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## Next Meeting...

### Thursday -- May 10, 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"

Our speaker this month is Tom Mathews, a well-known fish checker for WDFW. Tom is going to talk about the wild steelhead capture program, the new smolt chutes at the locks, bring awesome pictures of fish from out on the coast, and maybe even about his seine net change proposals for Puget Sound.

### Last Meeting:

A BIG thank you to Brian Hartzell, Western Washington Wally Club founding member. Season by season we were told where and how to angle this worthy fish: sometimes in Banks Lake, other times below the dams; sometimes trolling, others working special rigs along the bottom. Brian brought an array of rods and tie-ups to show. Again, thank you Brian, a master walleye angler!

### BTSC Membership

We have **gained** 5 new members: Charles Chesnut, Nicholas D'Ambrosia, Justin Hicks, Pete Margitan, and Charles Wu.

There are 80 of our members due for renewal! If the date on your address label is highlighted, please remember to renew! Our current chapter **total** is 341.

### Coho To Be Released

The **BTSC Coho**, in our rearing pen at the end of Ray's Boathouse dock, are due to be released on the 15th or 16th of this month. The release will be in the evening, just before sunset.

Come to Ray's for the big send off! Contact Don Miller for the exact day when the time gets closer. There will be a work party to remove and clean the rearing pen's net shortly after the big release.

### Steelhead Capture

Several BTSC members worked on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in the month of April to help with the wild steelhead capture at the fish ladder at the Ballard Locks. These are late run Cedar River steelhead that are in very desperate straits. In a month of 3-day weeks only two hens were captured. That's all!

Hopefully, these will be mated with a buck from the Cedar, all at the Issaquah Creek hatchery. Those who worked the various shifts enjoyed getting to know fish checker Tom Matthews. For the record, a nice 20" Dolly Varden was also captured, and released. See photos on pages 2 & 3.

### Good-bye to a Friend

Our long time member and friend Harry Thornberg passed on last month. We will have a card to sign at the meeting.



View looking east taken from the patio above Ballard Locks fish viewing chamber. The fish trap used to capture native steelhead is shown positioned in the weirs. --Photo by Fred Zingleman

## Your Help Needed

It is a great time to step forward and make a difference! We need help with the operations of **our chapter**: newsletter article writers, newsletter assemblers, mail person / list checker, raffle prize acquisitions, guest speaker procurement, outings coordinator, events chairman, projects chairman, membership welcoming person.

If we had just 1 person willing to take on each of these vital positions it would make such a **difference**. You are currently in jeopardy of loosing some valued longtime help that will stymie our chapter into non-active status. We have been asking for months, now get on the stick and help.

We apologize for the lateness of last month's newsletter. It was to our embarrassment and your misfortune if you **missed** that great presentation on Walleye how's and where's. Only a small, keenly interested crowd was on hand to hear Brian Hartzell. Let's pitch in and hope this never happens again. Some of our guests come a long way for your benefit. Pass this news along to your fishin' buddies, maybe they will show up with you!

-- Your BTSC Board

## Let's Go WILD

Beginning March 1, 2001, all Washington State hunting and **fishing licenses** will be sold with the new Washington Interactive Licensing Database (**WILD**) computerized system.

WDFW regional offices and private license dealers will also use WILD to sell special hunting permit applications, and raffle tickets. The 2001 licenses are in effect starting **April 1**.

Also, credit cards may be used over both the telephone and Internet for any of the above, to be delivered by mail. Either toll-free at 866-246-9453 or on-line at:

**fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov**

Benefits include quick sales and an easy-to-carry size. Be aware that your Social Security Number is required, and a 9.5% transaction fee exists to cover the WILD system. Contact Bruce Crawford, WDFW Licensing Manager, **crawfbac@dfw.wa.gov**

## Bucket O' Walleyes

A game warden recently stopped a friend of mine who was leaving the public landing near here with a bucket of nice walleyes. "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" the game warden asked. My friend replied "No, sir, these are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" the warden asked. "Yes, sir, every night I take these fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back in the bucket, and I take 'em home." The warden responded "That's crazy! Fish can't do that!"

He looked at the game warden for a moment. "Here, I'll show you. It really works." The warden was curious now. "OK, I've **got** to see this!" My friend poured the fish in the lake, stood, and waited a few minutes.

"Well?" asked the warden. "Well, What?" said the man. "When are you going to call them back?" the warden prompted. "Call who back?" the man asked. "The **fish!**" said the warden. "What fish?" my friend asked.

## May 2001 Work Parties

**May 11 Green Lake Habitat Area.** Mulch; remove invasive plants. 10:00-2:30.

Contact Rory Denovan: 206-233-3971.

**May 12 Licton Springs.** Remove invasive plants, mulch in wetlands. 10:00-1:00.

Contact Katie Moller: 206-985-6867.

