



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday August 24, 2016 - 6:00pm

Veterans Memorial Park

411 E Street NE

Auburn, WA

(located next to Auburn High School's football stadium)

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

No Speaker – Steak and Corn Feed *plus* Club Swap Meet

Please see details below.

Up and Coming Activities:

September

14 – Board Meeting

24 – Carbon River clean up

28 – General Club Meeting speaker:

Mark Gavin: fishing Lakes Washington
and Sammamish

October

29-30 – Mike Woods Memorial Fall Outing

Or Nov 5-6 (weather dependent)

November

16 – General Club Meeting speaker:

Laurie Peterson WDFW
Puget Sound Salmon Manger

December

3 – Christmas Banquet



President's Message -- Carl Carver

We had a great general meeting July 27th. Our guest speaker Eric Wintherer from the Department of Fish & Wildlife educated us on the Pike Minnow fishery here in Washington. What an opportunity for that avid fisherman/woman to get out do some fishing and make some money as they pay you to catch fish. Now that's the way we like it. Maybe someday there will be so many salmon that they will pay us to catch them as well. Oh yeah, it's time to wake up from my dreaming. The gill netting of our fish by the tribes when we can't fish due to closures, depleted runs, etc. makes tears come to my eyes when I think about it. Let's hope and pray that the tribes, non-tribal commercials, and WDFW (representing the sportsmen/women of Washington) can come together in the future to do the right thing for our fisheries. They need to improve/increase the numbers of fish available for harvest and to ensure that we get our 50%. This will only happen if there is true accountability of the fish take by all parties and true conservation (which means no netting at all on depleted runs or those not available to the other user groups). I ask for your support in helping bring awareness to the issues and to support making the changes necessary to fix our fisheries problems.

I'm excited about SOF Auburn's August General Meeting on August 24th which is our annual Steak & Corn Feed (see later in the newsletter for details & signup). It is one of the two significant times when our members come together to enjoy a special time of comradery, sharing of the bounty we have, and thanking all those who have been there this year to make our chapter the best it can be. It's amazing how much we accomplish each year and how successful we are. The other significant time together with our membership is our annual Christmas Banquet which will be held Saturday, December 3rd. Get it on your calendars now as it is a fun and rewarding time to end the year in celebration together.

As I've written in several President's Messages and talked about at our general meetings, 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 will have a fun time and it is always informative/entertaining.

Sincerely,
Carl Carver

Carbon River Clean Up – September 24th



10th Annual Carbon River Cleanup

Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

9:00AM at the Orting Fire Station

September 24th

Coffee, donuts, and water will be provided for participants.

Noon - Lunch at Los Pinos Restaurant 15% discount for participants

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Skokomish River Protest Rally Recap

Anglers Rally at State Hatchery To Protest Skokomish Chinook Closure

[August 1, 2016](#) [Andy Walgamott](#) Editor of Northwest Sportsman Magazine

Saturday's rally protesting the closure of the productive lower Skokomish River to recreational angling this season drew a good crowd who were told by organizers not to give up hope and to join conservation groups.

"We have not given up and will continue to fight to get the Skokomish River back open to recreational anglers next year, as was promised at the rally," said Frank Urabeck in an email afterwards.

While the closure is linked to the Skokomish Tribe's claim and Department of Interior's opinion that the shifting river is entirely part of the Skokomish Reservation — which the state does not agree with — there's worry that this is part of continuing trend that is chipping away at sportfishing opportunity.

"The major benefit from this hatchery is right here in the river. The sportsmen are paying for the fish and should benefit," Hal Boynton of the Steelhead Trout Club of Washington told the gathering of 150 to 200 anglers.

According to Urabeck, 72 percent of the funding for WDFW's George Adams Hatchery, which raises the Chinook for harvest, comes from the state, while 28 percent comes from Tacoma Power.

With Puget Sound Chinook a listed stock, fishing has become focused in limited, selective saltwater hatchery-only seasons, like Areas 9 and 10, and in terminal zones on rivers where fin-clipped fish are more numerous.

It's a big issue that bears watching.

I've gotta get to work on my September issue, so I'm going to have to let my pictures from the rally do the rest of my yapping, but for more solid reporting from the event, see the *Kitsap Sun* [article here](#).



