



FLY PAPER

May 2024

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Looking Upstream

May 9-12	Big Twin Lake, Methow Outing
May 14	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help with Fly Tying
May 21	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help with Casting
May 16	General Meeting Presenter - Mike Sherer Owner of Wenatchee Fly Co. Tiger Musky at Evergreen Res. + other local fisheries
June 1	WVC Fly Fishing class needs volunteers to help at Beehive Lk.
June – Sept	No General or Board Meetings during the summer

President's Message

Greetings all,

We are entering the summer months and the high season for fishing, especially given the cold, windy conditions of spring. WVFF meetings go on hiatus over summer, and we reconvene in September. In the meantime, the Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education class graduates under Gary Anderson and Tom Whiteside's masterful teaching in June. A new cohort of fly fishers enter a wonderful hobby and, hopefully, a new passion. The knowledge base and community service of the WVFF class is an asset that we appreciate. Gary and Tom need support from members to help students learn to tie, cast, and fish. Volunteering your time helps sustain the club and create a little joy!

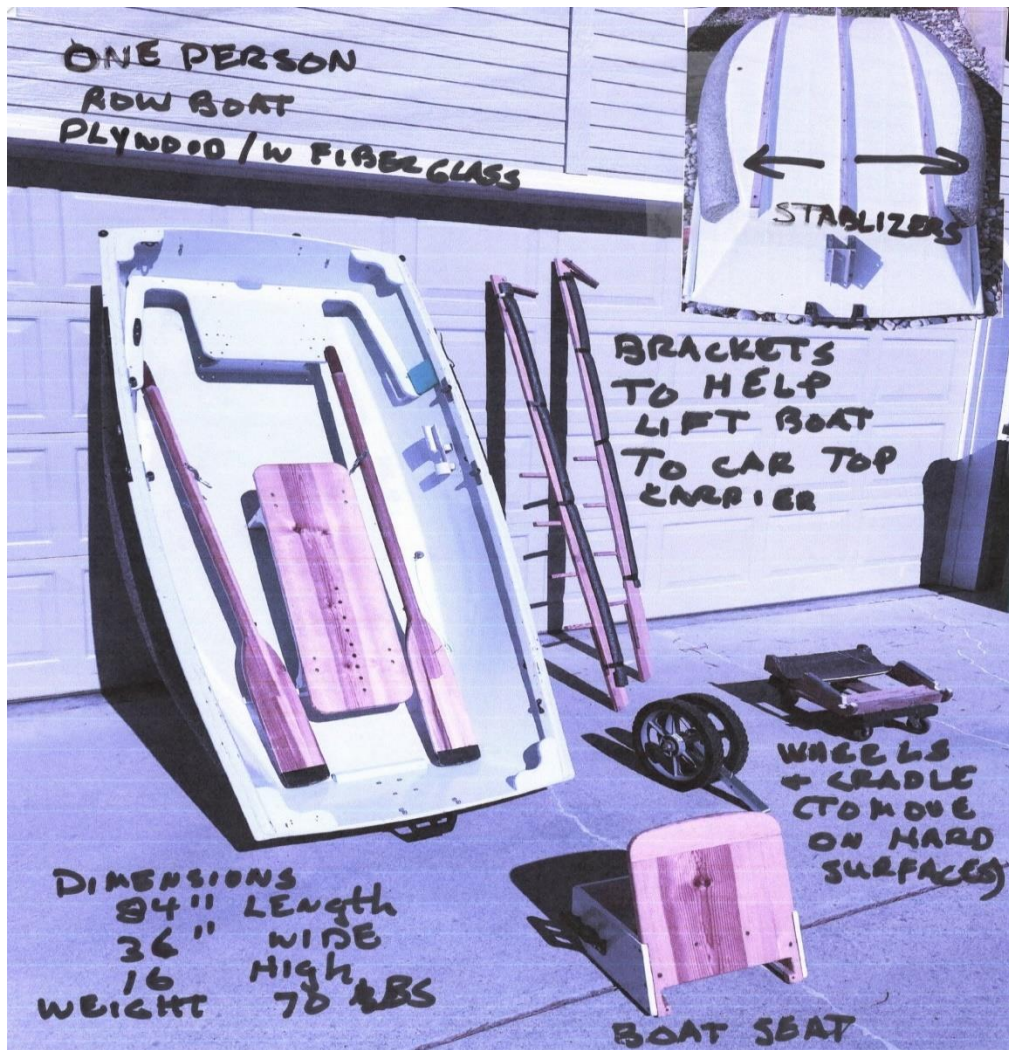
Salmon-Fishing

The days shorten, the south blows wide for showers now,
The south wind shouts to the rivers,
The rivers open their mouths and the salt salmon
Race up into the freshet.
In Christmas month against the smolder and menace
Of a long angry sundown
Red ash of the dark solstice, you see the anglers,
Pitiful, cruel, primeval,
Like the priests of the people that built Stonehenge,
Dark silent forms, performing

Remote solemnities in the red shallows
Of the river's mouth at the year's turn,
Drawing landward their live bullion, the bloody mouths
And scales full of the sunset
Twitch on the rocks, no more to wander at will
The wild Pacific pasture nor wanton and spawning
Race up into fresh water.
--Robinson Jeffers (1887 -1962)

Remember, it's not about us...it's about the fish!
Have a great summer. Tod

Fishing is quite a good metaphor for life. You do your prep, you do your thinking, you put your bait out, and you wait, confident that you've done your groundwork. But a lot of life is luck.
(Jeremy Wade)



**If you're interested in purchasing, please contact
John Richmond at: 206 - 390 - 0599**

WVFF club members Tom Whiteside and Gary Anderson
are teaching their great Fly Fishing class
