

Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Next Meeting Date April 27, 2022 6:00pm Trotter's Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd, Auburn

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

Up and Coming Activities:

April

27 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

Speaker: Ron Garner, PSA President

May

7 – Auburn Kids Derby 11 – Board Meeting 7:00pm 14 – Algona Kids Derby 25 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

<u>June</u>

4 – Federal Way Kids Derby 8 – Board Meeting 7:00pm 22 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

July

7-9 – Sekiu Outing 13 – Board Meeting 7:00pm 27 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

First of all, I want to apologize to everybody for last month speaker mix-up. Apparently, I had given the wrong date to Officer Jeff Summit. I had tried to follow up but he had some phone issues and wasn't getting my messages. He said he would be happy to come another time and that is the plan.

As I read the salmon seasons for 2022, I am sad and excited at the same time. We in the South Sound are very fortunate to have as many opportunities as we do compared to other areas in Puget Sound. (7and 9) Area 11 is going to open June 1 with the one fish limit. I am cautiously optimistic that it will remain open until

September with the additional 300 or so fish onto the quota over last year. Westport is going to open July 1 with seven days a week for 2 salmon -- 2 can be chinook. With the Queets River silver situation looking better, the Coho fishing should be great.

The Skagit is going to be open for Sockeye this year June 15 through July 15 all the way up to Baker River, which could negatively impact the lake fishery if too many fish are caught in the river. Hopefully that doesn't happen and we get a good Baker Lake fishery this year.

I'm also looking forward to our trip to Sekiu as a club. It has been fun in past years.

I want to ask each of you to please consider helping at our Steel Lake kids derby. We had a small portion of needed volunteers sign up to put this derby on. If you can come, we can sure use you!

Sure hope to see all of you at this month's meeting where our very own state PSA President Ron Garner will be our speaker.



Tight Lines --Rob Larsen SOF PSA president

April Speaker – Ron Garner, PSA President



Ron Garner State Board President has been a fisheries advocate for over 30 years. Ron leading PSA was instrumental in overturning two ocean fishing closures at Neah Bay, and a huge one in the Puget Sound. He started the rockfish descender program personally in Washington State before it was known to work. He and Frank Urabeck are still working on many fishing avenues that have kept other fisheries open. We were successful in helping with Steel Head Trout Club, NOAA/NMFS, WDFW, and tribes together to fight off two sets of steelhead closures from lawsuits by Wild Fish Conservancy. Ron has built many unique relationships that PSA uses

when necessary to fight to keep our fisheries open. He works with key PSA members that help us on many fishery fronts. Our success is based on completely vetting out issues to the end, making sure that decisions we make are accurate, even though it might not be the popular one. Other issues that we have done are working

with the tribes on increased hatchery production, Work with Stillaguamish Tribe on how to best recover the river to return fishing for all. Was able to work with others and bring in the Ballard Locks Sea Lion previous experts from NOAA, Army Core of Engineers (Frank Urabeck), and NWIFC mammal biologist to try to relieve Stilly Chinook predation from the harbor seals. It is still a work in progress

Ron has been a WDFW Shrimp advisor since 2002 (later combined into crab and shrimp advisers). He was instrumental in helping write the last 2012 Shrimp Policy and bringing back Mark O'Toole (retired WDFW Chief shrimp biologist) to meet with the newest as there was a 14-month absence of this position. Ron took it upon himself to try to help educate the new staff in the beginning with shrimp fisheries as they were new hires. The previous WDFW shrimp biologists used to provide a lot of information to us that we learned from.

Ron has learned a lot from information/data, trial and error of fishing for many years and does quite well. He will be covering where to fish, how to read currents/tides, and how to set up your bait, pots, lines, and weights.

Sekiu Outing – July 7-9

Our Sekiu Outing will be in July 7th, 8th and 9th. *Booking at Mason's Resort in Sekiu will become available on March 1st and fill extremely fast.* If you plan to go this year, I strongly recommend that you book your room early that morning. It would be nice if we could get the cabins together. We are going earlier due to the early closure last year. It is lots of fun and there are charters out of Sekiu if you don't have a boat. We will have a potluck on Friday night. I hope many of you make plans to come and enjoy the fun.



Mason's Olson Resort Phone: (360) 963-2311

Address: 444 Front Street, PO Box 245, Sekiu, WA 9838

Tip of the Month – Boat Trailer Tires from Steve Fulkerson

The apple is red and shiny on the outside. However, one never knows about the inside...mushy, crisp, old? Boat trailer tires are essentially the same except for one major difference. You know the age of your tires.

