

Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday February 26, 2020 - 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

Up and Coming Activities:

February

26 – General Club Meeting
Speaker: Brodie Antipa, WDFW

March

11 – Board Meeting
14 – CCA Banquet
25 – General Club Meeting
Speaker: Ron Garner, PSA President

April

8 – Board Meeting
18 – Disabled Sportsman Derby
22 – General Club Meeting

May

2 – Auburn Kids Derby
13 – Board Meeting
16 – Algona Kids Derby
27 – General Club Meeting



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

Well here we are in February and our Steelhead options have been drastically reduced again with the closure of the Chehalis and its tributaries, which began February 16th at midnight. With the widespread poor Steelhead escapements in Washington this year, I do agree with the conservative approach but it hurts. So now what are we going to do? Well I don't know about you, but there looks to be some good clamming tides to hit and maybe some surf perch. In addition, there are black mouth to catch and that is just what I plan to do. It seems harder and harder each year as we keep going

on the downward spiral here in Washington. It is a matter of trying to make the best of the opportunities still available and trying to improve things as we go forward.

With that in mind, I was less than happy when I read that one Alaskan ground fish dragger in one week had over 800,000 pounds halibut by catch which by law was thrown back dead. I have known this has been a problem for some time but think it is time to try and do something. The challenge is going to be there is big money behind the ground fishing in Alaska. This is the kind of thing that we must try and eliminate if we want to stop the downward spiral. The pinniped epidemic is another issue I want to focus on as we move forward. We will be discussing these issues and others at our board meetings. We are looking for ideas to help make a difference because doing nothing is not OK. I invite any who are interested to attend our board meetings.

I hope to see you all at our general meeting we will have Brodie Antipa who will be discussing the Green River.

Tight lines --

Rob Larsen

SOF PSA President

February Speaker – Brodie Antipa and Mike Wilson, WDFW

Brodie Antipa, is our South Region 4 Hatchery Operations Manager, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW). Brodie brings with him expert knowledge and experience based on many years working our local rivers, lakes, and hatcheries. Brodie is responsible for hatchery operations on the Green River, Lake Washington system, and Snoqualmie River. Hatchery facilities included in that area are the Soos Creek Hatchery, Icy Creek Rearing Ponds, Palmer Ponds, Cedar River Hatchery, Issaquah Hatchery, and the Tokul Creek Hatchery. He is an avid outdoorsman and loves to fish rivers, lakes and saltwater areas across the state. He will be talking about the Soos Creek rebuild, production levels at all hatcheries and recent changes in programs, status of the Green River Hatchery Steelhead program, as well as the Cedar, Issaquah, and Tokul Creek hatchery programs. Brodie is a great supporter of ours and sportsmen/women of Washington. He has supported several of our meetings in the past and the membership/board of directors always looks forward to Brodie speaking. He is one of our favorites by popular demand. Come join us and give him a warm and enthusiastic welcome as he enlightens us on what's happening on our home rivers.

Washington Sportsmen's Show 2020 – recap

I would like to thank everybody for all their work at the Sportsmen's Show -- Jim Hand for organizing it and Don Payne for coordinating all of the jig pouring and tying. A special thanks to all those who tied jigs.



Thanks to everyone's hard work, we made \$866 this year. This was a little less than we made last year. Having said that, there just wasn't a lot of really good silver fishing this year. I think people did not use all of the jigs that they bought last year and it lowered our sales, but thanks for everybody and for all the support. Good job!

Rob Larsen

CCA Banquet – March 14

Save the date for the annual CCA SeaTac banquet: Saturday March 14, 2020 at the IBEW Hall, 19802 62nd Ave South, Kent, WA



Doors open at 4:00pm and dinner will start at 6:00pm.

I will have tickets at our general membership meeting on February 26th.

All SOF PSA members will get the discounted ticket price.

\$62.50 for a single

\$125.00 for a couple.

All the money we raise at our banquets stays in the state of Washington to fund our advocacy work. Thank you for your past support of CCA's Sea Tac banquet. CCA's advocacy success is only possible because of commitments made by people like you.

Thank you for your support

Earl Betts

Northern Pikeminnow Club Fundraising Outing August 21-22

You can help save salmon and get paid to do it by going fishing! The Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery Program, funded by the Bonneville Power Administration, is in effect annually on the Columbia and Snake rivers from May 1st through September 30th. Anglers are paid for each Northern Pikeminnow that they catch that is 9" or larger total length, and the more you catch, the higher the reward. Rewards begin at \$5 for the first 25 Northern Pikeminnow caught during the season.



