



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday January 27, 2016 - 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

Speaker -- Todd Girtz of Todd's Extreme Fishing

“Lingcod Todd” Girtz of Todds Extreme Fishing.com 253-208-9142 will be covering his most productive boat and bank steelhead fishing techniques. jig & bobber, free drifting, drift fishing and pulling plugs. Todd will discuss lure and bait selection (favorite types, sizes and colors), what works best for him in different water types and under different conditions. It will be a great presentation for both advanced and beginner steelhead fishermen to pick up some new tips.



Up and Coming Activities:

February

10 – Board Meeting

24 – General Meeting

Speaker: Patty Carter from

Puyallup Historical Hatchery

She will give a presentation of the hatchery,
what they are doing and how they operate.

March

12 – CCA Banquet

April

23 – Disabled Fishing Event

American Lake

May

7 – Auburn Kids Fishing Derby

June

4 – Federal Way Kids Derby

4 – Auburn Senior Derby



President's Message -- Carl Carver

Happy New Year! I'm proud to be your chapter president again this year. I have an excellent board of directors to work with and that makes my job enjoyable and rewarding. We met for our first board meeting last week and accomplished a lot of planning/preparation for this year's activities. The newsletter gives you a look ahead of the upcoming activities and dates so you can get them on your calendars to support and/or participate.

Our success as a chapter goes as our membership goes so I'm asking each of you to take the time to come to meetings (board and/or general). We need your participation more than ever to help make our chapter stronger, more efficient, and to meet the ever growing demands required to keep our fisheries solvent.

We've informed you in the past and asked for your participation via action alerts to provide written or e-mail feedback and to give testimony/feedback at hearings held by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

We need stronger support/involvement than ever from our members and the fishing community this year. We are losing the fight on our steelhead hatcheries/fisheries and the Wild Fish Conservancy is now moving to attack our salmon hatcheries/fisheries via lawsuits. This action if successful will be devastating to these fisheries as we know them.

I'm really concerned that WDFW isn't standing up for the sportsmen/women of Washington like they should and fight back strongly on our behalf to sustain and improve our steelhead/salmon hatcheries/fisheries.

I'm asking each of you to please stay active, get involved and support the many opportunities that you will have this year to save our fisheries.

We can make a difference if we are all involved and unite to the common cause of saving and improving our fisheries for our generation, our children's and our grandchildren's.

I am looking forward to working with you to continue the hard work/efforts underway to have fisheries that meet or exceed our needs now and into the future.

I also look forward to seeing and talking with you at our upcoming meeting. We have a great speaker lined up, lots of goodies in our raffle, lively/fun dialogue, and member fishing reports which is always informative/entertaining.



CCA Banquet – March 12th

Our club plans to fill two tables this year at the CCA fund raiser and we need your help. CCA SeaTac has a reputation for throwing one of the most enjoyable banquets in Washington! Great food, free beer and wine, and auction items ranging from guided fishing adventures to fine artwork make for a fun-filled evening. Come

enjoy a great dinner and an evening with other fishermen concerned with the future of our fish. CCA's advocacy success is only possible because of commitments made by people like you. You will be helping build a treasure chest to fight the ever increasing attacks trying to harm our fisheries. For more than 35 years, concerned citizens have made Coastal Conservation Association the *largest and most effective marine conservation organization in the world*.

Please contact Rob Larsen 253-230-2839 to get your tickets -- \$75 each or \$140 per couple. Tickets will be available at our next meeting.

SOF Facebook Page

Did you know that Save Our Fish has its own [Facebook page](#)? 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.



Our Website has a Facelift

Our website is going through a facelift this weekend! 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

Tip of the Month – Fishing in Windy Conditions from Russ Carver



This is a little tip I use while fishing American Lake. I know it will work on other lakes also. The wind almost always comes up in the afternoon at the lake and makes it difficult to troll. Instead of fighting the wind, I let it push me. I have a two pole endorsement and I will put one pole out with a flasher and wedding ring. The other with a split shot and worm and just drift. I have caught some nice fish doing this. If you don't have a boat and are bank fishing, put on a float and cast it out with just a worm and no weight and walk with the wind. Watch your float. It has worked for me and I hope it works for you.

Washington Sportsmen's Show 2016



The 2016 Washington Sportsmen's Show hosted by O'Loughlin Trade Shows will be held at the Washington State Fair Events Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds) January 27-31, 2016. Please put it on your calendar now so you don't miss out. Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers (PSA) will have a booth again this year. We will be promoting our SOF chapter, PSA, and Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), handing out literature, selling our steelhead and salmon jigs, educating sportmen/women, and answering the many questions from the public. Bring your family/friends/neighbors, etc. and support this event as it is worth your time.

The focal person for this event is Jim Hand who is signing up volunteers to represent our chapter at the booth. Jim has a sign-up sheet which includes the days and shifts (typically 4-5 hours, depending on the days & number of volunteers). Volunteers will receive free admission to the show, so it is a great way to save the cost of admission, support our chapter at the booth, and enjoy all that the show has to offer.

To sign-up or get details call Jim Hand, c-253-740-0853.

Special Deal for SOF Members!!!

