



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday June 28, 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>

Newsletter editor: Dayle Conrad

Speaker – Officer Erik Olson, WDFW

We are pleased to have Office Olson come to our club this month. We really appreciate when these officers take time out of their busy schedule to come and talk with us. Come to the meeting and hear any updates that he can give us on our fishing opportunities. It will be good for him to see how many concerned fishermen and women we have in our club!

Up and Coming Activities:

June

**23 to 25 – Columbia River Club Outing
CANCELLED**

28 – General Club Meeting
Officer Olson, WDFW

July

12 – Board meeting

26 – General Club Meeting
Aaron Bosworth and Brody Antopa WDFW –
Green River/other Puget Sound matters.

August

**23 – Steak and Corn Feed
Swap Meet**

September

Carbon River clean up

October

Mike Woods Memorial outing



President's Message -- Carl Carver

Wow what a busy last couple of months our chapter has had with all the events we've hosted/supported as well as board meetings and general meetings. Thanks to the board of directors and several key chapter members we've been able to do it all very successfully. It is extremely gratifying to me as president of our chapter to see what a dedicated membership can accomplish. We've held a disabled fishing outing on American Lake for our veterans and some community members, Auburn Kids Derby, Algona Kids Derby and Federal Way Kids Derby. What a blessing it is to see the faces of joy and the appreciation shown by those we hosted/supported/served in our communities. It's what makes all the hard work of putting on these events so rewarding and many of the same members coming back year after year to give of themselves for others. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**

We had another great general meeting last month with lots of good fishing reports. Members and friends are getting out on the rivers and salt water with excellent results. There were stories of springers and steelhead being caught on the Cowlitz; Halibut, Lingcod and rock fish being caught in the straights; and lots of trout being caught in the lakes here on the west side as well as eastern Washington. The best advice I've heard on how to catch fish is to get out on the water and wet a line ☺.

It's important to take a youth or someone new to fishing out with you whenever possible. You can teach them and help them to enjoy this special experience that creates memories for a lifetime.

I attended our state Puget Sound Angler's (PSA) Board Meeting on June 10th representing our chapter and I want to share a couple of top goals PSA in Washington is dedicated. The SOF Auburn Chapter strongly supports these goals.

- 1) Producing and releasing significantly for fish in the future so that we get larger returns. Note: This means more fish to catch for all the user groups.
- 2) Get significantly more/improved fishing opportunity for the sportsmen/women of Washington. Note: We've lost considerable opportunity the past few years due to increased closures of rivers, limiting of days on the water and areas in the salt water.

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

June Columbia River Outing – CANCELLED

Due to low fish returns and other various reasons, the Board has decided to cancel this club outing. We may decide on an outing sometime in September. Stay tuned for further details!

Ken Kumasawa Memorial Youth Camp



The Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter's Ken Kumasawa Memorial Youth Camp Award Selection Committee and Board of Directors are proud to announce that we have selected three youth to attend the Washington State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp on Whidbey Island all expenses paid. The youth are sisters Hailey Pierce 13 years old and Ruby Pierce 12 years old, who will be attending the girls camp (July 16-22) and Etan Webb 14 years old who will be attending the boys camp (July 23-29). They are all registered and accommodations have been made at the camp.

They have all shared that they are so thankful for this opportunity and are excited about the upcoming camp. They all expressed a desire to learn new things at camp and to report back to our chapter on their experiences.

The Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers and Ken's family are proud to honor Ken in this way. He loved helping the youth at the Federal Way Kid's Derby and participating in many other fisheries groups and activities to improve our fisheries. Ken is missed by us all as he was a true friend and fellow fisherman. He's looking down from above and smiling that he is being honored in this way and that he is giving to the youth he so enjoyed helping fish.

I am Ethan's mom, Melanie. Ethan is super excited for this opportunity! Thanks to all of you for your efforts in carrying out this memorial scholarship. I know we were somewhat late getting the application in, but this is exactly the kind of experience that Ethan truly loves. He has been a little fisherman since he was 8 weeks old. We will get the forms turned in ASAP-please extend our gratitude to the Puget Sound Anglers-Auburn chapter-for your generosity. We will be sure to follow up with your chapter with what Ethan learns and takes away from this wonderful camp!

In gratitude, Melanie Webb

Letter from Ron Garner

Your attendance is needed!

