



# 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers



## President's Message



Dear 4CFF Members,

Using Facebook for 4CFF Membership communications – really?  
A few of us plan to create a 4CFF Facebook account and will try it out for awhile. We'll then come back to membership with a report on what we have learned. Really!

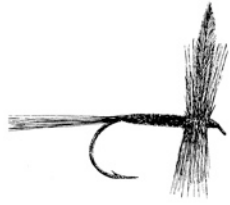
Regards,

Lin J. Nelson  
Club President



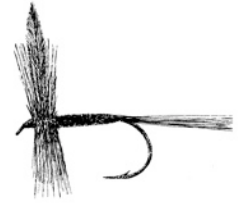
*"There is never the hardness and bitter cold of winter fishing in March, but the month has a wild competitive savagery of strength suddenly aroused from sleep. There can be sunny days in March, mild and full of spring, but I do not think of such days when I think of March trout fishing. Instead, I remember a day of cold, heavy rain driven by an equinoctial gale that lifted spray from the crests of the current waves...."*

*Roderick Haig-Brown, "A River Never Sleeps"*



## The Linda Sherman Award 2011

presented by Joe Kelly



About 2 months ago Bill Hall called to tell me that the awards committee was proposing to create a Linda Sherman award and asked what I thought of the idea. Of course I felt it would be a wonderful way to keep the memory of Linda alive within the club.

Shortly after that Bill called to see if I could get together with him and Ed Dahl to hear more about the proposed award. It would be given to a person who made a significant contribution in educating and involving women of all ages in fly fishing and fly tying. Bill and Ed then asked if I would be willing to present the award. I feel honored to be able to do so.

It has been over 5 years since Linda passed away and I know there are people here who never had the chance to know her. She was my partner in fishing and life and I would like to briefly tell you a little about her.

She was born and raised in Montana in a family that enjoyed camping and fishing. One of the favorite places for the family to go was the Gallatin River in the Gallatin Gateway area. Not a bad place to be.

She received a nursing degree from Montana State University, decided she had enough of Montana winters and moved west. She got a masters in nursing from the University of Washington, moved to Bellingham and joined the practice of Harry Herdman and Scott Tarlton as a nurse practitioner. By the way Scott's mother was also a member of the club for a few years.

She introduced her 2 children to camping and fishing, and later, her grandson. She was active in outdoor activities doing some climbing and was on the Ski Patrol at Mt. Baker for a number of years.

Linda greatly enjoyed the companionship and activities of this club and treasured the friendships she made here. She was the club's treasurer for a few years. There were not many women members when Linda joined and she was always glad to see a new addition.

She really enjoyed and looked forward to the outings, and some of you will remember the dutch oven contributions to the potlucks that she and Louise Granger produced.

If someone brought their daughter or grand-daughter to the outings Linda would work with her to show her that this was a sport that girls could also participate in. When Linda could attend the 4 H Saturday events she would bring lighter rods along so that the girls could have some success in learning to cast.

I could tell you more about Linda, but that is not what we are here for tonight. We are here to recognize the work and accomplishments of someone who has introduced a great number of young women to the sport of fly fishing.

The first time I met this lady was when she made a presentation to the members of this club to tell us about her school curriculum in aquatic ecology and how she had turned this into a fly fishing club for girls only. Our group was considering a donation to to her club but we wanted to learn more about it.

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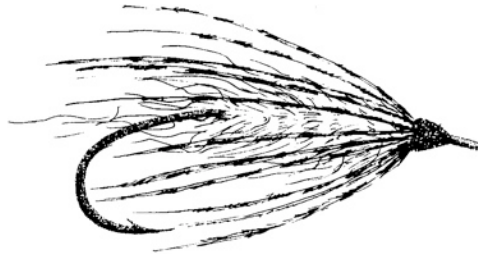
(Linda Sherman Award Cont.)

Her enthusiasm for fly fishing and her program were obvious to everyone. Aquatic studies included the study of the insects. This led to fly tying, which led to fly fishing, which led to a fly fishing club. Why girls only? Because boys could be a distraction. By the time she had completed her presentation she had convinced all of us that this was something special.

She has been running this program for many years now and has been a leader in bringing a large number of young women into fly fishing and fly tying. She and her husband also take the girls on overnight fishing trips so they also learn the pleasures in sharing time with people who enjoy the same activity.

This combination of science and fishing skills presented in a way that is fun is what education should be and will be something that the girls will enjoy for a lifetime.

It is my privilege and pleasure to have presented this first Linda Sherman Award to Colleen Eunema.



## Conservation Report

The conservation project slated for March 19th is CANCELLED. The weather looks like it will be bad so we will get out to 10 Mile Creek as soon as it clears up a bit. Thank you all who have signed up.

Thank you.

Dan Coombs, Conservation Chair, FCFF



# March's Program

Dan Coombs, Klaus Lohse, Dave Johnson, and Sid Strong will give a program on their exploratory expedition for the FCFF to Crooked Island.

**Crooked Island** is an island and district of the Bahama group of islands lying in a shallow lagoon (Bonefish Flats) called the Bight of Aklins of which the largest are Crooked Island in the north and Acklins in the south-east, and the smaller are Long Cay (once known as Fortune Island) in the north-west, and Castle Island in the south.