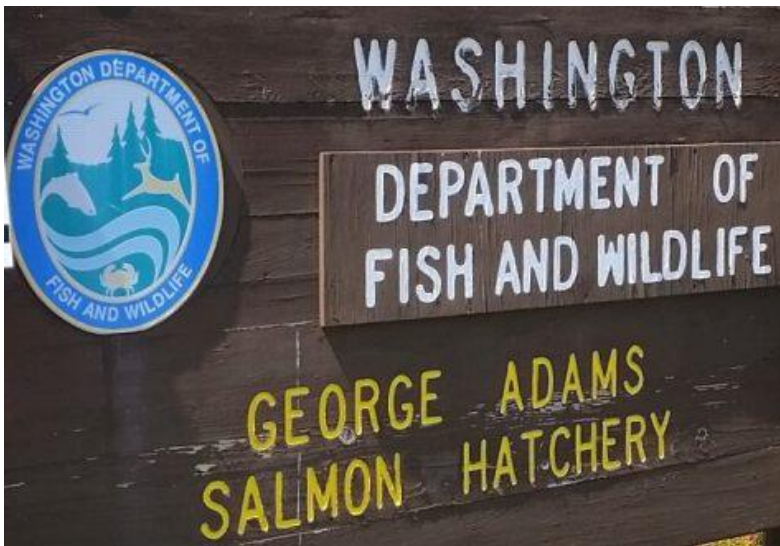
About 150-200 people gathered at WDFW's George Adams Salmon Hatchery around 1 p.m. July 30 to hear speakers from Puget Sound Anglers, Steelhead Trout Club of Washington and Coastal Conservation Association talk about the Skokomish River closure. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



More than a dozen people waved signs along Highway 101. Drivers honked and showed signs of support for the effort. The Skokomish River is a very productive and important fishery. According to one speaker, recreational anglers typically catch 5,500 Chinook a season while tribal fishermen catch 7,000. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



Anglers believe that because the salmon hatchery is funded 72% by state dollars and 28% by Tacoma Power that we the public should benefit from those fish that are raised there. Earlier this year, a federal solicitor’s opinion came down that a treaty made in the mid-1800s set aside the entire river and its bed as part of the Skokomish Reservation. The state did not agree but had to close the fishery to protect anglers from potential legal action by the tribe. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



The George Adams Hatchery raises 3.8 million Chinook annually as well as coho and chum salmon. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



Chinook are already returning to the hatchery. The fishery would have otherwise opened today, Aug. 1. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



As anglers hoist signs along Highway 101, a pod of salmon school in the hatchery behind them. The question is, will we be able to access these fish next year or the following year? Organizers of Saturday's rally are hopeful. In the meanwhile, the Department of Fish and Wildlife doubled the limit on hatchery Chinook in the saltwaters of southern Hood Canal and allowed fishermen to use a second pole with the endorsement. All fine and dandy, but as some at the rally pointed out, that fishery requires a boat and they don't have the means to buy one or all the gear needed for that. Skokomish Chinook are primarily caught by bank anglers in the river and tribal fishermen using nets. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



here were plenty of signs at the rally calling for fairness and equity in sharing the resource. Speaking of sharing, over the next few years WDFW will collect hundreds of thousands of eggs from surplus Baker Lake sockeye to help the Skokomish Tribe start a run of the salmon in Hood Canal. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



This year’s low forecasted returns of salmon to Puget Sound are a good reason to be cautious and conservative with seasons, especially for coho. But the Skokomish is one of the rivers forecast to see good returns of Chinook and coho, though sport anglers won’t be able to take advantage of that in large part. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



Spencer Ewing, the grandson of Frank Urabeck (left), recalled how his grandfather had called once and said there was a river that they could go catch multiple kings on in a day. He talked about camping along the river and hearing salmon jump at midnight and then after fishing going and getting ice cream at Hunter Farms. He said we were not allowed on the river this year but not because we took more than our fair share, calling it “a sad example of inequality.” He also said not to give up hope yet. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



Ron Garner of Puget Sound Anglers talked about a “dangerous trend” of rivers closing, nearly closing or rumored to be the next ones. He spoke about how commercial fishermen, recreational anglers and some tribes have worked together on recent hatchery battles. He said that anglers are better organized these day, but he and others have called for more of us to join groups like PSA, Coastal Conservation Association and others so we have a stronger voice in fisheries management and conservation. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



Meanwhile, not far away the Skokomish ran clear, cool — and with more than a few Chinook in already. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



One of a number of WDFW signs posted along the Purdy Cutoff by state fishery officials. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)



And a new sign posted by the Skokomish Tribe. (ANDY WALGAMOTT)

New Board Member

The board of directors unanimously approved adding Jim Hand to our board of directors.

Jim has been an active member since transferring over when the Auburn Green River folks joined us. He regularly attends our meetings and has helped with many of our activities (kids fishing derbies, senior derbies, club outings, steak & corn feed, Washington Sportsmen's Show, etc.)

Jim, we welcome you to the board and look forward to working with you to help make our chapter the best it can be now and into the future.



