The Fly Leaf

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Editors: Lee Funkhouser and Guy Gregory

GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
April 14th, 2020 Meeting Cancelled
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
By Bob Schmitt

These are definitely trying times for all. However, there is bit of good news. The epicenter of the coronavirus in Washington State was the rest home in Kirkland and the hospital that treated those patients. That hospital is reporting a huge decline in cases which they attribute to 'social distancing'. Also, a few other areas around the country are reporting similar results. Apparently, social distancing works. Let's hope we get thru this pandemic soon.

I know more than a few of you, including myself, are upset with the closure of the lakes and the possibility that this will extend to the rest of the lowland lakes due to open the last Saturday in April. Yesterday, Randy Osborne sent me a lengthy email that included a lot of detail regarding why that decision was made. His text follows:

Hi Bob,

I just wanted to reach out and provide a little clarification behind the statewide fishing closure. Temporarily closing fishing and access to wildlife areas and water access sites was a difficult decision for us because we know how important these areas and opportunities are to you. The health and well-being of all Washingtonians is critically important to us, especially in this time of stress and uncertainty.

This closure is crucial to implementing the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order and limit on non-essential travel. Over the last weeks, we've seen large crowds at our state's coastal beaches and riverbanks as people seek an outdoor get away. In fact, in some places, it has been busier than we see in the peak of summer.

Some closures of recreational fishing were also legally necessary, as our staff are not able to conduct adequate fish sampling and monitoring under the Governor's order. Many salmon and steelhead fisheries require regular monitoring under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which includes conducting angler interviews at access sites surrounding the state's marine waters. The on-site, face-to-face nature of angler interviews puts people at risk of transmitting the coronavirus. Without this monitoring, recreational fisheries need to close, consistent with our ESA permits that allow fisheries.

Fishing, boating, or hiking on public lands generally wouldn't violate social distancing guidance. But it's important to consider all the elements that go along with these activities: leaving the house and driving to a boat ramp, stopping on the way to buy ice or gear, helping the angler on the boat ramp in front of you, filling up for gas, and visiting the local grocery store. All of these interactions put you and local communities at risk.

In addition, the influx of use that we witnessed over the weekend of March 21-22 created congested outdoor experiences very unlike what would normally be experienced. We need to protect all Washingtonians, including coastal and rural communities that were being overwhelmed with out-of-area visitors. We are cognizant of the impact of people travelling from highly impacted coronavirus areas to places that have just a handful of cases, and what it would mean to the healthcare system in those rural communities. In addition, the influx of people shopping in local rural markets has a direct impact on seniors trying to buy food as close to home as possible.

So, please stay home and stay healthy. You have a role in saving lives in your community and statewide. We wish for you and your friends and family to stay healthy too, so that you can return to the waterways and lands we all value once we return to normal.

We will revisit the closures to our lands recreational fishing on April 6, 2020. *For the latest information around our response to impacts from the spread of COVID-19, continue to visit https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/covid-19-updates.*

APRIL PROGRAM
MEETING CANCELLED

April's meeting has been cancelled.

Make sure you are keeping yourself safe by social distancing and self quarantine. Wow, words I never thought I would be using in the Newsletter.

We will be supplying details on the status of club activities as we hear information.

BIG HORN SHOW CANCELLED

As usual, planning and volunteering was in place and **Jim Athearn** had the Big Horn Show program well under control. Unfortunately, the corona virus has caused a cancellation of the show.

We want to thank all those who signed up to tie and a special thanks to Jim for all the work he put into the coordination of the IEFFC effort.
We are set for next year and fully expect a return of this great show.
Those signed up to tie flies included **Jon Bowne, Lee Funkhouser, Jerry McBride, Bruce Morgan, Dan Lobb, Bob Schmitt, Walt Balek, Stephen Aspinwall, Lowell Tveit, Bill Papesh, Phil Beck, Bo Brand, Bryan Harman, Skip Cavanaugh, Jake Nelson, David Lohman and Bob Burton.** Included in our contribution to the show, **Leon Buckles** was scheduled to do special presentations of "Fly Fishing 101 and Beyond" in daily seminars. Thanks to all of you and hoping you will move your commitment to the 2021 Big Horn Show.

