



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday April 27, 2016 - 6:00pm

**Round Table Pizza
4002 A Street SE
Auburn, WA**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:

<http://saveourfish.org/board>

Newsletter editor: Dayle Conrad

Speaker – Captain Robert Abner- Sekiu Charters

Captain Rob has made Sekiu his summer home for the last forty years. He's inherited/learned a plethora of knowledge from the numerous anglers he's known and fished with over the years. Rob feels very good about being able to share the knowledge and experience with his clients.

He fishes aboard the F/V Phoenix. The Phoenix is a twin diesel 32 foot Fibercraft Sportfisher. Everything was thought of during a restoration by Rich's Custom Seats in 2015. He loves to troll for salmon and uses Scotty Downriggers. He fishes a maximum of six anglers, but typically keeps mixed parties to four anglers.

Rob is excited to share with us information on the Sekiu fishing opportunities and the services he provides. He will share a little on the new owners of Olson's Resort, a little about halibut, and a couple of king salmon tricks that have worked really well for him.

Please come with those questions you have for Rob about this awesome coastal fishery and enjoy a great evening of fellowship with SOF Auburn members/friends.

Sekiu Charter website is: <http://sekiucharters.com/>

Up and Coming Activities:

May

7 – Auburn Kids Fishing Derby

11 – Board Meeting

21 – Point Defiance Swap Meet

21 – Algona Kids Fishing Derby

25 – General Meeting

Speaker – Western Washington Walleye Club

June

4 – Federal Way Kids Derby

5 – Auburn Senior Derby

24-26 – Columbia River outing

August

24 – Steak and Corn Feed/Swap Meet



President's Message -- Carl Carver

President's Message by Carl Carver

Many of you already know but I want to take this opportunity to share some great news regarding our steelhead hatchery programs (copied from Coastal Conservation Association e-mail).

"Approval of Hatchery Programs

On Friday, after a rigorous multi-year approval process, NOAA Fisheries announced their approval of five early winter steelhead hatchery programs in the Puget Sound area. This will allow the release of over a half million juvenile hatchery steelhead into the Dungeness, Nooksack, Stillaguamish, Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers, most of which have already been released. The approval process included input from scientists, biologists and other experts, as well as extensive input from the public. Not surprisingly, more than 1,700 letters of support have been submitted to our federal agencies during this process.

We are pleased to see the long awaited approval of these hatchery programs. Washington State has been

a leader in implementing hatchery reform and selective fishing practices to help conserve wild salmonid populations, while sustaining the economic, social, and conservation benefits of recreational fishing. We will now turn our attention to supporting the approval of 62 Mitchell Act hatchery programs on the Columbia River, which are the most recent target of yet another anti-hatchery lawsuit. Unfortunately, these lawsuits aren't based on conservation, but rather on procedural loopholes. We will provide additional updates on this lawsuit over the coming months."

I want to share the e-mail below I received from a SOF Auburn founding member and longtime steelhead fisheries advocate, Hal Boynton, who contributed significantly to this effort.

"Club members,

The Puget Sound winter Steelhead fishing has been saved from extinction largely due to Frank, but also due to all the individual members who wrote letters and e-mails in support of the 5 hatcheries supporting our fisheries.

Thank you all, but don't relax. We have more issues to resolve, and this proves we can make a difference."

Thank You, SOF Auburn PSA founding member, **Frank Urabeck** for leading this effort on behalf of Puget Sound Anglers, Coastal Conservation Association, and Steelhead Trout Club of Washington.

Thank You to the **SOF Auburn Board of Directors, SOF Auburn Membership and to all our family/friends** who supported this effort with e-mails and letters.

As I've written in several President's Messages, together/united we can make a difference in our fisheries issues by weighing in when called upon.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to continue the hard work/efforts underway to have fisheries that meet or exceed our needs now and into the future.

I hope to see you and talk with you at our upcoming meeting. We have a great speaker lined up, lots of goodies in our raffle, lively/fun dialogue, and member fishing reports which is always informative/entertaining.

