

Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday January 23, 2019 - 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:

January

23 – General Club Meeting

Speaker: Todd Girtz

Deepwater Ling Cod

**23-27 – WA Sportsmen's Show
Puyallup**

February

13 – Board Meeting

27 – General Club Meeting

Speaker: Dave Croonquist - HRSG

April

20 -- Disabled Sportsman Fishing Derby

American Lake

Senior Fishing Derby

Date TBD

May

4 – Auburn Youth Fishing Derby

18 -- Algona Youth Fishing Derby

June

1 – Steel Lake Kids Fishing Derby



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a great holiday. We are truly blessed to live in this wonderful country in one of the most beautiful places and as I look outside on this beautiful Sunday afternoon, I am very thankful.

Well a bit of good news -- I understand that Larry Carpenter has been reappointed to the state Wildlife Commission. Even better than that, Larry was elected Chair of the committee. Major efforts from Ron Gardner, our State President, and additional efforts from Frank Urabeck help make this happen. I am sure as the year progresses we will be asked to help Larry at appropriate times, so be prepared. Larry is a strong sport fishing advocate and has a lot of knowledge about our fisheries and we are fortunate to have him in this position.

Steelhead season has been disappointing so far this season. Sometimes you just have to go do something different. I went to Silver Lake last week and had fun catching Crappie; they make great fish tacos. My point here is, with the way fishing has been lately, it makes sense to look for other species to target. I keep tabs on Washington Lakes reports and lately there have been some good ones from Lake Sammamish where both cutthroat and resident fin clipped silvers have been caught. Get out there and have fun. I hope to see you all at our next meeting where Todd Girtz will be speaking about deep water Ling Cod fishing.

Rob Larsen
SOF PSA President

January Speaker – Todd Girtz

Todd Girtz will be our speaker this month and he will be talking about Deepwater Ling Cod techniques. Many of you know Todd and I can assure you he is one heck of a fisherman with a great deal of knowledge. What separates Todd from others is his willingness to share with others. Don't miss this opportunity to learn!

To learn more about Todd or to book a date, check out his website at [Todd's Extreme Fishing](#).



2019 Club Officers

President: Rob Larsen

Vice President: currently vacant

Secretary: Steve Fulkerson

Treasurer: Jim Hand

2019 Board of Directors





Gert Both's 100th Birthday Party

You are invited! A party will be held Sunday, February 10th from 1-4 at the Mountain View Community Center located at 3607 122nd Ave E, Edgewood WA. 98372.

If you know Gert, let's show up and make her know how much we love her!

Seal-Sealion Numbers

[PACIFIC BALANCE PINNIPED SOCIETY Facebook Page](#)

Wow, here are some numbers to take a look at. I hope they start the extermination process soon!!

Ken Pearce is our founding director of Pacific Balance Pinniped Society. He's our data man and I asked him to compile references to scientific and other reports about the data on pinniped numbers.

SOME UPDATES AS OF NOVEMBER, 2018

For as long as I can remember, the focus on our dwindling stocks of Pacific Salmon, particularly Chinook and Coho have been around the usual culprits.

Logging, urbanization of streams, pollution of the various waterways, both fresh(spawning streams and rivers) and salt, over fishing, lack of proper management of the various user groups taking advantage of over harvesting due to lack of surveillance (i.e. over limits by sporties, poaching by various groups at the mouths of spawning streams and in the rivers and streams, poor management of actual "real numbers" of over fishing quotas, and lack of current accurate numbers of spawners returning to all of our spawning systems, and the list goes on.

My thoughts were aroused after thoroughly reading the following papers.

1. The current Salish Sea Marine Survival Project on Predation by Ben Nelson, et al.
2. Seals and sea lions may be slowing salmon recovery, hurting Orcas. By Chistopher Dunagan.
3. Several papers posted in the Columbia Basin Report.
4. An extensive paper presented by the Gill Netters Association in the late 1900's
5. Brandon E.Chasco et al NOAA
6. Dr.Walters et al Oceans and Fisheries at UBC
7. Pacific Salmon Foundation Salish Sea Marine Survival Projects
8. Peter Olesiuk Oceans and Fisheries at UBC

Several very significant scientifically proven facts stand out and run a common thread through the above papers.

