

THE SNOOSE JUNCTION JOURNAL

Next Chapter Meeting

Date: Thur. December 12

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Ballard Senior Center
5429-32nd Ave NW

November Activity: Work Party for Salmon Net Pen

Last month on November 9, Five members of the chapter Larry O'Neil, Doug McGar, Bruce McNicholas, Mike Kelly & Rob Rosales spent several hours performing needed maintenance on the net pen. Much work was need on the pen itself, many of the boards needed to be screwed down and the covering boards which had been removed have now been reinstalled. The surrounding pilings were scrapped to removed the past months growth of barnacles. The net was unfolded and inspected for holes and damage, fortunately the net was in excellent position. We have scheduled another work party for December 14 @ 9:30 am, where we plan set up the net pen for arrival of fish this January. I would like to thank everyone who helped out in November and hope to see you in December at next work party.

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December Calendar

- Thur. Dec 12, 6:30 pm, Chapter Christmas Party and Potluck, Ballard Senior Center
- Sat. Dec 14, 9:30 am, salmon pen work party, meet at Ray's Boathouse parking lot.
- Wed. Dec 25, Christmas Day.

Chapter Officers & Board Members

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Board meetings are held @ 7:30 pm, 4th Monday of each month, at the Senior Center.

Board meetings are open to all member and you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your idea today may be tomorrows activity

September Board Meeting Minutes:

Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce McNicholas, Pres.
 Don Miller
 Fred Zingleman
 Larry O'Neil
 Doug McGraw

Chapter Members in Attendance:

Mike Kelly, past Pres.

Topics Discussed:

1. Final preparations for Christmas potluck
2. January meeting and speaker
3. Net pen work party
4. Projects for next year: kids fishing derby and Seattle Sports Show
5. 2003 Outings

Regression Election

Well the final tallies are in & like a bullet in flight; it's too late for a recall. Was there any thought given to what the outcome of your votes may be on the bigger scheme of things?

We the people, who are so over burdened by our own wants, just never take the time we should to fully analyze what or who we are voting for. The media's political analysts are trying to do a non biased honest job of getting us the facts & painting a picture of what the outcome will be if this or that happens. Problem is there are too many ifs & not enough truths to make any of their ramblings credible.

We environmentalists have been fighting the same battles over & over for years, now it looks as though we may be doing it for decades!

The Clean Water & Air Acts will be under attack big time, now that the Bush administration has the power hand. Already they are pushing for exploratory drilling in sensitive areas of our national parks & monuments, logging in roadless areas under the guise of fire protection, blocking finalization of designated wilderness areas in the Tongass National Forest & here in WA. States "Big Sky" area proposal. Yellowstone will be under increased attack by exhaust smog this winter thanks to the destructive Gail Norton who is increasing the number of snowmobiles allowed daily.

There have been many changes in committee leadership roles, Forests & Public Lands, NW Logging subcommittee, & Natural Resources to name a few that are important to the health of our forests & rivers. Names that have gained some added power for destructive measures are Trent Lott, James Inhofe, & Ted Stevens; all who will pressure congress to drill the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Though you may never go there, or have the chance to visit other pristine wilderness areas; you must not lose sight of the fact that "we the people" are all that can protect these areas for future generations. They may get the chance to see that we did care enough to do what is right.

The Gunnison River so popular with Colorado & other fly fishers may be a trickle in the future if a recent decision on water allocation is not reversed. (**Contact: mkassen@tu.org**) for more on this issue. There has to be an awakening of people to the fact that if our population keeps growing we will have to get used to brown ground yards & sponge baths, or lose all our freshwater pursuits to extinction.

Now is the time to start writing your elected officials & point them in the right direction to avoid the loss of the future. Keep your ears open to what's happening in congress & in our state legislature so that you can voice your concerns before it's too late. Nature will provide for us if we care for her.

Ballard Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Ballard Trout & Salmon Club
Annual Christmas Party and Potluck

Where: Ballard Senior Center, Main Hall

When: Thursday December 12 @ 6:30 pm

What to Bring

Last Name	Course
A - I	Salads
H - R	Main Dish
S - Z	Deserts

The Chapter Will Provide Beverages