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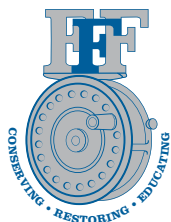
Water Levels - Winter just won't give up. The view the lakes from the top of Mt Bachelor looks pretty icy. Only Wickiup, Davis and Cultus look ice free from the top of the Summit. Bachelor has a record snow pack so we'll be having run off for quite awhile. Wickiup Reservoir is 100% full, Crane Prairie is 92% full and Prineville is 97% full. Knowing the water flows is one of the keys to fishing in Central Oregon. Go to <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html> to see the flow levels around Bend. Go to Westfly at <http://www.westfly-fishing.com/cgi-bin/fly-fishing-entry?state=OREGON> and you can pick the rivers or lakes you like and receive a daily email giving you the flow data. On Westfly, you can also see hatch charts for your favorite river or lake. The data is out there, you just need to mine it.

Kokanee Karnival - We just wrapped up another super KK spring angling clinic with 14 classrooms and over 420 kids getting a chance to learn about knots, tackle, fly tying, safety, casting and having a chance to actually catch fish at Shevlin Pond. ODFW stocked over 1000 trout and the kids have been catching more than 30 fish a day. Catch and release is catching on. KK streamside will take place in late September up at Browns Creek or Sheeps Bridge at Wickiup. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer in the fall, do yourself a favor and sign up. You can learn a ton about where to find fish as you watch the kokanee hide out behind rocks and the logs.

The Banquet - Hats off to the banquet committee on a superbly successful banquet. Many thanks to the worker bees and to all who donated items. We should net somewhere around \$7000 for the event.

Education - There are just a ton of superb education opportunities next month. I got my start in fly fishing with the Bend Parks and Rec class that our own COF Gordon Chandler teaches in May. I took the beginning and intermediate casting classes that Jeff Perin is offering and I've taken the salmon fly class at Mecca. Yancy is offering a beginning class on the Crooked. When I started I took just about every class that COF offered. I hope you can find the time to do so as well.

- Lee Ann Ross, President



GENERAL MEETING

May 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Strategies and techniques for summer steelhead

Mark Bachman, CEO of The Fly Fishing Shop in Welches, OR, will present a power point program on strategies and techniques used for catching summer steelhead in the Deschutes River. Mark has guided on the lower Deschutes River for 30 years, and his steelhead season averages about 60 days on the water. He will be divulging his most cherished summer steelhead secrets along with showing fish photos testifying to many successful outings.

 To lead an outing, contact **Yancy Lind, Outings Coordinator (yancy_lind@ml.com or 541-788-5514)**.

Lower Williamson River date changed

The dates for the outing to the Lower Williamson and Wood River have been changed to August 11 to 14.

Deschutes R. - Warm Springs to Trout Creek

May 12 | Mike Tripp (mtripp@bendcable.com)

The salmon flies will emerge, but when? Last year, the hatch was early as the new temperature-regulating tower in Lake Billy Chinook kicked in. Timing for this year's hatch is uncertain. The reservoir has been cooled by the temperature regulating regime as well as by the cold winter. Be prepared for nymphing or Baetis hatches, in addition to adult salmon fly action. (See the April 2010 COF newsletter for more detail.) Use a boat or fish from a personal watercraft.

To sign up - Contact Mike Tripp (mtripp@bendcable.com).

Davis Lake (Bass)

8:00 a.m. | Saturday, May 14 | Lava Flow Campground | Dave Semich (flyshndave@gmail.com)

Davis Lake is located on the west side of the Cascade Lakes Hwy, about three miles south of Wickiup Reservoir and south of where the lava flow meets the road. Meet at the Lava Flow Campground at the northeast corner of the lake at 8:00 a.m. We'll discuss where to fish, what flies to use, and how to fish them. Bring your lunch and a two-way radio. We won't come back to shore for lunch; we'll keep in touch with the radios.

Floating device - boat/motor, float tube, pontoon boat, kayak, or pram - Davis Lake is pretty tough to fish from the shore.