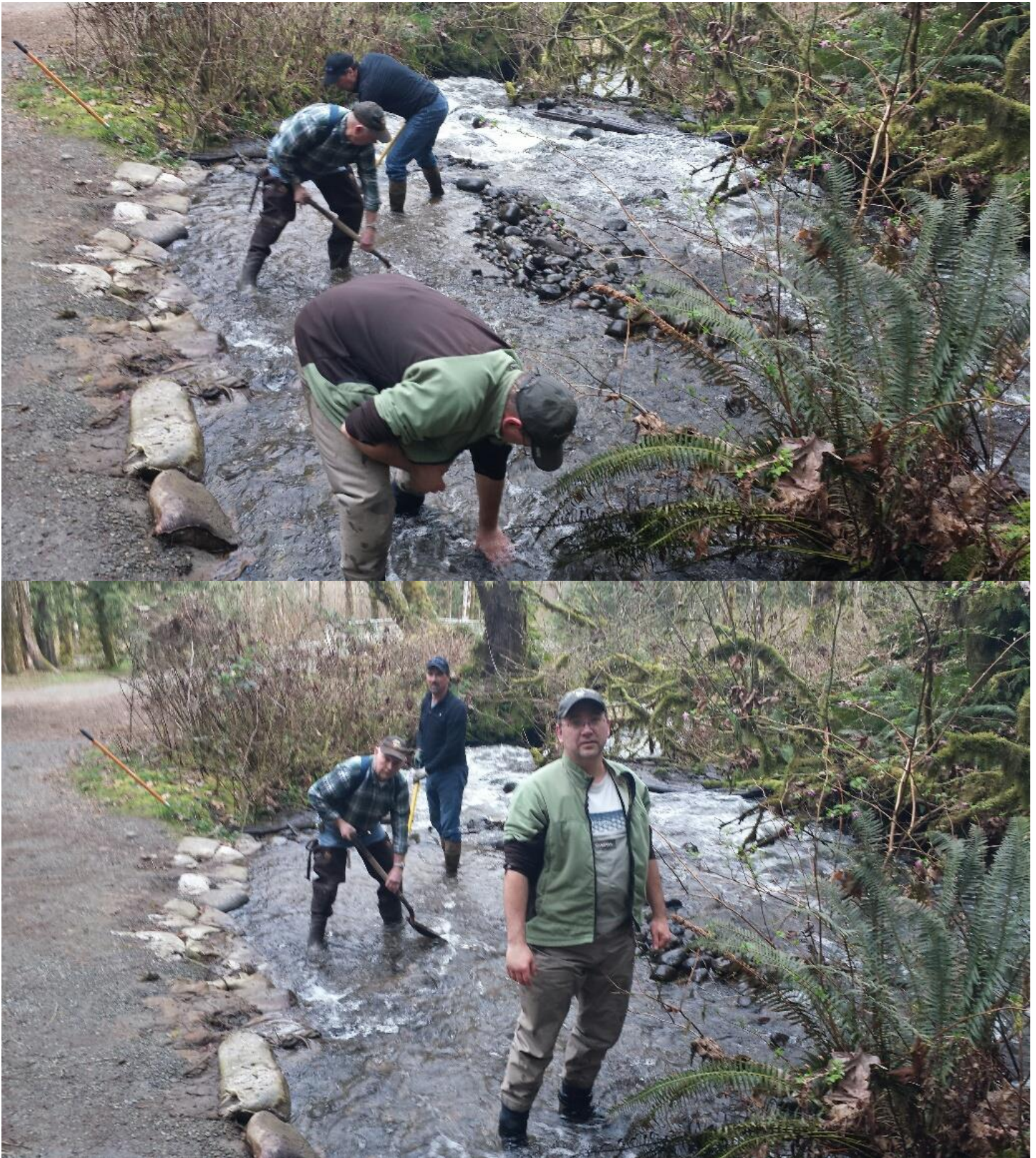
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Carl Carver



