

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

#### **Next Chapter Meeting:**

Wednesday October 25, 2017 - 6:00pm

Round Table Pizza 4002 A Street SE Auburn, WA

Be sure to check out our website: <a href="http://www.saveourfish.org/">http://www.saveourfish.org/</a>
For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:

http://saveourfish.org/board Newsletter editor: Dayle Conrad

#### **Up and Coming Activities:**

**October** 

25 – General Club Meeting

Speakers: Doug Williams and Team

27-28 – Mike Wood Memorial Outing

November

8 – Board Meeting

15 – General Club Meeting

(one week earlier due to Thanksgiving)

#### <u>December</u> 2 – Christmas Banquet



#### President's Message -- Carl Carver

Thanks to member Mark Gavin for giving such an informative presentation again this year on Lake Washington Salmon and cutthroat fishing at our September general meeting. Presentations given each month like Mark's and the one this month about our coastal fisheries, and others given by experienced fishing experts provide valuable information that will help you catch more fish for sure. You get the "where to fish, what to fish with, how to fish and when to fish" details that will put more fish in your freezer. We also have fishing reports from our members and guests at the beginning of our general meetings which is also extremely beneficial with catching more fish. These reports can be quite entertaining at times as fishermen/women stretch the truth at times if you know what I mean  $\bigcirc$ 

You will see within the newsletter we have our election of officers for 2018 in November as well as selection of an outstanding member for our Founder's Award.

We are winding down a very successful year with many accomplishments and many good times enjoyed as a chapter. The Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter members have spent many hours on projects and activities to benefit our community, our members, and our fisheries again this year.

Thanks for many jobs/activities well done by the officers, board of directors, activity chairs, project chairs and supporting members.

Our annual Christmas Banquet is coming up December 2nd (see details in the newsletter) and if you haven't gotten this date on your calendar you need to. We recap the year's accomplishments, do some recognitions, enjoy a great meal/drinks together, see some fun pictures of the years catches by members and much, much more. It's always a lot of fun and a great time, so take some time out of your busy schedule and join us this year. You won't be disappointed!

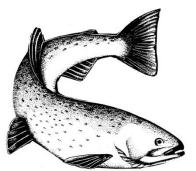
We (the officers & board of directors) hope to see you and talk with you at our upcoming meeting(s). You will have a fun time and the meetings are always informative/entertaining.

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 issues by weighing in and supporting when called upon. I am looking forward to working with all of you to continue the hard work/efforts underway to have fisheries that meet or exceed our needs now and into the future.

Sincerely, Carl Carver

# October Speakers – Doug Williams & Supporting Cast of SOF Member Experts (Rob Larsen & Duane Horton) – Coastal River Salmon/Steelhead fishing

This month's presentation will focus on coastal river fishing prior to our chapter's fall outing Friday, October



27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, near the coast. There will be in-depth information presented: Directions to the outing, lodging accommodations, locations to bank fish and drift boat fishing the Humptulips, Satsop, Wynoochee rivers for coho and chinook salmon. Basic techniques of drift fishing, float fishing, jig fishing and spinner fishing will be covered by our chapter experts who have fished these rivers successfully for many years. This is a great outing to join in with fellow chapter members for some fun, relaxation and enjoy what can be some awesome fishing this time of year. With these rains, the rivers are rising and the fish are coming in big numbers. Bring your family, friends & neighbors to the meeting and take advantage of this once a year gold mine of information!

#### Mike Wood Memorial Fall Fishing Outing

This year's Mike Wood Memorial Fall Fishing Outing will take place on Friday October 27th and Saturday October 28th at Darrell Wood's house in Wishkah. The Friday night potluck will take place in the main house around 8pm, so bring your favorite dish to share. Darrell is asking that we stay at the detached guest house where there is only one bed, so bring any cots or mattresses you may need to get some sleep before getting up and pursuing fish on your preferred stream. Hopefully, enough guys can get out and fish on Friday to provide ample reports for the Saturday crew. Popular rivers in the area include the Humptulips, Chehalis, Satsop, Wynoochie, Wishkah, Copalis, Queets and Clearwater Rivers. Be sure to attend the general meeting on Wednesday October 25th to pick up tips from chapter members Rob Larson, Duane Horton, and Doug Williams.