Anglers are paid \$6 for each fish from #26-200, and \$8 for every fish caught over 200. Anglers are paid \$500 for specially tagged Northern Pikeminnow! Cathlamet was the top location for the most Northern Pikeminnow caught in 2018 and 2019.

Since our club is named SOF (Save Our Fish), it only makes sense to help save salmon. The money you get paid for the fish can be donated to the club to help pay for the many projects and derbies we do throughout the year. Our club outing is planned for August 21-22 with a potluck on Saturday. We have the picnic area at the Elochoman Slough Marina reserved for the day. If you want to come on Friday and spend the night, there are a variety of lodging choices – RV, dry camping, yurts, and cabins. There is also lodging at the Hotel Cathlamet in beautiful downtown Cathlamet. The daily boat launch fee is \$10.

See the fee schedule below. It is advisable to make your reservations as soon as you decide to attend the outing since Cathlamet is a busy place in the summertime! You can make reservations online at www.cathlametmarina.org or call the office at 360-795-3501.

As a special bonus Eric Winther, director for the program, will be our speaker at the May meeting. For more program information: www.pikeminnow.org/

If you have any questions, call Shane Conrad (landline) 360-849-4652

ELOCHOMAN MARINA RATES		
Rv, Dry Camping, Cabins, Yurt and Moorage		
2020		
RV Hook-ups	Per night	\$32.00 **
in season	Per week	\$210.00 **
	March-Nov	
Seasonal Monthly RV		\$410.00*
Rate Not Available In March-April-July-August		
DIKE-STORAGE-BBQ		
Dry Camping	Daily	\$25.00**
	Weekly	\$130.00**
WESLEY-RIVERVIEW		
Dry Camping	Daily	\$18.00**
	Weekly	\$110.00**
* Price includes Leasthold Tax 12.84%		
** Price includes Hotel Tax 9.6%		
Dry Camp	Additional Tent	\$5.00
Dry Camp	Additional Parking	\$5.00
RV Dump		\$8.00
CABINS		
ONE NIGHT	Small	\$85.00*
	Small	\$90.00*
	Large	\$100.00*
ONE NIGHT	Large	\$105.00*
Yurts		\$45.00*
NO PET OR SMOKING IN CABINS		
\$100.00 FEE WILL BE CHARGED		
Weekly Cabin & Yurt 6 for the price of 5 nights		
Weekly Cabin & Yurt 7 for the price of 6 nights		
* Prices do not include Hotel Tax		
TRANSIENT MOORAGE RATES		
0-19'		\$12.00
20-29'		\$14.00
30-39'		\$16.00
40'+		\$18.00
Monthly Transient Rates		
20"		\$140.00*
21'+		\$150.00*
31'+		\$170.00*
Daily Electric Fee		\$8.00
Launch Fee		\$10.00
Annual Launch Permit		\$70.00
* Price includes Leasthold Tax 12.84%		
Cancellation fee/non refundable		\$30.00
Website: cathlametmarina.org		
360.795.3501	360.200.3500	

Brice Ponds Update – Flaming Geyser State Park

There will be no typical Brice Ponds clean up this year due to the flooding of Christy Creek. It is a mess and will take a year to get it all cleaned up. Stay tuned for more developments on this project.



Tip of the Month – Proper Preparation for a Day on the River May Save You in Many Ways

from Carl Carver

Almost 12 years ago two of our Save Our Fish Auburn long time members nearly lost their lives on the Green River in a boating accident. They were able to survive due to the grace of God and teamwork. They did a write-up of their experience and hard lessons learned with safety recommendations for others. This write-up of their experience will be included in the next newsletter.

I'm sharing a few of their recommendations with you and a couple of others. I had a very scary mishap on a coastal river a few weeks ago that could have been prevented with proper preparation and more caution. I was crossing the river and miscalculated the speed of the water and didn't start high enough and ran out of gravel for footing. I was swept into a deep pool and after two times of going under water swam my way to the river bank. I was spitting water and catching my breath when my son who was on the other side of the river ran across as he

wasn't sure I was going to make it out. The weather that day was about 30-32 degrees so the water was extremely cold which made the swim to shore even more difficult. After catching my breath, retrieving my fishing gear, and carefully crossing back over the river I went to the truck and changed my clothes and took the chill off with the truck heater. There is more to the story but due to space in the newsletter I want to finish with some safety tips for river fishing.

