



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday April 22, 2015 - 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>

Speaker –

Rob Larsen

You don't want to miss this! Our own Rob Larsen will be sharing his exceptional knowledge about catching summer steelhead. He will share things that have worked well for him in a variety of situations -- smaller rivers to the Columbia River. Rob loves to fish for pretty much anything that swims. He has been fishing summer runs for 28 years and is willing to share his hard earned knowledge with those want to learn.

Up and Coming Activities:

April

April 25th

Disabled Sportsman Fishing Derby
American Lake

June

June 6th

Federal Way Youth Fishing Derby

June 6th

Auburn Seniors Derby

May

May 2nd

Auburn Youth Fishing Derby

May 30th

Algona Kids Fishing Derby

9am –1pm

Matchett Park

402 Warde St.

A Portable Pond will be stocked with Trout.

(Poles and bait will be provided!)

Reserve your tickets

beginning **May 18th** at City Hall.

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President's Message -- Carl Carver

We had a great general meeting in March which was well attended. Frank Urabeck (Mr. Sockeye) gave an excellent presentation on the Baker River/Lake fishery and a very educational look at the Cedar River, the dam, the watershed, and the hatchery. The pictures were the highlight for me along with the detailed explanation by Frank.

This month's speaker is also a member of the SOF Auburn Chapter of PSA. Rob Larsen will be sharing his knowledge/expertise on Spring Chinook (Springer) fishing. Details are provided in this month's speaker section of our newsletter.

Brodie Antipa, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Region 4 Hatchery Operations Manager, came to our April 8th board meeting and provided indepth information on the Green River system, its hatcheries, and fisheries. The board asked Brodie to come so that we could be educated on our home river, to ask specific questions on issues/concerns, and to get feedback on what we SOF Auburn PSA can do to help/support improving this fishery. Our goals, like WDFW, are conservation of the resource first followed by improved fisheries for all user groups (sportsmen/women, commercial non-tribal, tribal commercials) with the priority being the sportsmen/women of Washington. We were very pleased with Brodie's candid answers and supportive demeanor during our dialogue. If you get an opportunity to stop by the SOOS Creek Hatchery let Brodie, the hatchery manager (Mike Wilson) and let them all know how much we all appreciate the hard work they are doing for the fish on our behalf.

Thank you chapter members for coming to meetings, participating/supporting our activities/events, and for helping make our chapter one of the best in the state.

Together we will continue making a difference to improve our fisheries now and into the future. Please stay active, get involved and support the many opportunities that are coming our way.

Steelhead Imprint Ponds at Flaming Geyser State Park

Thank you to those who have helped feed the fish at Brice Ponds. Your help is much appreciated!



Jordan Palady with his
nieces and nephew

Shane Conrad feeding the
fish with his granddaughter



Annual Auburn Youth Fishing Derby

Free



Free



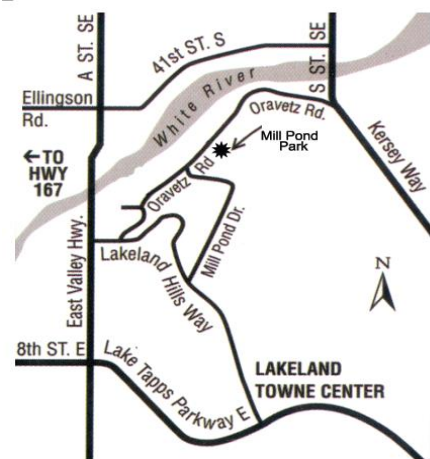
Please join us!

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 2015 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 2nd, 2015

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

Time: 8:30AM - 12:00PM



Club Activity: Taking Disabled Sportsmen Fishing

5th Annual Disabled Sportsman Outing

April 25th 2015

American Lake north park
9222 Veterans Dr Sw
Lakewood, WA

We need volunteers with boats to help take disabled men, women and children fishing for kokanee and trout on American Lake on April 25th beginning at 7:30 AM. This is our fifth 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 at 7:30 AM see Rob Larsen for more information. There will be a barbeque after for captains and participants. We would like 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 (bishoprob@comcast.net). To help with the BBQ lunch contact Doug Williams at 253-709-6907 (dwilliams@kellersupply.com).



