



# The Windknots

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## ♦♦ Club Meetings ♦♦

### Club Meetings

**Place:** *Holiday Inn of Issaquah  
1801 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Issaquah, WA 425-392-6421*

**Time :** *6:00 PM Cocktails & Tales  
7:00 PM Dinner*

### Board Meetings

**Place:** *Lake Hills Library  
15228 Lake Hills Blvd  
Bellevue, WA*

**Time :** *6:45pm to 8:58pm*

### Chubski Roundtable

**Place:** *Issaquah Library  
10 West Sunset Way  
Issaquah, WA*

**Time :** *6:30pm*

## ♦♦ OFFC Calendar ♦♦

### February

5 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

11 Chubski Roundtable

26 **Smallmouth Bass Fishing the John Day-Dave McCoy, Emerald Water Anglers Dinner Meeting**

### March

4 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

11 Chubski Roundtable

25 Fishing Eastern Washington Lakes - Jeff Korth, DFW Fisheries Biologist Dinner Meeting

### April

1 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

8 Chubski Roundtable

22 Dinner Meeting

### May

6 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

13 Chubski Roundtable

27 Dinner Meeting

### June

3 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

10 Chubski Roundtable

24 Membership Meeting

### July

22 NO DINNER MEETING

26 Picnic

### August

26 Dinner Meeting

### September

2 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

9 Chubski Roundtable

23 Dinner Meeting

### October

7 Board Meeting 6:45

14 Chubski Roundtable

28 Dinner Meeting

### November

4 Board Meeting 6:45

11 Chubski Roundtable

25 Dinner Meeting

### December

2 Board Meeting 6:45

9 Holiday Party

## ♦♦ Visit our website ♦♦

OFFC's website is a great resource for up to date information. With links to contact officers; Library info; Flytiers page; Topo Maps; Entomology; Post a Picture; Bulletin Board; Calendar dates; Outing times and Locations; etc...

If you have fishing pictures we would like to include them to our website.

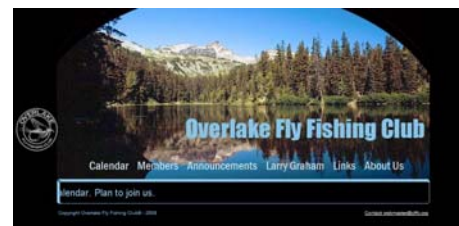
Please send picture files to:

[webmaster@offc.org](mailto:webmaster@offc.org) for publication.

Other members and potential members need to see what we are doing..

OFFC website, make it your resource.

<http://www.offc.org/members.htm>



## President's Message



Where does the money go?

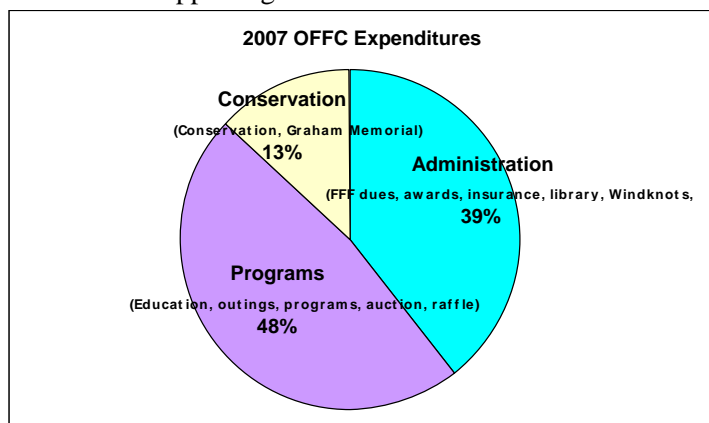
Over the years that I have been a club member, I've been a bit

curious about what we spend our money on during the year. Since taking on the presidency last year I started compiling the data with the help of Christy Leer our Treasurer. We took last year's expenditures and I compiled them into several broad

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categories to get a better look at where the money goes. My motivation for doing this is that I wanted to make sure that we were spending in areas that support the club goals. I would like to share with you what I found out.

I took all of our expenditures and lumped them into 3 categories. Administration is what we spend doing the business of the club and it includes; FFF dues, Recognition Awards, Bank charges for credit card purchases, Liability insurance, Library purchases (videos and books), Membership (Roster, name badges, recruiting new members and forms), Website expenses (domain name and access fees) and Windknots publication and mailing. Programs is what we spend on our monthly meetings and educational events which includes: Education activities (classes, materials and equipment), Outings (food for remote locations), Annual Picnic (food and portapotties), Monthly meetings (presenters dinners & holiday party music), semi-annual Auction (purchased items, signs and materials), and the monthly Raffle (purchased items and tickets). Finally Conservation is what we spend supporting conservation efforts and our annual contribution to the Larry Graham Memorial Fund. The relative proportions of each of these categories are shown on the pie chart below. This shows that we spend about 39% of our money on doing our business, 48% on providing activities for the membership and 13% on supporting conservation efforts.