STOCKING A NEW TRIPLOID SPECIES "CutBow Catfish"

Trout Lodge has now developed a new triploid, which will be planted in various lakes as an experimental species designed to produce a fighting fish that can survive in shallower lakes during the hot Eastern Washington summers. The new species has three sets of chromosomes with one set each from cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and channel catfish. This new species, commonly referred to as the "Cutbow Catfish" has been shown to grow quickly and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is anxious to test the new fish in some of the area waters.

They are planning plantings of 3,000 to 5,000 fish in Amber Lake, Cow Lake and Jump Off Joe Lake. These lakes were chosen based upon the excessive summer temperatures that these lakes experience. This new breed has shown great promise and has been tested in small lakes in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona with very positive results. Expansion to other states is now the obvious next step.

If you are still with me, don't get upset...just realize that this is our April 1st issue and we enjoy having a laugh on April Fools Day. We only wish there was more to laugh about during this corona virus crisis.
Sorry about the picture. I am not good at cut and paste.

CORONA VIRUS
A Life Changing Event

The corona virus has changed lives and how we live, possibly forever. It has been devastating in certain areas and we are expecting the threat in our area to continue to grow before we see it subside. We have to take the threat seriously, but we are a hearty bunch and many of our members are approaching it in a positive manner. We see members out fishing and enjoying the health advantage that being outdoors affords. We miss Liar's Club, but know that group is among those most vulnerable. We are saddened that the Big Horn Show was cancelled, but Jim already has us committed to next years show. We can't get some essentials, but we appreciate when businesses are innovative. Dry Fly is producing alcohol based sanitizer instead of gin. Silver Bow Fly Shop is still taking phone, email or internet orders Monday-Friday from 10am to 4pm, as many of us are looking to fly tying to get through the self quarantine. They were featured recently on local television offering curbside service, as we haven't lost our sense of humor. Unfortunately, the new order does not allow them to continue with that service. Many of us are looking at travel bans that will affect upcoming fishing trips, but we also realize that some of the best fishing in the world is in our own backyard once that option is again made available. We will still have some of our club projects, but we will be limiting the involvement to a few members at a time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones. We will get through this.

This is a tough time for everyone. Follow the guidelines given and stay positive. Stay in touch with your loved ones and your friends, even if it is from a distance. Help those in need and don't give up hope.

Current Cancellations:
IEFFC April and May General Meetings
IEFFC-WDFW Gravel Project - Amber Lake (to be rescheduled)
All State of Washington Campgrounds and Fisheries closed until April 8th. (will be reevaluated on April 6th).
2020 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy.
Kid's Fishing Rod Building (to be rescheduled).
Washington Council of FFI Fly Casting Fair.
2020 FFI International Fly Fishing Expo in Bozeman, MT. (rescheduled for 2021)

I am sure we have missed some. Let us know and we can update the membership.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS
LAST CHANCE

I have received corrections or confirmation that the information in the Roster is correct from 80% of our members. If you have already responded...THANK YOU!!

If you have not, I am in the process of producing the roster and you still have time to send me corrections. Do it quickly as I want this out to the membership very soon.

Send corrections to: **flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com.**