The islands were settled by American Loyalists in the late 1780s who set cotton plantations employing over 1,000 slaves. After the abolition of slavery in the British Empire these became uneconomical, and the replacement income from sponge diving has now dwindled as well. The inhabitants now live by fishing and small-scale farming. The Cascarilla is an export of the island. Tincture from the bark is used as a tonic, stimulant, and a fever reducer. Cascarilla bark is also used to flavor the liqueurs Campari and Vermouth. The main town in the group is Colonel Hill on Crooked Island.

The attractions are the miles of beaches, bat caves, flamingos, trade winds, snorkeling, swimming, nature walks, and some of the best bonefishing in the Caribbean. Also, some of the most beautiful water, clouds, and sunsets in any part of the world. People tend to go there for what is “NOT” there. The island first got electricity in 1997 and it works most of the time...unfortunately.



The population of Crooked Island was about 600 at the 2009 census and has an area about 58 square miles.

It is believed that Christopher Columbus discovered the island and the first Post office in the Bahamas was at Pitt's Town.

The program will include travel costs, equipment lists, supplies, and clothing tips... and various tall stories and photos.

Dreaming of the tropics?  
Join us  
March 24th.



# Pictures from February’s Program



## March Outings Report

The fly tying session at the Nelson home was another rousing success. 13 practitioners of the art were in attendance. The experience at the vice ranged from none to "who knows how long". And the collection of equipment was impressive as well. It was a great opportunity to see some great patterns and the tying techniques used to produce them. For the new tiers it was an opportunity to get some one-on-one instruction on techniques, equipment, and pattern design. (That happened for the old hands as well.) Steve and his daughter Abby had a great time trying to determine what all the things Steve's dad had left him. I would predict that before much time we will be asking her how to ties a lot of bugs!! All in all, it was a great afternoon. I should mention that this was accompanied by some great food by Lin. He fired up the Dutch ovens with some great stew, artichoke dip and peach cobbler, no one went hungry. I think I should dust off that recipe for upside-down pineapple cake!!! Thanks Lin for a very fine afternoon!!



We seem to be on a real roll with the fly tying events. Dan Coombs fly/food extravaganza was a case in point. 15 of our members made the trip up Hannigan Rd to his estate. I couldn't tell if this was a social or a fly tying session!! We spent a lot of time covering the Crooked Island trip and the flies required: Ralph Lloyd shared a killer damsel nymph. Jack Salstrom continued his exploits with dragon nymphs and Ed Ruckey expounded on his patterns as well. Once again attendees of all skill levels had time to learn something new, practice something old, and have great conversations about it all. In addition we

were treated to some tasty snacks and beverages including some of the Curmudgeon's Wines! All in all a great day for the club!! Once again, I do want to recommend the 4CFF events to anyone who is interested in flies, their assembly, their production and their use. Oh and did I mention the food isn't too bad either (Jane did make some of those killer lemon bars!!!!)

We have two more coming up this month. On Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> Klause Lohse will host an afternoon session and on the **16<sup>th</sup>** Mark Brovak will host his annual St Paddy's Eve Session in the evening. Note that Mark's has a new date! As with all of these events, please let them know you are coming as there are accommodations that must be made. Once again all skill levels are welcome.

## Pass Lake Outing

Our first outing will be at Pass Lake in Deception Pass Park, on March 26th. It is probably a good idea to get there early to get parking. The Lunch will be at 12:30 near the boat ramp at the west end of the lake. And as usual Ed (Doc Hackle) Ruckey is giving away one of his fly boxes of patterns tied for this lake. It is also one of those situations where you need to let me know if you are coming so I know how much lunch will be required. (306.647.9715) And I will thank you in advance for helping me set up and take down. This is another Stillwater opportunity with a couple of twists. The lake population includes rainbows, Brown trout, and cutthroats. Pass Lake can produce some large fish although the numbers are low. The lake is loaded with underwater structure which holds fish but also offer many opportunities for that early "release".

This is a catch and release fishery. And no motors are allowed. Since it is a state park you need to have a Fish and Game vehicle tag.

For additional information on the lake and this outing consult the Pass Lake Outing document on our website. [www.4thcornerfly.com](http://www.4thcornerfly.com). (We will be sending this along with the newsletter this time in the interests of expediency.)