NEED PSA MEMBERS AT JUNE 29 WDFW PUBLIC MEETING SEDRO WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL, 1235 3rd ST SEDRO WOOLLEY, WA BEGINS 6 P.M.

SUBJECT: Baker Lake Sockeye Management and response to closure of Skokomish River to sport salmon fishing.

PSA joined with the Steelhead Trout Club, Kitsap Poggie Club and North Sound Chapter, CCA to secure the June 29 public meeting being held by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Puget Sound Energy and Tacoma Power. The purpose of this very important meeting is to give the public an opportunity to weigh in on important sport fishing issues:

- *Baker Lake sockeye fishery management* This issue is the opening date for recreational fishing now planned for Saturday, July 8. Last year the fishery was opened Wednesday, July 6, resulting in very good initial success. Our groups have asked WDFW to again open the lake on July 6, letting individual anglers decide when there is enough sockeye in the lake to make a trip worthwhile – opinions vary as expected with WDFW arguing that 3,000 is a good number, with many anglers willing to make the trip when 2,000 or even less sockeye are there. Last year by June 30 there were 6,009 sockeye trapped with 5,333 taken to Baker Lake. The number of sockeye taken at the Concrete trap and number transferred to the lake are posted frequently on the department's Baker sockeye website. The more fishing opportunity anglers have will result in a higher percent of transferred sockeye being harvested. Typically only about 50% of fish put into the lake are taken home by anglers during the three weeks in July that accounts for most of the seasonal sockeye fishing. All sockeye placed into the lake, except only 1,500 for conservation escapement, are viewed as "sports harvest" by the state and tribes in the 50:50 harvest allocation.
- *Skokomish River Closure to Recreational Salmon Fisheries* Last year the Skokomish Indian Tribe blocked sport fishing for Chinook and Coho salmon in the Skokomish River below Highway 101 because of a late developing river bottom land ownership dispute. While PSA led the public effort to resolve the dispute, including letters to the Skokomish Tribe, meetings with the WDFW director and senior staff, and engagement of Governor's office, we unfortunately were not successful and the river will be closed again this year, and perhaps forever to sport salmon fishing. This issue will be discussed on June 29 because the Skokomish Tribe wants to continue a significant eyed sockeye salmon egg transfer program that was initiated last year by WDFW/PSE/TACOMA POWER without any public discussion. Baker Lake hatchery sockeye eggs were transferred to the new Skokomish Saltwater Park hatchery located on Hood Canal, near Potlatch as part of an experiment to see if a sockeye run can be established in the Skokomish River basin. ***Many in the public view the egg transfer program, which requires broodstock taken at the expense of Baker Lake sports harvest, as being outrageous given no recreational fisheries are allowed in the Skokomish River.*** A draft Implementation Plan governing the egg transfer program will be discussed at the meeting.

We ask that you try very hard to attend the meeting, ask questions and support those of us who will be speaking on behalf of sports anglers. Our position going into the meeting is:

- **Ask WDFW to change back the opening date of the Baker Lake sockeye fishery to July 6**

- **Ask WDFW to modify the draft Eyed Sockeye Egg Implementation Plan per Frank Urabeck's comments and to consider holding up any further eyed egg transfers until the Skokomish Tribe reopens the river to recreational salmon fishing.**

Thanks much,

Ron Garner
President, State Board, Puget Sound Anglers

Federal Way Kids Derby -- recap

The Federal Way Kids Derby, which was held at Steel Lake Park, was a complete success by all accounts. Thank you Russ Carver for your leadership in heading up this event and the two surrogates (Kathy Carnino & Mark Herwick) who stepped in to provide significant support in your absence.

We fished 366 youth who all caught their two fish limit. There were lots of first time fish catchers of all ages from 3 to 14 and many kids who have participated for multiple years.

The tugging of the line, the float going under, and the fish jumping brought screams of joy, smiles, extreme excitement and a desire to do it again. I think we accomplished our objective for the youth to: have fun, learn, catch fish, enjoy the experience with family, and to go away with a special memory that will last a lifetime.