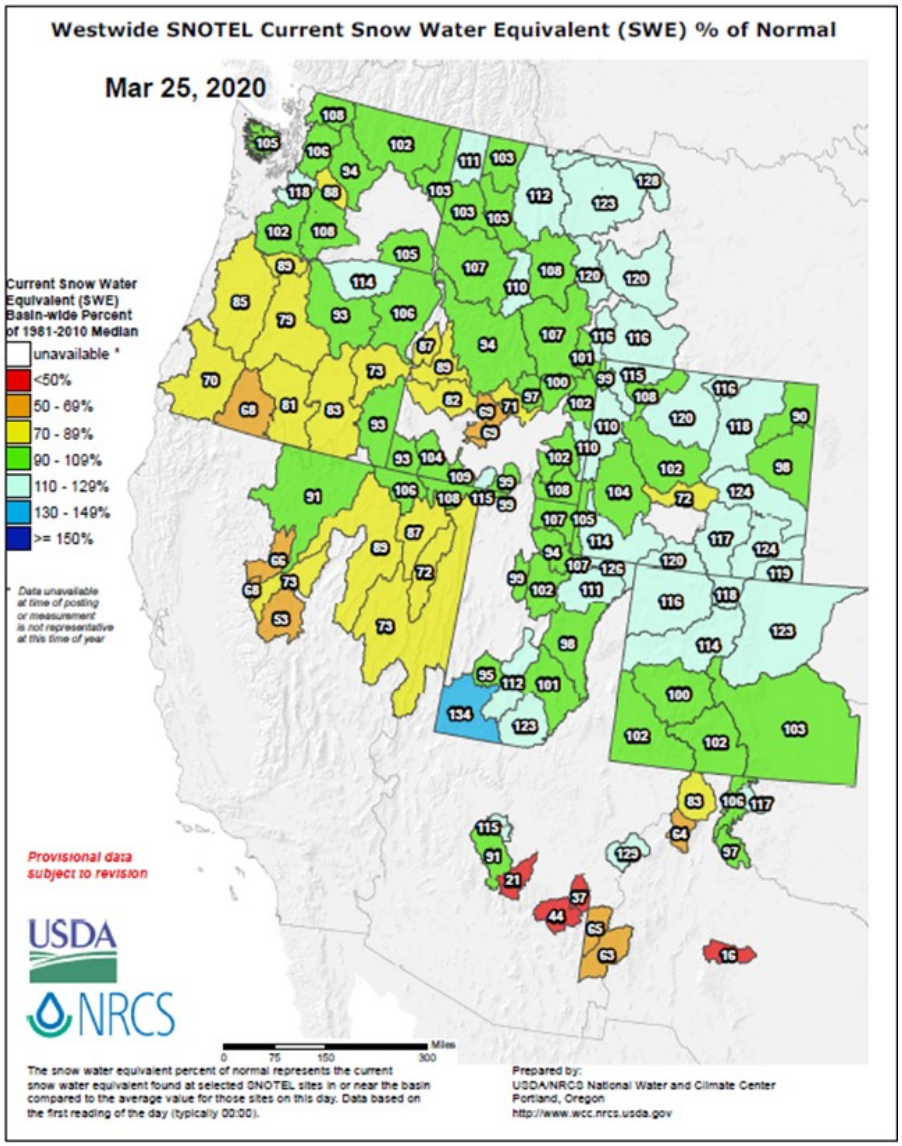
WATER SUPPLY PAPER
By Guy Gregory

Water Outlook 2020

I usually do this April 1, but this year since I won't be presenting live, you'll have to deal with data a week early. It is snowing out as I write this.

Snowpack

Melting snow feeds our rivers and aquifers in the west, helping sustain streamflow for fish throughout the year. This year, as in the past few years, we're fortunate in that our snowpack locally is normal to a bit above, and west-wide, that's true as well. I've travelled to the Four Corners area recently, and can tell you there's plenty of snow up high in the Rockies, and breakup is underway in the White Mtns. in AZ.



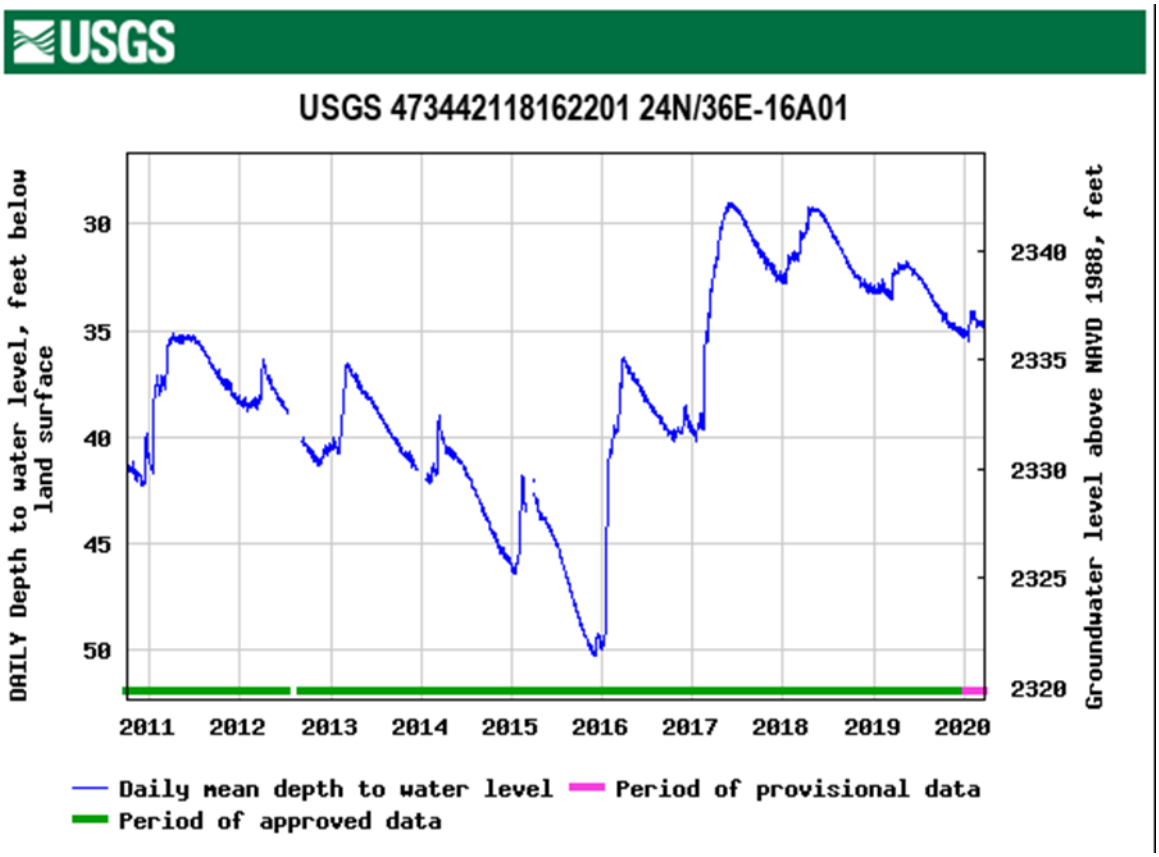
Sources updated daily:
https://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/ftpref/data/water/wcs/gis/maps/west_swepctnormal_update.pdf

