



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

**Next Chapter Meeting:**

**Wednesday June 26, 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:**

#### **June**

##### **26 – General Club Meeting**

Speaker: Martin Paul, Gibbs Delta

#### **July**

**10 – Board Meeting**

##### **24 – General Club Meeting**

Speaker: James Beasley, Wicked Lures

**26-28 – Sekiu Club Outing**

#### **August**

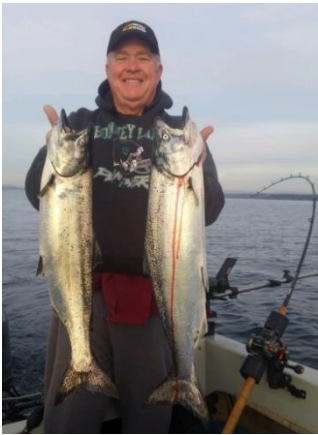
**28 – Steak & Corn Feed**

#### **September**

**21 – Carbon River Cleanup**

**27-28 – Mike Wood Memorial Fall Outing**

## President's Message -- Rob Larsen



Well here we are in June already and really not a lot of salmon fishing to talk about. The Halibut and bottom fish has been good for those fortunate enough to make it out. With all the changes and increased poundage, the season has stretched out nicely. Be sure and thank the Makahs for the addition to the quota if you are in Neah Bay. It looks like we will get an earlier opener in the straits next year. It will be either April 9,11 or the 16,18 which should help Straits angler get more of their quota.

I attended the June State Board meeting and there are many things going on which I will give a brief report at the meeting. I do want to talk a little about a video put out by Patagonia titled Artifishal. Go to YouTube and watch it. Here is the link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC13xZ-f3cQhOHvH6f-7-ssQ> . It is a very

serious attempt by the anti-hatchery folks to turn the general uninformed public against hatchery fish. They show serious issues with net pens and lump all hatchery

fish in as bad. While the net pens have been bad, hatcheries are essential if we want to fish. Please be informed and help fight this negative campaign by the Wild fish folks. The one thing I know is that if we want to continue to fish we cannot sit on the sidelines and watch.

We have a presentation this month on North Sound Chinook and I don't know about you, but as a South Sound guy I always want to learn other areas some. Come learn from our June speaker, Martin Paul, a hard core Chinook fisherman.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Rob Larsen  
SOF PSA President

## June Speaker – Martin Paul

Martin is on Gibbs / Delta Pro staff focused on saltwater Chinook fishing. He fishes the North Sound with his wife, kiddo and friends. He has agreed to come share with us some of what works for him. He will talk about trolling tactics and flashers, spoons and teaser heads. Martin has a passion for salmon fishing and spends 100 days a year on the water. Come and learn new tactics to help improve your catch.



# Algona Youth Fishing Derby Recap

## ‘Reely’ good day of fishin’

- Article from Auburn Reporter: Monday, May 20, 2019



COURTESY PHOTO, city of Algona

The city of Algona hosted its annual Kids Fishing Derby at Matchett Park on a sun-splashed Saturday. Children were treated to games, s’mores, hot chocolate and fishing.

A portable pond was stocked with trout.

City officials extend special thanks to the Puget Sound Anglers, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, sponsors and volunteers for supporting the event.





## Hooked on Fishing – Federal Way Kids Derby recap

A big thank you to all the volunteers this year. We could not do this event without you!! Bob Pornn and Matt Anderson fish cleaning; Rob Larsen for passing out prizes from the dock. Thank you to Rick Reimann for rod repair this year. Thank you to all the Guides who helped the 343 kids catch their fish! Also the net crew that was there Friday to install the net.

Thanks to the City of Federal Way and all of our sponsors that donated prizes.

Thanks to Jimmy John's for doing lunch for us again.





## Sekiu Club Outing – July 26-28

The club will be having an outing at Sekiu July 26th through July 28th. It should still be open for king fishing. We will be putting together a potluck Friday evening. Come enjoy the fun!

Contact Bob Pornn [bob\\_cindy@comcast.net](mailto:bob_cindy@comcast.net) or Earl Betts 253-797-8400 or [earlebetts@msn.com](mailto:earlebetts@msn.com) for information on lodging.

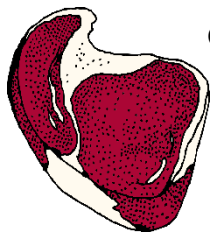
For this Sekiu outing our Secretary Steve Fulkerson has offered up his beach front home for the Potluck Dinner on Friday evening , July 27th. It's just west outside of town 6-8 miles and on the west side of the HoKo River. The address is: 252 Vista Drive, Sekiu, Wa.