OUTINGS 2011

Month	Date	Leader	Destination
May	12	Mike Tripp	Lower Deschutes float (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
	14	Dave Semich	Davis Lake Bass
	21	Yancy Lind	Crooked River for beginners
Jun	3-5	Bob Mullong	Prineville Crappie Marathon
	9-10	John Anderson	Diamond Lake
	23-26	Chuck Burley	Chewaucan River
	16-24	Rick Sironen	British Columbia
Jul			
Aug	13	Richard Yates	Malheur Carp Fishing
	11-14	Yancy Lind	Lower Williamson River / Wood River
Sep	6-11	Phil Hager	Cascade Lakes
	26-29	Lee Ann Ross	Diamond Lake (with Sunriver Anglers)
Oct	3	Frank Turek	Hosmer Lake
	9-12	Eric Steele	Lower Deschutes Steelhead
Nov	19	Bill Seitz	Crooked River Cleanup

Rod - STOUT! Some of the bass are over six pounds. I use my 9½ foot, 8-weight steelhead rod.

Lines - Floating for the shallow weedy areas and fast sink for around the dam.

Leader - NO NONSENSE! I use three feet of 40-pound and three feet of 20-pound monofilament. The bass are not leader shy, and I can rip my flies out of the reeds. A 7-foot tapered leader to 15-pound would be fine.

Flies - Weedless flies are extremely helpful. I use the following, in order of preference: poppers (black, yellow, Frog); rabbit strips (black, purple, olive green) four to five inches long w/ barbell eyes; dragonfly nymphs; Dahlburg Divers

Net - You don't need one; just stick your thumb in the mouth and grab the lower jaw.

Stringer - Bass are good to eat, and they are an illegally introduced species in Davis.

To sign up - Contact Dave Semich (flyshndave@gmail.com)

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Crooked River for beginning anglers

May 21 | Yancy Lind

This outing is geared especially for club members who are new to fly fishing or otherwise would like some individual attention and help. We will match groups of two to three anglers with an experienced club member and show you how to fish the Crooked River. You might get lucky and get paired up with a real expert or be stuck with someone like me who just pretends to know how to fish, but in any case you will have a good time. We'll start off with the basics of how to rig for the Crooked and spend time going over reading the water, presentation techniques, etc.

Experienced anglers - If you would like to help out a few fellow club members, please let me know. It should be a fun day.

To sign up - Contact Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com) and get all the details.

Third annual Prineville Reservoir crappie marathon 2011

Jun 3-5 | Bob Mullong

Come join in a weekend of fun and friendship, camping and fishing for crappie in the upper end of Prineville Reservoir.

What: A unique opportunity to seek the notorious and sometimes elusive crappie, using fly rod techniques.

When: Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5. If you can't camp, then just attend the main event on Saturday.

Who: Anyone interested in learning new tricks as well as honing old skills.

Where: We will be camping at Prineville Reservoir Resort, space #19. Each campsite has water and electricity. There are nice rest rooms and showers. There is a café serving breakfast and lunch. For reservations call 541-447-7468. Check out www.prinevillereservoirresort.com for rates and directions.

The Main Event: Meet at the marina at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. This fishery is best approached with powered craft, as we have to boat several miles up the reservoir. There is a dirt road that can be driven to a few spots that would accommodate float-tubes and pontoon boats. The marina rents boats and has launch facilities. Bring your hand-held radio.

As for the fishing: Crappie are heavy insect feeders and are not fussy when it comes to fly patterns (sizes 10-12), Black Ant, Black Gnat, Light Cahill, Zug bugs, poppers, Hare's Ear, Mickey Finn, Wooly Worm, Wooly Bugger, anything bead head, anything with rubber legs. If it looks like a bug and moves like a bug, a crappie will grab it. I will have the "secret flies" and, of course "The Map."

Plus, we might try for some BASS.....Interested?

RSVP: Bob Mullong, Aka Capt Caddis (capt@bendnet.com or 541-389-4372)

Diamond Lake

Jun 9 & 10

John Anderson will lead an outing to Diamond Lake on June 9 and 10, with an option to stay over the weekend. Meet at the south boat launch at 10:00 a.m. on June 10.