*"I can't cut this line, it's too expensive.
Besides, my experience as a top-notch
fisherman tells me it's only a small
snag."*



HOOKED ON FISHING

STEEL LAKE PARK FISHING DOCK

JUNE 6,
7AM-NOON
EVERY 20 MIN

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Rain or Shine!**



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\$5 Day of event
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253-835-6900
www.itallhappenshere.org



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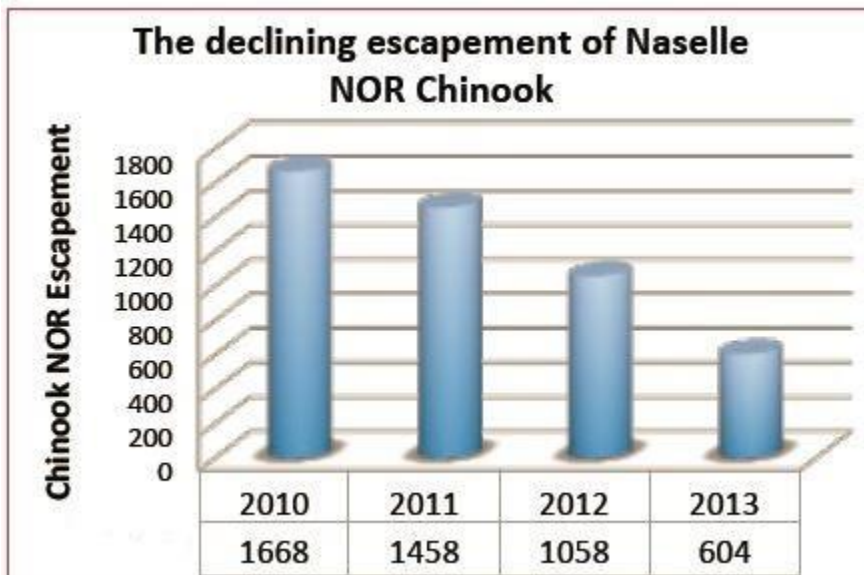
CCA Action Alert



This is a critical time in the management and conservation of our fisheries here in Washington. We hope you will take just a moment to review this important update and take two minutes to support our fisheries!

[CLICK HERE.](#)

Commission Takes Decisive Action on Interim Willapa Bay Policy



Last week the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted an interim Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy to guide the management of these salmon fisheries this year. Included in the policy was a significant reduction in the allowable harvest rate on natural origin (NOR) Chinook, a needed conservation measure.

Extensive non-selective commercial gillnetting has taken a heavy toll on wild salmon populations in Willapa Bay, threatening the future of these stocks, our ability to maintain hatchery production, and marine and freshwater recreational fisheries. Recent escapement figures for native origin Chinook to the Naselle River

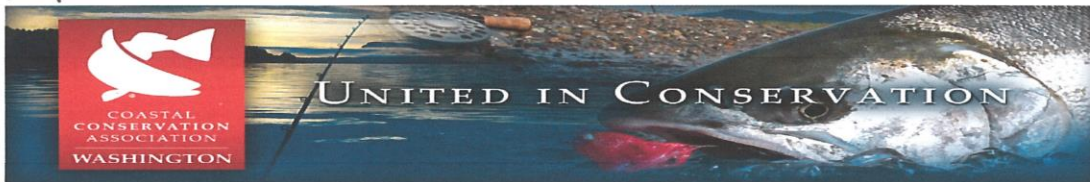
tell the story.

WDFW has conceded the need for change, but management policies have consistently allowed the overharvest to continue. In fact, in 2014 WDFW sought to reduce Chinook harvest rates from 30% to 20%, but the actual harvest rate was 37.5%! **Click the link above for the full article.**

In other CCA news, here is a thank you card sent to SOF PSA for their support of the CCA Banquet.

^{to} Carl
Thank you and the board
members for your donation and
support of CCA - Carl.

Adam PSA
Carl & Board members.



THANK YOU!

Your donation to the CCA Sea-Tac Chapter's 8th Annual Banquet & Auction
is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your generous donation and support in our efforts for
the conservation and restoration of our coastal and marine resources
in the Pacific Northwest.