British Columbia is at or above normal as well, except for the far north which is a little light.
Source (updated monthly): https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b57800e08e46468bab506f9b9f0cbad6

Accordingly, long term forecasts are for normal to slightly late snowmelt/breakup seasons, and decent flows most of the summer in western and especially northwest rivers.

Lake levels

For our Columbia Basin lakes, they are dependent on water coming from the shallow aquifer. We're still living on the recharge years of 2016-2017 keeping lakes fairly full, but as you can see, while the aquifer level is better now than it was 10 years ago, it's declining a bit. Even though recharge numbers for this year aren't yet in, we're looking at pretty "normal" lake levels this year in this region.



Source: https://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/dv/?site_no=473442118162201&agency_cd=USGS&referred_module=sw

Mountain lakes will have good water because of snowpack and local aquifers filling. Reservoirs are full in most of the northwest.

So, short answer: It's a good water year around here, you should not have water supply issues affecting your fishing. Expect high flows in the Rockies into June, low flows as usual in late summer, but barring something very unusual, nowhere should it be abnormally low.

FLIPPER
The Water Boatman

If you were at the March meeting, you have already heard about Flipper. **Jerry McBride** discovered Flipper on his garage floor while cleaning his boat following a visit to Coffeepot Lake. He scooped him up carefully and put him in a jar with some water. His intent was to return him to the lake on his next fishing trip. A problem with water boatmen is that they are extremely loud and Jerry quickly found this out as Flipper, being a male, made quite a ruckus in the evenings, causing both Jerry and Juanita to struggle with sleeping.

For those of you who don't know, the noise the boatman makes is produced by rubbing his penis against his abdomen. It is listed at 99.2 decibels, which makes them the loudest organism by size in existence. As a reference, a passing freight train produces a sound around 78 to 80 decibels. Anyway, something had to be done, so Jerry quickly scheduled another fishing trip, this time to Pacific Lake, which is on Bureau of Land Management land. As he entered the parking area Jerry noticed that there was a couple camped just above the launch. At the end of the launch Flipper was set free and quickly set out to enjoy his new home.

Everything seemed fine until the next day when Jerry was notified by BLM that the couple camping near the launch was complaining about all the noise Flipper was making and Jerry has been asked to return to the lake and pick up Flipper. We'll see how that goes.

If you would like to see Flipper on his trip to the lake we have included a youtube link.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoG0Qv5zxAA

WDFW RECEIVES FULL FUNDING FROM THE STATE

We have printed a portion of the recent Spokesman Review article by Eli Francovich. This is great news and you should notice the underlined portion. Thanks to **Phil Beck** and our **IEFFC Board** as they were one of the 60 organizations that sent a letter supporting the department's budget.