Directions: Diamond Lake is about a 2-hour drive from the south Albertson's parking lot in Bend. Follow Hwy 97 south to the Crater Lake/Diamond Lake turnoff to Hwy 138. Drive about 18 miles until you come to the turnoff to Diamond Lake. Turn left onto Hwy 230 (toward Medford). After turning onto 230, take the first right turn (about 50 yds) onto Forest Service (F.S.) Road 6592 and follow 6592 for several miles. Watch for a sign (on right side of road) pointing toward Broken Arrow Campground and TURN LEFT here; then take the first right turn. (A sign at the left side of the road indicates the turn for the South Shore: there is a "snow park" sign on the right.) Go down this road for about a block and turn left to the boat ramp parking area. Don't forget to take and fill out a form/envelope for the F.S. parking fee of \$5.00 per day.

Campers: Register at a campground before arriving at the boat launch area. To reach the F.S. Diamond Lake campground and the private campground located on the east shore of the lake, stay on F.S. road 6592. These campgrounds are nearest the south shore boat launch. Campground hosts are located at each end of the F.S. campground, and the entry point is staffed. Register for a campsite between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. There are no electrical/water or sewer site hookups at the F.S. Diamond Lake campground, but there are toilets and showers. For further information, call the Diamond Lake campground (541-793-3310) or the Diamond Lake Ranger District (541-498-2531). The Diamond Lake RV Park, a full service campground, is located at 3500 Diamond Lake Loop (same road as F.S. 6592) (541-793-3318). Call to confirm that they will be open on June 9 and 10. The Diamond Lake Lodge and Motel (check out their website for options) has food and lodging.

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Fishing: Fish from a boat, pontoon boat, float tube, etc., and use either/both floating or intermediate sink lines. Most of the time we will fish at depths of 4 to 10 feet. Plan to use fly patterns such as: chironomid midges; Callibaetis nymphs; the Bird's Nest; black and red leeches; the COF GHRT (Carey Special); seal buggers; stillwater nymphs; and damsel and dragon patterns. Chironomids in sizes 16 and 14 and other flies mostly in sizes 16 to 12. We will discuss fishing strategies at the launch site and eat lunch there or on the water. Bring strike indicators for fishing chironomids, and bring mosquito repellent.

British Columbia

Jun 16 – 24 | Rick Sironen (541-504-6697 or Rick@NWQC.com)

It's time to plan the annual trip to Leighton Lake, BC for eight days of some of the best trout-fishing lakes in North America. Trip hosts this year are Rick and Debbie Sironen (541-504-6697 or Rick@NWQC.com).

Hermann Fisher, 2003 BC FFF tier of the year, has graciously agreed to demonstrate a few of his designs on Saturday, June 18. He has some great patterns that you will find highly worthwhile.

Travel Time: Plan to drive 12 to 14 hours; the distance is about 600 miles. At the planning meeting in May, we will talk about routes. You must have a passport to return to the United States!

Gear: Pontoon boats and belly boats seem to be the craft of choice. Most lakes cannot be fished from shore. Bring a five or six-weight rod. Some of these fish are in the 24 to 26 inch range. You will need a dry line and an intermediate sinking line. At the May planning, we will talk more and have the chance to order flies from a local fly tier.

Lodging: This is a camping trip. Bring anything from a tent to RV. Tunkwa Lake Resort is about 10 miles from our campsite. The resort has cabins.

Responsibilities: Everyone will share in camping duties (cooking, cleaning, meal planning, setting up and taking down). Everyone must be willing to plan and / or cook a breakfast or dinner. COF will reimburse for expenses. Everyone is responsible for their own lunches.

Costs: COF will charge a \$75.00 fee to cover meals and other incidentals. The nightly camping fee will be about \$18.00. You will also need a Canadian fishing license, about \$50.00 at this time.

Pre-Trip Meeting: Meeting will be held during the first week of May.

To be on the mailing list, contact Rick Sironen (Rick@NWQC.com or 541-504-6697).

Check the COF website for more details and updates.

Chewaucan River

Jun 23 - 26 | Chuck Burley

The Chewaucan River trip will be Thursday June 23 through Sunday June 26. I will leave on Wednesday, June 22 to reserve our campsite; if anyone wants to go a day early, please feel free to join me.