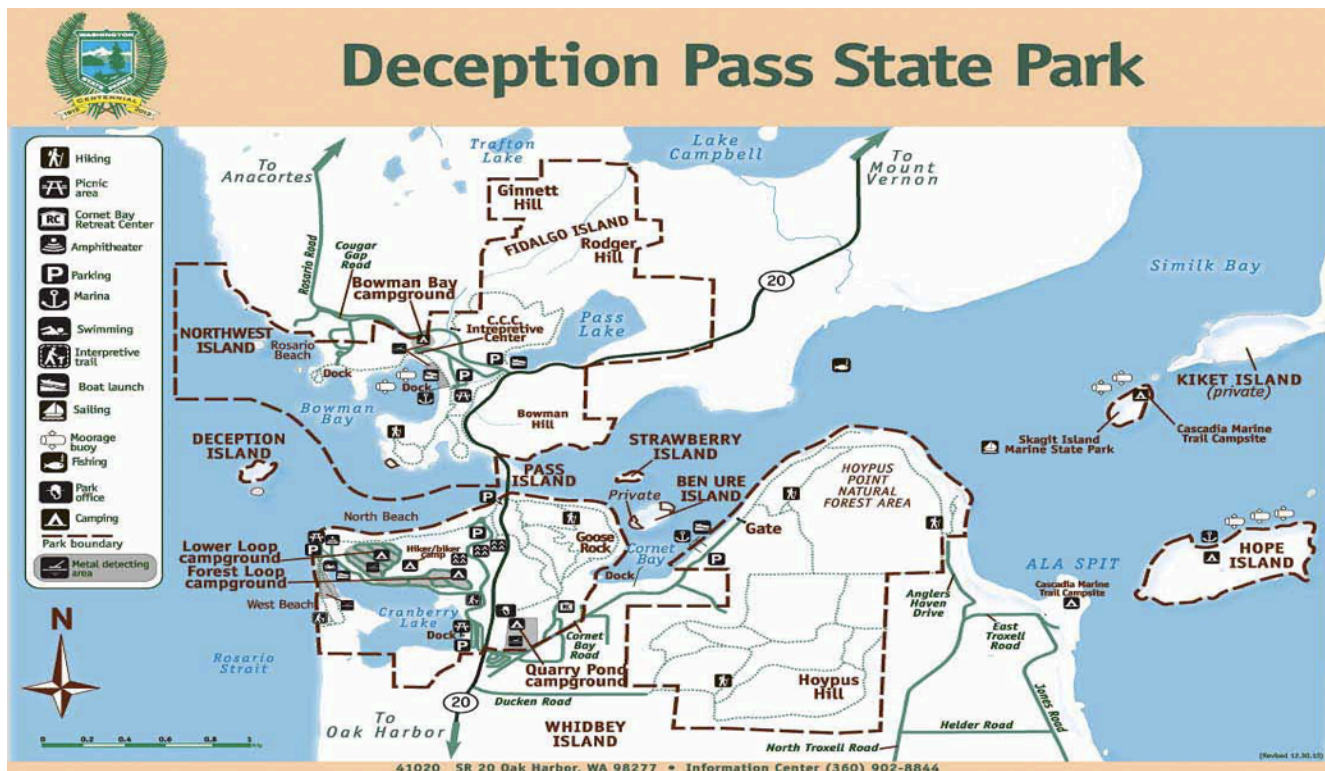
To get there:

Take I-5 south and take exit 230 toward WA-20 (Burlingame/ Anacortes)

Follow the signs for WA-20 toward Deception Pass State Park.

Once you enter the park, you will see Pass Lake on the right side of the road.

Follow it until you see the end of the lake, the launch ramp will be there and so will we. Look for the blue cover and our club banner.



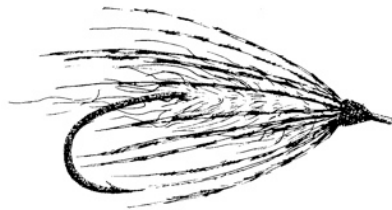
## The 4CFF Calendar

I want to again point out that there is a calendar on our website that I will be updating frequently. To find it, you can go the calendar page from the drop down menu from the Outings or Program boxes on the top of the home page. To view or download the current edition hit the link located below the calendar. The key things to note are the revision date at the top of the first page and the highlighted or shaded sections. These will be additions or changes to the calendar. I will be posting any and all events for the club here and if you have any questions shoot me an email ([fwkphotography\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:fwkphotography(at)comcast.net)) or give me a call. (360.647.9715)

Until we get things completely set up, the access to some of the documents like the outing information details will probably be posted like the calendar as a download.

Stay tuned this should be a remarkable year for us.

Frank Koterba  
Your External VP / Outings Chair

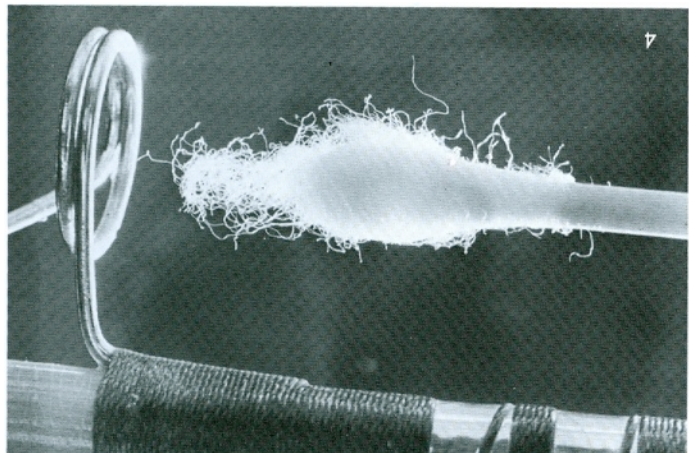


## CHECK THOSE GUIDES

From Lefty Kreh's, "Lefty's Little Fishing Tips"

Ceramic rod guides can get chipped or develop small cracks, which are even more difficult to detect. Such damage can really harm a fly line, so you need to check for even the finest cracks or chips to your rod guides.

Do this by either drawing a cotton Q-Tip or a section of nylon pantyhose through the guide. Using either of these methods, if there is a nick or crack in a rod guide, you will be able immediately to detect it when it snags on the soft material.





# Doc Hackles Fly Tying Corner

## Midge's To Start The Season

I have three Midge Patterns for you to start the season with. One is my own and two are from Brian Chan. All three are good working patterns and have accounted for a fair number of fish over the years.

The first one is from Brian and is called the **Green Flashabou Midge Pupa**.

