

Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

~~Wednesday March 25, 2020 — 6:00pm~~

CANCELLED

**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:

March

~~25 — General Club Meeting~~

~~Speaker: Ron Garner, PSA President~~

May

~~2 — Auburn Kids Derby~~

13 – Board Meeting

16 – Algona Kids Derby (?)

27 – General Club Meeting (?)

Speaker: Eric Winther, Pikeminnow

April

8 – Board Meeting

~~18 — Disabled Sportsman Derby~~

~~22 — General Club Meeting~~

June

6 – Steel Lake Kids Derby

10 – Board Meeting

24 – General Club Meeting



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

Well here we are in March. I was looking forward to hearing Ron Garner come and talk to us about halibut fishing in the straits and shrimping. Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 virus we will not be able to meet this month and more than likely next as well. Be very careful and take care of yourselves and your families.

We had a great turnout up at Flaming Geyser Park for the imprint pond cleanup especially with such short notice. I really appreciate the help from those that showed up as we cleaned out the lower pond. Stay tuned for more information on what we're going to do there. We decided at our board meeting that we're going to cancel the Disabled Sportsman Derby this year because of Covid-19 virus. Sorry for all the bad news.

I am very worried about what passed on the Columbia River. For those that didn't know, there was a provision for an oversight committee along with the net buyback plan. We had a discussion at the board meeting and I got authorization and wrote a letter to the governor's aid to try to get the sections that talked about the advisory committee stricken from the proviso. We'll see what happens there. I am including a copy of the letter I sent. It explains my thoughts and concerns. I used much of the letter from Dave Croonquist with a few of my own thoughts. Dave is a well-respected and very knowledgeable sportfishing activist, a member of CCA and PSA state secretary so I want to give him credit for his work. Hopefully we will be successful in getting the sections dealing an advisory group removed. I guess we will see.

I don't know when we will meet again but between now and then take care of yourselves.

Tight lines --
Rob Larsen
SOF PSA President

Letter to Governor Inslee:

Governor Inslee,

I am requesting that (27) found on pages 339 and 340 of Section 307 of ESSB 6168 be stricken under your line item veto authority.

(27) The appropriations in this section include sufficient funding for the department to convene an independent science review council to advise the co-managers on critical anadromous fish management decisions. The nine-member council shall include two members chosen by the tribal community, two members chosen by the department, one member from the United States fish and wildlife service, one member from the national oceanic and atmospheric administration, and three members chosen by the Washington academy of sciences. The Washington academy of sciences shall have final review of nominees to confirm their subject matter expertise.

My concern is that (27) mandates a new, independent group to provide oversight of anadromous fish management for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Their authority would impinge on or override the legislatively mandated responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Commission to supervise WDFW management programs. Additionally, such an action circumvents your authority in appointing WDFW Commissioners who are to represent the citizens of Washington stated in the Revised Code of Washington.

The unspecified amount of money over the years to come would be better utilized maintaining our hatcheries and producing fish for our state and tribal fisheries and the needs of the three pods of the Southern Resident Killer Whale population. I don't see an independent science review group adding any value when we are already paying WDFW to do the same thing. In fact I am concerned it may stifle progress that been made by groups such as the Orca task force you put together.

The co-managers have been working together to develop the Hatchery Genetic Management Plans that have set the guidelines for salmon management by river basin. These plans have been approved by NOAA and are subject to periodic review through NOAA. There are plenty of highly educated personal that are working these issues without paying another group.

The co-managers don't need an independent group over-seeing their shared responsibility to manage Washington salmon stocks. The tribes, the state, and the Federal agencies can and have been working together on salmon management issues and have the expertise to make the decisions necessary. If they want to go outside for a review, they have the capability of doing so.

The Commission has been involved in the review of the HSRG and the Commission Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy since June of 2018. The process has been going on for months and won't be finished until the fall of 2020.