The river is about 32 miles long and flows through Forest Service and private land. The river starts at the confluence of Dairy and Elder Creeks—both of which flow from the Gearhart Wilderness Area. The upper reaches, mostly on private land, are meadows with cut banks and deep holes. The middle section is more forested, has a slightly higher gradient and can be good dry-fly action. The lower section, mostly public, is a small gorge with lots of pocket water and is best fished with nymphs.

I am making arrangements with the local fly shop in Paisley (<http://www.fisherkingflyshop.com/>) to have access to the Murphy Ranch—one of three large private ownerships. Because of the permission to fish private land, we need to limit the number of anglers to twelve. Please let me know if you intend to go so I can keep track of the first twelve to sign up. I'll start a waiting list for others.

A local ODFW biologist might join us for a presentation on the local fishery, which is a part of the Great Basin, and conservation efforts that are ongoing in the Chewaucan watershed.

Camping: We'll stay at the Jones Crossing Forest Camp, which is near the headwaters of the North Sprague and Sycan Rivers. Both can be accessed by forest roads. This campground

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To reach the campsite, enter the town of Paisley and cross the river. Turn right on Mill Street and cross the river again. Mill Street becomes Forest Service Road 33 and follows the river. The campground is eight to nine miles from Paisley on F.S. 33; it's paved all the way.

Things to bring: Fremont-Winema National Forest map, plenty of water (again, no hookups), and lots of good bug spray (Paisley hosts the annual Mosquito Festival the last weekend of July and for good reason.) There is one gas station in Paisley, and they are not always open on Sundays. So watch your fuel as the weekend goes along.

To sign up: If you have any questions or to sign up, contact Chuck Burley (chuck@burleyandassociates.com).

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

We have some exciting events planned for May and June. Bill Seitz will talk about lake fishing techniques and strategies in May. Frank Turek will lead an outing on the Fall River in June. See your email for details.

Please RSVP quickly to reserve your seat. Make checks payable to COF and mail to COF c/o Kristin Lambson 2969 NW Merlot Lane, Bend, OR 97701.

— Kristin Lambson
623-570-6446 or wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

On May 6th at the Bend Old Mill Orvis Store, Bill Seitz, COF's Fly Fisherman of the Year for 2009 will be holding a program on the topic of Lake Fishing Techniques and Strategies. Bill will be sharing his techniques for gear set up, fly choice, reading the water and much more.



COF members enjoyed the outing to Steelhead Falls. (Left to right: Erik Jensen, Bill Robinson, Lee Ann Ross, John Armoskus) PHOTO: Yancy Lind

Because seating is limited for this program a deposit of \$10.00 is required to hold your seat. If you attend, your check will be returned to you the night of the event. If you are a "no-show" your check will be donated to COF's Youth Fly Fishing Program. Please RSVP quickly as seating is limited. Make checks payable to COF. Mail checks to COF c/o Kristin Lambson 2969 NW Merlot Lane, Bend, OR 97701.

Many thanks to John Anderson for a fabulous entomology program in April. We learned a great deal.

EDUCATION

May Pre-meeting class

Wednesday, May 18 | 5:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center Library

Prior to the May general meeting, Bill Seitz will teach a class on how to make a Faux Furled Leader. Tease leaders are quick and easy to make, and they work!

Both Casting classes are almost full. PLEASE EMAIL education@coflyfishers.org if you are interested.

Beginning casting

Tuesday, May 10 | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | \$10 | Farewell Bend Park |

Instructor: Jeff Perin from The Flyfishers Place in Sisters

We have had a lot of requests for a beginning casting class, so this is your chance. If you know how to double haul, this class is NOT for you. The class will begin at the beginning. Bring your rod, set up with a reel, floating line and a nine-foot leader. Come on out and have some fun. Class size is limited to 12 students. Meet Tuesday, May 10, at Farewell Bend Park on the Deschutes River from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The park is located just south of the Healy Bridge. Parking can be difficult, so car pool if possible. Cost: \$10.00, Payable to: COF, and write 5/10/2011 Casting Class in the memo field. Mail to: Gary Meyer, P.O. Box 1396, Bend, OR 97709 (gmeyer@earthtravel.net 514.633.0934).