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The state's wildlife management agency received a much-needed bundle of money from the Legislature last week. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife received $27 million in state general fund money and $4.6 million from the state capital budget during the 2020 supplemental budget cycle.

The money will fully fund the agency through June 2021, WDFW Director Kelly Susewind said in an email to staff.

"The department enjoyed unprecedented partner support during this past legislative session," he wrote. "Over 60 different organizations signed letters supporting the Department's budget."

Susewind warned previously that if the Legislature did not fund the agency, it would have to severely cut back its services and layoff staff.

"We're delighted with the funding the final budget provides the Department of Fish and Wildlife," said Mitch Friedman, Conservation Northwest executive director and a member of WDFW's Budget & Policy Advisory Group, in a news release. "A broad and diverse coalition of stakeholders – from hunters and anglers to outdoor recreation and biodiversity groups – came together to speak for the importance of WDFW's mission, work, and appropriate funding. The legislature heard us."

IEFFC LEGACY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP
Hannah Coles

23 September 2019
Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club
Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club Legacy Scholarship
P.O. Box 2926
Spokane, WA, 99220

To The Donors of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Legacy Scholarship:

I am writing to thank you for your generous Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club Legacy Scholarship. I am ecstatic and appreciative that I was selected to be your recipient for your scholarship. I am honored to receive the IEFFC Legacy Scholarship and want to express my sincere gratitude for your support and making this possible.

This award has created a great start to my senior year as an undergrad at Eastern Washington University knowing that the expenses I would have paid for tuition can go towards my text books this fall quarter. I will be taking Freshwater Invertebrate Zoology, Riparian Ecology, Environmental Review, and my senior capstone, Molecular Ecology for a total of 18 credits. As graduation nears closer and closer with each month, the preparation for graduate school excites me. The money I will be saving from not having to pay a portion of tuition gifted by your generous scholarship, will also be paying for the test costs for my GRE test I am planning to take later this fall in order to apply to graduate school. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses.

By awarding me this scholarship, you have lifted my financial burden and allowed me to focus my time more on learning my education in biology at Eastern Washington University. This scholarship has also inspired me to learn and practice my skills in fly fishing to improve my skills as a fisherman. I hope that one day I can assist students as you have helped me.

Thank you,

Hannah Coles

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ROCKY FORD - 2020
By Jerry McBride

Background

Lee Funkhouser and I fished Rocky Ford in January 2020. I hadn't fished it for over a year and couldn't see any big fish. In the over 40 years that I have fished Rocky Ford there were always big fish holding in various spots. That didn't mean you could catch them, but their presence gave you hope that you might catch one and once in awhile I did. By the end of the day I had seen only a handful of big fish. Lee and I each caught about 10 fish ranging in size from 6" to 14" so we had a good day.

I decided to find out what was going on so I called Darc Knobel owner of the Desert Fly Angler fly shop in Ephrata, Bill Witt retired manager of Trout Lodge Hatchery, Richard Anderson Site Lead at the lower Trout Lodge Hatchery and Mike Schmuck, District 5 Fisheries Biologist - Region 2 who is the WDFW contact person with Trout Lodge Hatchery and responsible for the Rocky Ford fishery.

Here are some things I found out.

Trout Lodge has been planting Rocky Ford gratis since the 1980's under the supervision of WDFW who is responsible for the fishery. Since this is not well known, I don't feel they have gotten the appreciation they deserve.

Trout Lodge has a 50 year lease with WDFW on the property that the upper hatchery occupies. The lease calls for a payment of 90,000 10" to 12" trout (half-pounders) per year.

Hatchery manager Bill Witt saw to the planting of Rocky Ford from the 1980's until about five years ago when he retired. Richard Anderson, Site Lead at the lower hatchery took over that responsibility when Bill retired.

Over the past five years or so more and more pelicans have arrived at Rocky Ford to spend the summer. Last summer it was estimated that there about 40 pelicans at Rocky Ford. In one instance a pelican was observed capturing and swallowing a 3.5 pound trout.

Pelicans are a state protected bird which means they cannot be hazed or otherwise discouraged from staying at Rocky Ford.

The extreme rise and fall of Rocky Ford due to the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route project which sent irrigation water down Crab Creek stopped in 2017 because of flooding and the rise in the water table in the northern part of the City of Moses Lake and at the Moses Lake airport.