Mark Gavin will have a Pro-Troll booth at the show. Come and see him at booth 600, which is directly across from the Sportco booth, and inquire about the special deal for members of our Chapter who make a Pro-Troll purchase at the show.

Raffle News

January 2016 Raffle News

Happy new year everyone! Hope you all had a great holiday season and I'm sure you all have resolutions of big fish this year so in helping you achieve those goals we will be offering up a sweet \$200 Spinning Fetha Styx. Here are the details: 9'6" 4-10LB 3/16-1/2 OZ. As usual we'll have a Dexter fillet knife, a fly fishing bag, more items from Silver Horde. I'll have a Penn reel as well.

Additionally, 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. I'll bring some of the stock of Extreme bags and will take reasonable offers of our overstock.

Get the word out!!!!!!

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! Also, the first person who comes to me at the meeting and tells me they read this sentence will also get 10 tickets. Board exec's excluded.

Once again, we can really 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 want to move let me know and I'll go determine what they have and possibly buy it for the club.

Last Fetha Styx Downrigger Rod Raffle \$275.00 Retail Value!

Don't forget we have started the raffle for the 10' 6" down rigger rod. I will have tickets for this at this month's general meeting. The Raffle will be for the 10'6" Fetha Styx ST-964-2s, 10-17/30LB. Braid 3/8 – 1 ½ oz., Mod-Fast/Medium. The rules are as follows: Only 20 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. The drawing will be held at the next general meeting after we sell them out. We will need a name and phone number on each ticket because you need not be present to win. I will have numbered tickets available at the meeting. To avoid affecting our general raffle sales I will log tickets out in your name and will ask that you return the following month with the cash or unsold tickets.

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 is here and it's time to renew your SOF membership. For a limited time, membership dues are discounted \$5 from the normal rate. This reduction is good through the end of January. The rate reduction also applies to new and non-current memberships. 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.



Seattle Boat Show – Jan 29th thru Feb 6th CenturyLink Field Event Center



Mark Gavin with Pro-Troll will have a booth at the Seattle Boat Show on the ground floor in the North Hall in booth 129 which is next to the Outdoor Emporium Booth.

Come to the booth and inquire about the special deal for SOF Chapter members who make a Pro-Troll purchase at the show!



Customer Appreciation Days

January 27th-30th

Sign up in store for Saturday's
RAFFLE DRAWINGS

Sneak Peek of our Sale!

All Reels....20% off
With FREE Izorline fill up!

All Rods....30% off

*FREE 250 yd spool Berkley Solutions line with purchase
of Salmon or Steelhead Rod!*

*Bring in this ad and spin our
Prize Wheel for FREE*



Customer Appreciation Days. Come see us !!

810 Auburn Way No

Auburn, WA 98002

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Sof.psa@hotmail.com

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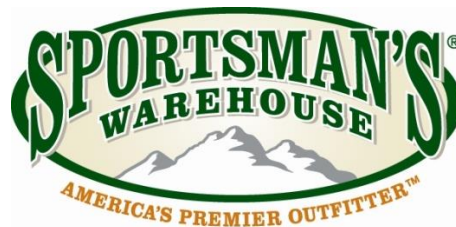
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Hog Pen

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.



Aaron Feeney with Chinook
on the Skokomish River (2014)



Maddie Feeney with Sturgeon on the Columbia River
June, 2015 with Guide Cody Herman of Day One Outdoors.



Steve Bagley with Steelhead
on the Humptulips



Duane Horton with 11 lb winter steelhead
Wynoochee River Jan. 2016

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Or...submit them on the newly designed website
www.saveourfish.org**

Recipe of the Month

Walleye with Blue Cheese – Fish Cakes



by Chefs Jerry Swanson & Tommy Nuesse

“We do this recipe at the Nisswa Grill usually using crab to create a distinctive crabcake. Walleye, though, is just as good. The blue cheese aioli is our favorite accompaniment, but, of course, you can substitute.”

For 8 to 10 cakes . . .

8 oz. (1/2 pound) walleye, cooked
1 1/2 c. mayonnaise
4 eggs
1 c. cooked wild rice
1/2 c. shredded Parmesan (or substitute your favorite cheese)
4 green onions, chopped, or 1/4 c. chopped yellow onion
1 tsp. garlic powder, or 1 clove fresh garlic
1 package saltine crackers
2 tsp. seasonings (salt, pepper, herbs)
2 tbsp. oil or butter

Blue cheese aioli

1/2 c. mayonnaise
1 tsp. garlic powder or 1 clove fresh garlic, minced

1 oz. crumbled blue cheese

Mix well

(Substitute: blue cheese salad dressing)

Cook the walleye in simmering water until flesh is firm, about five minutes, then cool.

In a large bowl combine the walleye (flaked), mayonnaise, rice, chopped onion, garlic, and cheese. Add eggs and mix with a fork.

Add seasoning. Crush saltines and fold into batter until mixture is firm enough to form into cakes.

Heat oil or butter in skillet over medium-high heat, form mix into small (2 to 4 oz.) cakes and cook approximately 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown.

Serve with blue cheese aioli.



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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:

**Save Our Fish
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