Intermediate casting

Tuesday, May 24 | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | \$10 | Farewell Bend Park |

Instructor: Jeff Perin from The Flyfishers Place in Sisters

For those who want to improve their casting, this is the class for you. This class will build on basic casting skills – no advanced casting techniques. Class size is limited to 12 students. Meet Tuesday, May 24, at Farewell Bend Park on the Deschutes River from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The park is located just south of the Healy Bridge. Parking can be difficult, so car pool if possible. Cost: \$10.00, Payable to: COF, and write 5/24/2011 Casting Class in the memo field. Mail to: Gary Meyer, P.O. Box 1396, Bend, OR 97709 (gmeyer@earthtravel.net 514.633.0934).

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Salmonfly clinic

Thursday, May 19 | 8:00 am. | \$15 | Mecca Flats | Instructor: Matt Paluch

Instruction on what flies to fish, what water to look for and how to rig rods. Matt will also spend time on the water with each student. Location: Mecca Flats, May 19, 8:00 a.m. Class is limited to 10 students. Cost: \$15.00, Payable to: COF, and write "5/19/2011 Salmon Fly" in the memo field. Mail to: Gary Meyer, P.O. Box 1396, Bend, OR 97709 (education@coflyfishers.org 514.633.0934).

Special class/outing and lake-fishing

Damien Nurre of Deep Canyon Outfitters has made COF an offer we can't refuse. A combination of a stillwater trout-fishing class and a day of fishing on the private Buckhorn Lake, located just 10 minutes from Terrebonne.

For those new to Central Oregon, private lake fishing is a blast. These lakes are great for seasoned anglers and the beginners. This is a great opportunity for all the guys and the Wild Women. The lake is perfect for a float tube, kayak, pontoon boat, or pram. The regular cost is \$165/person/day. Damien is making us an offer of \$65 per person for the class and the fishing all in. We've scheduled this for May 11. There are only 10 slots available, so the first 10 anglers to send me their checks are in. Cost: \$65.00, Payable to: COF, and write "5/11/2011 Buckhorn" in the memo field. Mail to: Gary Meyer, P.O. Box 1396, Bend, OR 97709 (education@coflyfishers.org 514.633.0934).

If you send me email, I'll put you on a list, but you are not confirmed until I have your check.

Bring your rods, reels, floating line, floating device, and your lunch. Meet at the southwest corner of the Terrebonne Thriftway parking lot at 9:00 a.m., and Damien will lead us to the lake. We'll finish up around 4 p.m. Remember, space is limited so sign up now.

CARPPOOL to Terrebonne if possible. We will carpooling from the Thriftway.

Fly Fishing for Beginners

May 16, 23, 25 & June 1, 5 | M/W/Su 6:30 to 8:30 pm | Location: Hollinshead Barn | ages 18 and up | \$69 for in district, \$93 for out of district

This class is taught by COF members and is offered through Bend Parks and Rec. To sign up, contact Bend Parks and Rec for course number #108940.S1. This introductory class for novice fly casters includes knot tying, entomology, fly selection, learning to read water, casting practice, and more. Experienced casters are also welcome and will receive help polishing their technique. The first class (May 16) is indoors at the Barn at Hollinshead Park and includes information on necessary equipment and fishing knots. Remaining evenings (May 23, 25, June 1) are spent at the new Pine Nursery Park pond practicing casting (directions to be provided.) Sunday

trip (June 5) to the upper Deschutes allows you to practice your skills on moving water. This class is taught by COF member Gordon Chandler.

OTHER NEWS

John Day Permit System

Beginning this year, you will need a permit to float the John Day from Service Creek to Cottonwood, even for a one day trip from May 20 to July 10. You can obtain a permit at www.johndayboaterspermit.com. Launch permits will be released on March 1 and May 1. Additional launch permits will become available closer to the trip date when the following occurs: A trip leader cancels a permit in exchange for another trip date or a permit is automatically re-deposited if not confirmed by the confirmation deadline, which is seven days prior to the trip date.