Joe Slepiski, President

Earl Betts, Banquet Chair

and the entire CCA Sea-Tac Banquet Staff

John Martin
Carl Carver

John Seeger
John Buckert

Devata Mademo
Joseph M. Slepiski
Webster
Russ Carver

Raffle News

This month we have a 9'8-15lb Fetha Styx casting Rod up for the big prize. Again, it's a rod that retailed in the \$200 range in the Chrome Fetha Styx family. Very nice rod with a cork grip. We should be out of these by the end of the year so don't miss out on trying your chance at getting one. We'll have a Dexter fillet knife, another fly fishing bag, and more items from Silver Horde. I'll have some more good stuff that can be used out in the sound, Coho Killers etc. Again I'll have some interesting used items and remember the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from an assortment of styles and brands.

We still have hats available (\$15 for a regular hat and \$20 for a waterproof one) as well as floats and assorted corkies for sale.

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! Last month we drew Rob Larsen and John Rickert, but they were not present. Frank Urabeck's name was drawn next and he was the winner!

I also want to mention again that we could use some donations for used items in our raffles. We accept any donations from our members and in return will give you raffle tickets. Also if you know anyone that has a hoard



of stuff in their garages they want to move let me know and I'll go determine what they have and possibly buy it for the club.

Make sure to bring a friend and spread the word about the great items and games we are offering up! ☺
Contact me with any raffle related questions at GregHindman@Comcast.Net

Tip of the Month

Freshwater Fishing Tips

SOF Auburn members: Fishing is a fun sport that requires some skill and timing. Depending on where you fish, your tactics will be different. Brackish or colder water may call for a certain style of fishing, while calm fresh water might need a different style. Regardless of the type of fish or water, there are some freshwater fishing tips that everyone should follow.

- For lake and river fishing, go where the water turns from shallow to deep. Fish like to congregate and look for food in these areas.
- Shiny fishing lures can attract certain fish, but the reflection of the sun can blind them and cause confusion.
- Use a matted metal fishing lure instead if possible, to avoid too much reflection. Dark colors of mylar tape can be added to the lure to help reduce glare also.
- Cast close to the shoreline or where fish are showing on the surface for more bites.
- A lot of people use power bait as bait, but good old fashioned worms and marshmallows to help float the worm works extremely well.
- Check the local fishing reports that day for updates on areas where they're biting.
- Sunrise is an excellent time to fish, try to go out early in the morning. A few hours prior to dusk is also a good time.
- Take a kid fishing if possible. Introduce them to the fun and enjoyment of fishing and you will get awesome rewards (smiles, excitement, a yell or two, fishing buddy, and a feeling of fulfillment.
- Be patient. Patience really is the key to good fishing. Bring a book or radio if you plan to out for a long time and remember that all good things come to those who wait.

Original article adapted for this use. Courtesy of www.FineFishing.com

Membership – New and Renewals

If you have not paid for your membership for the 2015 year, now is the time. 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, and 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.



Puget Sound Underwater Coho

Ever wonder what it looks like when a coho salmon strikes a flasher/hoochie? This video has exclusive underwater footage of Puget Sound coho attacking bait. There are some great examples and tips on how to improve your odds for success trolling for coho in Puget Sound. Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq28ivRlzqo>

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



Tom Hanson on the Cowlitz with Matt



Carl Carver with Spring
Chinook on the Cowlitz



**Email or Text your pictures to
sof.psa@hotmail.com**

Recipe of the Month: Poor Man's Lobster



Ingredients

- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. salt
- 1 lb. halibut
- 1 cube (stick) REAL butter
- 1-2 fresh lemons

Instructions

- In a medium-large pot bring about 2 qt. of water, sugar, and salt to a boil. Cut halibut into 2-3 large pieces (so it cooks faster) and add to water. Boil for about 10 minutes or until halibut is nice and flaky. In the meantime, melt butter in a pot, but do not boil. Remove halibut from water, squeeze a little fresh lemon on it and serve with melted butter (I like to completely submerge my halibut in the melted butter, much like you would do with lobster).



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2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2015 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2015 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 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**