The address to the Wishkah house is: 46 W. Wishkah Rd. Wishkah, Wa. Phone service at the house is spotty or non-existent. If we get a storm in, which renders the rivers unfishable, call Doug (253-709-6907), Carl (253-315-2185) or Rob (253-230-2839). If you have a boat and have room to take someone, think about inviting someone with which you've never fished. If you're banking it and know a good spot, invite someone along. Hopefully, everyone will have a good chance at getting into some fish. Be sure to get some pictures of your day on the water and send them to Dayle Conrad to include in the November newsletter.

Thank you, Doug Williams



#### **Carbon River Clean Up - Recap**

Steve Bagley, the Carbon River Cleanup Project Leader, did a great job of organizing the event. There was coffee, donuts, and all the tools, bags, etc; that were needed for the volunteers. He made river assignments and all were off to pick up trash on the way to the river, along the trails, and along the river banks. The cleanup was a huge success as several bags of trash were collected and there were lots of thank you's from the community as they passed the volunteers on the trail. Several of the crew met at Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant for lunch after the cleanup where we swapped stories on our findings, current events and even some fish stories. Thank You Steve Bagley for your leadership again this year.



Club members (pictured left) Earl Betts, Carl Carver, Steve Bagley, Bob Holzberger helped to accomplish the cleanup of the Carbon River. Other helpers not pictured: Barney Cadena, Frank Urabeck, Nancy Bagley, Russ Carver



Russ and Carl Carver with some of the trash collected.



#### **Election of Officers for 2018 & Board of Director Openings**

We will be electing our officers for 2018 at our November 15th meeting (which is a week early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday). If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer this is your opportunity. We need, and are open to, new officers as many of us have been in these offices for several years. We have an excellent board of directors and there is considerable experience, knowledge, and support to help new officers transition if elected. Contact one of the board members and discuss and put your name up for nomination prior to or at the November general meeting.

Being a board member is a great way to prepare for one of the offices as well. The board of directors has openings as well for those who would like to oversee the business of our chapter. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Auburn Round Table Pizza from 6-8pm. Some of the business we conduct is review minutes from previous meeting, membership status, financial status, monthly speakers, raffle status, Newsletter, Website, Events, Outings, Projects, Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) status, and new business. Members are welcome any time to sit in on a board meeting to meet our board, to see how we operate, to provide input, and/or to discuss joining the board.

#### **Founders Award**

The board of directors established the Founders Award to recognize the member that has gone above and beyond the "call to help with the club". The first annual award was given to the founding fathers of the Save Our Fish (SOF) Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers. The board of directors will begin accepting nominations for this year's award at the October general meeting. There will be ballots and a secure ballot box at the meeting. See Norm Moberg for ballot box and any questions. If, for some reason, a member is not able to vote by ballot at the October meeting they may send a nomination to Carl Carver by email (crciec@msn.com) up to the day before the November 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. It will be placed in the ballot box. The winning member will be chosen by the board of directors.

#### Criteria for nomination of a member:

- Participation in chapter activities
- Hard work for the chapter
- Support of fellow members
- Goes above and beyond what is expected
- Takes initiative to further chapter goals/objectives



The nomination must have a brief explanation of why the member is being nominated, as the board of directors must have an understanding of why this member is being considered for this award. There will be space on the ballot for this explanation.

<u>This process will not be by voice vote on the floor. A ballot must be presented to the board.</u> The board will make the decision at the November board meeting and present the award at the December 2nd meeting, which will also be the, Christmas dinner party.

### **Christmas Banquet – December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This year's Chapter Christmas Party Banquet will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kent Senior Activity Center (same place as last year). Doug Williams is our party chairman and will bring signup sheets and discuss this event at our October and November meetings. Sign-up will be for attendance, potluck dish and other various duties. Our chapter will provide the turkey (prepared by Rob Larsen), water, coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer.

We need you to <u>send fishing pictures</u> to Rich Gregory, <u>sof.psa@hotmail.com</u> as soon as possible so he can get an early start on putting the slide show together.



We will have a <u>silent auction</u> again this year, which helps generate funds for the chapter. Donations of items other than fishing gear are encouraged to keep our non-fishing family members interested. We will have a <u>Smoked Salmon contest</u> again this year. Bring your favorite recipe for the taste test. Everyone will have an opportunity to vote on the best tasting smoked fish and a prize will be awarded by the chapter. The prize is yet to be chosen but a fillet knife has been suggested since it has been given out to past winners. We are also asking everyone to <u>bring a special lure</u> to hang on the "Lure Tree" which will be displayed in the hall. You will receive a ticket and there will be a drawing for the tree winner. Bring a lure worth approximately \$5 to make it a special gift. We will also have an <u>awards ceremony</u> to present the 2017 Founders Award and Presidents awards as well as introducing your 2017/2018 board of directors, 2017 outgoing officers and 2018 incoming officers.