360-963-2161 Cabin Phone

Start Time: 5 PM- early for those of you who want to go back out for the evening bite.

We will be having Potluck dinner so bring your own meat for the grill and we will combine other dishes for the potluck variety. I'm looking so forward to this!

## Steak and Corn Feed – August 28<sup>th</sup>



Our annual Steak and Corn Feed will be held August 22nd, 6PM at the Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn (411 E. St. N.E.). 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.



Like last year, we've decided to have a club swap, trade, sale event of 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](mailto:jimhand_1@hotmail.com)

## Washington Sportsmen's Show 2020

As most of you know, we have a SOF Auburn booth at the Washington Sportsmen's Show and we are letting you know to **get the date on your calendar (January 22-26)** as it is a great show. We need volunteers to run the booth, setup and take down.

The O'Loughlin Trade Show folks are great supporters. They provide a booth free of charge for marketing our chapter events and it is also our biggest fundraiser (we sell homemade jigs) which allows us to do kids derbies, the disabled event at American lake, and our chapter outings.



Watch the website for more updated info: <https://www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/>

## 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 a youth, Brodie Cochran, to sponsor again this year. Brodie did an



Conner Williams and  
Brody Cochran attended  
camp last year

outstanding job of representing himself and our chapter at last year's camp. The boys camp is July 21-27 this year and Brodie is excited for the opportunity and we're planning on him giving us a great report out at our August steak and corn feed general meeting.

The Washington State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp on Orcas Island includes hiking & outdoor survival, ecology & marine biology, water safety & canoeing, archery & range safety, wildlife & habitat management, hunter's education, fly tying & fishing, leadership skills, first aid & CPR, and marksmanship. Details about the camp are available at [www.washingtonconservationcamps.org](http://www.washingtonconservationcamps.org).



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 that he so enjoyed helped to fish.

## Tip of the Month – Crab Bait: Appeal to Their Sense of Smell

Author: <https://swimbaitzone.com/best-bait-for-crabbing/>

Their sense of smell as mentioned earlier is tremendous. Using their sense of smell to your advantage can wind up with a cage full of crabs!

While it does stand to reason, that old stinky fish will do the trick you can actually overdo it. Crabs are scavengers but they are not stupid.

Their excellent sense of smell will also keep them from eating something that is “too” old. Their sense of smell will help them to determine whether food is fresh or not so the smellier the better is not necessarily a good rule to follow.

They prefer fresher bait than older bait to catch crabs. In other words, day or two old may be too old. They may actually prefer something from less than a day ago.

**A good rule of thumb is smelly is good, rancid is bad.**



## Razor Clams and Chicken Necks

It is no surprise that razor clams are a favorite of crabs, but it can be a surprise that chicken necks are a favorite. Who would think that crabs love chicken necks? Chickens are not exactly sea creatures so there is no way that crabs could naturally develop a love for chicken necks, gizzards, and other chicken parts.

No one knows for sure why they are a favorite but according to the number of catches that are made with chicken necks and other chicken parts crabs are very fond of these delightful delicacies. They are not very appreciative of thighs and breasts but they do love the liver, lungs, and necks.

Razor clams are also a favorite but they are a natural favorite. They are a staple in most crabs' diets.

Many people that have experience crabbing think that the chicken parts get more attention because the crabs are not immune to them. The chicken parts obviously are not found in the wild so the crabs seem to be more attracted to them. Even crabs that have finished off a hardy meal can be enticed by chicken parts.

Using razor clams, of course, is a good option but if you are crabbing in an area that is rich in clams the crabs will be less interested in the clams.

## **Fresh or Day Old**

Crabs seem to prefer fresh chicken necks, the juicer the better. The fresher the better. Keeping the chicken necks stored in a cool dry place will keep them fresher longer. They also seem to prefer their razor clams fresher as well.

## **Overall**

Crabs are known to eat just about anything they come across in the wild but if you can provide them with something that really perks up their interest, and I'm talking about what is the best bait for crabs, you'll have a lot more luck in luring a few into the trap.

**According to the experts, the best bait for blue crabs and others is chicken necks and razor clams but you can also use:**

- Squid pieces
- Fish heads
- Fish parts
- Other poultry gizzards

Of course, the type of success you have lies largely on the season that you are crabbing in, the region you are crabbing in and the type of bait that the crabs like in that season and that region.