On the whole, I think that the balance is about right but I think that we could spend a bit more on conservation efforts and a bit less for both Administration and Programs. My intent is to work with the Board toward that goal. I have the detailed numbers that went into this analysis and would be happy to share them with any member at any time. I would really appreciate your thoughts. Feel free to either call or e-mail me at [president@offc.org](mailto:president@offc.org).

Tight Lines!

Ed Kane

### Chubski Meeting – Learn to Tie Flies at OFFC

All OFFC members are invited to join us at the Chubski Fly Tying Roundtables.

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One of the great benefits included as a member of OFFC is learning how to tie flies and filling your fly boxes with effective flies.

This last Monday, February 11, 6:30 pm at the Issaquah Library. We tied the “Popsicle” fly and it’s different color variants This fly is a popular pattern for steelhead and salmon. It is a great beginner fly. Big clumps of marabou on a big hook, lots of shank space and a terrific looking fly. The color variants are endless.



Remember you can be a first time tier or a veteran, it’s always a fun time tying with your friends and experiencing the excitement of catching a big fish on your hand tied fly!

Classes are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month. Please check the web site at [www.offc.org](http://www.offc.org) for the latest schedule. For more information regarding the Chubski fly tying Roundtable, please contact Tim Allen at [education@offc.org](mailto:education@offc.org).

### OFFC - Salmon River Steelhead Outing

March 28 & 29, 2008

Spring steelhead fishing on the Upper Salmon River near Stanley, Idaho is scheduled for the last weekend in March. Excellent fishing in a scenic location surrounded by the Sawtooth Mountains draw fishermen from throughout the Northwest to Idaho in March and April.

Stanley is located in central Idaho and is about a 12 hour drive from Seattle. Lodging and restaurants are available at off season rates. Most fishing locations are close to Stanley with easy access to the river.

Allen Caudle has agreed to host this outing. Allen had a very successful trip on the Salmon River last year and offered to help members. He advises to dress warm using several layers as Stanley is at 6400 feet elevation.

Rods of 7 or 8 wt are recommended with floating line using a standard nymph setup. Allen suggests a dropper with steelhead fly such as green skunk or Silver Hilton with egg pattern placed about 18 inches up. Fish under indicator and use split shot. Swing flies such as egg sucking leeches or marabou patterns where conditions permit. The Salmon River is fairly easy to wade but does have several deep holes.

If you are interested in attending, please contact John Waggoner at: [outings@offc.org](mailto:outings@offc.org). This will help organize car pooling and lodging.

### Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force



#### Tree Planting along the Snoqualmie River!

**When: February 23 rd, 2008, 10am – 2pm**

**Where: Stillwater Wildlife Area near Carnation**

Come check out the Task Force's brand new restoration site along the Snoqualmie River, at the Stillwater Wildlife Area! All tools and lots of snacks provided. It's a big place, so be sure to RSVP to get directions and details – contact Cara at [cara@stillysnofish.org](mailto:cara@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

#### Tree Planting along the Stillaguamish River!

**When: March 15th, 2008, 10am – 1pm**

**Where: near Arlington**

Join the Task Force and our partners, the Snohomish Conservation District, to plant native trees and shrubs along the Stillaguamish River. Volunteer efforts will help improve habitat, water quality and erosion control. Plus it's a beautiful place to spend a Saturday morning! All tools and lots of snacks provided. Don't forget to RSVP to Cara at [cara@stillysnofish.org](mailto:cara@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

#### Tree Planting along the Snoqualmie River!

**When: March 29th, 2008, 10am – 2pm**

**Where: Stillwater Wildlife Area near Carnation**

Save salmon in the Snoqualmie! Dig in the dirt at our second planting at the Stillwater Wildlife Area, to provide salmon with shade and cover. Volunteer will have the opportunity to learn more about salmon and northwest ecosystems. All tools and lots of snacks provided. PLEASE RSVP to Cara at [cara@stillysnofish.org](mailto:cara@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

## WDFW Conservation Vision Impaired

Article by John Farrar

For the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to sanctimoniously close the Sauk/Skagit catch-and-release fishery in the name of conservation while ignoring the statewide plight of wild steelhead infuriates me. Enough of hypocrisy! Heads up, WDFW Fish Program administrators. Off with the Gloves.

Here come the punches.

After a year's notice of the federal government's intention to do so, Puget Sound Steelhead were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act last spring. Rather than immediately react imposing selective fishery regulations (artificial fly or lure, single barbless hook) on all Puget Sound waters in an effort to protect wild steelhead (a.k.a. rainbow trout), the Department has done nothing---except propose the pending closure of a catch-and-release fishery that was designed to minimize wild fish impacts.