**Hook** Mustad C49s Size #14  
**Thread** Olive #70 Denier  
**Tag** Fine red copper wire  
**Rib** Fine red copper wire  
**Body** Green Flashabou, Olive also works  
**Bead** Extra small Pearlescent plastic bead

STEP #1 De-barb the hook and add your bead. Mount your thread on on the hook and tie wire that is to be used for the rib and tag end. Run your wire and thread down to and into the bend of the hook. Now run your thread back up to the bead at the eye of the hook.

STEP #2 Now tie in your flashabou. You do this by taking your 1 or 2 strands of flashabou and folding them in half around the thread so that the two ends are even. Now anchor them down by sliding the flashabou down to the hook shank then wrap the thread around the hook shank a couple of times. Now wrap the flashabou down the hook shank to a point part way down the bend where the wire was placed.

Then wrap the flashabou back up to the point just behind the bead and tie it off, now clip the excess flashabou and tie it off with a half hitch.

STEP #3 Now take your red wire and counter wrap it three or four times around the hook for the tag then continue wrapping the wire up the hook on five or six wraps to the bead. Make three or four wraps of thread over the wire at the bead and break the wire off. You do this by placing your thumb nail against the wire and giving it a good pull against your thumb nail thus popping it off.

STEP#4 Now using your thread you wrap it several times around the hook just behind the bead, creating a small thorax. Whip finish the thread and cut it off. Apply a coat of Sally Hansen's Hard As Nails Top Coat and let dry, you are done.



**(Midges Continued)**

The second of the three Midges is one that I used at Big Twin Lake last year with good success. It is another easy to tie fly that should be a staple in every ones fly box.

- Hook** TMC # 2457 Size 12 to 16  
**Thread** Black 8/0 or 70 Denier  
**Rib** Small silver wire  
**Body** Black flex floss  
**Thorax** Peacock Eye, the dark blue green area of the eye  
**Bead** Small black metal  
**Gills** White antron, poly, or sparkle yarn

STEP #1 De-barb hook and slide on the bead then place it in the vice. Then take a bunch of gill material and lay it on the top of the hook facing out over the eye, while holding it with your thumb and for-finger. Don't worry about the length over the eye because you can trim that part later. Now take and wrap the thread at the eye of the hook and under the gill material close to the eye and over the gill material making several wraps of thread. Now trim the gill material that is laying along side of the hook shank as close to the thread wraps as possible. Next whip finish and clip the thread as close to the shank as possible making a nice neat taper which you will coat with head cement. Now slide the bead up onto the thread taper.

STEP #2 Now reattach the thread and tie in the ribbing wire. Next take and wrap the thread down the hook and around the bend a short ways keeping the wire on the near side facing you. Now run the thread up the hook to the bead and attach the black flex-floss.

STEP #3 Now take and wrap the flex floss down the hook to the place where the ribbing is tied in and back up to the bead. Depending on how big the hook is will determine how many wraps of body material you will use. Tie it off and clip the excess body material.

STEP #4 Now tie in 2 strands of peacock herl, remembering that you want the herl up in the blue/purple part of the eye. Next take and twist the peacock and thread together in a clock wise motion creating a noodle which you then wrap two or three times around the hook just behind the bead. Clip the noodle off at the bead and do a whip finish, clipping the thread after you have completed the tie. Add a drop of head cement at the note and the fly is complete.



**(Midges Continued)**

The third fly is another one from Brian Chan and it is called the Red Butt Black Midge Pupa. This is another good midge that is tied on a long shank hook. It is also one that you could tie in Olive, Brown and Maroon.

**Hook** Mustad #C53S or TMC #200 / Size 12 & 14  
**Tag** Red holographic tinsel  
**Rib** Red wire, small  
**Body** Black flashabou  
**Gills** White antron fibers  
**Bead** Extra small black tungsten



**STEP #1** De-barb the hook and slid on the bead. Then take and anchor your thread on the hook at the eye, in front of the bead on the hook eye side. Next take your antron fibers and tie them in on top of the hook at the eye. You do this by holding your antron with your thumb and for-finger and make several wraps of thread under the antron and also several wraps on top of the antron right at the eye. You then lift the antron fibers up and clip them up tight at the thread wraps. Now you whip finish the thread so you have a neat taper, clip it and glue the threads. Now slide the bead up and over the thread wraps.

**STEP #2** Re attach the thread and wrap it down to the midway point. Now take a length of red holographic tinsel and tie it in at that point. Then wrap the tinsel down to just beyond the start of the bend and back up to the mid point, and tie it off.

**STEP #3** Now move the thread up to the bead and tie in the ribbing material and wrap the thread all the way back to just above the hook point, keeping the rib on your side under the thread. Now move the thread back up to the bead and tie in the black flashabou. You do this by taking two or three strands of flashabou and folding them around the thread and sliding them down to the hook shank. Make two or three wraps of thread over the flashabou and half hitch the thread there. Now wrap the flashabou down the hook to the point where your ribbing material starts, and back up to the bead and tie it off. Clip the excess material off and half hitch the thread anchoring it in place.

**STEP #4** Now counter wrap the ribbing up the hook to the bead and make several wraps of thread.

Then with your thumb nail at the tie off point of the rib make a quick snap back thus breaking the wire. Now build up a small thread thorax just behind the bead, whip finish the thread and clip it close to the wraps. Now coat the entire fly with Sally Hansen Hard As Nails Top Coat, let it dry, then you are finished.

