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MEETINGS

General Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm (6pm Wet Fly) Flying Pig Brewery
Board Meeting - 1st Thursday of the month, 7pm (6pm dinner) Cookbook Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm Village Restaurant



Fishout/Meeting: July 25th, 2004
@ Gordy Swanson's (NF Stilly – see map, back page)
Weigh-in - 5:00 PM Dinner - Follows

Program for July –

by Don Scott

There is no regular meeting this month, as a result no speaker, but something much better, the summer fishout at Gordon Swanson's. More information concerning the fishout and a map to get to Gordy's to follow in this issue.



President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

Busy, Busy Time!!!

First – let's remember in July, our meeting is on the river. See attached article and map. Fish anywhere but be at the meeting NO LATER than 5 pm for the "weigh in" and then steak dinner. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP call me at 800-498-6123, or email me at jmcgauhey@usa.net RIGHT NOW! Jesse is buying steaks actually before you read this, so sign up now. Remember, your sign up obligates you to pay \$10 at the meeting, or at the August meeting if you don't show.

The River Cleanup was very successful! Many members showed up and this time we were treated to not only breakfast, but lunch also. Thank you very much Charlie Ricketts for your wonderful hospitality. There didn't seem to be as much trash this year as in the past, but we still filled a truckload.

Plan now for the McKenzie outing on September 25, 26, and 27.

The Conservation Committee has been VERY busy with sending 4 youngsters to Conservation Camp, getting us approved as the sponsoring agency of the Foundation Property, working with Lone Lake for clearing the weeds, and cleaning up the monument. Yes, that's right – some **?!@#@## painted graffiti on the rocks of the monument. Many thanks to Mark and others for cleaning, reporting, and getting on this within a few days of the dreadful deed.

Make sure you CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR for the December banquet. The published calendar notes the banquet on December 4th, but actually, it will be on December 11th at Gleneagle Golf Club in Arlington.

Next year is the **50th Anniversary** of the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club. Please make plans now to do your part to make this our most successful year ever. One way is by inviting your friends to a meeting, to the auction, and guide them into club membership. Another way is by volunteering to be an officer. It's really easy. Just call or talk to Jesse Scott and tell him you are willing to serve next year. Jesse is in charge of the committee to choose candidates. Just let him know you are willing to serve,

and then let him look at all the volunteers and decide who might be best for which slot. We need committee members, officers, helpers, etc. Please don't think that just because you've only been with the club a year or two that you are not ready – this is a great way to learn and especially to HELP the club.

Read the article on the Evergreen Foundation. This is a non-profit organization that was started as kind of a branch of this club, but is really an autonomous organization. We own 10 acres on the Cascade River, and have almost \$40,000 in the bank now. It's time for new officers, members, and ideas to help this organization grow. As current President of the Foundations also, I'm a bit overwhelmed and haven't really been a good officer and keeper of the flame. We have a meeting scheduled and I hope several of you will attend, whether to volunteer to join this organization, serve, or just learn more about this incredible and successful organization.

Like I said, this is a busy time. I hope you've been fishin'.



Evergreen Flyfishing Foundation

by Jim McGauhey

There is the Evergreen Flyfishing Club, and there is the Evergreen Flyfishing Foundation. Pardon me if some of the facts or details are not totally accurate, as I joined the Foundation late. Once Upon A Time there was this individual who wanted to donate a significant parcel of land – or at least his part of it – to the Club – or really to Washington State to become a park and provide access for all fishers to the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. He wanted a sizeable tax deduction for this, which the Club could not give him because of our organization as a Club. Toby Tobias and others then formed the Evergreen Flyfishing Foundation, a non-profit organization with a mission to provide water access to all fishers. The Foundation was set up, accepted the property, gave a legal tax deduction, and held the property. Washington State was inter-

Good News and Bad News

by Jesse Scott

ested in the property, but the wheels of State move slowly. It took about 3 years and finally the State budgeted funds to buy the Foundation (as it was now called) Property. After the 3 owners of the property were paid, the Foundation being one, the Foundation had about \$25,000, and no more property. Many members of the Club were also officers of the Foundation and regular meetings were held. Then Toby Tobias moved to Las Vegas, Howard Averill's health deteriorated, and me, Jim McGauhey, was, by default, the President of the Foundation. And so it has been for a few years now. There's more to the story as Washington State has a closed park next to our Cascade River property, the \$25,000 has now grown to about \$38,000, and the Foundation has been very inactive, but we can discuss the details at the next Foundation meeting – TO WHICH ALL OF YOU AR INVITED.