1. Be well prepared the day before with a check list of items.
2. Have a wading belt and tighten it securely before entering the water for any reason. The wading belt will keep water from filling your waders and making it difficult, if not impossible, to swim out to safety.
3. Make sure your rain gear or jacket repels water as absorbing water adds significant weight when submerged and makes it harder to move. Also, the cold gets to your skin and under clothing faster.
4. Always have a good wading stick for crossing the river. This will help with stability and minimize slipping as well as assist against the force of pushing water. If I would have had a wading stick I most likely would not have lost my footing.
5. Survey the situation before crossing a river and take several factors into consideration before attempting to cross. What's the river flow at time, what may the river flow be for coming back across if river is rising, how much room is there for stable footing if you cross, think through what you would in the event of a mishap and is it worth the risk.
6. Have your cell phone in a plastic bag or water tight case as I didn't have mine protected and it cost me a new phone and also wasn't available to make a call if needed.
7. If possible, always have a fishing partner or someone near in case of an emergency.



These are a few of the safety thoughts I have to share and there will be more to come in the months ahead to heighten awareness of how quickly things can happen on the river and how to best be prepared to prevent a life changing mishap.

Raffle News

February 2020 Raffle News

The raffle this month will have a nice rod, a new Pen reel, and a number of other things that you can hardly live without. 😊

I will provide a knife to the first one to notify me that you read this.

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_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0

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

You will get an email confirmation/receipt after you complete the payment process. Make sure you fill in your email address!


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.**

Here’s what the top of the form looks like:

Donate to
Save Our Fish

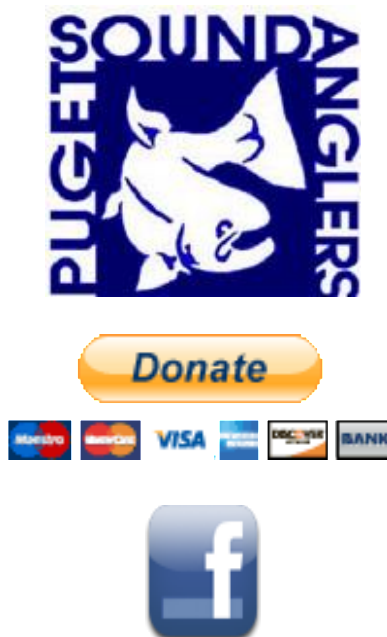
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USD

 Add special instructions to the seller:

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

Daiwa Saltiga 300 - salt water salmon reel- \$250

Okuma Cold Water low profile line counter - salt water salmon reel- \$75

Edge spinning rod STR 1405-2 - 14'0" - 8-17 lbs- big river, surf, jetty spinning rod- \$250

Edge salmon rod SMR 905-2 10-30 lb medium heavy 9'0" salt water rod- \$250

Shimano Sustain 300. original box with 2 spools- \$160

All items in excellent condition. Contact phone #206-819-9839

Duane Horton

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[Round Table Pizza](#)



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.



Hal Boynton and Joe Stone at the Fly Fishing show in Lynnwood, sitting in Joe's new pontoon boat he just purchased.



Rob and Garry at Miller Creek Ranch
The hunt that was purchased at
the CCA banquet last year.
10 for 10 today



Tri-tip dinner at Miller Creek Ranch

Recipe of the Month

Slow Cooker Beef and Sweet Potato Chili

www.cookinglight.com

Active Time : 15 Mins

Total Time : 7 Hours 15 Mins

Yield : Serves 8 (serving size: about 1 1/2 cups chili, 2 tbsp. cheese, 1 tbsp. cilantro)

By [Ann Taylor Pittman](#)

photo: Jennifer Causey



Leaving the peels on the sweet potatoes has three benefits: Prep is faster, you add more fiber, and the potatoes hold their shape better after the 7-hour simmer. Besides, the peels get so tender that you barely notice they're there. If you'd like to change things up, try parsnips in place of the sweet potatoes; they have a similar sweetness and earthier flavor and won't fall apart after cooking for an extended time. You don't need to fully cook the ground beef before it goes into the slow cooker; just cook it enough to "set" the shape of the crumbles.

Ingredients

- 1 pound 90% lean ground sirloin
- 4 cups (3/4-in.) cubed unpeeled sweet potato (about 1 1/4 lb.)
- 2 1/2 cups unsalted beef stock
- 2 cups chopped yellow onion
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup unsalted tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 8 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 (14.5-oz.) cans unsalted diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15-oz.) can unsalted black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided
- 4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (1 cup)

How to Make It

Step 1

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add beef to pan; cook, stirring often, just until crumbled and mostly browned, about 3 minutes. (Beef will not be fully cooked.) Remove from heat.

Step 2

Combine sweet potatoes and next 11 ingredients (through black beans) in a 6-quart slow cooker. Stir in beef. Cover and cook on LOW 7 hours. Stir in 1/2 cup cilantro.

Ladle chili into bowls; top with cheese and remaining cilantro



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2020 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 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:

**Save Our Fish
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Lake Tapps, WA 98391**