Trips launching before May 20 or after July 10, and all trips that do not travel any distance between Service Creek (River Mile 157) and Cottonwood Bridge (River Mile 40), do not require an advance permit and may obtain a permit at the launch site. Thus, all trips that start above and end at Service Creek do not need an advanced permit. That leaves at least 12 miles of good smallmouth fishing above Service Creek (Spray to Service Creek) where the permit can be obtained at the launch site the day of the trip.

For more information, see <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/johnday/permits.php>.

– Lee Ann Ross

Edmunds Well Wildlife Sanctuary

EWWS (www.kidssanctuary.org <<http://www.kidssanctuary.org>>) is a non-profit wildlife sanctuary near Summer Lake. It provides over 560 acres of wildlife habitat, including hundreds of acres of ponds filled with stocked trout and bass.

EWWS exists primarily as a refuge for birds on the Pacific flyway. Viewing can be spectacular during migratory season. It also provides an outdoor education experience for disadvantaged and troubled youth. Charging no fee, EWWS hosts youth groups from all over Oregon. EWWS even provides meals and a place to stay in the on-location Fin and Feather Lodge.

EWWS accomplishes all this through donations, paid fishing trips, and volunteer help from fishing clubs. COF has worked with EWWS to help teach kids how to fly fish and provide on-water supervision. EWWS has also supported COF by donating free trips to our annual auction.

Fishing EWWS is as good a private lake/pond experience as you are likely to find anywhere. Over 1,000 new fish were stocked last fall. Monster trout and bass are common. Spring and early summer is prime time for EWWS.

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If you are interested having EWWs to yourself for a full day of fishing, contact Carol Edmunds at 541-388-2290. Rates are \$125 per rod per day. The Fin and Feather Lodge provides a clean and comfortable place to stay at only \$25 a night per person (\$100 minimum). Also, Carol is looking for caretakers to stay at EWWs June – September. Free housing and all the fishing and bird viewing you can handle.

COF Fly of the Month CD

Fish Central Oregon waters with confidence knowing that you have the flies made especially for our waters. A compact disc (CD), with pictures and tying instructions for more than 75 COF flies of the month, is now available for only \$5. Contact Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Central Oregon youth fly-fishing day

Jun 4 | Bend Pine Nursery | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF), Sunriver Anglers, Central Oregon Fly Tying Guild, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will hold its first Central Oregon youth fly-fishing day on June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bend Pine Nursery pond. Save this date for this new, exciting event to get more youth involved in fly fishing. There will be stations for fly fishing, fly casting, setting up equipment (lines, leaders, and knots), fly tying, aquatic insects and flies, conservation, and general fly-fishing information. Youth will have the opportunity to fly fish for rainbow trout in the park's pond. (ODFW will stock the pond.) To make this event we will need your help! Contact Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org).

Project Healing Waters

Central Oregon Project Healing Waters, a local organization dedicated to getting qualified veterans out fly fishing, is getting ready for the spring/summer fishing season. We are looking for participants and mentors, so if you or someone that you know is interested, please contact us. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Orvis at The Old Mill.

We will have an outing May 11 at Lake of the Dunes. The outing will include casting, fly fishing, and a barbecue for the veterans and their mentors. This outing will be the first of many that we are planning on private and public lakes.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.coph.org or call Brad Emery (541-536-5799).

Youth fly-fishing instructor needed

Jun 13 – 15 | Shevlin Park

Each June, the Bend Parks and Recreation Department (BPR) sponsors a youth fly-fishing camp at Shevlin Park. The
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three-day camp will be held June 13 to 15, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon. Warren Snyder, former COF member, has been the instructor for the youth camp the last three years. However, he will not be able to participate this year. BPR has requested COF's help in their search for a new instructor. If you are interested in knowing more about this exciting opportunity to work with the kids at the youth camp, please contact Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org) or Lee Ann Ross (president@coflyfishers.org).

Metolius redd counts

Meet at the Sisters Ranger District at 9:00 a.m. the day of the survey. Surveyors should be back at the district no later than 2:00 p.m. Bring chest waders, backpack, lunch, water, polarized glasses, and warm clothes.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer. See the December 2010 newsletter for the survey schedule.