Tires can have lots of tread and a nice shiny gloss. The age of the tire is one of the critical factors. Let's keep our club members safe this season with the following tips:

- The Age Code Merely look at your stamped Department of Transportation (DOT) code. The last set of four numbers tells you the age. For example, 3518 is the 35th week of 2018.
- Replacement Most boat trailer tire articles recommend three to five years.
- Oxidation and Moisture UV radiation causes the rubber component to break down, resulting in "spider web" sidewalls. Trailers stored outdoors have constant moisture challenges. Try to store on concrete or wood rather than grass or mud.
- ST or For Trailer Use It is critical you have trailer tires and not automobile tires. Trailer tires have strengthened side walls.
- Inflation Due to the strengthened sidewalls you must use a tire pressure gauge to make certain your tires are inflated correctly. Tires can look correct due to the strong sidewalls but still be very underinflated. Overheating and a blowout are never a fond memory of a fishing trip!
- Load Range Trailer tires range from Load Range B (lightest load) to Load Range E (heaviest load). Most boat tires are Load Range C or D. Me? My trailer came with Load Range C and, when I replaced them, I spent a little extra for Load Range D.

Please give your tires a check for age and inflation. I suggest doing this well before your next trip because, if you need to replace, it may take some time before the tires you need are in stock.



Kids Fishing Derbies for 2022

We are so excited to see these fishing derbies for kids back on this year!

Auburn Youth Fishing Derby is May 7th 8:30am-12:00pm at Mill Pond Park.

Algona kids' event is May 14th 9am-12pm at Matchett Park, 402 Ward St.

Steel Lake Park Kids Hooked on Fishing Event is June 4th at Steel Lake Park Fishing Dock 7am- 12pm

For the Algona or Federal Way events signups please contact the Park and Recreation Departments. There is limited sign up for these events.

Anyone wanting to help or need more information please contact Russell Carver 253-318-8523 Greg Hindman will have volunteer signup sheets at the club meeting.

Annual Auburn Youth Fishing Derby







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 2022 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, 2022

Where: Mill Pond Park, 600 Oravetz Rd. See Below

Lakeland Hills, and across from Auburn Riverside High School.

Time: 8:30AM - 12:00PM





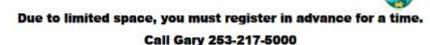


Saturday, May 14th

9am-11am

Matchett Park 402 Warde St.





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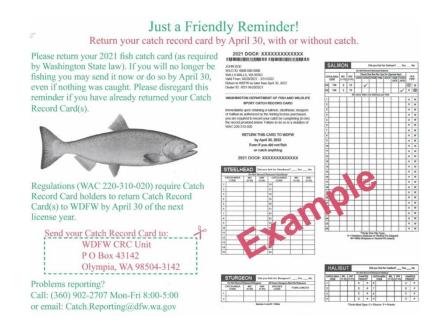
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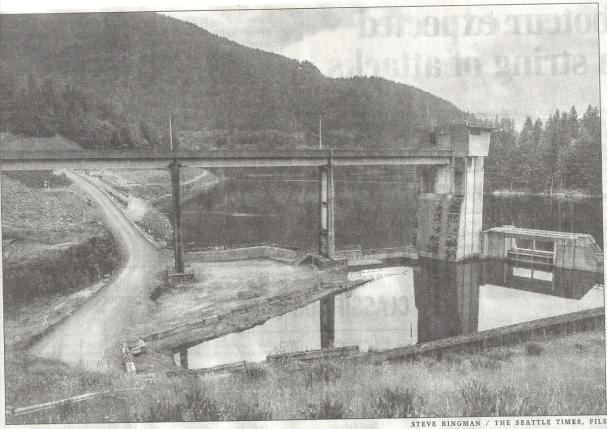
The catch record card is an important management tool for estimating the recreational catch of salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut and Puget Sound Dungeness crab. wdfw.wa.gov



Green River Dam Fish Passage

This article appeared in the Seattle Times





Howard Hanson Dam, seen in 2019, was halted when the Army Corps of Engineer projected its spending was going to balloon past what Congress had

The fish passage tunnel at the

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critical habitat," she said. "This is a big victory for the Muckleshoot Tribe, our salmon and orca, the entire Puget Sound, and all of Washington state."

The tribe has treaty-protected fishing rights on the Green River, which flows into the Duwamish, and has invested heavily in salmon recovery.