On Wednesday night, August 25th – we will have a Foundation meeting at he Village Restaurant in Marysville. Time is 7 pm and the meeting should last only an hour or one and a half. Please mark your calendar and let me know if you will attend. The Foundation has great potential, but needs new ideas, members, and enthusiasm.

Call me at 800-498-6123 or email me at jmcgauhey@usa.net if you will attend, or if you want to but the date/time isn't good for you. We'll review history, discuss the property, the money, the goals, expenses, and the future of the Foundation. Hopefully you'll be a part of it.

We had a good turn out for the annual river cleanup and breakfast at Charlie Ricketts. As usual, Charlie and his band of cooks did a great job. They followed the breakfast with a lunch under the trees for the sweaty cleanup crews. All in all it was a great day and a lot of fun.

The photo shows the EFFC Historical marker after the alders were removed and the grass cut. Unfortunately, the week after the clean up we had the first graffiti at the marker. Luckily, the damage was confined to the rocks in the fore ground and not on the marker it's self. We are now removing the vandal's work and hopefully it won't happen again.

Once again, a big thanks to Charlie Ricketts and everyone else that supported this event.



EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 25 th Sun	Summer Fishout & Meeting	Gordy Swanson's – NF Stilly
Aug 7 th Sat	Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout	(see article – this issue)
Sept 12 th Sun	Cutthroat Fishout	Stillaguamish River
Oct 1-3 rd	EFFC-McKenzie Fishout	North Umpqua River, Oregon
Oct 9-10 th Sat-Sun	Unofficial Dry Falls Fishout	Dry Falls Lake
Dec 11 th	Awards Dinner & Winter Raffle	To be announced

They're Here

Saturday, July 10th, buck cutt 18 1/2" with shoulders,
Picture by OC jr



Unofficial Saltwater Searun Cutthroat Fishout

When: August 7, 2004

Where: Priest Point

Launch site: Ebby Slough (Marysville)

When and where to meet: We will start with a breakfast (no host) at the Village Restaurant (Marysville), be there at 6 am (opens at 6am). After breakfast we will depart from there for the launch. If you don't make the breakfast, meet us at the launch at 7am.

Tides: The low is at 5:35 am @ 1.9'. The high is 11:50am @ 7.8'. To me, this is a good tide (early incoming). Cloudy or fog days will typically be better fishing than sunny days.

Equipment

Boat: Bring anything 8 ft and up with an outboard motor, we will be traveling approximately 1.5 miles to the fishing area. Also have a bow anchor that will hold the bottom the current can some times be swift. If you have a danforth style anchor, that works best. Round anchors are not recommended.

If your boat is big enough for two I would recommend pairing up. I don't have an idea how many will show but the ramp and parking is small.

Note: Make sure you have all the required Coast Guard safety equipment, we are on the salt now and they could be watching.

Rods etc: I prefer a 9 1/2' 5 weight with an intermediate clear line. At some times a full sink line is required, if you don't have an intermediate, a full sink will work fine. At times a floating line will work as well. I usually take all three of these with me.

Flies: Most bait fish patterns in the 1 1/2" to 4" range (herring, smelt, anchovy, sandlance) will work. Another good fly is the Clouser Minnow in chartreuse/white (my favorite), hot pink/white, olive/purple/white. Also throw in some Gost Spiders (white Knudsen spiders) in sizes 6 and 4.

