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# The Snoose Junction Journal

## Ballard Trout & Salmon Club Newsletter

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## Next Meeting...

### Thursday -- Jan 10, 2002

Doors open at 7:00 pm

**Meeting starts at 7:30 pm**

Northwest Senior Center

5429 - 32nd Ave NW in Ballard

"1 Block North of The Locks"

This month's meeting will be very full indeed. We will: Install new officers and board members; Discuss the Chapter's potential involvement with the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance (TRCA); Review our 2002 project plans; and Discuss some proposed Chapter operational changes. **All Members are Encouraged to Attend and Participate!**

### Last Meeting:

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays and had a chance to catch some fish!

### BTSC Membership

A big welcome aboard to our **new BTSC members:** Rich Archer, Garry Crocker, Chris Filardi, Angus MacDiarmid, Stan Reeve, John Small, Eric Gilbert, Carmen Hess, Jeff Marcus, Lawrence McBurney, Andrew Naugle, and Dave Rose.

Also, welcome to our new "Transferred In" members: William Barr and Michele Koehler. In addition, there have been 13 membership renewals, and 25 more are due for renewal. Hope to see you at a meeting soon!

### Thank You Larry!

As of Jan 2002 Larry O'Neil will be stepping down from the Council Membership position and devoting more time to our chapter's membership needs. Hopefully some of our lost friends will return and become active again, giving us a bigger voice for fish. If you know of any prospective members, bring them to a meeting, or contact Larry at 784-4303.

### BTSC Goes Electronic!

We are making a move to send out the newsletter via e-mail to as many BTSC members as possible. This saves hugely with printing and postage costs. If you have an e-mail address, would you please provide us with it so we can send this publication to you via e-mail?

Please send your real name and current e-mail address to Larry O'Neil via e-mail at [wa.native1@juno.com](mailto:wa.native1@juno.com) and make the subject of your email BTSC Subscriber.

### TU Goes Electronic!

TU National has been making changes to better utilize our dues. Their "Lines to Leaders" publication has already become available only on the TU web site. Beginning in January, 2002, all of the TU's Membership Services also will be available only on National's web site at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org). Instructions are being developed to allow those who need access to rosters, labels, membership, financial and other information to have quick, easy and efficient access.

## Ancient Fishing

This news bit was reported in a research paper, "Historical Overfishing and the Recent Collapse of Coastal Ecosystems," in the July 27, 2001 issue of the journal *Science*, by Jeremy B.C. Jackson and 18 other authors, as reviewed on [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).

"Ecological upheavals in coastal waters began thousands of years ago as primitive peoples massacred the denizens of the sea, leaving marine environments susceptible to the escalating pressures of contemporary times..."

"Examining ancient garbage mounds, sediment deposits and archeological records from four continents, scientists found that excessive hunting of sea mammals, turtles and fish upset delicate webs of life on a scale never before realized."

"The disruptions unleashed population explosions of opportunist species and lethal epidemics against less fortunate ones, and contributed to the conditions that strain oceans in modern times, the scientist team reported..."

In contrast to the narrow geographic and chronological focus of many studies, the report draws on the research of coastal ecosystems from North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Co-author Karen Bjorndal is quoted as saying "What we're finding is a number of the crises that our marine ecosystems are facing today can be traced back thousands of years in some cases, and hundreds of years in others, to when human beings first began affecting those ecosystems."

The paper goes on to state that in America, overfishing became a problem in pre-Colonial times, long before the arrival of Europeans.

## Judge's Ruling Overturned

We reported in October on a decision that could affect the fate of salmon throughout the American West wherein a federal judge in Eugene had ordered that Oregon coastal coho salmon no longer be declared threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Now, "In a closely watched legal case regarding the fitness of hatchery salmon to help wild salmon runs recover, Endangered Species Act protections for the Oregon coast coho have been reinstated.

"The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stayed a lower court ruling that the protections should be withdrawn. Property-rights activists had argued that more-numerous hatchery salmon should be counted toward recovery goals. Environmentalists argue that the hatchery fish are genetically inferior.

"The stay blocks logging of thousands of acres of timber in national forests during the appeal." (12-17-01)

*From Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

Read more at: <http://www.tidepool.org>

## Steelhead Position Paper

The WCTU Steelhead Position Paper that was circulated for comments and modified, the final draft of which was voted on by the Chapter's representatives, was presented to the WDFW at its meeting in Vancouver, WA, by a distinguished group of WCTU committee leaders.

To see what the results of all those hours and days of intense work and volunteer effort were, see Jim Tuggle's article in the December issue of "The Reel News," on page 13. Jim is the co-chair of the Council's Salmon and Steelhead committee.

## Coho Arrive Soon

Doug McGar reports that about 30,000 coho smolts should arrive by February 1st, and probably even sooner. They will be held until June at our net pen off the West end of the dock at Ray's Boathouse out at Shilshole.

We are scheduling a work party on Saturday, Jan 19th, to get the net reinstalled in the pen. We could sure use a couple of extra hands to help get the net all set for the Coho. Please contact Larry O'Neil at 784-4303 if you can give us a hand.

Also, we will be feeding the fish until they are released and now is your chance to get on the schedule for your favorite week. Contact Don Miller, at 283-5472, to get on the feeding list. If you haven't done this before, it really is a lot of fun!

We are also looking into building a derrick to help hoist the net in and out. Interested? Call either Doug at 782-9217 or Larry for more details.

## BTSC 2002 Plans

On November 26th, the BTSC board met and elected willing officers. The new officers are listed in the Officers & Directors side bar on page 1.