Rep. Kim Schrier, a Sammamish Democrat, also celebrated support for the

"I am over the moon excited," Schrier said in an interview. "It is so incredibly gratifying that something we have been pushing so hard for got funded. It checks all the boxes: it's bipartisan, and it's a huge environmental win."

Completed in 1962, the dam is intended to reduce flooding and provide flows for salmon, municipal water supply and ecosystem restoration. It has prevented \$21 billion in flood damage in the Green River Valley, according to the Corps.

Chinook, coho and steelhead have been blocked from access to the Upper Green since the Tacoma Headworks Diversion Dam first went into operation in 1913 to supply water for Tacoma.

The diversion dam is just 3 miles downstream from the Howard Hanson Dam, and has already been improved with a trap for adult fish passage. Fish captured in the trap will be trucked above the dams to the upper watershed, once passage for juveniles is operational at Howard Hanson.

The fish-passage project could open even more habitat for Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead than the celebrated Elwha Dam removal project, the largest in the world. The Howard Hanson Dam would remain intact while passage doubles the amount of spawning habitat available to salmon and steelhead in the watershed - and open all of the best of it for the first time in more than a century.

The Green is one of the most important salmon rivers in Puget Sound, and a prime Chinook producer for

southern resident orcas. Lack of regularly available, adequate salmon is a one of several factors driving the orcas to extinction, scientists have determined. Getting salmon back into the Upper Green has been singled out by salmon advocates as the biggest potential boost for salmon production in Central Puget Sound — and therefore could help save the whales.

The project also is very important for Tacoma Public Utilities and other local government partners that already have invested more than \$400 million in watersystem improvements, anticipating additional water supply that would be available upon completion of the project.

The dam was part of a more than centurylong effort, still underway, to tame floods in the Green-Duwamish watershed, which includes the cities of Tukwila, Renton, Kent and Auburn; the second-largest warehousing district on the West Coast: and industrial development throughout the Duwamish Waterway in Seattle.

There is no political con-

troversy about providing passage for salmon at the dam. Rather, the problem has been getting the work done on time, and on budget.

The project is complex. Juvenile salmon migrate near the surface of the water column - which fluctuates in height by as much as 100 feet during the spring migration. Collecting fragile baby fish from such a moving target is a big design challenge.

The Corps began construction on passage at the dam in 2003. But work stopped in 2011, when the Corps projected its spending was going to balloon past what Congress had authorized. The

Corps spent about \$108 million, including a 100-fo deep excavation.

authorized.

The project stalled so lor the Corps had to secure ne authorization from Congre to reboot planning for the project. At the urging of the Washington congressional delegation, the agency in 2020 set aside \$3 million is its work plan to develop a design and budget for the project - which now has funding to proceed.

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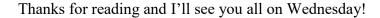
Raffle News

April 2022 Raffle News

Boy do the months fly fast! I feel like this will be the last week of a prolonged winter. We are finally rolling into Springer season, followed by the summer salmon season, fall steelhead, more salmon and Football! Man, I love this country!

This month, because it's been a while, I will have a very nice new rod as the main prize. We have quite a few new items so I'm hoping you'll be pleasantly surprised by the mix of very useful fishing gear picked out by a true fishing expert. As usual, we will have a member only drawing for 10

raffle tickets (last month 3 people missed out) and the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a great assortment of styles and brands.



We NEED People!!!!

Bring a friend and spread the word about the great items and games we are offering up! ©

Greg Hindman 253-486-5161



The website has the recipe of the month, links to our sponsors, and 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.

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Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish <u>Facebook page</u> is a Public Group currently with <u>47</u> members. If you are on Facebook and haven't requested to join the group, now is your chance.

<u>Let's see how many members we can get this year!</u> 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.

Membership - New and Renewals

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Thank you everyone that have paid your membership dues for the 2021 year. <u>Your SOF board has decided to extend your paid membership through the end of 2022</u>. For those of you who have not yet paid, it's not too late. Memberships can be paid online, at any SOF meeting, or by mail to the address at the bottom of the SOF membership form. Contact Rich Gregory if you have any membership question.

You can pay by mail or online at http://www.saveourfish.org/Membership/Membership.htm. The membership form is attached at the end of this newsletter or you can contact our member chair, Rich Gregory, at **rwgav8@hotmail.com**.

