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EVERGREEN FLY FISHING CLUB

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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

Meeting: August 24th, 2004 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

August Program – *by Don Scott*

This month's presenter will be Kip Killebrew, doing a show for us on "The Past, Present and Future of the Stillaguamish Watershed. He will give us a watershed view of the natural and human forces at work in shaping the Stilly watershed and how those forces impact salmon habitat with a focus on endangered chinook salmon. Sounds like a good one!

Kip's bio:

Kip Killebrew received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a Minor in Marine Science from Penn State University in 1977. During his career, he has worked for NASA, University of Washington, NMFS, WDF&W and Snohomish County.

As the Stillaguamish Tribe's enhancement biologist, Kip oversees the tribal hatchery and natural stock restoration programs. He provides technical advice and assistance to the tribal natural resources manager, fisheries director and staff on fisheries enhancement issues.

Kip has also been the tribal representative as well as the past president and current vice-president for the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force.

He performs frequent public speaking and public relations activities within the local community and acts as the tribal liaison with county, state and federal agencies involved in salmon restoration within the watershed.

Fly Tying Contest –

The fly to tie for this month's meeting will be the Parachute Adams, on a size #10-22 dry fly hook.



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President's Message

by Jim McGauhey

What a great July meeting!! We had a great turnout, fantastic weather, if only the fishing had been better. Still, it was fun to try. Great meeting, steaks, lots of help from volunteers, free raffle prizes, and a cake appropriate for the occasion. Many thanx to Gordie, Jessie, Mark, and the others that helped put on this event.

Check out your garage, tie those flies, and talk to your friends, inviting them to the auction in October. We're looking for guided trips, your home-made products, and "stuff." Do you have a favorite restaurant where you know the owner? Ask them to donate a meal. Many of you have skills or things that will bring a fine price, but you haven't even thought of it yet. How about a card of latte's?

I'm planning on going to the MacKenzie outing the first weekend in October. Right now there's just me and Mark in a 33 ft motorhome with bunks for at least 4. If there's 2 more of you who would like to split expenses, let me know at the meeting. Bring your favorite VHS or DVD to watch on the trip down or back. Don't be shy!

Time to sign up at the August meeting for our December dinner party. We need a head count early. Commonly called our Christmas Party, we'll

be back at Gleneagle and the committee has a great evening planned. Every year they go over notes from past events and tweak the plan to make it even better.

The club needs you. Tell Jesse Scott you're willing to help the club next year and talk to him about where. There are committees, officer positions, and just plain helpers. A simple word to Jesse starts the process. New members – this also means you. Many old timers have held multiple positions and now they're enjoying participating while others plan and put on the events.

See you at the "Pig."



Auction Dinner Reservations

by Jesse Scott

It's time to start the Auction dinner reservation signups. You can signup at the August or September meetings or just mail in the form on the back of this newsletter. The menu will be the same as last year, but we plan to have electricity this year. We need to finalize the headcount with the Elks club by October 18th. Time flies when you are fishing, so sign up now.

EFFC 2004 Schedule of Activities

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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 Sat	Awards Dinner & Winter Raffle	Glen Eagle, Arlington

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The Biggest Bass Never Caught

From: www.landbigfish.com/jokes/default.cfm

Recently, the wife and I had the opportunity to take a fishing trip down the Wisconsin River. We'd been doing ok, a few here, a few there, your basic

river fishing morning, until it happened. We noticed a Pinion tree that seemed to have been struck by lightning near its base leaving it half in the water and its trunk on the sandy shore. I noticed at the shore just under the trunk of the tree the fanning rail of what appeared to be a very large bass. Immediately, I told my wife if you want to catch a big one,

cast your fly on the shore along the tree and slowly pull it into the water and that bass will nab it, be careful you don't want to spook it. So she did. Repeatedly, with no luck. "Try a different fly," I said. She did over and over-nothing, the Bass was just sitting there. Now being the expert I am, I said "Let me have a go at it". Over and over I tried-nothing. That fish was driving us both nuts- couldn't get it to bite on anything. Out of nowhere a midsize Grey Squirrel appeared on the base of the tree trunk, it had noticed a Pinion nut on one of the branches of the tree about two feet above the water. With its hind legs grasping the trunk of the tree, it leaned forward with its front paws to grab the nut, as soon as its front paws touched that nut the biggest bass I have ever seen in my lifetime blew up, jumped completely out of the water and engulfed that squirrel. Comparatively it looked like a full grown Musky nabbing a May fly. We both fell to our seats looking at each other with our jaws on the floor of the boat thinking, what the #\$%^ was that! We had never seen a bass so large and capable of doing such a deed. My wife and I both agreed that was the most amazing thing we'd ever seen! Or so we thought. We had been sitting there talking about the enormous size and the astonishing feat of that fish when all of a sudden that same bass came out of the water and placed another Pinion nut on that branch.



Don't Forget the Salt

by Jon AQUI

(Reprinted from The Puget Sound Fly Fishers
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The next four months will arguably bring in the best fishing of the year. The sun's out more frequently, and rivers are now open, giving those who have gotten by on lakes for the past 6 weeks a chance to wet their lines in moving water. Hatches will begin to play a more prominent role in fishing habits and a smorgasbord of water, both moving and still, near and far, awaits those of us who endured the cold, dark months of winter.

But freshwater isn't the only source of fun this summer. June through the end of the year also happens to be a good time for saltwater angling. Sea-run cutthroat have now descended the rivers and are eager to put the pounds back on. They can be found in estuaries and along rocky beaches through Hood Canal and Puget Sound, feeding on anything from amphipods to the Special of the Day: chum fry. Sea-runs will gorge on these little guys, which are easily imitated by patterns like the Skagit Minnow or any other thin-bodied streamer with green and silver in it. Don't tie them big though; keep it around size 6 or 8 and under two inches.

Resident coho are also available, as are blackmouth. You can find either in the same habitat as sea-runs and dining on similar menus. A killer fly for these guys is chartreuse and white Clouser in sizes 4 or 6. Use an erratic retrieve and hold on. Other effective color combinations include silver over white, pink over white, brown over white, and olive over white. White woolly buggers also work well, try a size 8 and let it drift with the tide or use a jerky retrieve. The suspicion is that white woolies imitate Euphausiids but I find that hard to believe, given a Euphausiid's size. They more likely resemble a wounded baitfish.

Tackle for this sort of fishing doesn't differ from your regular trout setup, even for blackmouth. A 9 foot 4, 5 or 6 weight rod will do fine, along with a corrosion-resistant reel. I recommend two lines, in this particular order: clear intermediate and floating, both weight forward. I personally use an intermediate shooting head, the same setup I use for chucking streamers to Lahontan Cutthroat. The intermediate line will keep your fly at the right depth and won't be as likely to be tossed around by the current like a floating line will. However, a floating line does have one particular advantage, specifically in northern Hood Canal. Sea-runs and some coho occasionally become surface-oriented and a pattern not unlike the Grease Liner and white gurglers are used to elicit strikes when the fish are in the mood to hit the top. In either case, a stiff butt leader is es-

sential for turning over weighted flies, so go with a 9 footer in either 3 or 2X. I've found that Climax' Bonefish and Striper series leader are the best for my taste and recommend that you give them a try.



Clouser minnow – half & half
(<http://www.clouserflyfishing.com/cloushalandh.html>)

**Auction Dinner Reservations at Everett Elks,
October 26th, 7 PM.**



Menu is Herbed Chicken, salad, vegetables, and rolls.

Name: _____

Sign me up for _____ dinners at \$15 per plate.

Total enclosed \$ _____ *Make check payable to: "EFFC"

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