We had a great turnout last year and it was a special time of celebration with our chapter members and their families. It is truly the highlight event of the year full of fun, joy, fellowship, and fantastic food. Come join in and enjoy this year end event.



#### **Photos Needed for Christmas Banquet**

Now is the time to start gathering your photos for the Christmas Banquet Slideshow. Please send your photos to the club email address sof.psa@hotmail.com.

#### **Tip of the Month - Check Current River Levels**

Many of us know how to check the current river levels at USGS website http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/current?type=flow.

But have you ever wondered how the upcoming rain in the weather forecast might impact the stream you are planning to fish? The Northwest River Forecast Center has a website (<a href="http://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/rfc/">http://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/rfc/</a>) to inform you of the expected conditions. Not every river and stream has a forecast, but you can use a forecast from a nearby river to get an idea of how the river you plan to fish might be affected.

### **Voight's Creek Hatchery Salmon Spawning Support**

Members Russ Carver, Dennis Harman, and Carl Carver supported this day in Orting. Russ Carver, Earl Betts and Bob Pornn supported the salmon spawning the previous week. In addition, Russ Carver helped with the tossing of carcasses in the upper Puyallup River which help seed the river with nutrients. Thanks to all who supported this effort which is one of the many that our chapter supports to Save Our Fish for tomorrow and the years to come.

















#### **CCA News**

A founding Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter member, Frank Urabeck, has been leading the charge for Puget Sound Anglers working with the Washington Department of Fisheries and CCA to address fisheries imbalances at Baker Lake where the sportsmen/women of Washington are getting shorted annually. The picture below in the CCA Connect September 2017 article features Frank's grandson Alec holding a couple of Baker Lake Sockeye he caught this year. Alec has helped the Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter at the Steel Lake Kids Trout Derby and with the Brice Ponds smolt feeding and cleanup over the years. It's great to see our youth like Alec getting involved, helping out where needed, and giving back to ensure our fisheries are there for us, him, and those who follow in the future. Thanks Frank and Grandson Alec for giving back. It's truly appreciated!

Article from CCA Connect September 2017:

#### **Baker Lake Sockeye Harvest Imbalances Cause Concern**



Home to one of the most popular fisheries in the Puget Sound region, Baker Lake has become a bright light in an area of dwindling fishing opportunity. Despite the popularity of the fishery, the management of Baker Lake sockeye salmon has become rather controversial. The 2017 season has provided an example of extreme harvest

imbalance along with harvest practices based on run forecasts and not actual in-season return data.

CCA Washington, lead by the exemplary members of the North Sound chapter, sent a white paper to WDFW detailing the conservation and management concerns at Baker Lake. Chief among those concerns was the data showing nearly half of the sockeye run being harvested by treaty fishers prior to reaching Baker Lake. The remaining half of the return was split between natural escapement, hatchery requirements and non-tribal harvest. CCA has promoted a conservation buffer for the fishery, mid-season fisheries adjustments to meet actual run abundance, and increased catch sharing and transparency. It is hoped that with improved conservation measures being implemented, the lake will become a shining example of how our fisheries can be more effectively co-managed.

#### **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 <u>Facebook page</u> is a Public Group currently with <u>30</u> members. If you are on Facebook and haven't requested to join the group, now is your chance. <u>Let's see how many members we can get this year!</u> 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**

#### October 2017 Raffle News

As all of you are fully aware, we are in the middle of a great fall season of salmon runs and hunting fun! So, for me I will unfortunately will be absent for our general meeting recharging my batteries in Big Sky country seeking out a big muley,



whitetail or a few pheasant for the winter table. This month's raffle will have a little different rod than we have seen in a while. It's an 8'6" Abu Garcia Casting rod in a 12-25 lb., heavy action frame. The rest will be a surprise for all as your guest raffle fill-in will be Norm Moberg. He has a full assortment of prizes so make sure

he treats you all right. As usual, we will have a member only drawing for 10 raffle tickets, don't miss your name being drawn! 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 all in November!

We 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: <a href="https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FlZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX">https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FlZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX</a> 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: 2017 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.