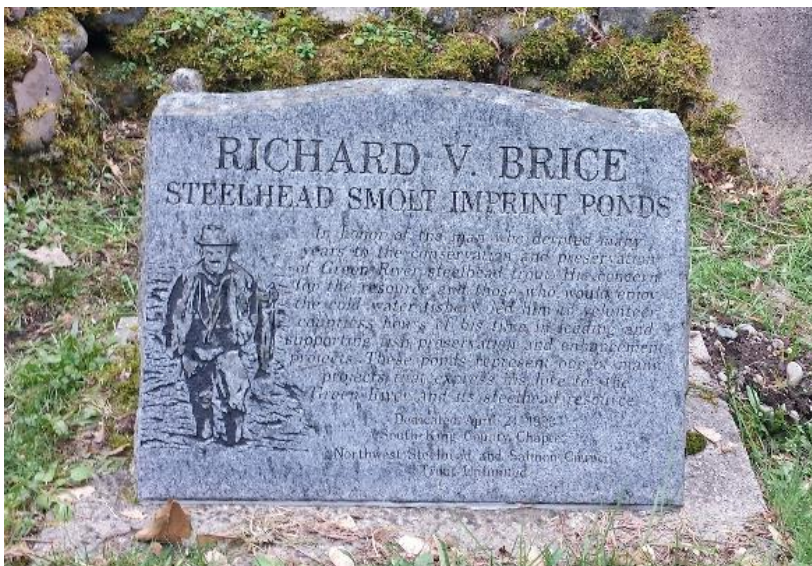
Brice Ponds Work Party at Flaming Geyser State Park

Brice Ponds at Flaming Geyser State Park are doing very good so far. There are approximately 15,000 smolts that are doing very well. The pond set up went smoothly, thanks to all who volunteered. For those on the feeding schedule, it is 5 pounds of feed per pond. The fish release and pond clean-up is currently scheduled for May 21st. Anyone available to help would be very much appreciated.

Thanks,
Bob Holzberger



Cleaning and setting up the intake for proper water flow to the ponds



Cleaning the ponds and setting up the camo cover netting to help shade and protect the fish from predators



Club Activity: Taking Disabled Sportsmen Fishing 6th Annual Disabled Sportsman Outing Saturday April 30th (Please note date change)

We need volunteers with boats to help take disabled men, women and children fishing for kokanee and trout on American Lake on April 30th. This is our sixth annual fishing outing where we are partnering with Disabled Sportsmen of North America. They are a group that goes out and finds individuals with disabilities and provides them an opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors

We are looking for volunteers with and without boats. Volunteers with boats and will be taking at least two individuals out on the lake fishing that day. It will be held on American lake see Rob Larsen for more information. There will be a barbeque after for captains and participants. We can use approximately 10 boats. Those without boats can help with the BBQ lunch we are providing for all who attend this year. If you would like to take disabled sportsman fishing contact Rob Larsen at 253-230-2239 (rob.larsen@boeing.com). To help with the BBQ lunch contact Doug Williams at 253-709-6907 (doug@eagleasphaltsealcoating.com)

Columbia River Outing – June 24 – 26

Location: Vista Park at Skamokawa, WA 2 hours and 27 minutes from Federal Way, 137 miles.
It is about 35 miles past Willow Grove Launch where some of us launched last year.
Here is the link for the map of the park: [Park Map](#)

Trailer with full hook-up	\$30.00
Trailer with electricity	\$27.00
Trailer in Tent space no Hook-up	\$23.00
Tent site	\$18.00
Yurt 1 left	\$47.00 to \$55.00

We have the covered area for Saturday. Camping will be for Friday and Saturday or Sunday if anyone wants to stay longer.

Tip of the Month – Washington lowland lakes from Carl Carver

The Lowland lakes that are not open year round open up Saturday, April 23rd. Below is a Department of Fish and Wildlife site that may be helpful if you are just getting started fishing or are experienced and looking for information to gain additional knowledge. Have fun and get out rain or shine and enjoy the experience with family and/or friends.

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/washington>



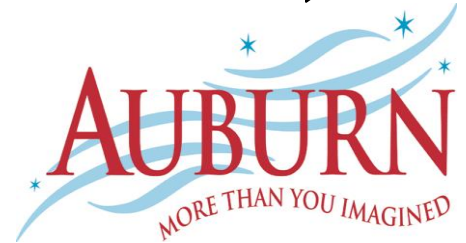
Auburn Youth Fishing Derby – May 7th

Annual Auburn Youth Fishing Derby

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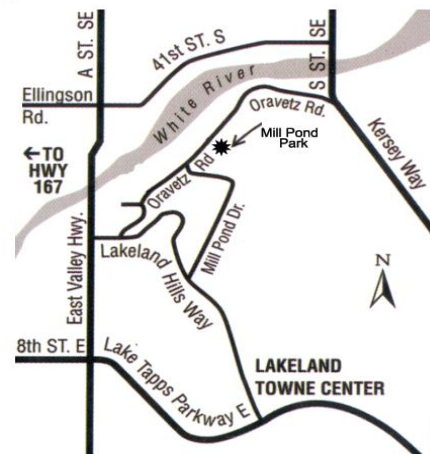
Please join us!