Next, several commitments and plans for 2003 were then hashed out. These included that: 1) BTSC would remain active; 2) BTSC will again raise baby coho at Ray's Boathouse dock in our net pen (see article); 3) BTSC will try to do a kid's fish-in at Greenlake in June; and 4) BTSC will try to have a banquet.

The schedule for regular club meetings was changed to bi-monthly meetings, on the second Thursdays of January, March, May, July, September, and November, for a total of 6 meetings in the year.

## New Decals

The new WCTU decals will be available at the Winter President's meeting, January 12th, in Tacoma. The price for the 4" decals are \$2.00 per decal. If you'd like one or more, let Mark Cartner or Larry O'Neil know.

## TRCA and BTSC?

At our January meeting, one of the items we plan to discuss is if and how BTSC wants to become involved in the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance (TRCA). Trout Unlimited is listed as a TRCA Trustee.

One interesting item is that it is FREE--they are not asking for money. The TRCA:

- \* Supports active land management to sustain and benefit a diversity of fish and wildlife habitats and species;

- \* Supports and advocates science-based, regulated hunting and angling activities;

- \* Supports and actively promotes a positive image of field sports and its participants.

The welcome letter from TRCA states that they are "a cadre of hunters and anglers following in the footsteps of Theodore Roosevelt and others -- the original conservationists. Our goal is to recruit tens of thousands of sportsmen and women to fight the warfare over wildlife. Just as Theodore Roosevelt led the charge up San Juan Hill, he also led our men and women of America in an incredible campaign of wildlife protection and restoration at the turn of the 20th Century."

"Now, at the turn of the 21st Century, we are facing a time of urgency, yet opportunity as we work toward recruiting and coalescing some 50 million fellow hunters and anglers. Why? Because critical fish, wildlife and recreational decisions affecting our 192 million acres of National Forest lands are being made without our input -- a reasoned voice among extremes."

Finally, TRCA's Mission statement is "To inform and engage Americans to foster our conservation legacy while working to nurture, enhance and protect our fish, wildlife and habitat resources on our National Forest System."

Come and let us know what you think about this new "cadre." Larry says he has a video that you may also want to see. For more information, visit their web site at [www.trca.org](http://www.trca.org) or call 1-877-770-8722.

## January Council Meeting

This year's annual Washington Council of Trout Unlimited meeting will be held at the LaQuinta Inn, in Tacoma, on January 11th and 12th, 2002. On Friday the 11th, the Chapter presidents and council officers will meet from 7:30-10 pm to discuss Saturday's agenda and other concerns.

On Saturday things get into full swing. The General membership meeting is from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with reports from the Treasurer, Ex-Director, Chapters, and Committees; new Chapter Presidents orientation; and new and old business.

Lunch speakers Jeff Curtis and Katlin Lovell of West Coast TU will talk on the topic of Judge Hogan's controversial decision on Oregon's coho listing and TU's response.

Then, the WCTU Annual Awards Banquet, Raffle and Auction starts Saturday evening at 6pm. There will be a small live auction with a limited number of items. Don Bayes will again MC the auction and bucket raffle.

Contact Lee Cathcart at 253-535-2788 with any prize or auction donations, or call Larry O'Neil at 206-784-4303 for pick up and delivery of items.

Fee schedule: registration only \$10; w/lunch \$25; w/dinner \$35; w/all meals \$45; Awards Banquet only \$25. Registration due by Jan. 4th. To register for the meeting and/or banquet, contact Dave Bailey at 360-681-7043, or e-mail [captain@olympen.com](mailto:captain@olympen.com)

## Hi-Tech Steelhead

The BTSC has been informed that our beloved wild steelhead count and capture at the Locks will be discontinued for us volunteers. Instead, the counting will be done by electronics and the fish ladder has been modified to stop all steelhead and hold them for transport, while allowing small fish to pass through. Who said things don't improve?

## Upcoming Events...

**Jan 10.** BTSC Meeting, Seattle.

**Jan 11-20.** NWMTA Boat Show, Seattle Exhibition Center.

**Jan 11.** WCTU Chapter Pres. and Council officers meeting, Tacoma.

**Jan 12.** WCTU Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. LaQuinta Inn, I-5 Next to the Tacoma Dome. All Members Welcome.

**Jan 18-19.** WDFW Meeting, Natural Resources Bldg, Olympia: North of Falcon Policy (briefing); Livestock Grazing on WDFW Lands (briefing); Rockfish bag limit in coastal waters (briefing).

**Jan 23-27.** O'Laughlin Puyallup Sportsman's Show.

**Jan 31.** Hunting Activity Reports are DUE. Call toll free 1-866-540-4868 or visit WDFW at [www.wdfw.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov](http://www.wdfw.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov)

**Feb 8-9.** WDFW Meeting, Natural Resources Bldg, Olympia: 2002-2003 Sportfish Rules (proposal, decision); 2002 N of Falcon Policy (decision); Livestock (decision); Lake and Stream Rehab Policy (decision); Rockfish (rule proposal / decision).

**Mar 8-9.** WDFW Meeting, Natural Resources Bldg, Olympia: 2002-2003 Permit seasons for Big Game Animals; Halibut tags; Aquatic habitat guidelines; Watershead Stewardship Team; N of Falcon update.

**Mar 14-17.** Seattle Sports, Boat, Trailer, and Travel Show.

**Mar 14-17.** Bighorn Show in Spokane.

**Apr 3-7.** Tacoma Dome Boat Show.

**Apr 12-13.** WDFW Meeting, Ellensburg: Viable Salmon Eggs (rule proposal / decision); Big Game Permit Seasons (rule proposal / decision).

**Aug 2.** The 4th Annual Day of Golf IV, Olympia Country and Golf Club.

**2002 Projects and TRCA  
This Month -- January 10th**

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