



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Next Meeting Date TBD

**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>

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Up and Coming Activities:

January

13 – Board Meeting via Zoom

February

10 – Board Meeting via Zoom

March

10 – Board Meeting via Zoom

April

14 – Board Meeting via Zoom



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and happy. The holidays are a great time of year and I hope that you had a Merry Christmas. 2020 has been a challenging year to be sure. I really miss being able to meet and see you all and hope we can begin meeting again soon. With the majority of us being older, I think being careful is the best practice. That said, beginning in January we will start having monthly board meetings via Zoom. It is about the best we can do for a while. We will begin having general meetings as soon as guidelines allow.

There are lots of things going on with the biggest being the closure to boat fishing on the Olympic Peninsula. This has been driven by low wild fish forecasts and poor returns last year. Bottom line is, fishing from shore is better than not fishing. I have been actively working with James Losee (Region 6 Manager) to make sure the fish we save make it to the gravel. I spoke in the commission meeting and continue to push for equity with co-managers and improved sportsman opportunity.

As far as other fishing opportunities go, it is time to go out and catch a steelhead. We should be able to find some fish on the Skookumchuck and many of the other rivers on the west side. The positive side of the boat fishing being cancelled, bank angling should improve this year. In addition to steelhead the crabbing and squidding have been good. Even with the clam toxin issues and COVID-19 closures, when clamming opens it should be fantastic.

It is North of Falcon time again and I am going to make another push for the Kings at Minter Creek and Coho and Steelhead below the hatchery on the Satsop. If you have other ideas please let me know. Hal has been working hard on the Skykomish summer steelhead issue. For those that don't know, the Wild Fish Coalition has filled an intent to sue the state which could stop the release of smolt currently being raised and future ones. Stay tuned for request for action that will come out soon and when it does please respond in a timely fashion.

I pray we see major improvements this year as far as COVID-19. With the vaccine and close attention, I hope we can start meeting again soon. I will begin having monthly Zoom Board meetings in January.

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year.

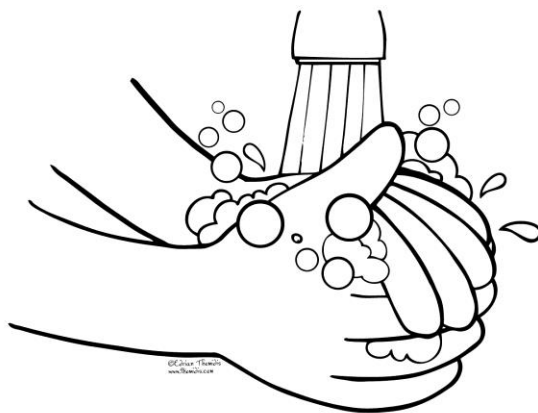
Tight lines

Rob Larsen

SOF PSA president

Tip of the Month From Rob Larsen

Limit unnecessary contact, wash hands often, use hand sanitizer when you can't wash and take vitamin C regularly.



Minter Creek Fishery and Cleanup

Our club did 3 cleanups at Minter Creek. Two were with help from the Gig Harbor chapter and it is making a big difference to the area. During the season there were complaints about litter urination/defecation and noise from a neighbor of the hatchery and on the second clean up I took pictures a ¼ mile before the hatchery and ¼ mile past the hatchery area and in both cases, they were much worse than the hatchery area itself. I sent the pictures to Tara Livinggood, the Minter Biologist with an explanation for her to go and look for herself to see what PSA has done. Unbeknownst to me she had gone to the facility to check things out for herself and found out it was cleaner than she had ever seen it. This helped her realize that even though we need to keep things clean, there is a neighbor that is not going to be happy regardless.

Another great thing this year was we got to fish when nice bright silvers were present. The bad part is that many people were snagging and it created a BIG enforcement issue. Jeff Summit, the local Game Warden, and I talked and he said it was the worst he had ever seen it and that he would like our help to educate the fishermen. I told him I would encourage our members to help with all those we saw snagging. I personally contacted around one hundred fishermen in the 3 days I fished. That said, this is going to be our biggest issue with getting more time earlier when the 10,000 kings came. I would like other suggestions to help solve this issue. I believe some signage may be a big help, but I need you to help with more ideas. If you have Ideas give me a call.

Below is what I sent to Tara on Minter creek issues.

Tara,

I was concerned enough from the e-mails you sent that I organized a second cleanup at Minter Creek on Saturday. I was relieved by what I found when I got there. I found only a small amount of trash relative to what had been there in years before the fishery was open to the public. This was also what I found when we cleaned up two weeks ago. In comparing the area where the fishermen park and fish, with the surrounding areas before the Minter hatchery as well as the area beyond the hatchery, the area where the fishermen are was much cleaner than the other areas. I feel the fishermen are having a positive impact on the area. The work we have organized with the SOF chapter of PSA and the Gig Harbor PSA, is improving the condition of the area, not adding to it. The hatchery personnel have also been helping by placing trash bags at the bridge for people to use as well as disposing of and replacing them as needed.