The City of Auburn, Auburn Sports & Marine and the Auburn S.O.F Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers cordially invites youth, 14 years old and under, to the 2016 Youth Fishing Derby. We along with The City of Auburn and The State of Washington happily stock Mill Pond with trophy size trout for the community's youth enjoyment.

When: Saturday, May 7th, 2015

Where: Mill Pond Park 600 Oravetz Rd. See Below
Lakeland Hills, and across from Auburn Riverside High School.

Time: 8:30AM – 12:00PM



Algona Kids Fishing Derby – May 21st

CITY OF ALGONA ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DERBY



WHEN: Saturday May 21st

11am-2pm

WHERE: 402 Warde Street

Matchett Park

PRIZES INCLUDE: \$25 SPORTCO GIFT CARD

SPORTCO 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP



Come grab a pole and reel in the big one! This fishing derby is FREE for everyone to enjoy.

Event brought to you by these generous sponsors:




Federal Way Kids Fishing Derby – June 4th

The Steel Lake Hooked on fishing event this year is on June 4th. If anyone knows someone that wants to be a sponsor for this event contact Russ Carver 253-863-2947 and we will get them on our flier for this year.

A signup sheet will be passed around at the May 25th Save Our Fish meeting for Friday 6:00 am.net setup at Steel Lake Park and 6:00 am start time for prep for kids arrival.




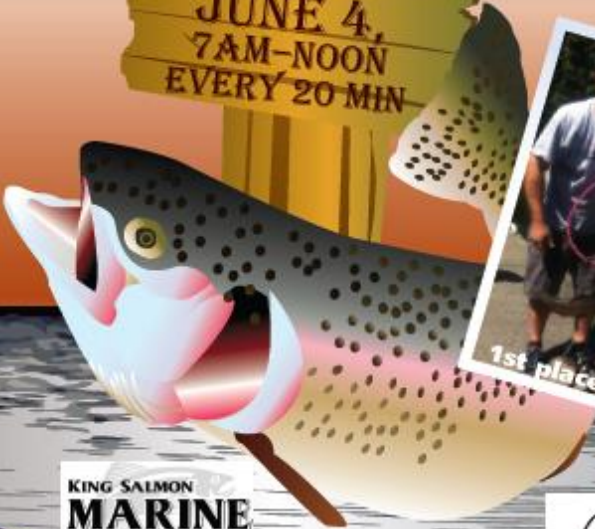
Sponsorship opportunities available!
Contact Melinda Blevins
Event.Assistant@cityoffederalway.com
253-209-2422







HOOKED ON FISHING

STEEL LAKE PARK FISHING DOCK

JUNE 4,
7AM-NOON
EVERY 20 MIN











Each child is guaranteed to catch 2 rainbow trout out of our pre-stocked netted pen. All fishing equipment is provided. Rain or shine!

Federal Way COMMUNITY CENTER
P.O. Box 10000

\$4 Pre-registration fee per child
\$5 Day of event
2-12 years old
To register call 253-835-6900
www.itallhappenshere.org



SOF Facebook Page

Did you know that Save Our Fish has its own [Facebook page](#)? This is a great way to get club information. It can also be used to connect with other members to fill an empty seat in the boat, see where other members are fishing (if they are willing to share), or post videos, photos, or other fishing and conservation interests.



Ken Kumasawa Memorial Youth Camp



In honor of long time member Ken Kumasawa, who passed away December 12th last year, the Kumasawa family and SOF Auburn have established a youth camp scholarship in Ken's honor. The camp is Washington State Youth Conservation Camp, also known as WA State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp, which has been going for 64 years. They have been educating the youth of the Pacific Northwest about the outdoors and how to wisely enjoy and conserve it for "future generations". The camp is located on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands here in Washington. They instruct boy and girl campers ages 12-16. The girls' camp runs July 17-23rd and the boys' camp runs July 24-30th. Detailed information on the camp can be viewed at <http://washingtonconservationcamp.org>.