History of Rocky Ford Hatcheries

Bill Witt who managed the Trout Lodge hatchery for over 30 years filled me in on the history of the hatcheries.
The original hatchery was built on the upper part of Rocky Ford after WWII by a man named McCleary who leased the land from Billy Clapp. Billy Clapp Lake 20 miles east of Ephrata is named after Mr. Clapp who was involved in the creation of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. After Mr. Clapp died and the lease had expired Mr. Clapp's family declined to renew the lease. McCleary bought land downstream and built the lower hatchery that exists today. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) bought the Clapp property with the intent of building a hatchery. Mr. McCleary went to court and got an injunction against building a hatchery upstream of his then new hatchery. Eventually WDFW and Trout Lodge agreed to a written 50 year lease with the annual lease payment to be 90,000 10 to 12 inch rainbow trout (half pounders). In the 1980's Trout Lodge built the modern hatchery that is in place on the upper end of Rocky Ford. Development of triploid technology at Trout Lodge came later. Now all of the eggs and fish produced are female triploids.
Stocking of Rocky Ford by Trout Lodge was based on an informal agreement between Bill Witt and Jeff Korth WDFW Region 2 Fisheries Biologist at the time. About three times a year Bill would release approximately 100 two to three pound fish into Rocky Ford. The fish were released just above the lower bridge. Roughly 300 fish per year were planted over the 30+ years that Bill Witt managed the hatchery.

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Trout Lodge Hatchery Now

Bill Witt retired about five years ago and since then there have been multiple changes in the management of the hatchery. In addition, Trout Lodge has changed its business model. Their major emphasis is on the production of fertilized eggs that they ship all over the world. Trout Lodge has discontinued the sale of fish in small quantities for the most part. The raising of the fish and delivery to remote locations was not very profitable for them. One customer that they continue to do business with is privately owned Browns Lake near Sprague. A number of IEFFC members belong to Browns Lake. Trout Lodge also supplies 105,000 mitigation fish per year that are planted in Lake Spokane for Avista. Trout Lodge has supplied millions of fish to Pacific Seafood for their three net pens on Lake Rufus Woods.

Richard Anderson, Site Lead at the lower hatchery took over responsibility for planting fish in Rocky Ford after Bill Witt retired. At his direction and, in coordination with Mike Schmuck, Richard has planted fish every year in Rocky Ford since he assumed that responsibility. His records for 2018 show 2700 fish one to 11 pounds planted. For 2019 his records show 1050 2.5 to 11 pound fish planted. In addition, if he has unsold smaller fish that he doesn't want to feed over the winter he will put some of them in local lakes and in Rocky Ford.

Darc Knobel – Desert Fly Angler, Ephrata, WA

Near the end of January after I got home from my fishing trip to Rocky Ford I called Darc Knobel. He said that his business has been negatively affected by the lack of large fish in Rocky Ford. Darc feels that the biggest problem is the large number of pelicans who take up residence in the summer at Rocky Ford. The day in January when I was there I counted eight pelicans. Darc says in the summer the number swells to 40. Mike Schmuck confirmed that a pelican can capture and eat an 18 inch trout. Pelicans are a Washington State protected bird so hazing them or removing them from Rocky Ford is most likely out of the question.

Recent Activity

When I contacted Mike Schmuck in late January he sent me a video taken of a Trout Lodge plant of over 100 large fish in April 2019. The link to the YouTube video is:

https://youtu.be/gPqW1ZHHjH4

To get a better back-drop, the fish planting shown in the video was done just below the upper hatchery. This is right above where the pelicans hang out. Normally the plants are done downstream just above the lower bridge which is approximately a half mile from where the pelicans usually are. Mike Schmuck recently emailed that the first week of February this year Trout Lodge released 75 to 100 trout into Rocky Ford that averaged seven pounds. The plan with Trout Lodge is to release approximately 100 fish every four months. From Richard Anderson's records for 2018 and 2019 he is actually releasing far more than that.

Mike Schmuck is stopping by Rocky Ford several times a week to get a count on the number of pelicans. I called Richard Anderson on Friday, March 27, 2020 and he said there were about 20 pelicans at Rocky Ford. He also said that Rocky Ford has had a lot of anglers fishing lately. I have not been able to talk with Darc Knobel to find out if his business has picked up. Unfortunately he has been shut down due to the CORVID-19 business closures.

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Ideas

Get a good day-to-day count on the pelicans at Rocky Ford. This would serve as a baseline to evaluate how the pelicans react to any changes made to the management of the fishery.