**May 12 North Acres Dogs Off Leash.**

Spread gravel along pathways. 9:30-12:30. Contact Amy Tsai: 206-362-7978.

**May 19 Carkeek Park Friends of the Wetlands.** Remove invasive plants from ponds, creeklets. 9:00-Noon. Contact Kristin Kopra: 206-729-5242.

**May 19 Carkeek Park Ivy Out.** Remove ivy from north bluff area. 9:00-Noon. Contact Lex Voerheove: 206-706-1009.

**May 19 Carkeek Park-Piper Orchard.** Spring clean orchard and transplant fruit trees. 10:00-3:00. Contact Ron Schaevitz: 206-362-1227.

**May 19 Thornton Creek Park #6.** Remove invasive plants, apply mulch. 10:00-2:00. Contact Cheryl Klinker: 206-367-4635.

**May 28 Thornton Creek Park #2.** Remove invasive plants. 1:00-4:00. Contact Chuck Dolan: 206-523-8016.



View looking northeast at the newly installed smolt chutes at the Ballard Locks. Equipped with electronic counters, these chutes provide the best route to the sea and should lead to improved survivability for smolts. --Photo by Fred Zingleman

## Earthday Banquet Big Success -- BTSC Members Go Home Happy

As the 12 members and guests of our BTSC chapter will attest, the 2001 Earthday Banquet & Auction was a big success. It was quite an evening of fun and good natured ribbing, as well as good food, spirits, and a bargain or two. We can honestly say we did our part to help make it a success.

Charles Cottone and Larry O'Neil spent the whole day helping with the transport and set up of the auction items before attending the event. Doug McGar stayed to help them with move out. Fred Zingleman and John Olson donated some items, while Gene Jarstad, Bill Ring, and Mike LeTurneau, along with their guests, added to our council's support.

Of the hundreds of items up for auction or silent bids, only a handful weren't sold. These items were subsequently passed to other events, but some of the best are still available for minimum bids (or more) if you are interested. Contact the web site to inquire: <http://www.halcyon.com/earthday> or contact Georgia Batcho at 206-246-1457.

## Bush Wants Relaxed ESA

The Bush administration has proposed relaxing for a year some of the strictest mandates and deadlines in the Endangered Species Act, an effort to give federal officials more discretion to decide which species to protect and how best to protect them.

**"Bush Seeks to Curb Endangered Species Suits"** Washington Post. <http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7779-2001Apr11.html>

**"Moratorium Sought on Suits That Seek to Protect Species"** New York Times. <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/04/12/politics/12SPEC.html>

**"Endangered Species Act Threatened"** Anchorage Daily News. <http://www.adn.com/metro/story/0,2633,256975,00.html>

**"Bush Seeks More Control Over Endangered Species List"** LA Times. <http://www.latimes.com/news/science/enviro/20010412/t000031128.html>

**"Former EPA Chief Calls Bush Actions Alarming"** Contra Costa Times. [http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/environment/stories/krbrowner\\_20010412.htm](http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/environment/stories/krbrowner_20010412.htm)

-- Don Schluter, WACTU Web Master

## Area 10 Regs...

Check WDFD web site for latest:

**May 1-Jun 30:** Closed.

**Jul 1-Oct 31:** Open with a salmon per day limit, chinook & chum must be released.

**Aug 1-Sep 15:** Shilshole Bay & Elliott Bay closed.

**Jul 1-Aug 31:** Except for fishing piers & Elliott Bay season; Fri thru Sun, Jul 20-22, 27-29, Aug 3-5, & 10-12, Two salmon limit! May be chinook over 22", release all chum Aug 1 - Sep 15.

**Nov 1-30:** Open, 2 fish limit, 1 may be chinook over 22".

**Dec 1-15:** Open to catch & release Only.

**Dec 16-31:** Open, 2 fish limit, 1 may be chinook over 22".

**Jan 1-Feb 28, 2002:** Closed.

**Mar 1-Apr 10, '02:** Open, one fish limit, chinook 22" min.

**Agate Pass** closed Feb 16 - Mar 31, & Apr 11-30., 2002.

## Area II Regs...

Check WDFD web site for latest:

**Jun 1-30:** Open, 2 salmon limit, 1 may be chinook over 22"; Commencement Bay Closed.

**Jul 1-Oct 31:** Open, release pink salmon; Commencement Bay closed through July 31.

**Nov 1-Dec 31:** Open 2 fish limit, 1 may be chinook over 22".

**Jan 1-Feb 15, 2002:** Closed.

**Feb 16-Apr 10, '02:** Open, one fish limit, chinook over 22"; Commencement Bay Closed Apr 1-10.

**Apr 11-May 31, '02:** Closed.

## Upcoming Events...

**Jun 1-2** Council Spring meeting, in Tacoma.

**Jun 16-17.** Father's Day weekend Halibut Derby at Sekiu. Any experts willing to go with chapter members as an outing please call Larry to get organized and offer him a ride. 784-4303