The camp scholarship will be awarded to a youth who is related to a member of the Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers. There will be an application process and the selection will be made by a SOF Auburn selection committee which was approved by the SOF Board of Directors. A separate e-mail will be sent to the SOF Auburn membership soon with the detailed information on the camp, application/selection process, application form, dates of application, selection, and award.

Note: All expenses for the camp including some spending money will be paid for from the Ken Kumasawa Memorial Youth Camp scholarship fund.

This is a great opportunity for a youth who enjoys the outdoors, enjoys learning, and wants to do so in a beautiful setting with other youth.



NOAA Fisheries Approves Five Early Winter Steelhead Hatchery Programs in Puget Sound

NOAA Fisheries has approved five hatchery programs that support steelhead fishing in the Dungeness, Stillaguamish, Nooksack, and Snohomish (Skykomish and Snoqualmie) River basins in Puget Sound.

The programs produce early winter steelhead for harvest. The fish are adapted to conditions in the hatcheries, and return to rivers and streams earlier than most wild Puget Sound steelhead. NOAA Fisheries is the lead federal agency for salmon and steelhead recovery and reviewed plans for the hatchery programs for adverse impacts on natural populations of Puget Sound steelhead, Chinook salmon, and Hood Canal summer chum salmon protected under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

In November of 2014, the jointly submitted state and tribal plans for the five steelhead hatchery programs were ready for NOAA Fisheries review. Since then, NOAA Fisheries has published several analyses, including an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the potential impact of the programs. After seeking extensive public input through five public comment periods, NOAA Fisheries produced a Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement and reached its determination under the ESA to approve the hatchery steelhead programs under specific conditions.

NOAA Fisheries' approval requires hatchery managers to limit the impacts of the hatchery steelhead on Puget Sound's natural populations of steelhead and salmon. These impacts can result from interbreeding, competition, and predation. The conditions applied to the hatchery programs are based on best available scientific information and are tailored to hatchery practices, environmental conditions, and hatchery effects that are unique to each hatchery program. The approval also requires annual monitoring and reporting to verify that impacts of the hatchery programs do not exceed the low levels outlined in the conditions.

There is no expiration date for these approvals. They are effective as long as the effects of the hatchery programs remain low, and there are no changes to the status of ESA-listed species.

NOAA Fisheries has so far approved plans for 22 hatchery programs in Puget Sound and nearby areas, and is currently working on review of another 26. For more information, including access to NOAA Fisheries' decision documents and other materials for this action, please visit our website at http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/hatcheries/salmon_and_steelhead_hatcheries.html

Our Website has a Facelift

Our website is going through a facelift. The new website has new pictures in the Hogpen, links to our sponsors, a year's worth of past newsletters. There is a new link on the Hogpen web page to submit photo's for the Hogpen, which will provide the pictures for the Newsletter, Website, and Christmas Banquet. Let us know what you think of the new design! www.saveourfish.org

Raffle News

April 2016 Raffle News



For the month of April, and since we are starting the spring/summer fishing season, we will be putting up a sweet ***Hendrix 4 piece 9' 7WT Fly Fishing rod*** complete with case. Again as usual we'll have a Dexter fillet knife, a fly fishing bag, more items from Silver Horde. I'll have a surprise knife package that will be up this month so don't miss out, especially you hunters out there. We have some new knives available so the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a much nicer assortment of styles and brands. We still have hats available and I will put one in the draw this month. (\$15 for a regular hat and \$20 for a waterproof hat if you don't get lucky) as well as floats and assorted corkies for sale. I'll bring some of the stock of Extreme bags and will take reasonable offers of our overstock. ***Get the word out!!!!!!***

As usual we will be doing the active member's only drawing for 10 tickets that you can use in the general raffle. We will pull names from a hat of all active members and I will draw names until we have a winner who is present at the meeting. Don't miss your name being drawn! Thanks for reading!

As I have mentioned many times we can use some donations for used items in our raffles! We accept any donations from our members and in return will give you an appropriate number of raffle tickets. Also if you know anyone that has a hoard of stuff in their garages they'd want to move let me know and I'll go determine what they have and possibly buy it for the club.

Last Fetha Styx Downrigger Rod Raffle \$275.00 Retail Value! 8 Tickets left.