at Wenatchee Valley College.
Misheetwie (MET) Building Room 1116 Time 7-9:00 pm

**THEY REALLY REALY NEED VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE TYING CLASS**

May 14th

Just a Wolley Bugger You can share that much !

Bring your Vice & Tools

RSVP Tom: w8fwd@charter.net Gary: garyander57@gmail.com

Lahontan Trout Rescue

By Dan Hammond



Dead trout near the spillway Gordy and Dan net and transfer fish to tanker truck

On Monday, April 22nd, I received an urgent text message from Mick Schmuck (WDFW Biologist-Grant County) stating that several Lahontan trout were dying in the spillway of Lake Lenore at the north end of the lake. The low volume of water in the spillway could not support the number of fish trapped in there. Apparently (not yet confirmed) a rogue

rancher had diverted the incoming flow of water to the lake. Mike asked if some members of WVFF could help rescue remaining trout the next day.

Due to the late notice, only two of us could help. The next day Gordy West and I drove out to the north end of Lake Lenore and met Mike, another WDFW biologist and two members of the Dryside Fly Fishing Club (Moses Lake). Together we netted and transferred approximately 950 Lahontan trout and transferred them to a truck with a large fish tank. The truck drove to mid-lake and released the trout. It took three trips to net, transfer and to release 950 fish.



Releasing the trout from the fish tank to a different location on Lake Lenore



WDFW Fish Passage Trainings

Editor's Note: Fish Passage Barriers are being documented around the country and Washington is totally involved in this important process. A Fish Passage Barrier is anything that impedes a fishes movement up or down stream. Blocking these waterways removes all upstream water from becoming available to a variety of fish species. Identifying these locations allows those with the desire, funding, and strong backs to get into the fight and open up miles of water that will only make our fish populations thrive.

Hello All,

I am pleased to announce that we have a handful of training courses coming up in the next few months. These courses will cover our Inventory and Assessment protocols, as well as a single training on our Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods (two separate courses, on two separate

days) which are outlined in the 2019 Fish Passage Inventory, Assessment, and Prioritization Manual (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02061>).