Wild steelhead suffer mortal injury when they swallow baited-treble hooks, WDFW ignores such consequence during the conventional season.

WDFW fails to preserve wild juvenile steelhead and rainbow trout (science makes no distinction between them, recognizing both as of the same species, *O. mykiss*). Whatever their size, if they are wild, they necessarily must be released unharmed. Rather than shelter wild fish with selective fishery regulation, WDFW does nothing but cower, hiding behind legislation prohibiting a statewide bait ban—the result of lobbying by the bait industry in the early eighties. Were WDFW concerned for wild fish they would challenge such legislation in the court as infringement of necessary executive powers, or at least petition the legislature for law's change. An unscrupulous Department does neither.

The Department ignores an arch-principal of conservation: management for survival of a specie's weakest link. Oversight of more artificial production than any other agency in the world explains why. Hatcheries, not wild steelhead are the Department's chief concern. Artifice, not genuine safekeeping, is the outcome.

The Department dawdles and dithers. Its proposal of a state steelhead management plan proves to be nothing more than a marvelous provision for years of continuous delay. Further plans are to be eked out watershed by watershed. While their salvation is planned, wild fish are doomed to expire. District and Regional fish biologist need direction now. How should they respond to ESA listing? Olympia remains mute.

In failing to protect wild fish, WDFW deceives no one but itself. Its negligence exposed, the public will call for reform, the federal government will intervene to safeguard the fish, and a lot of former fishery officials will rightfully walk the streets looking for work.

## WDFW Fishing Rule Change

January 30, 2008

Retention of hatchery steelhead with anchor tags OK in parts of Columbia and Wenatchee rivers.

Action: Anglers may retain adipose fin-clipped steelhead bearing anchor (floy) tags in selected areas of the Columbia River and in the Wenatchee River, currently open to steelhead fishing.

Effective dates and locations:

1. Columbia River: January 31, 2008 through March 31, 2008, from Rock Island Dam upstream to Wells Dam.

2. Wenatchee River: January 31, 2008 through March 31, 2008, from its mouth upstream to the Icicle Road Bridge at the west end of Leavenworth.

Species affected: Adipose fin-clipped hatchery origin steelhead

Current steelhead fishing locations and restrictions:

1. Columbia River - from Wells Dam upstream to 400 feet below Chief Joseph Dam. Night closure and statewide gear rules apply for all fish species. Release any steelhead with anchor (floy) tag attached.

2. Methow River - from the Hwy. 97 Bridge in Pateros upstream to the second powerline crossing, and from the first Hwy. 153 Bridge north of Pateros to the confluence with the Chewuch River in Winthrop. CLOSED WATERS FROM SECOND POWERLINE CROSSING UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST HWY. 153 BRIDGE. Night closure and selective gear rules apply, except motorized vessels allowed. Release any steelhead with anchor (floy) tag attached. Whitefish gear rules do not apply.

3. Okanogan River - from the mouth upstream except closed waters from Lake Osoyoos Control Dam (Zosel Dam) downstream to first Highway 97 Bridge downstream of the dam. A section from 500 feet below the Highway 155 Bridge (Central Street) at Omak to a line across the river 500 feet above the mouth of Omak Creek will close March 1, 2008.

Night closure and selective gear rules apply for all fish species, except it is lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor. From the highway bridge at Malott upstream, closed to all species except adipose fin-clipped hatchery-origin steelhead. Release any steelhead with anchor (floy) tag attached.

4. Columbia River - from Rock Island Dam upstream to Wells Dam. Night closure and state-wide gear rules apply for all species.

5. Wenatchee River - from the mouth upstream to the Icicle Road Bridge at the west end of Leavenworth. Night closure and selective gear rules apply. Whitefish gear rules do not apply.

6. Similkameen River - from the mouth to the Railroad Trestle Bridge (located one mile upstream of Highway 7

Bridge in Oroville). From the Railroad Trestle Bridge upstream to Enloe Dam will be closed to all fishing. Night closure and selective gear rules apply. Release any steelhead with anchor (floy) tag attached. Whitefish gear rules do not apply.

Other information: For all waters any steelhead caught with an intact adipose fin must be released immediately and may not be totally removed from the water before release.

Anglers are permitted to harvest hatchery origin steelhead with an adipose fin-clipped and a healed scar in the location of the missing fin. Adipose fin-clipped steelhead containing an anchor (floy) tag may be harvested, depending on location. Two (2) fish daily limit, 20-inch minimum size.

See "Locations and restrictions" section above for the rules in effect for the waters open to steelhead fishing above Rock Island Dam.

Reason for action: Anchor (floy) tags were applied to steelhead during run-size determination and fish-sampling operations at Priest Rapids Dam. The anchor (floy) tagged adipose fin-clipped hatchery-origin fish are no longer needed for monitoring purposes in open areas below Wells Dam.

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