Try planting more fish in Rocky Ford. Possibly this could be funded by the fly clubs in Washington State. Another possibility is to trade some of the 90,000 half pounders called for in the lease for fish planted in Rocky Ford on a pound for pound basis. Maybe a combination of both of these ideas would work. It could be with more fish we would get more pelicans, but it would be worth a try.

Bill Witt suggested that since Rocky Ford is primarily a fall, winter and early spring fishery, plant fish after the pelicans leave at the end of summer and discontinue planting before they arrive in the spring.

Try planting more small fish to see if the pelicans might prefer them and leave the larger fish alone.

Don't plant fish in Rocky Ford for a period long enough to discourage the pelicans from coming. My guess is that because they have had it so good at Rocky Ford they would keep checking it out and as soon as there were fish again they would be back in numbers.

Come up with a best estimate of angler hours spent at Rocky Ford. This would give the basis to establish an economic value of the fishery which in turn would possibly give justification for expenditures to keep Rocky Ford viable.

Future

Who knows? Hopefully we can find a way to co-exist with the pelicans because I don't think we can get rid of them and in fact, more may decide that Rocky Ford is the place to stay for the summer. It would be terrible to lose this world famous spring creek fishery that is right in our backyard.

SUCTION DREGING BILL SIGNED
By Phil Beck

Governor Jay Inslee Signs Suction Dredge Mining Reform Bill into Law

Phillip,

We at Washington Wild hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak. In these uncertain times, we understand the hardship facing so many of us, including the local businesses that have worked with us to protect Washington's wild places. Many of our outstanding Brewshed® Alliance partners and other local businesses are still offering beer and food to go. If you are able, we encourage you to support them during this difficult time.

If you are like us, you are ready for some good news.

Today, Governor Jay Inslee signed legislation that would ban the harmful practice of motorized suction dredge mining in stream segments designated as critical salmon habitat in Washington State. This was a hard-fought and long-awaited victory for protecting the billion-dollar investment in salmon recovery from federal and local governments, Tribes, and conservation groups. The law will go into effect later this year.

Washington Wild helped coordinate a diverse, statewide coalition of more than 160 conservation, recreation, and wildlife organizations, local businesses, and electeds. Tribal nations from across Washington State, including the Quinault Indian Nation, Snoqualmie Tribe, Yakama Nation, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, and Tulalip Tribes have also supported the bill. Earlier this year, Washington Wild activists like you sent more than 689 emails to state legislators supporting passage of the reform bill.

As we continue to move forward and do the important work of protecting Washington's wild lands and waters, we wish you and your community well. We will get through this together.

Upstream,

The Washington Wild Team

FLY OF THE MONTH

Little Black Caddis Emerger **APRIL 2020** **Gene Lorenson**

Bringing this one back from January of 1996-Here is what Gene had to say about the fly.

Happy New Year! Here we are in the bleak midwinter. The rivers run cold and murky and the winter lakes are frozen stiff. A few fortunates can escape to warmer climes, but for most of us our fishing is mainly vicarious. Our thoughts return to magic moments when, for various reasons, things were just right. One such moment occurred on one of our favorite northern lakes during a lovely day in June. Fishing was great, but catching had slowed down a bit. We noticed one of our stalwart members still hooking fish out on the flats in a very consistent manner. A shouted inquiry brought back the answer, "black ant". There were no ants in evidence, but the big Kamloops took an ant pattern with confidence. Then we noticed a developing hatch of small, black caddis. A number 14 ant was close enough, but afterward we tied up some patterns to match the actual hatch. Here is one of them. Ah, fond memories... Sweet anticipation.

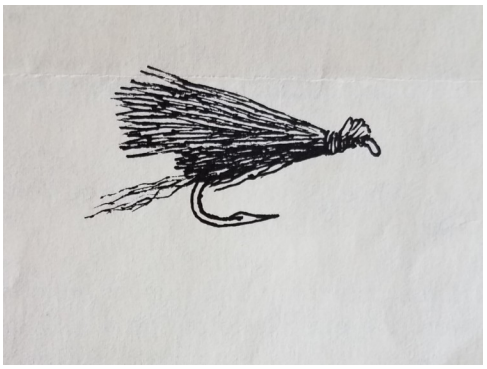
Hook: Dry Fly #16, #14, #12.

Thread: Black.

Tail: A few strands of light colored sparkle yarn or dubbing.