I feel it is best to let the Commission finish their review and make a determination as to whether they want to initiate another review group going forward. They might do so or they might not, but they are/should be the deciding body that is representing the various groups that utilize our state's precious fish and wildlife resources. A statutorily established independent group is not in the best interests of the resources and circumvents the authority of the Commission to manage our fish and wildlife.

Again, I respectfully request that (27) be removed from section 307 of ESSB 6168 so that decision making authority stays where it belongs, in the hands of your appointed Fish and Wildlife Commissioners and not an independent group.

Thank you.

Rob Larsen, President

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CCA Banquet – Postponed

As many of you know by now, we postponed the CCA SeaTac Banquet scheduled for March 14th due to the Coronavirus outbreak. We have rescheduled the banquet for September 17, 2020.

September is a busy fishing/hunting month for many of you. We thought scheduling the banquet on a Thursday evening might allow more folks to attend, leaving the weekend open for fishing/hunting. As we all know there is no perfect date for everyone.



For those of you who had already purchased tickets, all options are on the table for you. A couple of ideas:

1. Refund. 2 Applying your ticket purchase towards the September banquet. 3. Refund minus your \$35.00 yearly membership. Contact me and let me know how you would like it to be handled.

Thanks to all and your support for CCA.

Earl Betts

Banquet Chair

Northern Pikeminnow Club Fundraising Outing August 21-22

You can help save salmon and get paid to do it by going fishing! The Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery Program, funded by the Bonneville Power Administration, is

in effect annually on the Columbia and Snake rivers from May 1st through September 30th. Anglers are paid for each Northern Pikeminnow that they catch that is 9" or larger total length, and the more you catch, the higher the reward. Rewards begin at \$5 for the first 25 Northern Pikeminnow caught during the season. Anglers are paid \$6 for each fish from #26-200, and \$8 for every fish caught over 200. Anglers are paid \$500 for specially tagged Northern Pikeminnow! Cathlamet was the top location for the most Northern Pikeminnow caught in 2018 and 2019.



Since our club is named SOF (Save Our Fish), it only makes sense to help save salmon. The money you get paid for the fish can be donated to the club to help pay for the many projects and derbies we do throughout the year. Our club outing is planned for August 21-22 with a potluck on Saturday. We have the picnic area at the Elochoman Slough Marina reserved for the day. If you want to come on Friday and spend the night, there are a

variety of lodging choices – RV, dry camping, yurts, and cabins. There is also lodging at the Hotel Cathlamet in beautiful downtown Cathlamet. The daily boat launch fee is \$10.

See the fee schedule below. It is advisable to make your reservations as soon as you decide to attend the outing since Cathlamet is a busy place in the summertime! You can make reservations online at www.cathlametmarina.org or call the office at 360-795-3501.

As a special bonus Eric Winther, director for the program, will be our speaker at the May meeting. For more program information: www.pikeminnow.org/

If you have any questions, call Shane Conrad (landline) 360-849-4652

ELOCHOMAN MARINA RATES		
Rv, Dry Camping, Cabins, Yurt and Moorage		
2020		
RV Hook-ups	Per night	\$32.00 **
in season	Per week	\$210.00 **
	March-Nov	
Seasonal Monthly RV		\$410.00*
Rate Not Available In March-April-July-August		
DIKE-STORAGE-BBQ		
Dry Camping	Daily	\$25.00 **
	Weekly	\$130.00 **
WESLEY-RIVERVIEW		
Dry Camping	Daily	\$18.00 **
	Weekly	\$110.00 **
* Price includes Leasthold Tax 12.84%		
** Price includes Hotel Tax 9.6%		
Dry Camp	Additional Tent	\$5.00
Dry Camp	Additional Parking	\$5.00
RV Dump		\$8.00
CABINS		
ONE NIGHT	Small	\$85.00 *
	Small	\$90.00 *
	Large	\$100.00 *
ONE NIGHT	Large	\$105.00 *
Yurts		\$45.00 *
NO PET OR SMOKING IN CABINS		
\$100.00 FEE WILL BE CHARGED		
Weekly Cabin & Yurt 6 for the price of 5 nights		
Weekly Cabin & Yurt 7 for the price of 6 nights		
* Prices do not include Hotel Tax		
TRANSIENT MOORAGE RATES		
0-19'		\$12.00
20-29'		\$14.00
30-39'		\$16.00
40'+		\$18.00
Monthly Transient Rates		
20"		\$140.00 *
21'+		\$150.00 *
31'+		\$170.00 *
Daily Electric Fee		\$8.00
Launch Fee		\$10.00
Annual Launch Permit		\$70.00
* Price includes Leasthold Tax 12.84%		
Cancellation fee/non refundable		\$30.00
Website: cathlametmarina.org		
360.795.3501	360.200.3500	