Don't forget we have started the raffle for the 10' 6" down rigger rod. I will have tickets for this at this month's general meeting. The Raffle will be for the 10'6" Fetha Styx ST-964-2s, 10-17/30LB. Braid 3/8 – 1 ½ oz., Mod-Fast/Medium. The rules are as follows: Only 20 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. The drawing will be held at the next general meeting after we sell them out. We will need a name and phone number on each ticket because you need not be present to win. I will have numbered tickets available at the meeting. To avoid affecting our general raffle sales I will log tickets out in your name and will ask that you return the following month with the cash or unsold tickets.

Make sure to bring a friend and spread the word about five raffle tickets to the 1st that tells me, the great items and games we are offering up! ☺

Contact me with any raffle related questions at GregHindman@Comcast.Net

Membership – New and Renewals

2016 is here and it's time to renew your SOF membership. Membership dues are used to support many community activities such as the Steel Lake Kids Fishing event, the Auburn Youth Fishing Derby, City of Algona Kid's Fishing Derby, Senior Fishing Day at Mill Pond, Disabled Sportsmen outing, and various other projects. Plus each membership includes a year's subscription to The Reel News. Contact our membership chair, Rich Gregory, at rwgav8@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

Floats for Sale by SOF

SOF purchased Paulownia wood floats (similar to Thill balsa floats) from Auburn S&M at a deep discount and is offering them to members. They are slightly blemished and were rejected by Beau Mac because the brass ring at the bottom is not well seated. This is probably not a problem if a bead is used below the float, but can be easily fixed by applying silicone or heating the ring to melt the glue to allow reseating. They sell at Sportco for \$3 each. There are six sizes: 1/4 oz, 3/8 oz, 1/2 oz, 5/8 oz, 3/4 oz, and 1 oz. Most bags include a bobber stop and two beads for each float. They are priced as below:

18 bags of 18 floats--3 each of all six sizes for \$20

2 bags of 15 floats--3 of each size (except 3/4 oz) for \$17

19 bags of 12 floats--3 of each of the four smallest sizes for \$12

3 bags of 12 floats--4 each of 5/8, 3/8, and 1/4 oz for \$10

23 bags of 20 floats--10 of each of the two smallest sizes for \$15 (No bobber stops or beads in many of these bags because we ran out.)

Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter with your choice of two different hats, both embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Xtreme Guide waterproof hat is only \$20.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting.





This ought to get your fishing fever up and running!
Check out the action in this YouTube video!

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/D65Pf0v9M50>

Swap Meet

The Save Our Auburn chapter of Puget Sound Anglers is participating in a swap meet at the Point Defiance boat house (next to the boat house store) Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10AM to 3PM. Come out and join us. Clean out that garage and bring your new or gently used fishing gear to sell.

If you have a website or product you would like to share, please send the information to:
Sof.psa@hotmail.com

SOF Sponsors

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Hog Pen

Do you have a picture from your latest fishing adventures? Be sure to send it, with your descriptive caption to sof.psa@hotmail.com for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen. Or submit them on the website.



Greg Hindman at Queets River



Duane Horton, Gary Williams and Jeff Snider
with Springers on the Cowlitz



Duane Horton with
Springers from the Cowlitz



Steve Carver with Cowlitz springer
(Justin Carver and Carl Carver
in background)

Recipe of the Month



Karen's Salmon Salad

*Recipe By:*KAREN325

"This dish makes a great summer meal. Cool and refreshing, just add bread and your favorite sorbet for dessert. Sit back, relax and enjoy!!!"

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 2 ripe tomatoes, diced
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 2 dill pickles, diced
- 1 (14.75 ounce) can salmon, drained
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.
2. When pasta has come to room temperature, combine it with tomatoes, green onions, pickles, salmon, mayonnaise, salt and pepper in a large bowl and mix well. Chill before serving.



Save Our Fish Chapter

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2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Date:	
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work Please circle):		
Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work Please circle):		
Email Address:		
Sponsor:		

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2016 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2016 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or sof.psa@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
Adult: 18-61 – annual dues \$30	
Family: heads of household and all other family members younger than 18 – annual dues \$40	
Juvenile: 17 and younger – annual dues \$15	
Senior: 62 and older – annual dues \$20	

PAYMENT

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Roster ☐ TRN ☐ Email

Please check appropriate membership selection above, complete form, and bring to meeting or mail with check to:

**Save Our Fish
c/o Rich Gregory
19611 142nd St E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391**