Good luck tying and also the same for fishing.  
 Hope to see you out on the water.

Doc Hackle



# "Koterba's Kulinary Korner"

## *Halibut (Whitefish) Caddy Ganty*

It's that time of year when it's a little tough to find some quality fish at reasonable prices. Lately I have been availing myself of the abundant cod from Alaska. It has been on sale from a number of stores both as frozen and fresh fillets. The real deal here is the frozen. It is at rock bottom prices, and if you ask the fishmonger to just get the fillets directly from his freezer, it can go home straight into yours. This will keep the quality as high. To thaw it, just put it into a container in your refrigerator a couple of days before you want to serve it. The slow thaw keeps the fish moist.

I have posted this dish before but it is time to highlight it again. It is a bullet-proof way to cook the fish that keeps the fillets from drying out and is forgiving of a little extra time in the oven. It also works with halibut, rockfish, or any mild fillet. This is also a basic recipe and you can add ingredients to the top coating that can add a lot of variety.

### **Ingredients:**

2 lbs. halibut fillets, fresh or defrosted  
white wine to cover  
Panko bread crumbs sufficient to coat, 2 lemons, thinly sliced  
1 medium sweet onion, thinly sliced  
Pam Spray  
Pimenton: (Smoked Spanish Paprika)

### **Directions:**

Cut the fish into pieces about 1.5 " thick and 3"x3" include any thinner pieces as well. Put in a bowl, lightly salting each layer until all the fish is in. Pour some white wine just to cover, cover the bowl and marinate in a cool place for 1/2 hour.

Preheat the oven to 350.

Layer the slices of lemon and onion on the bottom of a well buttered baking dish. Drizzle with about ¼ cup of wine.

Drain the fish and pat dry with a paper towel, then roll in dry bread crumbs.

Place in a single layer over the lemon and onion.

Arrange any thin pieces to make the layer even.



Cover with the following ingredients that have been mixed together in a bowl:

2 cups sour cream

1 cup mayonnaise

Splash of lemon juice

Sprinkle the top with Pimenton.

And add a layer of bread crumbs. Spray layer of crumbs with Pam. This will help them brown.

Bake at 350 F for 20 to 30 minutes or until light brown and bubbly and an instant-read thermometer reads 125 F in the thickest part.

Serve right away.

I have served this over rice, bow-tie pasta and even toasted bread.

Enjoy

# COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

28 February, 2011

Fourth Corner Fly Fishers  
PO Box 1543  
Bellingham, WA 98227



Re: Washington State Legislative Issues

Dear Fourth Corner Fly Fishers:

I would like to begin by thanking you on behalf of the North Sound Chapter of CCA Washington for your generous support of the North Sound Banquet and Fundraiser and our efforts.

So far in 2011, we have seen an enormous amount of legislative activity above and beyond issues already presented that threaten conservation and angler opportunity.

## **WDFW Merger**

Of paramount concern so far is the proposed merger of the WDFW into a super agency called the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Recreation. SB 5669 has been revised and now has now moved on to the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The most important change for recreational anglers from the Governor's original proposal was the Committee's decision was to retain the Fish and Wildlife Commission's current policy and rulemaking authority. Despite this change, CCA continues to remain very concerned about the impact the substitute bill would have on WDFW and how it significantly limits the Commission's authority to appoint the Director of Fish and Wildlife.

Under SSB 5669, the Governor would select a Secretary of the new Department from a list of 5 candidates jointly submitted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Parks Commission. The Governor's nominee would also require Senate confirmation, which gives the Senate veto power of the appointment. Without the authority for the Commission to hold the director accountable for implementation of their policies; that policy authority is significantly weakened. The bill still substantially eliminates the essence of the voter mandate by an overwhelming 61% of the vote in Referendum 45 in 1995.

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## COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (CONT.)



Financial estimates from the Governor's Office indicate that the merger will save less than \$2.5 million per year. Over half of these potential "savings" are achieved by merely transferring costs between departments! It is entirely possible that the merger could result in increased costs for the state. In terms of saving taxpayer dollars, it just doesn't add up!

CCA Washington urges you to continue communicating with your legislators expressing your opposition to the merger and SSB 5669.

### **Derelict Net Legislation**

Currently there is legislation that is now moving through the Washington House of Representatives (HB 1717 and SB 5661) that will require that any commercial gillnet gear that is lost in Puget Sound must be reported to WDFW so it can be removed.

The mortality to marine life including fish and birds that has been identified with derelict commercial gillnets (ghost nets) in Puget Sound is significant. I hope you will pass this along and encourage your membership to support this important environmental legislation.

The legislation has one key component, it makes reporting of lost gillnets **mandatory not recommended** as written in the original legislation. WDFW supports this legislation.

The Coastal Conservation Association views this as necessary fundamental environmental legislation that is badly needed for the protection of our Marine Environment. This is a simple cost effective measure that will have significant benefits over time.

CCA Washington urges you to communicate with your legislators expressing your support of these bills and please feel free to pass the information on to our conservation minded organizations.

Marcus Schumacher, President  
CCA WA - North Sound  
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# COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION North Sound Chapter



**NORTHWOOD HALL**  
3240 Northwest Avenue  
Bellingham, WA

## 3rd ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET & FUNDRAISER Friday, April 15th

The **North Sound Chapter** of CCA welcomes you to join us for its 3rd Annual Banquet and Fundraiser. Proceeds help in preserving and restoring wild and native fish and other Northwest marine resources in Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties.