Steak and Corn Feed

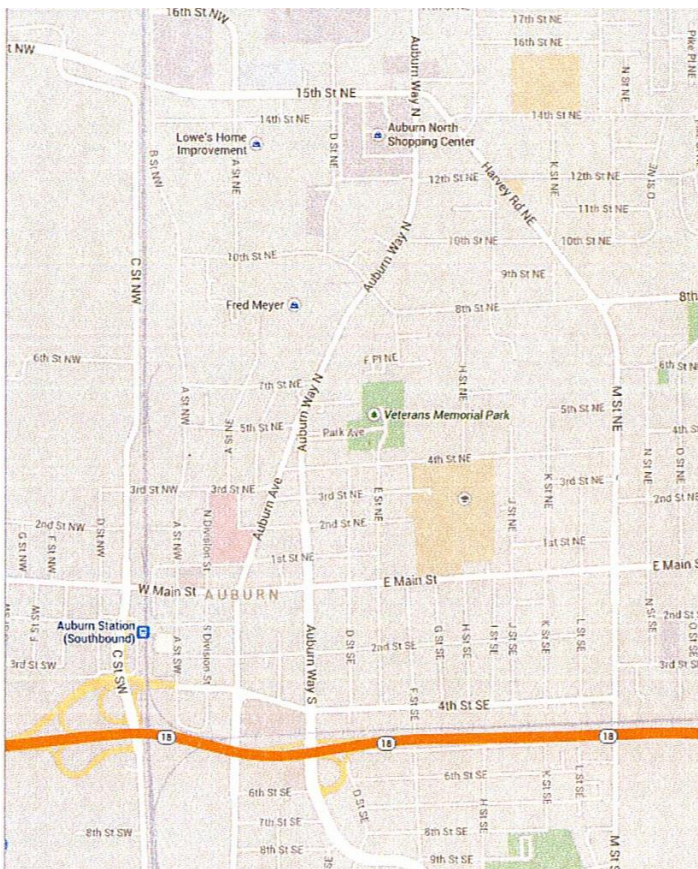
Our annual Steak and Corn Feed will be held, August 24th, 6PM at the Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn (411 E Street NE). It's located on the west side of Auburn High School's football stadium. As in all the years past the club is paying for the **PRIME RIB** while the membership will bring all the Pot luck items.



Club Swap Meet

Like last year we've decided to have a club swap, trade, sale event of any items you have sitting around your garage that you may want to get rid of. So go thru your unused items, bring them along with your side dish and see what you can trade or sell. Feel free to donate them to the club if they don't sell.

If you didn't sign up at last month's meeting, please **RSVP ASAP** by calling Matt Anderson at 253-405-2501.



Veterans Memorial Park

Tip of the Month – Boating more salmon with barbless hooks

Rob Larsen

When fighting salmon with barbless hooks, keep the fish off to one side and behind the boat. When I am running the boat I like the fish to be on the driver's side so I can see what the fish is doing. This is the captain's job, but keeping in front and off to the side of the fish helps keep tension on the fish and gives the fish less chance to get slack line. It also keeps the fish away from motors and downrigger lines. If the fish is running hard the boat should be placed in neutral to keep the fish from getting too much pressure or too far from the boat. The captain needs to be aware and maneuver the boat appropriately. Often the fish will swim toward the boat faster than the fisherman can reel, then speed should be increased to keep the line from going slack. When the fish is ready to be netted, the captain needs to observe the fish and decide if neutral or forward gear is appropriate. Sometimes, a good approach is to operate in gear slowly if the fish is tired and swimming about the speed of the boat, from behind the boat. The angler can reel the fish in and then, when the salmon is almost at the boat, a shift into neutral will cause the fish to gain the last 2-3 feet quickly and right into the awaiting net.

Visit Our Website

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

SOF Facebook Page

Have you checked Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) lately? 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.



Raffle News

August 2016 Raffle News

August is my favorite month of the year. Mainly because of the awesome weather but also because we have our Steak and Corn feed this month and I don't have to haul all the raffle items around.

In lieu of no raffle I've decided to bring something to either raffle off or put into a silent auction. I'll make it interesting so bring your CASH!



We still have 2 waterproof hats available, get one before we are out- \$20. We'll have floats and assorted corkie's for sale. I'll bring some of the stock of Extreme bags and will take reasonable offers of our overstock. ***Make me an Offer!!!!!!***

We can STILL 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.

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

Membership – New and Renewals

2016 SOF memberships are still accepted. 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.



30th Annual Washington Sportsmen's Show

Coming to the Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA

January 25-29, 2017

www.thesportshows.com



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



"If you really must know why you're here, it's because you told one-too-many lies about the size of those fish you caught."

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.



Rob Larsen
Cowlitz summer run



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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:

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