In-person trainings will be offered in Olympia, WA at the Natural Resources Building (1111 Washington St. SE Olympia, WA 98502), with the field components done in the nearby Capitol State Forest and West Bay Park.

To register for the courses, please use the links below:

May 20th and 21st – Courses One and Two offered In-Person

Course One – *Inventory and Assessment* – May 20th, 9am through 5pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-inventory-assessment-course-1-tickets-872625124237>

Course Two – *Habitat Survey and Prioritization Methods* – May 21st, 9am through 5pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-habitat-survey-prioritization-course-2-tickets-872638574467>

July 2nd- Course One only (In-Person)

Course One – *Inventory and Assessment* – July 2nd, 9 am through 5 pm:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wdfw-fish-passage-training-inventory-assessment-course-1-tickets-872652094907>

Each course offered is independent of each other (registration for both Course 1 and 2 is not required)- but it is highly recommended that the Course One (*Inventory and Assessment*) training has been completed prior to the Course Two (*Habitat/Prioritization*) training, as many of the topics discussed during the *Inventory and Assessment* training will be referenced during the *Habitat Survey and Prioritization* training. **The In-Person, *Habitat Survey and Prioritization* training will be limited to no more than 20 people**, as we will be walking our local training stream, and want to be conscious of our impact while out in the field.

Please let me know if you have trouble registering, or if you would like to be removed from this mailing list. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out at any time!

Thank you,

Samuel Harris Training Coordinator, Fish Passage Division 360-280-4129

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Virtual April 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Present: Derek Corder, Dan Hammond, Bruce Merighi, John Richmond, Tod Treat, Mike Wyant

Absent: Gary Anderson, Fred Kunzman and Allan Warman

Call to order: 7:04 P.M.

(previous month) Board Meeting Minutes (recorded by Mike Wyant)

Motion to Approve as amended: Bruce Second: Dan Vote: Unanimous

President's Report: Tod commented on the quality and value of Steve Worley's presentation of high-water fishing on the Yakima River, thanking Worley for the presentation and Gary for arranging it. Tod commented that he looks forward to seeing the club's membership grow and is optimistic that it will.

Education Report: Bruce had nothing new to report. He commented that the fly-tying class wrapped up at the end of March.

Conservation Report: Bruce reported that the club will want to consider contributing to the Methow River Watershed Cutthroat Trout Study, Phase II. Funding for this study is being pursued by the organizers at the present time.

Bruce noted that the all monies, tools and other material have been distributed to those agencies and groups that were awarded conservation grants last year.

Treasurer's Report: John reported that the club's bank balance was \$10,905 and the reserve fund was \$7,956 at the end of March. John has written a check for the outgoing president's gift and checks for material purchased for conservation grants. He also commented that community donations to the club seem to have increased recently.

The date for the next banquet will be set at the next board meeting.

Outings Report: Derek reported that very few campsites have been reserved by club members for the Big Twin Lake outing. The Lake Lenore outing is scheduled for Sunday, April 21. Derek will be camping at Dry Falls State Park the night before. The Blue Lake outing (Okanogan County) is scheduled for the following weekend (general season opening weekend).

Membership Report: Allan has been working with Bob and Bruce to upload new members to the club website. John said Allan now has access to the membership section of the website. He also described the previous process for managing membership. John also encouraged Allan to use Bruce Phillips' system of letters to existing members who haven't paid their dues.

If some sort of instructional arrangement through the club comes to pass with the Plain Adventure Women the participants should also be offered a one year membership in the club.

Program Chair Report: Gary was absent. April and May programs are set. Arrangements are in the works for presentations from conservation grant recipients at autumn club meetings. Tod will follow up on arrangements for the April and May meetings with the manager at the Eagles.

Old business: None

New business: None

Misc. None

Adjournment Time: 7:35 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Dan

Second: John

Vote: Unanimous

On a Recent Trip to Lake Coeur d' Alene for Northern Pike



Derek Corder caught the coolest pike and Dan Hammond caught his first pike. Congrats

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