



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

**Next Meeting Date July 24, 2024
6:00pm
Trotter's Restaurant
825 Harvey Rd, Auburn**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>
For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:
<http://www.saveourfish.org/Board/board.htm>
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Up and Coming Activities:

July

24 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm
Speaker: Kyle Towle, Pacific NWBestlife

August

14 – Board Meeting 7:00pm
22-24 – Neah Bay Outing
28 – Steak and Corn Feed 6:00pm

September

11 – Board Meeting 7:00pm
25 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

October

4-5 – Mike Woods Memorial Outing
9 – Board Meeting 7:00pm
23 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

There are good numbers of Salmon around. Next week we have the Area 11 opener on July 18 and Areas 7, 9, 10 and 11 all open the same day. This should help keep Area 11 to stay open much longer. Hopefully there will be a lot of fish.

Westport has been on fire and, if you can, it would be a good time to go. Neah Bay has also been producing good numbers of really nice fish and has now gone to a two fish limit.

Sockeye runs on the Columbia are great and Baker Lake is solid. Steelhead on the Columbia and Cowlitz appear to be better than they have been for several years. I made a trip with Scott Olinski, but unfortunately they dropped the water to 2400 the night before and it was slow. We still managed to hook 2 and land one along with two nice sea run cutthroat. The cutthroat made me think of Joe Slepski and his love for these beautiful fish.

The Department has been a little difficult with the way they are announcing the Salmon seasons. They are being very conservative, saying it's only going to be open for three days. I expect Area 11 to be open much longer than that. I can't say that for Areas 7, 9 and 10 although I hope we remain open into September. There has been a lot of Chinook encountered in Area 10 with the Resident Coho season. I think this is a good sign. Get out there and catch some salmon.

I am looking forward to our August steak and corn feed, which is always a good time, and hope all of you will get signed up and let Jim know if you're planning to attend. See you at our meeting on Westport salmon fishing.

Tight Lines,

Rob Larsen
SOF PSA president

July Speaker – Kyle Towle, Pacific NWBestlife

I worked in big tech for 20 years before taking an early “retirement” to spend time with my teenage children. I started the PNWBestLife.com blog, YouTube channel and social media 5 years ago to share my passion for the PNW and sustainable recreational harvest of a variety of foods from salmon and shellfish to big game and mushrooms. Any excuse to be on the water or in the forest searching for wonderful ingredients to a meal is one I will take!

I've leveraged my tech background to build some digital tools to help anglers of any experience level have an easier time navigating the learning curve. The escapement, run timing, and creel graphs are just a few of those tools, with more in development and on the way. My presentation about Westport is meant to cover the salmon fishing opportunity out there, how I approach planning a safe trip over the bar and offshore as well as some particular observations and what I've learned about Westport salmon fishing.

2024 Club Outings

We have two more planned club outings this year. Save the dates -- more information to come.

- *Neah Bay August 22nd, 23rd and 24th.*
- *October 4th and 5th the Mike Woods Memorial* trip staying at Wishka and fishing the coastal rivers.

We are looking for an *outing coordinator*. Let us know if you are interested.

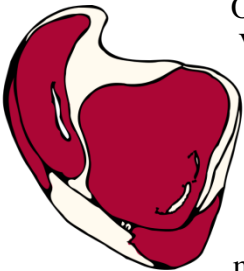
Neah Bay Club Outing – August 22-24

The Neah Bay outing is the 22nd thru 24th of August, which is a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will have an opportunity to fish for halibut, ling cod, bottom fish and possibly salmon. Boo from Big Salmon has said that we can fish his backyard on the Suez River. It requires a \$30 permit and may be very good with floats and eggs.

We will have a potluck on Friday night, where Rob will do his fish and chips. Other people will bring dessert and salad.

Call Rob if you have any questions.

Steak and Corn Feed – August 28th



Our annual Steak and Corn Feed will be held August 28th 6PM at the Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn (411 E St. NE). It is located on the west side of Auburn High School's football stadium. As in all the years past, the club is paying for the PRIME RIB while the membership will bring all the Potluck items.



Club swap, trade, or sale event! Bring any items you have sitting around your garage that you may want to get rid of. So, go thru your unused items, bring them along with your side dish and see what you can trade or sell. Feel free to donate them to the club if they don't sell.

Please RSVP to Jim Hand jimhand_1@hotmail.com **by August 25th** so that we can have the correct amount of prime rib.

Trip with Carry Hofmann -- Best Seattle Fishing

You can win this trip! We will be selling a deck of cards for \$10 each at this month's meeting. This trip is for six people. Even if you bought every card, it would still be a bargain.

Last year's trip was limits of Chinook. It was a great trip and everybody had fun.

Baker Lake Outing – Recap

Our club outing to Baker Lake did not go as planned as the tribe decided to net 5 days the week we were planning to go. Changed plans and, those that could, went up early. Rob, Bart and Ryan went up early because there had been fish put in through the weekend, thinking that those would be the only fish they would have to fish on. It ended up being a very enjoyable trip.