– Nate Dachtler

Sisters Ranger District Fishery Biologist
541-549-7725 or ndachtler@fs.fed.us

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CONSERVATION

Native fish conservation in Yellowstone National Park

Many of our members fish in Yellowstone National Park, so I thought you would be interested in the latest effort by the National Park Service to manage native fish in the park. Park officials have released a draft Native Fish Conservation Plan and Environmental Analysis. I have included the Executive Summary here for you to get a feel for the contents of the plan.

Executive Summary

Yellowstone National Park proposes to conserve native fish from threats of non-native species, disease, and climate-induced environmental change. This Native Fish Conservation Plan and environmental assessment (EA) provides guidance and an adaptive framework for managing fisheries and aquatic resources over the coming two decades (anticipated 2011 – 2031).

The EA includes a review of the affected environment, the methods to be used to conserve native fish, and information on potential impacts to park resources from implementing the plan. The reason for taking action now is that, despite ongoing conservation efforts, native fish species continue to decline and could be lost from Yellowstone waters. The plan reflects the need to increase efforts to conserve native fish in the Yellowstone Lake ecosystem and in rivers, streams, and lakes elsewhere in the park.

Development of the plan included scientific review of current conservation efforts, projected changes in native fish status given known threats, a review of relevant emerging science and technology, and public and stakeholder input received during the public scoping process (March 29–April 30, 2010). The plan that emerged identified the following goals:

- Reduction in the long-term extinction risk for fluvial Arctic grayling (GRY), westslope cutthroat trout (WCT), and Yellowstone cutthroat trout (YCT);
- Restoration and maintenance of the important ecological role of native fishes; and
- Creation of sustainable native fish angling and viewing opportunities for the public.

The plan proposes to achieve these goals by accomplishing the following measurable objectives within the Yellowstone Lake ecosystem:

1. Increase large-scale suppression of lake trout (LKT) to reduce the population by 25% each year (annual fishing mortality rate of 0.56).
2. Maintain surface water access for spawning cutthroat trout in at least 45 (75%) of the 59 known, historical spawning tributaries.

3. Recover YCT abundance to the average observed during the five years following LKT discovery (1995–1999; average of 12,800 spawning YCT at Clear Creek).

And in other park streams, rivers, and lakes:

4. Preserve and/or restore genetically unaltered YCT to maintain their current spatial extent in streams (3,300 km, which is 75% of the 4,400 km that historically contained YCT).
5. Restore genetically unaltered WCT until they occupy at least 200 km (20% of 1,000-km historical WCT distribution).
6. Restore fluvial GRY until they occupy at least 200 km (20% of 1,000-km historical GRY distribution).

Four alternatives are evaluated in this EA.

1. The no-action alternative would result in a continuation of efforts at existing levels to conserve native fish.
2. The preferred alternative would conserve Yellowstone Lake YCT by increased netting of LKT (the carcasses returned to the lake) by private sector contract netters, and it would conserve GRY, WCT, and YCT elsewhere in the park by using approved piscicides to remove non-native fish and restocking native species from genetically unaltered brood sources in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.
3. The third alternative would implement the same actions as Alternative 2, except that LKT would be removed from Yellowstone Lake and marketed or donated by the contract netters.
4. The fourth alternative would attempt to conserve native fish using more limited methods; contract netters and piscicides would not be used.

Of the four alternatives, only alternatives 2 and 3 would fully meet plan objectives to preserve, protect, and restore the full range of the park's native fish species and natural ecosystem processes over the long term. Aquatic resources would be adaptively managed using a hierarchical series of desired outcomes, each chosen based on conservation value, technical feasibility, environmental impact analysis, and resource availability. Long-term monitoring of performance metrics would be used to track responses to conservation actions, guide the adjustment of these actions, and determine the success or failure of individual projects.

None of the alternatives would have more than moderate impacts to the environmental setting, including geology, water quality and quantity, wetlands, and vegetation; to fish and wildlife resources, including special status species; or to social and economic resources, including health and human safety, visitor use and experience, park operations, and wilderness areas. Alternative 2, the preferred alternative, would result in both short-term adverse and long-term beneficial impacts

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to these resources. None of the alternatives would result in impairment of park resources.