Reception and silent auction 6:00 pm — Dinner and live auction 7:30 pm

**Ticket information (360) 927-0544 or northsound@ccapnw.org**



Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) is the largest and most effective marine conservation and restoration organization of its kind in the United States. Your involvement and tax deductible support will allow us to preserve our precious wild and native salmon, steelhead and other marine resources for future generations. CCA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3)



## COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

North Sound

### CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Tickets - \$10 / each



•You will enjoy two nights stay at the beautiful Sun Mountain Lodge located in the beautiful Methow Valley. The Mt. Robinson room is truly one of their most spectacular rooms which features unbelievable views, a gas fire place, private deck, and locally crafted furnishings. *Value \$860.*

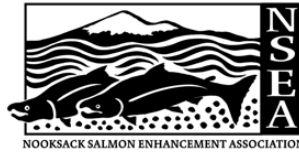


•Enjoy a full day guided trip fishing for King salmon aboard a fully loaded 24' Sea Sport Sport. Fishing off beautiful San Juan Island the trip includes all gear, bait and skipper and two nights accommodations in July or August for 2 people (Fri, Sat or Sun). Compliments of Puget Sound Anglers- San Juan Island. *Value \$1,000.*

For More Information email [northsound@ccapnw.org](mailto:northsound@ccapnw.org) or call (360) 927-0544

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100% of all proceeds stay in the State of Washington to further the protection and conservation of wild and native fish.



## Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA)

### Spring 2011 Work Parties

Come join NSEA for our spring work party season and help restore streamside habitat for salmon. All work parties are on Saturdays from 9am – 12pm. We'll bring the tools and gloves – all you have to do is wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Refreshments are provided by The Bagelry, the Community Food Co-op, Starbucks, and Tony's Coffee & Teas. Details and directions to the sites are available on NSEA's website at [www.n-sea.org](http://www.n-sea.org). So bring your friends, your family, and your enthusiasm and we'll see you at the creek!

#### **March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Join NSEA and the City of Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program as we kick off our spring work party season at Happy Valley Park. We'll be working to remove non-native and invasive plant species, spread mulch, and plant new native shrubs along Connelly Creek in Fairhaven.

#### **Connelly Creek**

#### **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Team up with NSEA and the Lummi Nation Natural Resources Department as we work to plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs along Smugglers Slough near the mouth of the Nooksack River. This site is located in Bellingham on the Lummi Nation Reservation just off of Marine Dr.

#### **Smugglers Slough**

#### **March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Help NSEA and the Sudden Valley Community Association plant native trees and shrubs in four small restoration sites along Austin Creek within the Sudden Valley Golf Course. This site is located in Sudden Valley southeast of Bellingham.

#### **Austin Creek**

#### **March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Join NSEA and the Whatcom Land Trust at their new Maple Creek Reach property as we work to remove non-native, invasive plant species and plant new native shrubs along the North Fork Nooksack River. This site is located just off of Mt. Baker Highway in Maple Falls.

#### **Maple Creek Reach**

#### **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Help NSEA and the Chums of Terrell Creek restore habitat for coho and chum salmon by planting native trees and shrubs along Terrell Creek. This site is located in Birch Bay just off of Jackson Rd.

#### **Terrell Creek**

#### **April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Join NSEA and the City of Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program as we work to improve natural habitat for salmon and other wildlife at Maritime Heritage Park. We'll be removing non-native, invasive plant species along the trails through the park.

#### **Whatcom Creek**

#### **April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Head back out to Happy Valley Park with NSEA and the City of Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program to help us remove non-native, invasive plant species and spread mulch along Connelly Creek.

#### **Connelly Creek**

#### **April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Earth Day!**

Help NSEA, the Whatcom Land Trust, and REI as we work to plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs along the banks of this South Fork Nooksack River tributary stream at this new site located in Acme. REI will be raffling off a sweet 2-person tent to one lucky volunteer at this work party!

#### **Landingstrip Creek**

#### **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Join NSEA staff and our Washington Conservation Corps crew as we ready the nursery for the summer season. Help us pot up bare-root plants and organize our native plant nursery.

#### **NSEA Nursery**

*NSEA is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring sustainable wild salmon runs in Whatcom County.*

**If you have any questions, please call NSEA at 715-0283 or email [ltaylor@n-sea.org](mailto:ltaylor@n-sea.org).  
Visit us online at our website: [www.n-sea.org](http://www.n-sea.org).**



# Additional Stuff



## Pass Lake

### Skagit County, Washington

**When:** Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Location:** To get there:

Take I-5 south and take exit 230 toward WA-20 (Burlingame/ Anacortes)

Follow the signs for WA-20 toward Deception Pass State Park.

Once you enter the park, you will see Pass Lake on the right side of the road.

**Access:** The parking and lake access are at the south end of the lake. If you get there late, you can drop off your boat and find parking along the road or farther in the park. There are limited places to fish from shore. It is almost a necessity to fish from a boat or float tube.