The weather was a little warm, but wonderful -- gorgeous scenery and good company. They managed to get nine nice adult Sockeye and one 17 1/2 inch Jack. The tactics that Rob shared at the Club outing seemed to work very well. The first day they hooked 12 fish. With only two days to fish, they were getting a much higher percentage of the fish that were hooked. Soft rods and light drags were key.





Tip of the Month – Sharp Hooks From Rob Larsen

The hook is what ties you directly to your fish. When the fish bites you have one chance to get it right (in most cases). The quality and condition of your hook is one of the most important factors in your hooking and landing fish.

Inspect your hook often as you are fishing. The bottom is full of rocks and all manner of things that can dull your hook.

Have a sharpener with you at all times. I know they have become quite expensive but there are some reasonable options. On Amazon you can buy diamond sharpeners that cost less than \$10.

How much do you pay to get that fish in the first place? Don't be cheap. Sharpen the hook often and make sure it is not bent. Do these things and you will land more fish.



Raffle News

July 2024 Raffle News

This month's raffle will feature another Sabiki rod.

We have a few grab bags left, some nice Thill floats, some knives and other various fishing items.

Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Bob Holzberger
206-890-7066



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.

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Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 69 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.

Membership – New and Renewals

Thank you everyone that have paid your membership dues for the 2024 year. For those of you who have not yet paid, it's not too late. Memberships can be paid online, at any SOF meeting, or by mail to the address at the bottom of the SOF membership form. Contact Rich Gregory if you have any membership question.

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.

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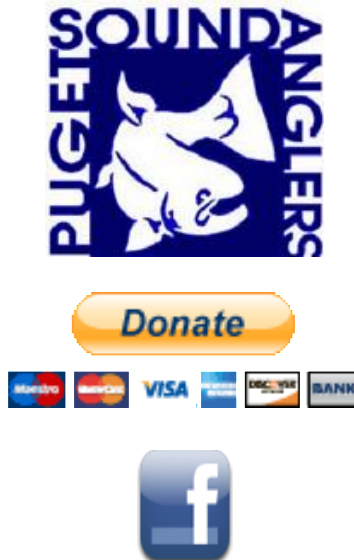
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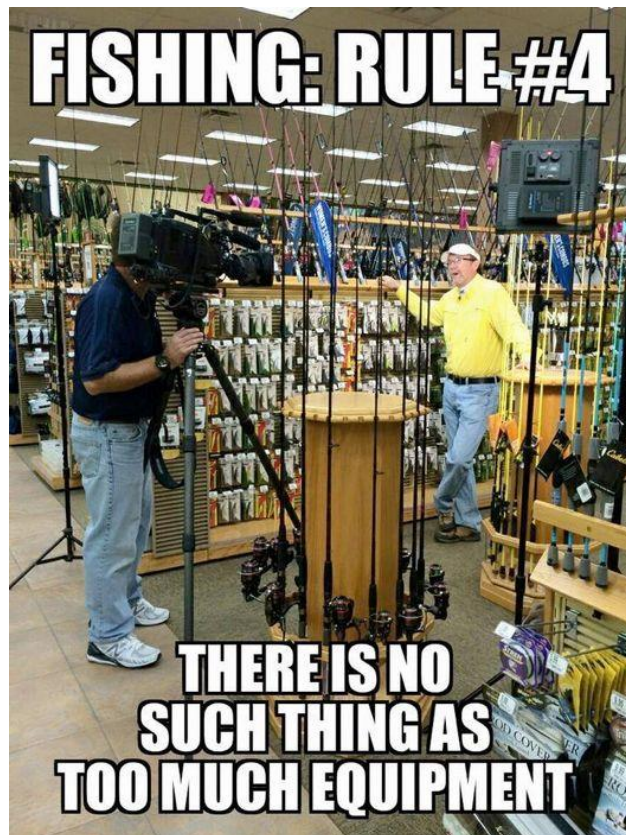
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Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

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.

New merchandise coming soon!





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:
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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.



Scott Olinski
from the Cowlitz River



Three Amigos
with successful catch

Jim Hand and Ron Howard
in Yakutat



Recipe of the Month

Creamy Baked Salmon

from Delish Recipes Facebook page

2 tablespoons butter
3/4 cup onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 cups tomatoes, diced
3/4 cup cream
2 teaspoons dried basil or 2 teaspoons chopped fresh basil
salt and pepper
4 (6 ounce) salmon fillets

DIRECTIONS

Sauté onion and garlic in butter on medium high until onions are translucent.

Add tomatoes and cook on high for 5 to 10 minutes until tomatoes start to break a part.

Add cream and simmer on medium low for 5 minutes.

Stir basil, salt and pepper in to cream sauce.

In an oiled baking dish, pour cream sauce over salmon. Cover and bake for 12 minutes at 350°F.





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2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2024 calendar year. Dues paid through February 28, 2024 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00. Dues paid after March 1, 2024 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.

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Serve over pasta, rice or steamed veggies. serving