We want to thank all of our chapter members, family members and friends who volunteered their time and experience to give back to our future generation youth. The Friday volunteers set the nets and buoys around the docks, supported the fish delivery and getting them in the water, and prepared the fishing poles/equipment for the next day's fishing event. Thank You All!!!! Bob Porn, Norm Moberg, Earl Betts, Steve Amend, Steve Bagley, Frank Urabeck, Kathy Carnino, Ed Charlile, Rick Reimann, and Carl Carver. The Saturday volunteers put up all the sponsor banners, set up the fish cleaning station, brought all fishing poles, nets, bait, etc; to the docks, gave instructions/rules to the volunteers, guided/helped 366 kids to catch fish, gave out prizes, removed nets/weights from the water, put the nets/weights/equipment away and cleaned up. Thank You All!!!! Bob Porn, Norm Moberg, Shane Conrad, Mark Herwick, Jim Hand, Earl Betts, Steve Amend, Steve Bagley, Bob Holzberger, Kathy Carnino, Rob Larsen, Frank Urabeck & Grandson Ryan Schantz and Carl Carver & Granddaughter Taitum Carver.

Thank you also to the city of Federal Way for hosting the event and all the sponsors who helped make the event possible. See the many photos below of the activities, our volunteers, our sponsors, our hosts, and the many youth we served so successfully again this year.







Ryan Schantz (above), Frank Urabeck's grandson, helped with the setup as well as helping kids fish on the dock.





Jig Tying Class – August 16th

As promised to many members who signed up to attend a jig tying class, we have set the day and time and location of the event.

The class will be held on August 16th (3rd Wednesday) from 6-9 pm at the at the Les Grove Park Multi-purpose Building, located near the Auburn Public Library. The class will consist of demonstrations/teaching by the experts followed by students hands-on of jig head powder coating and jig tying. We will have several



instructors who will demonstrate their method of jig tying, which may have a slight variation from another jig tier. Students can rotate to other tables as time permits to learn different techniques and materials used. The plan is to have each student tie a couple which they can keep if so desired to show their handy work or as a memento. The additional jigs tied will be tied to be used at next year's sales at our booth at the Washington Sportsmen's Show.

In addition, there will be a brief overview of the jig pouring process & materials needed (molds, lead, melting pots, hooks, hook sizes).

We have approximately 18 people currently signed up for the class. **If you are interested in the class and didn't previously signed up, please contact Carl Carver or Don Payne so we can add you to the list.** There will be additional information and details provided in next month's newsletter and an e-mail will be sent out to each person who previously signed up as a reminder.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to tie your own jigs prior to coho, king and pink fishing in the rivers in the August through January timeframe. As many of you know, jig fishing is one of the most effective, popular and growing methods of putting more fish on the bank.

Sign-up, if you haven't already, and join our chapter experts in August and they will teach you the finer skills, methods, materials, and processes of jig tying.

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



SOF Facebook Page



The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 30 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

Tip of the Month – Why use Fluorocarbon?

Submitted by Rob Larsen from www.berkley-fishing.com

Once limited to extreme duty as saltwater leader material, fluorocarbon fishing line has, in recent years, become a popular option for anglers in many situations.

Fluoro's newfound favor is fueled in part by advancements in performance characteristics, which—depending on your personal preferences—can make it the best fishing line for a number of applications.

Benefits of Fluoro

Diameter - Fluorocarbon is approximately the same diameter as nylon monofilament of the same break strength. However, because fluoro is difficult for fish to see, you can upsize pound test for extra strength and abrasion resistance, without spooking line-shy fish.

Low Visibility - One of fluorocarbon's biggest benefits is that it is nearly invisible underwater. This is because it does not appreciably distort light passing through the line and it is a huge factor in clear water and when targeting skittish fish.

Strength - Fluorocarbon's low visibility characteristics allow anglers to use stouter pound test lines in situations such as heavy cover tactics for bass. Fluorocarbon is more abrasion resistant than standard nylon monofilament of the same diameter, and it has quickly become a top choice of the pros when fishing the thickest cover or dragging baits along the bottom. Additionally, while the sun's harsh ultraviolet rays weaken nylon over time, fluorocarbon shrugs off UV rays with no ill-effects.

Sensitivity - Fluoro's tightly packed molecules transmit more energy than mono, which intensifies information from the other end of the line, such as light bites or your lure ticking bottom. Boosting sensitivity also allows fluoro to sink faster than mono, resulting in less slack or bow between the lure and rod tip.

