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# The Snoose Junction Journal

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## Next Meeting...

### Thursday -- March 8, 2001

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"

For this month's meeting we are going to watch a video! We have just received a Trout Unlimited video on Dam Removal. It runs 20 minutes & looks at 3 communities that have chosen dam removal as a restoration tool in California, Maine and Wisconsin. We will also discuss options for spring and summer projects, outings, and events. Bring your thoughts and ideas on where you'd like to go fishing, and what you'd like to see as a club project.

### Last Meeting:

Andy Batcho was the outstanding guest speaker last month. His philosophy is to fly-fish the great rivers of the west right now, before retirement. He brought his traveling fly-fishing gear with him, and started with the basics of rods, reels, lines, and accessories. His presentation and stories kept us spellbound. We also enjoyed the trick items that can keep you fishing from dawn to dusk.

The bonus of the evening was that Andy brought his wife Georgia with him, and she showed off a small portion of the Trout Unlimited Earthday Banquet items. Attending this event is a great way to find a bargain on Fishing equipment (Rods, Tackle, Trips), Art, Books, Garden items, Jewelry, Kitchen gear, with the Live Auction, and Bucket Raffles as a bonus and supporting the work of the Washington Council. The Event is April 21st and the tickets are \$50.00 each. Contact Fred Z. soon so we can reserve a table.

### ISE Kudos

I would like to thank the following members for their efforts in selling \$370 worth of raffle tickets at the International Sportsman's Expo, Feb 7th & 10th. It was a real challenge as the show had low attendance and was much smaller than usual. However we did fair better than other chapters due to an extra day.

Kudos to Bill Braun, Gene Jarstad, John Stavheim, Don Miller, Fred Zingleman, Charles Cottone, Tom Schidel, and Mark Cartner; also to Doug McGar for set up help, Charles Cottone and Ron Laveguere for take down, and to Larry O'Neil for organizing all the chapters, setting up, selling, and take down and removal of the display and drift boat.

-- Mike Kelly, President

## Outdoors Now...

**Cowlitz River smelt** fishing is just starting. Sat's only, 10# limit, sharpen your dip nets.

**Razor Clams** Late day tides make teamwork fun; 15 clam limit makes great chowder

**Spring Kings** 40,000 excess fish expected to return to Wind River Hatchery, a glistening opportunity for sportsmen!

**Puget Sound Blackmouth** Fishing Season Opens February 16.

**Columbia River** Selective fishery opens March 12 -- see article.

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and  
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Oregon and  
Washington.”*

## Columbia River Hatchery Spring Chinook Selective Fishery

OLYMPIA - Following a conservation agreement reached last week between tribes, the federal government and Washington and Oregon, the states Tuesday approved a non-Indian sport selective fishing season beginning March 12 in the lower Columbia River.

The mainstem sport fishery is now open on the Columbia River downstream of the I-5 bridge, and anglers may keep any fish. Beginning March 12, the fishery area will expand to cover the entire lower Columbia mainstem, from the mouth of the river upstream to the Bonneville Dam. At that time, it will shift to a selective fishery, in which adipose fin-clipped chinook and steelhead, and shad may be kept. Any non-adipose fin-clipped chinook salmon and steelhead must be released unharmed.

The selective fishing season is expected to continue to the end of April but could end earlier if the sport allocation is met.

The season-setting follows an unprecedented multi-year conservation and rebuilding agreement reached last week by the four Columbia River Treaty tribes and the states of Oregon and Washington. The agreement focuses on rebuilding Snake River spring and summer chinook, Upper Columbia spring chinook and Snake River sockeye, by adjusting harvest rates based on the number of wild fish projected to return in a given year.

The agreement is expected to provide the cornerstone for a new, comprehensive Columbia River fisheries management plan expected to be completed by December, 2003. Leaders from the Yakama, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Warm Springs tribes and the governors of four western states, including Gary Locke of Washington and John Kitzhaber of Oregon, called completion of that plan pivotal if Columbia River wild salmon recovery goals are to be met. A major objective is to begin the work necessary to achieve rebuilding fish runs on the Columbia to 5 million fish within 25 years.

The federal government is expected to endorse the plan as consistent with the conservation requirements of the endangered Species Act (ESA).

Tribal and state fisheries managers said the agreement will provide stability in both harvest and hatchery production and will allow managers to focus more of their efforts on addressing difficult hydro power and habitat issues important to salmon recovery — issues that are expected to be particularly challenging this year because of drought conditions.

-- Contact WDFW

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## Roll on Columbia

**Roll on Columbia**, TU's 2001 National Convention, is scheduled for Aug 14 (Tuesday) through 19 (Sunday) in Portland, Oregon. "Roll on Columbia" is expected to be TU's best National Convention ever.

The business meetings will be first rate, the meals will be wonderful, and the Conservation Auction/Raffle is coming together very well. Conservation tours and numerous recreational opportunities are available. We have several businesses, public agencies and other non-profit organizations who will display their wares and information throughout the majority of our convention. Hope to see you at "Roll on Columbia" this August!

Tom Wolf, Convention Chair for "Roll on Columbia," has arranged for a block of rooms at the Double Tree Inn Columbia River (503) 283-2111 for those attending the convention. Rates range from \$89 to \$99 per night depending on single, double, view, etc.

## Warm Water Fishing Clinic

Auburn Sports & Marine will hold its **Warm Water Fishing Clinic** next Saturday, March 3, at Green River C.C. 8am-3pm. A great event, demo's, speakers, and factory booths with bargains and 2pm raffle: Banks Lake and Columbia River Walleye, and Bass, and an Underwater tour of Lake Washington.

