Cascade mountain lakes and mountain streams.



Suspended Animation By *Gene Cates*

An intrepid fly fisher named Spence,
Wearing waders climbed over a fence,
But astride the top rail,
Snagged his crotch on a nail,
Which held him in cruel suspense.



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Meeting Announcement

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at The College Club, 505 Madison St. The Wet Fly hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner is served at 6:45 PM



At this month's meeting on August 19th, we will be hosting our popular, Annual Garage/Yard/Attic Sale. If you have any fly fishing or outdoor-related items that you're not using anymore or that are simply taking up space, dust them off and bring them to the College Club to sell or trade. We've seen rods, reels, vests, waders, float tubes, camping equipment, duffel bags, fly lines, tying materials, old girl friends etc. The Club hopes you will donate a portion of your windfall to the conservation committee or Foundation, but of course, it is optional. Tables will be set up for your wares.