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You can also get to this Donate link via our main web site http://www.saveourfish.org/

It looks like the below:



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

Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter. Hats are embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting. \$10



Member Classifieds

Do you have any items in the garage that have just been collecting dust over the years? Maybe a fishing pole that you just don't use anymore. Why not sell it to a fellow member in the new classifieds section? Send a brief description of the item you would like to sell and photo if available to sof.psa@hotmail.com and we will include it in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you have a website or product you would like to share, please send the information to:

Sof.psa@hotmail.com

For Sale

Two Neoprene Youth Caddis Wading System Waders – XS and Small. \$20 each

One Neoprene Stearns Womens Waders - Medium. \$30.

All have stocking feet and only worn once or twice.

If interested see Kathy at our April 27th meeting.



For Sale

Shimano Stradic C14 - 4000 series \$150.00. Excellent condition

16 lb coil of soft 1/8 pencil lead. \$50.00

Contact Duane Horton 206-819-9839

SOF Sponsors

<u>Auburn Sports & Marine</u> – Kids derby, rod donations, gift certificates



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Washington Sportsmen's Show



Hog PenDo 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.



Clam digging at Copalis





Blackmouth caught by Bart and Rob

Recipe of the Month

Best Classic Shepherd's Pie Recipe

The Best Classic Shepherd's Pie - AKA Shepards Pie or Cottage Pie. Ground Beef (or lamb) with vegetables in a rich gravy, topped with cheesy mashed potatoes and baked.

Prep Time 20 minutes Cook Time 50 minutes Total Time 1 hour 10 minutes

Servings: 6 servings Calories: 400kcal Author: Amanda Finks



Ingredients

Meat Filling:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground beef -or ground lamb
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 garlic cloves -minced
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 cup frozen mixed peas & carrots*
- 1/2 cup frozen corn kernels

Potato Topping:

- 1 1/2 2 lb. russet potatoes -about 2 large potatoes peeled and cut into 1 inch cubes
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter -1 stick
- 1/3 cup half & half
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese

Instructions

Make the Meat Filling.

1. Add the oil to a large skillet and place it over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Add the onions. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

- 2. Add the ground beef (or ground lamb) to the skillet and break it apart with a wooden spoon. Add the parsley, rosemary, thyme, salt, and pepper. Stir well. Cook for 6-8 minutes, until the meat is browned, stirring occasionally.
- 3. Add the Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Stir to combine. Cook for 1 minute.
- 4. Add the flour and tomato paste. Stir until well incorporated and no clumps of tomato paste remain.
- 5. Add the broth, frozen peas and carrots, and frozen corn. Bring the liquid to a boil then reduce to simmer. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Set the meat mixture aside. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Make the potato topping.

- 1. Place the potatoes in a large pot. Cover the potatoes with water. Bring the water to a boil. Reduce to a simmer. Cook until potatoes are fork tender, 10-15 minutes.
- 2. Drain the potatoes in a colander. Return the potatoes to the hot pot. Let the potatoes rest in the hot pot for 1 minute to evaporate any remaining liquid.
- 3. Add butter, half & half, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Mash the potatoes and stir until all the ingredients are mixed together.
- 4. Add the parmesan cheese to the potatoes. Stir until well combined.

Assemble the casserole.

- 1. Pour the meat mixture into a 9x9 (or 7x11) inch baking dish. Spread it out into an even layer. Spoon the mashed potatoes on top of the meat. Carefully spread into an even layer.
- 2. If the baking dish looks very full, place it on a rimmed baking sheet so that the filling doesn't bubble over into your oven. Bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes.** Cool for 15 minutes before serving.

Notes

*If you can't find frozen mixed peas and carrots, you could use 1/2 cup frozen peas and 1/2 cup frozen sliced carrots.

**Bake at 400° F. Start preheating the oven after you make the meat mixture (listed in step 6).

Nutrition

Serving: 1/6th of the recipe | Calories: 400kcal | Carbohydrates: 13g | Protein: 19g | Fat: 30g | Saturated Fat: 15g | Cholesterol: 97mg | Sodium: 751mg | Potassium: 483mg | Fiber: 2g | Sugar: 2g | Vitamin A: 2860IU | Vitamin C: 7.9mg | Calcium: 99mg | Iron: 2.7mg

Editor's Note: I am looking for <u>clam fritter recipes</u>. Submit your favorite clam fritter recipe to <u>dayleconrad@yahoo.com</u>. Shane and I will make the recipes submitted and vote on which is our favorite. The winning submission will be sent a prize from us. The deadline for recipe submission is by June 1st and the winner will be announced in the June newsletter. Thank you for your participation!



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