



## **Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers**

**Next Chapter Meeting:**

**Wednesday January 25, 2017 - 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>

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### **Speaker – Lawrence Mc Crone- Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (F.I.S.H.)**

At the January 25th meeting, Lawrence McCrone, a master docent with the non-profit Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, will provide a presentation on the life cycle of Pacific salmon, the operations of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, and the critical role of volunteers in the various functions of the hatchery. The primary function of the hatchery is to raise chinook and coho salmon to supplement wild runs, although the hatchery

also raises rainbow trout for stocking local lakes and kokanee to try to restore the native populations of this endangered landlocked relative of sockeye salmon. This hatchery is unique in that it is not only in the middle of a major metropolitan area but it serves as a major educational venue for school children and the general public.

## Up and Coming Activities:

### January

**25 – General Club Meeting**

Lawrence McCrone, F.I.S.H.

**25-29 – Sportsmen's Show**

Puyallup Fairgrounds

### February

**8 – Board Meeting**

**22 – General Club Meeting**

Shelby Ross, Ross Outdoor Adventures

### March

**22 – General Club Meeting**

Nick Norbeck, Elite Guide Service

### April

**29 – Special Needs Fishing Derby**

Auburn

### May

**6 – Youth Fishing Derby**

Auburn

**20 – Kids Fishing Derby**

Algona



## **President's Message -- Carl Carver**

Happy New Year to all of you and I'm looking forward to all the great things that we can and will be accomplishing this year. The board of directors met on January 11th and started the 2017 planning activities. We have several great speakers lined up, communication and actions started on our fishing derbies, preparation for the Washington Sportsmen's Show SOF PSA booth, financial and other club business was conducted. I've already started receiving great news of positive things that have happened already this year regarding our fisheries. On Saturday, January 14 in Vancouver the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission voted 7-2 to adopt a package of changes intended to continue phasing out non-selective gillnets on the Columbia River. While this package modifies the promises made four years ago, it is seen by many as a fair compromise with the Oregon Commission who is considering a proposal to continue the practice of non-selective gillnetting and to drastically increase profits of a select few gillnetters. There is also consideration being given to making the North of Falcon process more transparent to the public.

**Thank You to all our members and who emailed the Washington Commission urging them to stand up for our fisheries – you were joined by 54 members of the legislature who wrote to WDFW.**

The successes identified above are just a couple examples, and the beginning of the changes, that are/will improve our fisheries going forward. We have the North of Falcon meetings and decision making process coming up and we are supportive and involved in making it more transparent to the public as well as fair for all

parties involved. We also have the license fee increase proposal to review and weigh in on as it is some of the leverage we have to get fisheries improvements that benefit us (sportsmen/women) as we are the biggest revenue source that the Department of Fish & Wildlife depends on year in and year out.

Can you tell I'm excited about the opportunities we have ahead of us to continue making a real difference?

As I've written in several President's Messages and talked about at our general meetings, **together/united we can and are making a difference in our fisheries** by participating actively in our chapter and weighing in and supporting when called upon. **Many of our key leaders in the fishing community have made it clear that 2017 is the year to make our stand with the Feds, state, tribes, and WDFW for what we know is right for conservation as well as fair/equitable to sportsmen/women regarding our fisheries.**

I hope to see you get involved or up your involvement going forward. I look forward to seeing and talking with you at one or more of our meetings this year.

Sincerely,  
Carl Carver

## Tip of the Month – Look for the Couch Water

From Rob Larsen

Regardless of the time of year, water temperature should be the biggest factor in where you decide to focus your efforts. Steelhead are a lot like us, if it's cold and nasty outside they conserve energy and hang out on the couch. Couch water is the slow, soft water usually located in the guts and tail-outs of pools. In the cold months of winter, don't waste precious fishing time focusing on fast riffles. The fish rarely live there when the water temps plummet. That said, don't miss the transition zone at the heads of pools. Look for the place where the water slows down just below a riffle as these are often key winter holding locations (credit to Great Lakes guide Jeff Liskay for this awesome term).