### **Excerpt from WDFW Regulations:**

#### **PASS LAKE (Skagit Co.)**

**NO 2 rod endorsement:** Details below

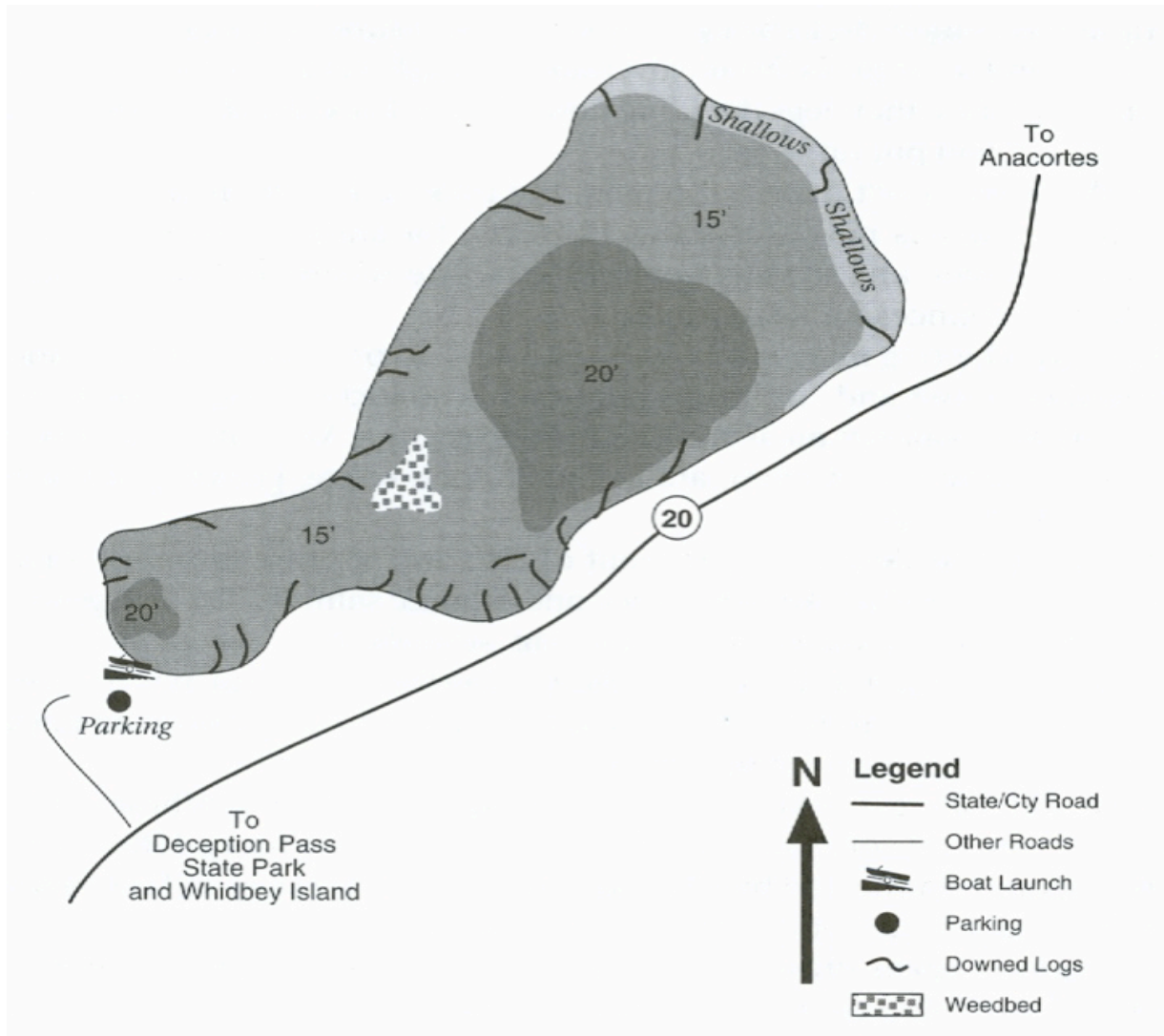
**Open for All Game Fish Year-round**

**Catch-and-release**

**Fly fishing only:** Details below

**Motors prohibited:** Details below

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**Fish Species:** Rainbow, Cutthroat and Brown Trout

**Open Season:** Year around. (For any changes check with the WDFW)

**Tactics:** For daylight fishing in the spring, there are several typical lake tactics you can use. Each has its own combinations of tackle. Patterns that should work are chromomids, leeches, and streamers. There might be a Baetis hatch as well.

**Chromomids:** These can be fished with or without an indicator and multiple fly combinations also work well.

Good patterns (all in size 14 or smaller) include:

- Holographic green with green ribbing,
- Black with silver red or white ribbing
- Chromies
- Silver glass bead with silver holographic body

## (Pass Lake Continued)

Nymphs, streamers and leeches: There are some damselfly nymphs, dragonflies, baetis, and calibaetis nymphs in the lake, so appropriate nymphs will work. And don't forget about the leeches.

Patterns include:

Cone-Headed or Bead-Headed Woolly Buggers in maroon, olive, black size 10-6  
Punkinheads, Green Uglies, 6-packs, marabou damselfly nymphs, Carrey specials and other leech patterns size 12-6

For some of the smaller nymphs: copper johns, brassies, hare's ear, pheasant tail, etc.

Minnow patterns: Pass Lake has some large fish in it. These have big appetites, so large patterns are the ticket. They include:

Muddlers, Black nosed dace, Fathead minnow patterns and streamers. Size 10-6

Dry flies: When the hatches do come off, matching the hatch is still the game. This time of year you will need midge patterns. Later the baetis, calibaetis, and damselfly nymphs will work.