Brice Ponds Update – Flaming Geyser State Park

As most of you already know, we will not be having any fish in the ponds this year due to the flood event in February and the continued instability of upper Cristy Creek. We had a small work party on February 29th and were able to get the lower pond cleaned out and made quite a bit of progress on the upper pond. Based on the amount of work left to do, the State Parks people decided that the best course of action would be to hire a vacuum truck or rent a vacuum pump to remove the remainder of the debris in the upper pond. They are also

working on getting permits to allow for needed work to be done in the creek. We will continue to stay in contact with them for status updates and offer our assistance in needed.



Flaming Geyser cleanup.3gp

Click this movie icon to see these hard workers in action!



Tip of the Month – Boating Safety and Washington State Regulations

from Earl Betts

It's that time of the year where many of us are thinking about getting the boat out on the water and putting a few fish in the cooler. I know everyone is familiar with boating safety and regulations, but here are a few reminders.

- A) Check the boat trailer, wheel bearings, tires, spare tire, running lights, turn signals, winch and license tabs.
- B) Make sure your vessel registration certificate is on board.
- C) Registration Decal Numbers displayed properly on your vessel.
- D) Plenty of fuel for your outing.
- E) On board items-- Life Vest. PFD. One for each person on board. USCG approved. Type I, II, III, IV.
Throwable PFD. -- Fire Extinguisher -- First Aid Kit
Rope -- Bucket -- Flash light -- Sound device (Horn)
Distress signal (flares- check expiration date)
Cell phone -- (Salt water, VHF Radio)
- F) If applicable check your Navigation Lights and Bilge Pump are working properly.
- G) If applicable make sure you have a hand crank starter rope on board to start your outboard engine if your battery went dead.

Last but not least make sure you wear your life vest !!!



Raffle News

March 2020 Raffle News

Hi everybody! I hope you and all your families are safe, sound and healthy. I know things are a little crazy right now with the Virus scare so my prayers go out to everyone to stay safe and healthy. I think that getting out and fishing is a safe activity and will help to keep you from getting cabin fever.



Sorry! Since there will be no raffle this month, we will resume at the next meeting.

Contact me with any raffle related questions at GregHindman@Comcast.Net

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 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.

Click here to pay: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIzb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlq4MR0

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

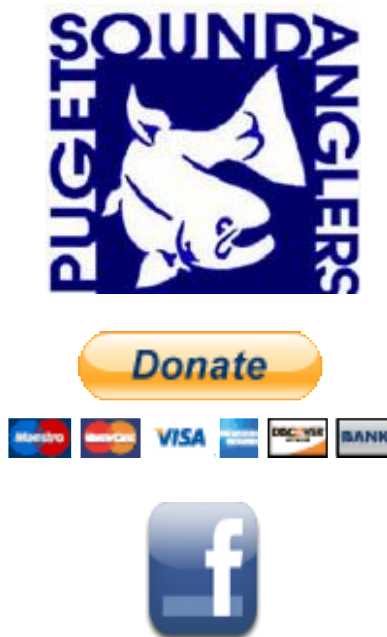
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USD

 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:

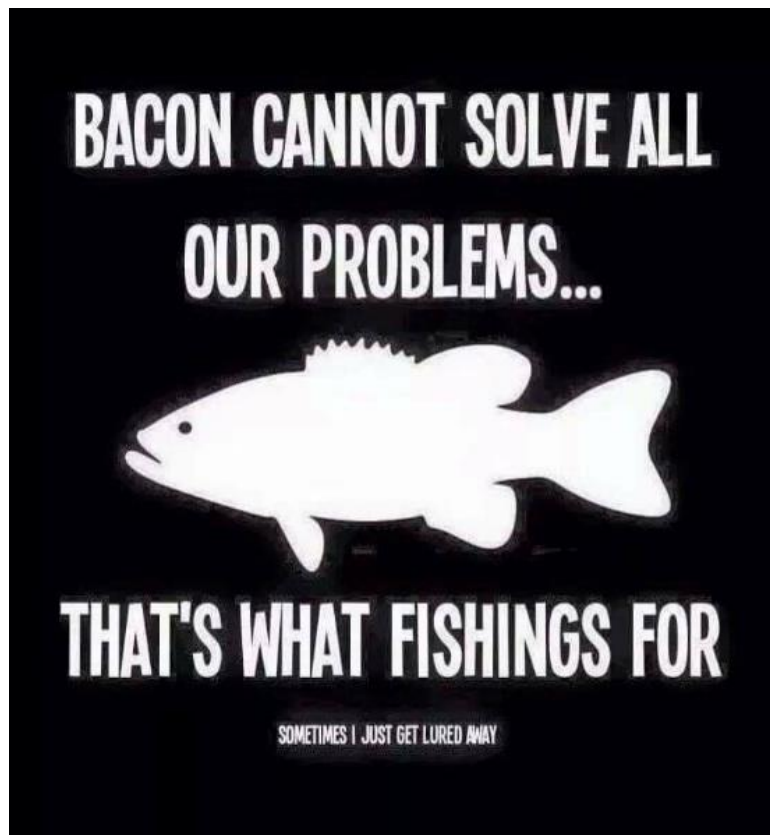


The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

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



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

Daiwa Saltiga 300 - salt water salmon reel- \$250

Okuma Cold Water low profile line counter - salt water salmon reel- \$75

Edge spinning rod STR 1405-2 - 14'0" - 8-17 lbs- big river, surf, jetty spinning rod- \$250

Edge salmon rod SMR 905-2 10-30 lb medium heavy 9'0" salt water rod- \$250

Shimano Sustain 300. original box with 2 spools- \$160

All items in excellent condition. Contact phone #206-819-9839

Duane Horton

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



[Silver Horde](#) – Raffle donations



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



[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.



Hal Boynton in Mexico with
Toro and Mahi Mahi



Russ Carver with Queets River
steelhead 12 pounder,
brother Steve with net and
Lael Johnson guide



Carl Carver with Queets River
fish 15 pounder
and guide Lael Johnson



Rob Larsen
on the Cowlitz



Razor Clams
at Copalis

Recipe of the Month

Baked Parmesan Tomatoes

- *Author:* Emily @ Zen & Spice <http://zenandspice.com/baked-parmesan-tomatoes/>
- *Yield:* 12

INGREDIENTS

- 2–3 large beefsteak tomatoes
- 1 cup shaved parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbsp dried basil
- 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- 2 Tbsp fresh Italian parsley, roughly chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Slice the tomatoes into 1/4" slices and arrange on the baking sheet.
3. Top each slice with enough parmesan to cover the top, as well as a sprinkling of basil and oregano.
4. Bake for 10 minutes, until the cheese is melted and bubbly.
5. Top with the fresh chopped Italian parsley.
6. Serve immediately!

NOTES

- Tastes great with fish, shrimp, or beef dishes as a side dish!



QUICK TIPS FOR YOUR BAKED PARMESAN TOMATOES

- Make sure you pick out ripe tomatoes at the market! You can tell if they are ripe if they have a slight give when you squeeze them.
- Quality parmesan makes a huge difference, see if you can find parmesan that is still in a block. It's usually higher quality than the pre-grated stuff, and you can use a grater to shave it down.



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2020 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 2020 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2020 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid after February 1, 2020 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
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