These are pictures of what the area looked like when we arrived on Saturday, prior to the clean-up.



And during the clean-up.



This was obviously there prior to the fishing opening in September.



After we finished the clean-up.

Also following our clean-up



The following pictures are of the litter in the area past the hatchery near the nursery where the fishermen aren't fishing.



With regard to the need for a portable restroom in the area, we are in complete agreement and would like this to happen ASAP. Although I didn't see any indication of defecation in the area, a restroom would certainly offer a solution to the problem. Our club would be willing to pay for the restroom for this year so that this issue could be addressed immediately. .

I am leaving on a trip to Arizona on Tuesday but I am available to talk with you by phone on Monday. I am much more comfortable talking with you face to face, rather than through e-mails. I would really appreciate the opportunity to have a discussion about this topic and possibly walk the area with you. I feel this is an important issue and I am willing to put in the time and effort to see that this opportunity continues.

Your efforts with this fishery are truly appreciated and I look forward to working with you to find solutions.

Thanks Rob Larsen
PSA SOF chapter President

Raffle News

December 2020 Raffle News

Hi everybody! I hope you and all your families are safe, sound and healthy. I know things are a little crazy right now with the Virus scare so my prayers go out to everyone to stay safe and healthy.



Sorry! Since there will be no raffle again this month, we will resume at the next meeting.

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

Visit Our Website

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.



Let us know what you think of the new design! www.saveourfish.org



Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 36 members. If you are on Facebook and haven't requested to join the group, now is your chance.

Let's see how many members we can get this year! 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.



Please be courteous during the meeting

Take your conversations outside the meeting room or hold them until the break so that others can hear whoever is speaking.

Thank you!

Membership – New and Renewals

It is time to renew your SOF membership. 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.

Click here to pay: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIzb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlq4MR0

Use the **“Donate with a Card”** option if you don’t have a Paypal account.

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Here’s what the top of the form looks like. **Click the \$ sign to fill in your amount then click the + sign on the “Add special instructions” and tell us what you are paying for. Example: 2018 dues for Greg Hindman.**

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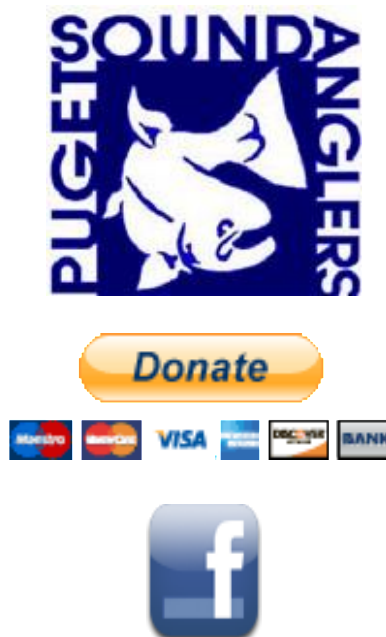
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It looks like the below:



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



**"Now suppose you tell me
what the problem was
before you tried to fix it"**



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

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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.

Late Chehalis Coho



Shane Conrad fishing trip on the
Columbia in September

Limits for the boat!





Shane Conrad with
grandson Colby's first salmon
Columbia River, September 2020

Hal Boynton and son Steve
in Juneau on September 9th.
Limits by 9am!



Awww! That's how we do it!
Hal Boynton in the Sound.



Pictures submitted by Kathy Carnino –
Group photos from August on the Cowlitz
and Sockeye from Lake Wenatchee



Pictures submitted by Greg Hindman:

“Amber and I went with Todd Salmon and bottom fishing out of Seiku the end of July and had a great time. Of course we limited out, but more impressively she made it through a long and slightly rough day on the water. Great memories!



Frank Urabeck with
Buoy 10 Chinook
August 2020



Recipe of the Month

Roasted Cauliflower Soup

This is simple and delicious. The taste is so smooth and creamy most people think this is a fattening soup loaded with cream and potatoes. People are always shocked by how few ingredients are needed.

prep: 15 mins

cook: 1 hr

additional: 20 mins

total: 1 hr 35 mins

Servings: 6

Yield: 6 servings



Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 2 heads cauliflower, broken into florets
- olive oil cooking spray
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 6 cups water
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- Step 1: Place the cauliflower florets into a large bowl of lightly salted water; allow to stand for 20 minutes. Drain well, and arrange on a sheet of heavy aluminum foil on a baking sheet. Spray the olive oil cooking spray evenly on the cauliflower.
- Step 2: Preheat the oven's broiler and set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source.
- Step 3: Broil the cauliflower until browned, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Step 4: Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large soup pot, and cook the onion until translucent, about 5 minutes; stir in the garlic and roasted cauliflower. Pour in the water, season with salt and black pepper, and simmer until all the vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Blend the soup in the pot with an immersion hand blender until creamy and smooth.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving:

141 calories; protein 4.2g; carbohydrates 13.2g; fat 9.2g; sodium 92.6mg.

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2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i>):		
Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i>):		
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2020 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2020 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid after February 1, 2020 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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