## Attention Steelheaders

Our Ballard Chapter of Trout Unlimited will for the 6th year participate in a Ballard Locks wild steelhead capture on **March 12th, 13th and 14th**.

This **Steelhead Capture** needs you! With your help we could save the run, and fish for hatchery returns under the Magnolia Railroad Trestle again.

Fred schedules 2 shifts: 8am-Noon and Noon-3pm. Call now to select a time, or for more information. Fred hasn't heard back from enough of us yet to do a morning shift and he's running out of time. **Please** call Fred Z. soon at 364-5082.

## North of Falcon

The WDFW is holding a meeting the same night as ours, to explain to the citizens north of Seattle the current stages of negotiations in the North of Falcon harvest procurement process. If you want to attend, it's at the Mill Creek office, March 8th, from 7-9PM

## Celebrate Earthday

The 2001 Earthday Banquet & Auction will be held in the Washington Convention & Trade Center in Seattle, WA on Saturday, April 21, 2001. Join the Washington Council of TU in celebrating the 17th annual Earthday. Tickets to this prestigious Banquet and Auction at the Wash State Convention and Trade Center are \$50 per person. Call Fred Zingleman (206) 364-5082 so we can reserve a table together.

Check the [www.halcyon.com/earthday](http://www.halcyon.com/earthday) web site which has been updated once again. Pages have been added to list both rods for the Great Rod Raffle and family and fishing trips received.

To donate please contact Georgia Batcho at (206) 246-1457. We're looking for volunteers to help set-up the day of the event. Also needed: 1 or 2 people with a covered truck or van to help deliver our stuff to the Convention Center the day of the event.

-- Andy Batcho

## Thornton Crk Work Parties

Here is a list of upcoming work parties in the Thornton Creek Watershed for Spring 2001. Tools and refreshments are provided at all workparties.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear rubber shoes or boots, long pants, and work gloves. Details can be obtained by calling Janine Van Sanden, Adopt A Parks Coordinator at 206-233-3979.

**Mar 14** Mock Creek Ravine Invasive Removal and Planting. Call for exact location to meet. 10am - 2pm.

**Mar 21** Park 6 False Bamboo Removal and mulching. Meet at NE 104th street end off of 5th Ave NE just south of Pacific Medical Clinic. 10am - 2pm. TCA Coordinator: Ruth Williams.

**Mar 25** Meadowbrook Orchard Maintenance Weeding and Mulching. Meet at the top of the hill on NE 105th at entrance to park property north and west of Meadowbrook Community Center. 10am - 2pm.

**Apr 21** Meadowbrook Wetlands and Creeklet Invasive Removal and Mulching. Meet at the west side of 35th Ave NE at the north end of the Community Center building. 10am - 2pm. TCA Coordinator: Bob Vreeland.

**Apr 21** Homewood False Bamboo Removal and Mulching & Planting Shrubs. Meet at NE 104th street end off of 5th Ave NE just south of Pacific Medical Clinic. 9am - 1pm. TCA Coordinator: Dianne Holterman.

**Apr 21** Park 6 False Bamboo Removal and Mulching. Meet at NE 104th street end off of 5th Ave NE just south of Pacific Medical Clinic. 10am - 2pm. TCA Coordinator: Ruth Williams.

## Rearing Pen Update

Thanks to the efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers (MV Puget and Captain Kizer) for delivering new wave and debris reduction logs, as well as the following members: Mark Cartner, Doug McGar, and Larry O'Neil for installing them. It helps to have these logs back in place as a shield around our rearing pen. Thanks a lot!

## Upcoming Events...

**Mar 3** Native Plant Salvage -- *see article*.

**Mar 3** Warm Water Fishing Clinic -- *see article*.

**Mar 8** WDFW North of Falcon mtg -- *see article*.

**Mar 10** Ex Comm. Meeting; host S. King Co. chapter.

**Mar 10 & 24** Naturescaping workshops. Call Greg Rabourn or visit: [www.salmoninfo.org](http://www.salmoninfo.org).

**Mar 12-14** BTSC Wild Steelhead Capture -- *see article*.

**Apr 21** Earth Day Banquet and Auction -- *see article*.

**May 5** Gray's Harbor Chapter Banquet, in Aberdeen, to support "Friends Landing" Disabled Persons Fishing Access project.

**May 18-19** Council Spring meeting, in Tacoma.

**Aug 14-19** "Roll on Columbia" TU National Convention, Portland OR. Contact either Chairman Jim Derry at (360) 896-6967 e-mail: [ohio12@qwest.net](mailto:ohio12@qwest.net), or Marketing Director Jim Wilcox (888) 820-1164 e-mail: [jimwilcox@wwdb.org](mailto:jimwilcox@wwdb.org) -- *see article*.

## Native Plant Salvage

Saturday, March 3rd, Trossachs Development, Sammamish. 9:00am - 12:30pm. Contact Greg Rabourn at (206) 296-1923 for more information. **Volunteers** must be 16 years old or with a parent or guardian.

**Directions:** From I-5 or I-405. Take I - 90 East and exit at the Front Street/ East Lake Sammamish Pkwy. Exit in Issaquah. Turn left onto E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy. And then take a right onto Issaquah - Fall City Road and stay on it as it becomes SE Duthie Hill Road (Issaquah - Fall City Road will turn off to the right). Turn left on Trossachs Blvd. SE and follow the signs to the salvage site.