Hooking Power - Lacking the low-end stretch of nylon mono, fluorocarbon delivers more solid hooksets, even at long distances. If you need to drive the hook home at the end of a long cast, this is a key consideration.

Waterproof - Unlike mono and some superlines, fluoro does not absorb water. This means it has the same strength, sensitivity and handling below the surface as it does when dry. It feels and acts the same on your first cast as it does on your last.



Raffle News

June 2017 Raffle News



I hope everyone is having a great start to summer so in celebration of the new season I will be putting up the last of the Fetha Styx 8 ½' Steelhead Rod. This is thw 10-17lb 3/8 to 1 oz. Med.- Hvy. Rod. Should be the perfect fit for summer steelhead.

I'll have some nice fillet knives, a PSA waterproof hat and maybe something special that's been sitting here for a while. Stay tuned. As usual, 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.

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! Thanks for reading!

We still NEED 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'd want to move let me know and I'll go determine what they have and possibly buy it for the club.

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

Hi All, Great News! The SOF Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers wants to let you know about some important updates to our website and to give you a link to our web page where you can Pay your annual dues, purchase jigs, or donate money for any of our projects.

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: 2017 dues for Greg Hindman.**

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

Donate to Save Our Fish

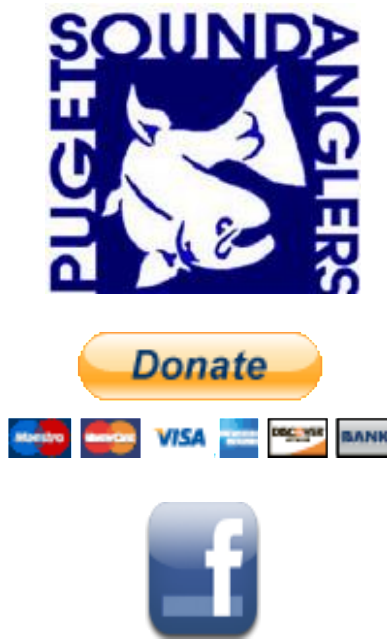
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You can also get to this Donate link via our main web site <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

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:
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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.



Duane Horton with
nice Springer from the Cowlitz

Recipe of the Month

Slow Cooker Shredded Mexican Chicken

Ingredients

- 2 pounds chicken breasts
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ½ cup mild salsa (medium if you like spicy)
- 3-4 tablespoons brown sugar**
- 1 4 oz. can mild diced green chilies
- 1 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 tsp EACH ground cumin, garlic powder, onion powder,
- ½ tsp EACH smoked paprika, dry oregano, pepper
- ½ teaspoon ground chipotle chili pepper (optional for more heat)
- 1 teaspoons liquid smoke
- Hot sauce to taste



Instructions

1. Rub chicken breasts with oil and place in the bottom of your slow cooker. Add all of the remaining ingredients except for the hot sauce. Cook on high for 2-4 hours or on low for 6-7 hours or until chicken is tender enough to shred.
2. Remove chicken to a cutting board, and let rest 5 minutes before shredding (there will be liquid remaining). Return shredded chicken and let cook on low for an additional 20 minutes to absorb some of the liquid/juices. Drain all excess liquid (see note***). Taste and add hot sauce to taste if desired.

Recipe Notes

*Liquid Smoke is found next to the BBQ sauces in any grocery store and adds a wonderfully smokey flavor.

**Use 3 tablespoons brown sugar if using mild salsa and not using ground chipotle chili pepper. Use 4 tablespoons if you are using medium salsa and/or the ground chipotle chili pepper. The brown sugar balances out the heat. I use both medium salsa and the chipotle chili pepper and it has a kick but not overly spicy in my opinion – perfect to be smothered in cheese. I had a comment that the chicken is not spicy at all if you leave out the chipotle pepper – perfect for kids.

***When I drain my excess liquid, I top a large bowl with a strainer and add slow cooker contents, pressing down on chicken to get rid of all of the excess moisture. I then use drained liquid plus additional needed water to cook my rice for AMAZING flavored rice.

***If serving over rice, try stirring in some enchilada sauce after you drain your chicken for some saucy Enchilada Mexican Chicken.

****Chicken freezes beautifully.



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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 if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
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Please check appropriate membership selection above, complete form, and bring to meeting or mail with check to:

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