- 1.Harbor seals, protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 have nearly doubled in numbers in the inland waterways since 1972—going from 210,000 to 355,000 On the North East Pacific they grew from 350,000 to 1,126,469
- 2.California sea lions grew from 5,900 to 47,000
3. Stellar sea lions increased from 74,400 to 78,500
- 4 Transient Orcas grew from 294 to 644
- 5 In the Salish Sea the Harbour Seal population grew from 8,600 in 1975 to 80,000

I'll summarize the numbers from the Gill Netter Association. These numbers come from D.F.O. publications, of which I have the copies.

HARBOR SEALS POPULATIONS

1. North coast Pacific: 1987 – 350,000 1997 1,126,469
2. B.C. Coast: 1987 1997 209210 current numbers are stated at 355,000.
3. Georgia Strait: 1987 12,500 1997 40,250 current numbers are 45,000

FUR SEAL POPULATIONS

1. North East Pacific 1987 900,000 1997 2,898,000

CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS

1. North East Pacific 1984 120,000 1997 333,600
2. B.C. Coast 1984 4500 2015 47,000

STELLAR SEA LIONS:

1. North East Pacific 1984 200,000 1997 556,000
2. B.C. Coast 1984 13,000 2015 78,500

FOOD CONSUMPTION OF THE ABOVE GROUPS.

I have not found any written evidence of the break down of their food groups.

I am using the consumption numbers published in the above papers. For Harbour seals, they range from 5lbs/day to 14lbs/day

The consumption numbers for California sea lions range from 30lbs/day to 50lbs/day.

The numbers for Stellar sea lions ranged from 40 to 60lbs/day

The numbers for Fur seals was stated at 5.5lbs/day

For simplification of the math I used the following rounded consumption numbers

1. Harbour Seals 10 lbs/day
2. California Sea Lions 40lbs/day
3. Stellar Sea Lions 50lbs/day
4. Fur Seals 5lbs./day

The consumption math falls into place as follows for the current time period

Species Herd size Pounds/day total lbs./day

Harbour seals 1,126,469 10 11,264,690

California lions 339,600 40 13,584,000

Stellar lions 356,000 50 17,800,000

Fur Seals 2,898,000 5.5 15,939,000

That does not include the consumption by Orcas (664 outside 70 inside)

Grand totals: 58,587,690lbs/day!!

Totals per month (assume 30 day month) 1,757,631,000 lbs/mo

That is 878,810 tons/mo.

1 current seine boat can hold 55 tons which equals 15,978/boat loads/mo!!

For sake of argument let's assume that that consumption rate is 50% of various salmons (Chinook, coho, sockeye, pinks, chums, steel head) which is most likely a low number.

The numbers for salmon consumption (remember no Orcas included here) would be: 439,405 tons/mo

Again for easy math, let's assume the average weight of salmon to be 10 lbs. There for consumption of salmon in this analysis would be: 4,394,050 salmon/mo!!

WONDER WHERE OUR SALMON ARE DISAPPEARING TO???

The growth rate of the seals and sea lions et all averages 10% plus (compounded)/year and the production of salmon is not even close to keeping up to this number.
Now we add in the destruction (consumption) caused by seal predation on smolts in the estuaries to this mix. Dunagan states the production of Chinook smolts alone in the West Coast area, including hatcheries and wild is 29,000,000.
He also states that the consumption of Chinook smolts to be 85% or 24,000,000.

Similar current studies (as stated above) on the Big Qualicum, Cowichan and Puntledge show that the seal predation to be 1 kg/seal/day of coho smolts. At 2g/smolt that is 100 coho smolts/day x how many seals?

The above study (of which the P.S.F. was also involved) did not include Chinook.
These are staggering numbers and need to be addressed as soon as possible.
Is it a wonder that our resident Orcas are short on their favorite meal of chinooks???

Your thoughts, please
Ken Pearce
605 839 7756
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Tip of the Month from Rob Larsen

My brother shared a couple of web sites that have some really great prices, so I am passing them on to you.

www.aliexpress.com/wholesale (Type in fishing)
www.piscifun.com (Reels or Rods)

Do you have a good tip? Please share.


CCA Banquet

Save the date for the CCA 2019 banquet:
Saturday, March 9 at the IBEW Local Hall in Kent, WA (19802 62nd Ave South) Doors will open at 4:00 pm and dinner will start at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you at our 12th Annual CCA Sea Tac Banquet.