Crabbing is a great way to catch an easy meal and it is also a fun way to spend time with your family.

**Using the best bait for crabs will help ensure your success.**

## **Lake Washington Sockeye Revival**

Earlier this year in April there was a CRC public meeting about saving the Cedar River sockeye run. There was a great public turnout for the meeting, including Frank Urabeck and others from our SOF PSA Auburn club. Please see the article below from Andy Walgamott in the June issue of Northwest Sportsman magazine.

# Support For Lake Washington Sockeye Revival Evaluation



**W**ith a midspring show of hands, anglers and others asked a longtime Lake Washington sockeye advocate to request the state Department of Fish and Wildlife look into what it would take to recover the salmon stock and restore the fabled metro fishery.

It's a long-shot proposition what with seemingly all factors lined up against the fish and salmon priorities now more focused on orcas, and two of the people who'd gathered at the Renton Red Lion that late April Tuesday evening supported just throwing in the towel instead.

But nobody was in favor of the status quo, which is modeled to lead to the extinction of the run in 40 years time – perhaps as few as 30 if 2019's lowest-ever forecast of just 15,153 back to the Ballard Locks is any indication.

"The reality is, it's going to be very, very, very tough to get all the players to do something," acknowledged Frank Urabeck before calling for the vote from the 40 or so members of the public and 10 members of the Cedar River Council.

Not everyone held up a hand for any option, but Urabeck's plan is to approach WDFW Director Kelly Susewind and ask that the agency conduct a feasibility assessment on what can be done and how much it would cost to bring sockeye back to fishable numbers.

Urabeck said it would likely require "a

massive effort, a huge amount of money." But even as predation on smolts in the lake grows and more and more adult sockeye are dying between the Ballard Locks and the Cedar River, there are still some glimmers of hope.

**THE MEETING FOLLOWED** on a similar one last year but which did not include Seattle Public Utilities. This time, SPU was at the table in the form of watershed manager Amy LaBarge. She gave a presentation about the utility's dam on the Cedar River and its mitigation hatchery, completed in 2012 with a capacity of 34 million sockeye eggs. Due to low returns, 18 million is the most that have ever been collected.

And since that 2018 gathering, Urabeck indicated that there had been talks going on behind the scenes too.

"I can't say if I'm optimistic, but there has been dialogue," he said near the end of the two-hour meeting.

Other players in the issue include the Muckleshoot Tribe and WDFW, which operates the sockeye facility for SPU.

Brody Antipa, the state agency's regional hatchery manager, was in house and he talked about how he began his career as the guy who "lived in a trailer down by the river" at the old temporary hatchery on the Cedar. It was opened in the early 1990s over concerns that the run at the time was faltering.

The system produced reliably high returns of as many as 400,000 spawners into the river in the 1960s and 1970s, at the end of the era when Lake Washington was thick with blue-green algae that hid the salmon smolts from predators.

But following cleanup efforts, water clarity went from as little as 30 inches in 1964 to 10 feet in 1968 to up to 25 feet in 1990, according to WDFW district fisheries biologist Aaron Bosworth.

Native cutthroat trout and northern pikeminnow primarily but also nonnative bass, yellow perch and other species suddenly had the advantage over the young sockeye.

The years of 400,000 reds on the redds were over just as anglers had figured out how to reliably catch sockeye in the lake with just a plain old red hook.

In the 1990s, Antipa said that testing at the hatchery determined that feeding the young sockeye extra before turning them loose to rear in the lake a year to 14 months was helpful.

By the early 2000s, fisheries went from once every four years to once every other year – 2002, 2004, 2006.

But since then there's been nothing but a string of increasingly bad years, with last fall seeing just 7,476 of the 32,103 sockeye that went through the locks reaching the Cedar, despite no directed fisheries and only a small biological sampling program operating at Ballard.

The rest died from prespawn mortality, or PSM, caused by fish diseases that may have become more deadly and prevalent due to warmer water in the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

**DURING THE MEETING**, the audience and Cedar River Council members focused on tweaking the hatchery operations – whether Baker and Fraser Rivers sockeye could be used to reach full eggtake capacity; if the facility was able to hold the fry longer for a feeding and later-release programs that show promise; and if it could be used to just raise coho and Chinook instead.

The short-term answer to all that was

"no" – the current management plan that the hatchery operates under doesn't allow it. So, asked a member of the council, how do we change that plan?

LaBarge, the SPU staffer, said that would need to go through stakeholders to get buy-in. "The conversation is starting about that."