## Election of Officers for 2017

The following officers were elected for the year 2017 at our November General Meeting:

President: Carl Carver  
Vice President: Greg Hindman  
Secretary: Irene Carver  
Treasurer: Duane Horton



## Board of Directors for 2017

The full list of the Board of Directors can be found on our website [www.saveourfish.org](http://www.saveourfish.org)



2017 Board of Directors

## CCA Banquet – March 11, 2017

Coastal Conservation Association is the largest and most successful marine conservation organization in the United States of America. With thousands of dedicated members and volunteers in Washington, CCA has an unwavering commitment to protect the health and longevity of our fisheries.

To achieve this goal, CCA Sea Tac chapter is hosting its **10th Annual Banquet and Fundraising Event March 11th, 2017** at the IBEW Local Hall (19802 62nd Ave South in Kent). This fun filled event features a prime rib dinner, entertainment, raffles, games, and fantastic live and silent auctions.

Ticket prices are \$75 individual, \$140 couple and includes a 1 year membership to CCA, a \$35 value. Rob Larsen is coordinating ticket sales for the SOF PSA Chapter. If you need a ticket contact Rob.

If you have any questions regarding the banquet or how you might help contact Earl Betts at 253-797-8400 or at [earlebetts@msn.com](mailto:earlebetts@msn.com).



# CCA Washington

## How You Can Be a "Silent Member" of your CCA Chapter Banquet Committee

As you probably know, putting on a banquet fundraiser is not an easy task. Our banquet committee does a fantastic job at making the event happen but they could use some more help. We understand that not all of our members have the time to be regular banquet committee members, but there are other ways to help out the committee and the fish!

- 1) Buy a banquet ticket and sell a few to some friends. It's the best way to renew your membership and the event is sure to be a good time! We can't have a banquet without attendees.
- 2) See the attached list of items to be underwritten for our banquet. You truly make your money work its magic! Make your tax-deductible donation for the wholesale cost value of the item and we will use it to generate the retail value at the fundraiser. For example, your donation of \$125 for a Coach Purse gives us an asset that we can use to raise its retail value of \$350. There are a wide variety of items to choose from. This is a way to make donations go further!
- 3) Take a few of the underwriting lists home and use them to obtain donations from your family, friends, and business contacts. People love the cause (who doesn't want to save our Salmon?) and many folks will help us to raise money if we make it simple for them. Talk to business you know such as dentists, real estate agents, financial planners, insurance agents, attorneys, etc. Remember, the #1 reason that people contribute to a worthwhile cause is because someone they know reached out and asked them.
- 4) Bring a bottle or two of good wine to our meetings. We'll use it as a part of an auction item on the night of the event.

There! Now you're an *unofficial* member of our banquet committee!

CCA SeaTac 10th Annual Banquet Fundraiser  
Saturday, March 11th, 2017 @ IBERW Local 46 Hall

## Visit Our Website

The 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](http://www.saveourfish.org)



## SOF Facebook Page



The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 27 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.

## Raffle News

### January 2017 Raffle News

Happy New year everybody! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. Hopefully some of you got in a little fishing.

I want to thank everyone in the club for all the well wishes I've received. I'm finally turning a corner in my recovery due in large part to everyone's prayers and encouragement. I'll be on the water soon!



So, on to business, this month we will have a 9' 8-15lb Fetha Styx spinning Rod up for the big prize. We are getting down to the last 2 of these rods that retailed in the \$200 range in the Chrome Fetha Styx family so get here to claim your stake! I will also 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. Remember that the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from an assortment of styles and brands.

We have the new 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!

I again want to mention 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 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.

Again, 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](mailto:GregHindman@Comcast.Net)

## Membership – New and Renewals

2017 is here and it's time to renew your membership! Any new membership or membership renewal is discounted \$5 off the normal rate through the end of January. We have even made renewal much easier with the option of paying online.

<http://www.saveourfish.org/Membership/Membership.htm>

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

[www.thesportshows.com](http://www.thesportshows.com)



The 2017 Washington Sportsmen's Show hosted by O'Loughlin Trade Shows will be held at the Washington State Fair Events Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds) **January 25-29, 2017**. 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 Auburn Chapter of PSA, Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), handing out literature, selling our steelhead and salmon jigs, educating sportsmen/women on our fisheries, and answering the many questions from the public. Bring your family/friends/neighbors, etc. and support this event as it is well 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 which day & 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, cell 253-740-0853.

