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Next Meeting...

Thursday -- Oct 11, 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"

This month's meeting promises to be a good one! Todd Seamons, a graduate student in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Science at the University of Washington in Seattle, will share with us some of the research being done on the steelhead side of sport fishing. Todd's talk, "Insights in Steelhead Mating Behavior, Reproductive Success and Hybridization," will be illustrated with slides. Todd writes: "P.S. Maybe I can get some hints from some steelheaders on where to go to catch some steelhead on a fly!" We also plan to take a look at possible programs and officers for next year.

Last Meeting:

We took a two-month hiatus to make the most of the available fishing. We're now back in full swing!

Members Only Raffle Results

Saturday September 8, 2001 at the Washington State Council meeting in Renton the following winners were drawn for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes:

1st Prize was a 9.9 HP Mercury Outboard Motor which went to Johnny Stewart of Manchester, North Kitsap Chapter.

2nd Prize, a Las Vegas trip for 2 with Lodging at the New York, New York Hotel/Casino and Round-Trip Airfare went to Greg Beach of the Edmonds-Leabugton Chapter.

Bobby Murray from Cosmopolis and the Grays Harbor Chapter walked away with 3rd

Prize, a Spirit of Washington Dinner Train and Winery Tour.

Congratulations to the Lucky Members. To the other 12.8% of you who responded, Better Luck Next Year!

What's That Coho Weigh?

BTSC Board Member Doug McGar caught a Coho weighing in at 19 pounds! The newest Washington State record for Coho is 22 pounds 8 ounces.

Upcoming Events...

Oct 4-31. Lake Washington open for Coho salmon. *See article.*

Oct 11. BTSC meeting will feature UW's Todd Seamons' talk: "Insights in Steelhead Mating Behavior, Reproductive Success and Hybridization."

Coho's Threatened Listing Tossed

Grants Pass, Oregon. A federal judge has thrown out the threatened-species listing for Oregon coastal coho salmon, saying federal biologists were wrong to make a distinction between wild and hatchery fish.

In a lawsuit brought by the Alsea Valley Alliance, U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan issued a ruling sending the 1998 listing of Oregon coastal coho as a threatened species back to the National Marine Fisheries Service for further consideration.

The fisheries service has not analyzed the ruling yet and has not decided whether to appeal. However, spokesman Brian Gorman said state protections remaining in force would continue to protect coho.

"Theoretically, this could affect all listings" of salmon in the West, Gorman said.

*By The Associated Press,
September 2001*

State Raffle Results

The 2001 Annual State Raffle concluded successfully Saturday September 29th with a drawing at WC-TU's Olympia Storage Area. Those present as witnesses included Ric Abbott, WC-TU President; Lee and George Cathcart, Tacoma Chapter; Roy Nakano, Elliott Bay Chapter; Ron Holtcamp, Olympia Chapter and Dottie Evans, Tacoma Chapter. The fortunate winners are:

First Prize, 2001 Lund WC-14 DLX Aluminum Boat, Live Well, Accessories; 9.9 Mercury ML Outboard by Mercury Marine and Model EZB EZLoader Boat Trailer. The winner: **Gordon Leistiko, Bellingham, WA.**, a long time friend and fishing buddy of Dick Clark, Sr. of Whatcom County Chapter. (He had just purchased a new 9hp outboard). Ticket sold by Whatcom County.

Second Prize, LAVRO LRF-11' Driftboat, Dark Blue, Anchor Bracket, Accessories by Lavro, Inc, Monroe, Washington with a Spirit Boat Trailer, Spirit Trailers, Gig Harbor, WA. The winner: **Bob Betts, Redmond, WA.** Ticket sold by Sky Valley Chapter.

Third Prize, Four Day Mexican Cruise for Two from Los Angeles, CA on Carnival Lines "SS Ecstasy" including Round Trip Airfare from Sea-Tac to LA. The winner: **Ann W. Lockhart, Seattle, WA.** Ticket sold by Sky Valley Chapter.

Fourth Prize, D&E Custom 9', 5wt, Four Piece Fly Rod on a Loomis blank with sock & case, matched to a Stratos Fly Reel; and a 14 Carat Gold Mothers Ring with Mother's Birthstone and Two Childrens Birthstones. All Genuine Birthstones. The winner: **Norm Sipes, Bothell, WA.** Ticket sold by Tacoma Chapter.

Fifth Prize, Westport Bottom Fishing Trip for Two on Neptune Charter's "Silver Duchess" with Captain Dennis Moss, Monday thru Thursday, June thru September, 2002. The winner: **Darren Grider, Steilacoom, WA.** Ticket sold by Tacoma Chapter.

...another successful raffle thanks to the hard work and inconvenience cheerfully volunteered by many of our WC-TU members. Thanks go out to all who participated.

Ray Evans, Raffle Manager 2001

Lake Washington Opens For Coho Salmon Fishery

Northern Lake Washington will open for coho salmon fishing effective October 4-31, 2001.

Location: Lake Washington waters north of Evergreen Point Floating Bridge. Closed to fishing from a floating device within 100 yards of the floating bridge.

Reason for action: The estimate of returning coho through the Chittenden Locks at Ballard has exceeded 30,000 fish, indicating a higher return than predicted.