A recommended web site to visit for flies and food fish is Pugetsoundflyfishing.com

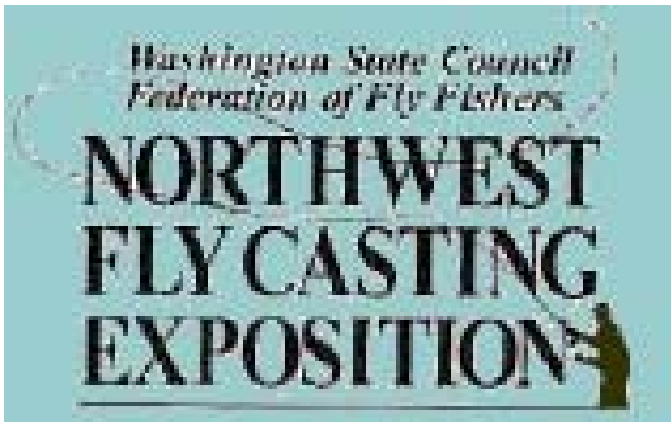
Leaders: 9ft range with at least a 3x to 2x tippet 8 to 10 lb range.

Good fishing <'}}}}><

If you have any questions you can call me at home after 6:30pm at (360)435-8735

"Tinsel Trout, Harvest Trout, Yellowbellies, Sea Runs, Cutts, these are just some of the names which anglers call the coastal sea-run cutthroat trout. The first two names are associated with the time that these spunky sports trout enter their various home rivers to feed on salmon fry in the spring or, salmon eggs in the fall."

By Barry M. Thornton



Northwest Fly Casting Expo – 2004
Saturday, September 25, 2004 – Tolt-McDonald
Park, Carnation, Washington

by Len Zickler, Director of Education

The Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is exploring a new direction for the Northwest Fly Casting Expo in 2004. The event this year will emphasize education and outreach to the general public. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** - The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at McDonald Park in Carnation Washington.

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The event will be modeled after the very successful Casting for Recovery program held each spring. The 2004 NWFCE will offer a series of casting and fly fishing classes for beginner to advanced fly fishers. In addition to beginning casting clinics, classes will be offered in advanced presentation, the two handed rod, the salt water flats, casting for greater distance and more!!!!!! All classes will be taught by FFF master or certified or master instructors and a clinic will be offered for those interested in the FFF certification process.

A youth program will be incorporated in the days activities to encourage young casters and provide a fun introduction to fly fishing and casting. Master fly tyers will demonstrate their skills and rod manufacturers will be on hand to share the latest the fly fishing equipment.

As in past years, a competitive casting event will provide participants the opportunity to show off their casting abilities. The competitive event will include distance, accuracy and skill components. with a new “Danish” fly casting skill component. This should be a great experience and continue the “casting trophy” tradition! We look forward to your club sending a casting team – as many teams of four competitors as you chose!

We are trying to make the day both a rich and affordable experience. While fees have not yet been officially established, we anticipate a basic registration fee of \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (entrance fee and lunch). The individual casting or fishing classes will be offered at \$25 a class. The competitive event will have a separate entrance fee. – Tentatively set at \$40 per team.

The specific program details will be finalized by mid May – so look for information in “Covering the Drift”, your local fly shop, and/or future mailers. Registration fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth (entrance fee, demonstrations, competition, games and lunch). The individual casting or fishing classes will be offered at \$25 a class. An optional casting certification clinic will be offered at a fee of \$25 to aspiring casting instructors.

The program details may be viewed on the WSCFFF website (washingtoncouncilfff.org), or at your local fly shop. We are looking for volunteers, particularly for publicity. If you are interested in the event, have suggestions for clinic topics, or want to volunteer please contact Dick Raisler (360-466-5797) or Len Zickler (253-380-1168) for more information.

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MEET AT SWANSON'S PLACE IN OSO

TO GET TO GORDON'S PLACE
GO TO OSO AND TURN SOUTH AT THE GENERAL STORE
JUST BEFORE THE BRIDGE OVER THE NORTH FORK
THERE WILL BE A GATE ON THE RIGHT