A big thanks to Don Payne, our Sportsmen's Show jig and display board person extraordinaire, who leads the effort and puts in countless hours of time and energy to help make our biggest fund raiser (selling jigs at the show) so successful. Don's efforts to obtain the lead, get the jigs poured, get the heads powder coated, obtain all the materials and organizing the materials into packages for tying the jigs, handing out and tracking the tying of the jigs to the tiers, collecting/packaging the jigs and creating/updating our jig display boards. It's a lot of work and for Don we are very thankful! Thanks, also, to all the member volunteers who help pour the jig heads in the molds, powder coat and tie the jigs as well as all the effort to set up and take down the booth.





*"These two should be released in a few months. But they must come to terms with the fact that not every nibble they get will result in a catch of a large fish."*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Sof.psa@hotmail.com)

We are making progress! Washington adopts Columbia Salmon fishing reforms. Check out this article by Al Thomas, Columbian Outdoors Reporter.

[www.columbian.com/news/2017/jan/14/washington-adopts-columbia-salmon-fishing-reforms/](http://www.columbian.com/news/2017/jan/14/washington-adopts-columbia-salmon-fishing-reforms/)

And this excerpt from the CCA email:

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Thank you to the over 1,000 CCA members and supporters who emailed the Washington Commission urging them to stand up for our fisheries – you were joined by [54 members of the legislature](#) who wrote to WDFW. **Please take just a moment to [email](#) the Commission**, thanking them for this important step and urging them to stand strong in any negotiations with Oregon.

# SOF Sponsors

[Auburn Sports & Marine](#) – Kids derby, rod donations, gift certificates



[Big J's Outdoor Store](#) – Carbon River Cleanup



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[Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant](#) – Carbon River Cleanup



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[Silver Horde](#) – Raffle donations



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[Debi Gregory](#) – Christmas Banquet Donations



[Washington Sportsmen's Show](#)



[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](mailto:sof.psa@hotmail.com) for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.



Duane Horton: Nice 15lb steelhead caught on the Humptulips River at the end of December. Nice day and nice fish to finish up a great year of fishing.





15lb steelhead with a spinner stuck in its jaw



Doug Williams releasing a nice 14lb Coho





Carl Carver releasing a nice 15lb Coho



Doug Williams, Carl Carver and Duane Horton had a very good day fishing the Humptulips. Hooked over 20 Coho and landed 16.





President Carl Carver and Member brother Steve Carver  
Winter Steelhead- Coastal River





# Recipe of the Month

## Oven Fried Chicken

From Joanne McGraw

You may never fry chicken again after tasting this baked crispy chicken!

### Ingredients:

2 lbs chicken tenders or 4 large chicken breasts  
2 sleeves Ritz crackers  
1/4 teaspoons salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 cup whole milk  
3 cups cheddar cheese, grated  
1 teaspoon dried parsley

### Sauce:

1 - 10 ounce can cream of chicken soup  
2 tablespoon sour cream  
2 tablespoon butter

### Instructions:

Crush crackers. If using chicken breasts and not tenders, cut each chicken breast into 3 large pieces.

Pour the milk, cheese and cracker crumbs into 3 separate small pans.

Toss the salt and pepper into the cracker crumbs and stir the mixture around to combine.

Dip each piece of chicken into the milk and then the cheese.

Press the cheese into the chicken with your fingers.

Then press the cheesy coated chicken into the cracker crumbs and press it in.

Spray a 9×13 pan with cooking spray and lay the chicken inside the pan.

Sprinkle the dried parsley over the chicken.

Cover the pan with tin foil and bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes.

Remove the tin foil, bake for an additional 10-15 minutes, or until the edges of the chicken are golden brown and crispy.

In a medium sized sauce pan combine the cream of chicken soup, sour cream and butter with a whisk.

Stir it over medium high heat until the sauce is nice and hot.

Serve over the chicken.

Enjoy!!





## Save Our Fish Chapter

[www.saveourfish.org](http://www.saveourfish.org)

### 2017 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 2017 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2017 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or [sof.psa@hotmail.com](mailto: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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