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.
Great food, drinks and auction items ranging from guided fishing trips to fine artwork make for a memorable and fun filled evening.

If you would like to purchase tickets, reserve a family or corporate table for eight, donate goods or services, or discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact
Earl Betts at 253-797-8400 or at earlebetts@msn.com

We look forward to seeing you again at the banquet March 9, 2019!!
Thank you for your support
Earl Betts
Banquet Chair 

2019 Washington Sportsmen's Show

The 2019 Washington Sportsmen's Show hosted by O'Loughlin Trade Shows will be held at the Washington State Fair Events Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds) January 24-28, 2018. 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.

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 41 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 2019 Raffle News

Happy New Year! In this month's raffle I have a crab pot with full set up. I will also have a Spinning reel up for grabs and a St. Croix halibut rod. As usual, we will have a member only drawing for 10 raffle tickets and the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a great assortment of styles and brands.

Like every month, we have our new few hats available (\$15 for a regular hat and \$20 for a waterproof hat if you don't get lucky) as well as floats and assorted corkie's for sale.

Thanks for reading and I'll see you next Wednesday!

We NEED Donations!!!!!!!!!!

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 **Save \$5**

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=FiZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-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

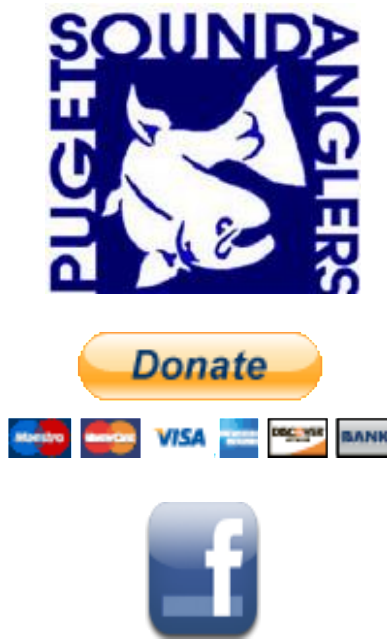
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+Add special instructions to the seller:

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.

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.



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

Community Tree Planting Work Party – January 26th

Join Sea-Tac Airport and community members to get muddy as we plant native trees at the Miller Creek Community Planting site on the morning of Saturday, January 26. Participants will plant 180 trees at a site previously overtaken by invasive blackberry and ivy. The trees planted will increase native forest cover and convert understory from invasive blackberry to native vegetation.

The planting event is part of the Port of Seattle's restoration of airport lands and an opportunity to engage with other community members invested in urban forests and land stewardship.

When: Saturday, January 26, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Meet at the PacWest Little League fields parking lot at 14649 16th Ave S, SeaTac, WA 98168. [View map.](#)

RSVP: To confirm your participation or if you have questions, please email cassam.s@portseattle.org.

Supplies: The Port will provide snacks, gloves and tools. Clothes and shoes appropriate for working outdoors in late winter weather are recommended. This event is family friendly and no experience is necessary.

SOF Sponsors

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



[Bass Pro Shops](#) –



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



[City of Orting](#) – Carbon River Cleanup



[Gamakatsu](#) – Jig hook donations



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



[Walmart](#) – \$1,500 Grant



[King Salmon Marine](#) – Kids fishing derby donations



[Silver Horde](#) – Raffle donations



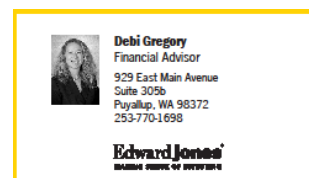
[Sportsman's Warehouse](#) – Federal Way Kids Derby donations



[Pro-Troll Fishing](#)



[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 for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.



Rob Larsen

Razor clams
from Ocean City

and Crappie
from Silver Lake



Recipe of the Month

IKEA Lemon and Dill Sauce IKEA Tomato and Herb Sauce

Looking for something simple and good? Well, here you have it!

I have tried both of these sauces with salmon and can't decide which I like best! You be the judge.

DIRECTIONS:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees

Place salmon filets in baking dish that will allow for the fish to be covered by the sauce.

Gently shake the sauce pouch for 10 seconds and then pour the sauce on top of the fish.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until fish has reached internal temperature of 145 degrees.

Enjoy!





Save Our Fish Chapter

www.saveourfish.org

2019 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 2019 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2019 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 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
c/o Rich Gregory
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Lake Tapps, WA 98391**