The park's goal is to provide a solid framework for native fish conservation. This EA would serve as a planning document to guide native fish conservation activities for the foreseeable future and to prepare annual work plans that would provide site-specific survey, permitting, and treatment plans. Park managers would use an adaptive management approach to native fish conservation, involving stakeholders and making adjustments to the plan when necessary based on experience and new information.

To see the full report, go to the following web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=111&projectID=30504&documentID=37967>

– Bill Seitz, Conservation chair

TYERS CORNER

JAY FAIR WIGGLE NYMPH



Hook: Daiichi 1530 Sizes 6-10
Body: Jay Fair Short Shuck Chenille-Glimmer
Green Olive, Copper wire to counter rib
Hackle: Olive hen
Tail: Strung Marabou
Weight: .15 lead wrap from the head to mid shank

Tying Instructions: Wrap a thread base on the shank and weight the hook.

Pluck the tip out of the marabou feather. Stroke the two sides together to make the tail. Sparse is necessary for this fly to work properly. The tail needs to be at least an inch long. Tie in the copper wire and extend back along the tail. Tie in the chenille. This chenille is flat so for the best results I like to twist it so the strands spike out. Wrap forward and secure. Tie in the hen feather by the stem near the head and take 3 wraps back to the bend. Secure with the wire with a couple of wraps

and palmer the wire forward creating the rib and reinforcing the hackle stem. Make a head and whip finish. Materials are important on this fly especially the hook. Marabou shouldn't be too fuzzy and the hackle needs to be hen with a lot of webbing. Because of the fly size I think Jay Fair's short shuck chenille works the best. Overall, this is a relatively cheap fly to tie.

Fishing: This is one of my go to lake flies. At least half of the takes will be on the drop so be ready to set the hook. Try different presentations until the trout vote on the one they want..

– Mike Telford

YOUTH FLY-TYING CLASS

COF has committed to presenting a Youth Fly Tying class to interested teenagers. Gary Lewis, Bend Bulletin, has organized 12 to 15 teens who are interested in learning fly tying. This will be a great opportunity to show some young people what this great sport has to offer. If we are to get the next generation interested in our sport, this is one of the ways. By engaging these young people and showing them what fly fishing is all about, we have a chance of preserving fish populations and the environment.

If you are interested in helping, classes will be held May 11 and 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Bend Senior Center on Reed Market. Rd. Let me know in advance or just show up. COF will supply the tying kits and materials. All we need is some helping hands to get this group going.

– Jerry Criss (H-541-536-3581
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At the April general meeting, Lee Ann Ross (left) recognized Steve Williams (center) and Frank McKim (right) for their outstanding volunteer efforts. PHOTO: Delores Marsh

Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2011

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
MAY				
May 5	6:30 pm	monthly board mtg.	Environmental Center	Lee Ann Ross (president@coflyfishers.org)
May 6		Wild Women		Kristin Lambson (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)
May 12		OUTING	Deschutes R. Warm Springs to Trout Creek	Mike Tripp (mtripp@bendcable.com)
May 14		OUTING	Davis Lake	Dave Semich (flyshndave@gmail.com)
May 18	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
May 21		OUTING	Crooked River	Yancy Link (yancy_lind@ml.com)
May 16,23,25		OUTING	Bend Parks & Rec	

IN THE FUTURE

Jun 1,5	Bend Parks & Rec Beginning Fly Fishing Class			
Jun 3-5	Prineville Reservoir Crappie Marathon, Bob Mullong (capt@bendnet.com)			
Jun 4	Youth Fishing Day, Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org)			
Jun 9-10	Diamond Lake Outing, Contact John Anderson (jranderson@bendbroadband.com)			
Jun 16-19	Trip to British Columbia, Rick Sironen (541-504-6697 or Rick@NWQC.com)			
Jun 23-26	Chewaucan River, Chuck Burley (chuck@burleyandassociates.com)			

NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI

May 13-15	Sandy River Spey Clave, Oxbow park, Sandy, OR, http://www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm			
May 25	Project Healing Waters, Mecca Flats, Brad Emery (541-536-5799 or Bdemery1@aol.com)			
Jun 13-15	Youth fly-fishing camp, Shevlin Park, Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org)			

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