Body: A bunch of black dubbing or yarn.

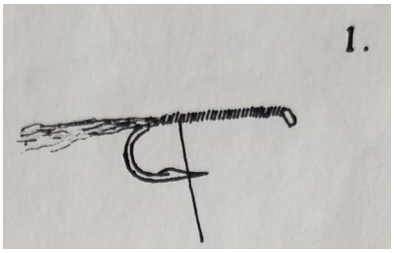
Wing: Light colored deer or elk hair.

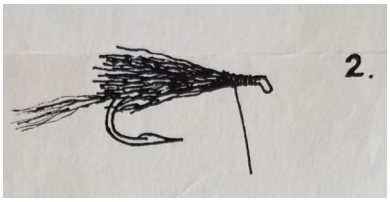


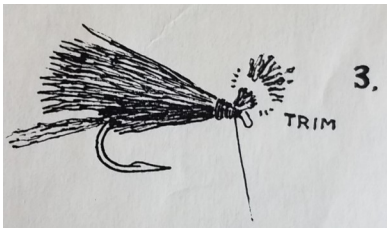
1. Pinch that barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a few strands of light sparkle yarn to represent the trailing shuck of a newly hatched bug.

2. Tie in a bunch of black yarn at the front. Leave it loose and extend it just past the bend of the hook. (Other body possibilities are dubbed black fur or black foam).

3. Attach a "caddis-style" wing of deer or elk hair and trim the front to form a small head. Whip finish and cement.







IEFFC LOGO FISHING SHIRTS
By Bob Johnson

If anyone is interested in an IEFFC logo Sun Shirt (SPF 30+), I will be placing an order for some soon.

Sizes: Short Sleeve - Small to 4XL.

Long Sleeve - Small to 5XL.

Colors available are White, as shown, Light Blue, Pastel Blue, Safety Yellow, Silver, Gold, Athletic Orange, and Graphite

Cost would be 20 dollars each. Make the checks out to: Amanda Bottrell.

To order contact: Bob Johnson (208) 755 4729
Note: Neither Bob or the IEFFC are making money on the shirts.

TESTAMENT OF A FISHERMAN
By Robert Traver

"I fish because I love to; because I love the environs that trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly; because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties and assorted social posturing I thus escape; because, in a world where most men spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion; because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to quietude and humility and endless patience; because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip; because mercifully there are no telephones on fishing waters; because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness; because bourbon out of an old tin cup tastes better out there; because maybe someday I will catch a mermaid; and, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many other concerns of men are equally unimportant -- and not nearly so much fun"

IEFFC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Need to contact an officer or board member...Here are the current officers:

President - Bob Schmitt	Vice President - Jon Bowne	Treasurer - Bob Johnson
Secretary - Jerry Harms	Board Member - Mike Marshall	
Board Member - Matt Andersen	Board Member - Doug Brossoit	

Contact Information is available on our website at ieffc.org/about-us/officers/.

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL
Grande Ronde Contribution

In recent months the Conservation Committee and the Board of Directors funded 3 conservation grants. They include:

Washington State Council

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club and Wild Steelhead Coalition
$2500 assisted with purchase of 8 acres of land to retain public access on the Grande Ronde River.

Oregon Council

Rogue Fly Fishers and Friends of the Greensprings
$1500 will help pay for equipment needed to monitor the Upper Rogue River.

Washington State Council

Wenatchee Fly Fishers
$1500 to purchase data loggers for the Upper Icicle and Entiat Rivers to provide hard scientific data regarding the water temperatures of heavily fished waterways.

JOINING FFI

There is no better time to consider joining FFI than at the start of the year. It's easy and you will be joining a number of IEFFC members already involved in the organization.

To Join FFI simply go to the website listed:
http://www.flyfishersinternational.org/
Click Membership, Click join, then the blue round button.

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Conserve, Restore and Educate Through Fly Fishing

The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club
FFI Charter Member and McKenzie Plaque Winner
The WSCFFI through your support can continue our mission to *conserve* and *restore* our resources, and *educate* fly fishers in our sport and grow advocacy for fish and fisheries.

FLY LEAF CONTRIBUTIONS

Your input is welcome! If you have articles to contribute to The Fly Leaf, make sure you send them to the newsletter email: flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com before the last Friday of the month! Lee and Guy will get your story, your Fly of the Month, whatever, into the next issue...