Other information: Only coho salmon may be retained. All Chinook and sockeye salmon must be released. The daily limit is two coho, minimum length 12 inches.

Chinook impacts: Chinook impacts are expected to be minimal. The closure of the south end of Lake Washington will protect wild Chinook returning to the Cedar River. Spawning grounds surveys in Bear Creek indicate that many Chinook have migrated from Lake Washington into northern tributaries to spawn.

License & Regulations: Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license. Check the WDFW 2001/2002 "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet or the Fishing section of the WDFW webpage at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw> for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing regulations are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at 360-902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules.

Information contact: Chuck Phillips, Region 4 Fish Program Manager, 425-775-1311, X120.

Judge Undermines Wild Salmon Protection

In a decision that could affect the fate of salmon throughout the American West, a federal judge in Eugene has ordered that Oregon coastal coho salmon no longer be declared threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Stunned officials of the National Marine Fisheries Service said Thursday they would immediately revoke federal protection for wild coho in dozens of coastal rivers across Oregon.

But the deeper impact of the ruling, made Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Michael R. Hogan, extends well beyond coastal Oregon.

Hogan said the fisheries service erred by considering only wild fish and by not counting the far more numerous hatchery-born coho when it decided to list coastal coho for protection -- a finding that knocks the legal legs from under two dozen West Coast salmon and steelhead listings made by the fisheries service since 1991.

Those listings extend from Puget Sound to Northern California, including the Portland region, and have built a \$4 billion-plus effort to save salmon throughout the Columbia Basin and coastal Oregon -- the largest wildlife stewardship in American history. (9-14-01)

From The Oregonian

Read more at: <http://www.tidepool.org/> See the State and Federal suit brought by Pac Legal et al at: <http://www.pacificlegal.org/index/alsea.htm>

Salmon Friends Fish Fling

Back by popular demand (those salmonids, that is), Mid Sound Chapter is hosting The Anger Management "Fling the Fish" Workshop!

Benefit: It's a double whammy: 1) a great way to give back to nature and help our salmon neighbors, **and** 2) let out some of that Seattle traffic aggression flinging those fish into the Green/Duwamish River watershed, mainly in streams around Enumclaw and Auburn.

Why: The nutrients from adult salmon carcasses provide an essential food source for juvenile

salmonids, other predators and insects, which then become an important food source for salmon. Stream research proves juvenile salmonids containing more marine-derived nitrogen, with the aid of salmon carcass nutrients, grow faster and have higher survival rates than those without.

How: Fish carcasses from the hatchery are loaded into bins in the back of pickups. The pickups head out to streams around Enumclaw and Auburn where people will fling the carcasses into the streams by the ton!

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9am-2pm, during both the Chinook Run (**Sep 27–Oct 16**) and the Coho Run (**Nov 6–20**).

Where: Soos Creek Hatchery, 13030 Auburn-Black Diamond Rd.:

- 1: I-5 South;
- 2: Take Exit 142A, toward Auburn/Bend;
- 3: Merge onto WA-18E, 6.2 mi;
- 4: Auburn-Black Diamond Rd exit;
- 5: Right Auburn-Blk Diamond Rd, 2.1 mi.

What to bring:

Raingear that you do not cherish;
Gloves, if you're picky about what kind;
Strong arms and endurance for stench;
We can always use an extra truck, too.

Mid-Sound Chapter will provide:

Thick rubber gloves;
Bins for fish;
All other flinging supplies.

Interested in participating? Provide some dates you are available. Contact: Laura Yip at 206-529-9467 or laura@midsoundfisheries.org

Laura Yip, Volunteer Coordinator, Mid-Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group: www.midsoundfisheries.org

P.S. The smolt sampling done this spring, after seeding upper Newaukum Creek last year, showed that the quantity and the sizes were greatly improved. A few deceased salmon can make a terrific difference in the health of our watersheds. Please try and find time to get a little slimy and help our salmonid friends.

Thanks, Guys!

The Ballard Seafood Fest was another success story in raffle ticket sales again this year despite some cool and at times damp weather.

A big thanks to these BTSC members who helped sell Raffle tickets at the July event: Larry O'Neil, Mike Kelly, Al Hoveland, Charles Cottone, Gene Jarstad, and Bud Johanson.

Fishing Report

Fishing reports from members who have been up and down the Sound and ocean hotspots are just wild, every one reports bigger than average Silvers, a mass of Pinks coming through the straights, and the Lucky few who have hooked up with chinookies are grinning big.

There have been some outstanding Rainbows caught in the oddest places too. A friend of our Chapter "do all" picked up a 22.5" bow in a local lake in the north end, and a 6+ and a 7 lb spawner were taken at an undisclosed location in the Cascade foot hills.

I seen 'em!

--Larry O'Neil

BTSC Membership

A big welcome to our **new BTSC members:** John Adams, Erik Anderson, Kenneth Britain, Matt Chan, William and Jackie Greene, Shaine Gross, Dean Hosh, Michael Jerome, Dennis Loback, Lori Miller, Jeff Morgan, Anthony Olney, Brian Rogne, Peter Schrappen, Nathan Schreiner, Rodney Wendt, Brian Wild, John Wiley, and Jeff Wirtanen.

Also, welcome to our new "Transferred In" members: Donald Warmby and Cheston Zimmer.

Steelhead Mating Slide Show
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