Another issue is all the predators in Lake Washington. Antipa said that where once just getting 40 million fry into the lake all but guaranteed a fishery a few years later, the 70 million that swam out of the Cedar in 2012 didn't result in anything.

Partly that's due to the circular feedback of PSM issues affecting how many eggs are available at the hatchery and in the gravel, but rock bass have joined the suite of piscivores, along with walleye and at least one northern pike. A bill Gov. Jay Inslee signed this spring requires WDFW to drop daily and size limits on largemouth and smallmouth in Lake Washington, along with all other waters used by sea-going salmonids in the state. Realistically that won't do diddly to bass populations, but gillnetting efforts the Muckleshoots have begun more seriously next door in Lake Sammamish might.

**BEFORE THE VOTE**, Max Prinsen, the council chair, recalled how in 1979 he came north from California at a time when bald eagles and condors were "gone" in the Golden State.

"But with changes we made as a society we brought those species back," he noted.

After the show of hands – Prinsen was in favor – he spoke again:

"These fish aren't just important as a fishery, but as a part of Northwest life," he said. "I think it's important to conserve this resource. It's great to see this much interest." –AW

## Raffle News

### June 2019 Raffle News

I hope everyone is off to a good summer start and are beginning to catch those returning salmon! Since Crab season is shortly upon us, I will have a fully outfitted pot. I only request the winner bring one to me after its successful first soak. I will also have a mystery fishing rod, a Penn reel, some more knives, including a nice fillet knife and some salmon fishing gear. As usual, the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a great assortment of styles and brands.



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. Last month I pulled at least 5 names including one who left early before getting the winner. Don't miss your name being drawn! Thanks for reading!

We need more Donations for use in our raffles! We accept any donations from our members and in return will give you an appropriate number of raffle tickets. Let me know you saw this and I'll give you something special. Early bird gets the worm. 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! ☺  
Greg Hindman

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



## Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 36 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.



## Please be courteous during the meeting

Take your conversations outside the meeting room or hold them until the break so that others can hear whoever is speaking.

Thank you!

## Membership – New and Renewals

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](mailto:rwgav8@hotmail.com).

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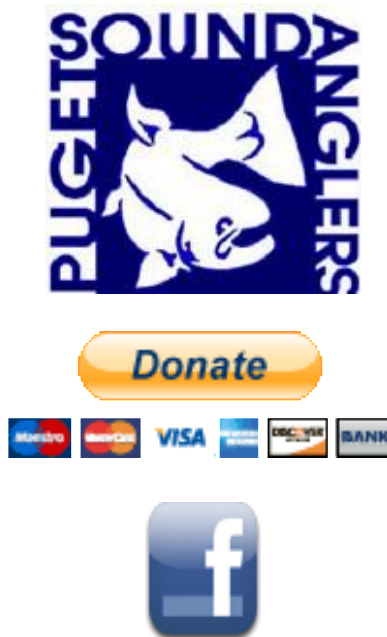
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You can also get to this Donate link via our main web site <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

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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.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting. \$10



## SOF PSA Vests for sale

If you would like to purchase a vest with our Puget Sound Anglers logo on it, please see Kathy Carnino to order.

Prices range from \$60 to \$70.



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

Fishing with Todd Gertz  
in Neah Bay



The Carver Boys  
with Dad Doug

## Recipe of the Month

# Crock Pot Slow Cooker Crack Chicken

Recipe by: Maya Krampf from WholesomeYum.com

### Ingredients

- 2 lb Chicken breast
- 2 tbsp Dried parsley
- 1 tbsp Dried dill
- 1 tbsp Dried chives
- 1 tsp Garlic powder
- 1 tsp Onion powder
- 1/2 tsp Black pepper
- 16 oz Plain cream cheese (cut into pieces)
- 1 cup Cheddar cheese (shredded)
- 1/2 cup Bacon bits (cooked)
- 1/3 cup Green onions (chopped)

### Instructions

1. Place the chicken breasts into the slow cooker in a single layer.
2. Sprinkle the chicken with all the herbs and spices.
3. Arrange the pieces of cream cheese evenly over the chicken.
4. Cook the chicken for 3-4 hours on high or 6-8 hours on low, until the chicken is easy to shred.
5. Shred the chicken and stir to mix with the cream cheese.
6. Stir in the shredded cheddar, bacon bits, and green onions.



Maya Krampf for WholesomeYum.com



## Save Our Fish Chapter

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### 2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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