#### 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.)

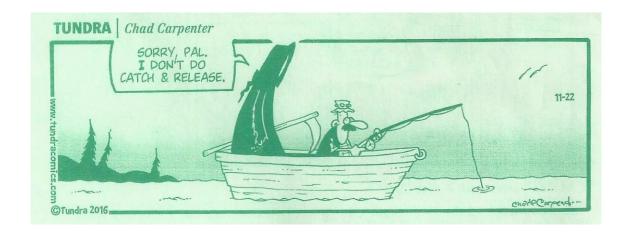
#### Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

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.





# Washington Sportsmen's Show – January 24-28, 2018 Washington State Fair Events Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds)

<u>Washington Sportsmen's Show | The Sport Shows | Washington | Pacific Northwest | Central Oregon | the Sportshows.com</u>



#### **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

## **SOF Sponsors**

<u>Auburn Sports & Marine</u> – 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



<u>Sportsman's Warehouse</u> – Federal Way Kids Derby donations



**Pro-Troll Fishing Products** 



**Debi Gregory** – Christmas Banquet Donations



Washington Sportsmen's Show





# **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.



Here are a couple of nice Cheetoh fish that Mark Herwick caught in Alaska this past summer.

Kathy Carnino has been busy! Below left: Nehma River in September Below right: Nisqually in September



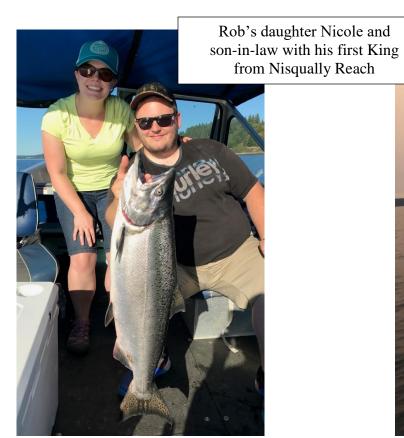


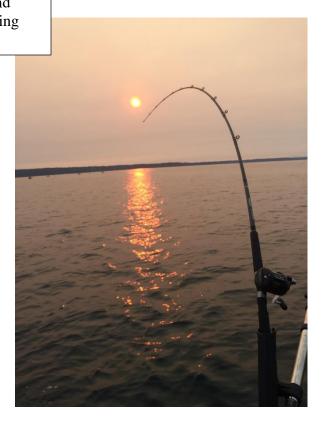
#### Fishing Adventures with Rob Larsen Silver from Chehalis Kings from the Sound



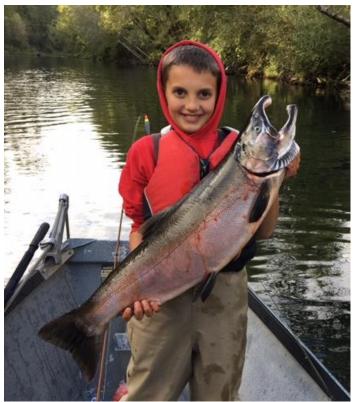












Gary Williams and son Jake on October 7th on Humptulips with a couple nice hatchery Coho

#### Fishing Adventures with Duane Horton:

"So I took the kids fishing at Alder Lake since it has plenty of bank access and a good place for kids to catch perch and trout. Well, they caught the biggest small mouth bass I have ever seen on a worm and marshmallow and 4 lb line."





Beautiful scenery from Eastern Washington



Bobber down on the Humptulips River



Carl Carver with October Coho salmon



Carver brothers Steve, Carl and Russ with dad Doug Bryant. They fished with Ron's Guide Service for Coho limits.

## **Recipe of the Month**

Hey folks! It's razor clam season!

# **Shane's Best Darn Razor Clam Dip Ever**

(this is for a double batch)

#### Ingredients:

2-8 oz. pkgs. of cream cheese

8-10 oz chopped or ground razor clams (I grind mine and usually use necks)

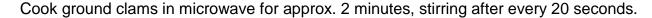
1 Tbs. Worchestershire Sauce

1 Tbs. lemon juice

1 Tbs. garlic powder

3-4 shots of Tabasco Original (shot means shake, not shot glass!)

6-8 shots of Tabasco Chipotle



Blend all ingredients together and chill.

\*Cool clams in freezer before adding to other ingredients if you want to enjoy right away.

We have found that the Ritz Toasted Chips Main Street Original are the best chips for dipping!





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#### **2018 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, 2018 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00. Dues paid February 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 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 New Membership** 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** OCheck ORoster OTRN OEmail Cash 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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