Patterns include:

Midge Emerger red/white/black  
Griffith's gnat, suspensor emergers' size 22-18  
Other small dry patterns as appropriate

**Presentation:** The chronomids can be fished under an indicator or without. Either way, you will need long leaders and fish it slow. In addition to a single fly, you can add one dropper. This could be two chronomids, a nymph and a chronomid or any two patterns. One good combination is a copper john trailing a chronomid. Another is a chromie on top with another chronomid below (18-24 inches). The bright upper fly will draw attention but often the take will be on the lower fly. A preferred set up uses a long tag off the upper fly for the dropper. The nymphs can be fished with intermediate sinking lines and long leaders as well. The hunt for big fish is usually later in the evening and fish can be found by casting to the edges of the lake in the brush piles. One other productive tactic is trolling a nymph, leech or streamer. You can cover a lot more water. To get the fly down, a sinking line is required.

**Equipment:** The presentation will determine the choice of rod and line. Floating lines and light rods (4-5wt) can be used for the dry flies and chronomid fishing. If you are using a sinking, it is better to move up to a 5 wt minimum. If you are targeting the bygonies, go even heavier.

Leaders for this lake will usually be about 9 foot. Longer if you are under an indicator (your lower fly should be able to get within 1' of the bottom). If you are trolling you can get by with a 6 foot leader.

(Pass Lake Continued)

**Boat:** Pass Lake has very little shore line suitable for fishing. Some floatation is highly recommended. Remember the water will be cold! In addition to your usual gear remember your PFD, not having a license is not the only way to get written up!!

**Accommodations:** There are no camp grounds on the lake. There are several in the Deception Pass State Park. We will not be making any reservations for this outing

**WDFW Regulations:**

**Two-Rod Endorsement:** This endorsement allows you to use two fishing poles on most freshwater lakes, ponds, and reservoirs. You must have a fishing license in addition to the endorsement. There are about 145 lakes where you can NOT use two poles; visit [wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/twopole/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/twopole/) to see the list of lakes where a two-pole endorsement is not valid, or look for the NO 2-Rod icon next to the lake listings.

**Fly Fishing Only** In "Fly Fishing Only" waters, an angler may use only the following tackle: up to 2 flies, each with a barbless single-point hook, not to exceed ½" from point to shank, and a conventional fly line (other line may be used for backing or leader if attached to at least 25 feet of fly line). Anglers may not use fixed spool reels, bait, or weight attached to the leader or line. Only knotless nets may be used to land fish. An angler with a disability, who has been issued a special use disability permit and has it in their possession, may fish in "Fly Fishing Only" waters with spin casting gear, with a casting bubble, and may use an electric motor while fishing on "Fly Fishing Only" lakes where fishing from a boat is allowed. All other restrictions listed above still apply.

**Motors Prohibited:** Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor is not allowed.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

It is the responsibility of each club member and guests to be prepared for the fishing outing by having the proper equipment for camping and boating, including personal flotation devices. It is also the responsibility of each member and guest to know the fishing rules and regulations. Check the WDFW link. If you don't know, please don't hesitate to ask as members will be very willing to help.



## Fly Tying Sessions

We have two more coming up this month. On Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> Klause Lohse will host an afternoon session from 11:30-4:00 360.671-8453 and on the **16<sup>th</sup>**, Mark Brovak (360 650-0875). 6:00-9:00 will host his annual St Paddy's Eve Session in the evening. Note that Mark's has a new date! As with all of these events, please let them know you are coming as there are accommodations that must be made. Once again all skill levels are welcome.

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# 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## MARCH EVENTS

**OUTING:** On March 26th there will be an outing on “Pass Lake” for rainbows and browns. There will be lunch and a fly box.

**FLY TYING:** On March 17th, there will be a session hosted by Mark Brovak from 6 to 9 PM. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Mark at (360) 650-0875 or [markbrovak@yahoo.com](mailto:markbrovak@yahoo.com) to reserve a space.

**CONSERVATION:** The March 19th conservation work party at Squalicum Lake has been CANCELLED. We'll get together when it's a bit nicer, weather wise.

## APRIL EVENTS

**OUTINGS:** On April 14th, either the Yakima or Fish lake, TBD.

**FLY TYING:** On April 2nd, there will be a session hosted by Jack Salstrom. Please contact Jack Salstrom at 360-733-2809 to reserve a space. RSVP is necessary.

**CONSERVATION:** There be a work party needed for 10 Mile Creek between 9 and noon. Please contact Dan Coombs at 360-398-1637 if you wish to volunteer.

## Education Classes

We need Volunteers to help teach fly tying and fly casting on April 13th, 14th, and 15th at various places. Please contact Klaus Lohse (671-8453) or Frank Koterba (647-9715) if you wish to participate.

## March's Meeting

March 24, 2011

BELLINGHAM  
COUNTRY CLUB  
3729 Meridian St  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-3450

Wet Fly	6:00
Dinner	6:45
Program	7:30
Meeting	9:00

Contact Gary Jones,  
[gary-jones@comcast.net](mailto:gary-jones@comcast.net)  
for all dinner reservations.

**Be sure to check off your name on the list when you arrive for dinner.**

BRING A FLY FOR THE  
“FLY PLATE”!

## April's Board Meeting

April 5, 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

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If you are new to fly fishing, our club has fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment available for use. Also, if you attend outings, it's wise to bring a lawn chair.

For more information, please contact the hosts.

All entomology sketches are drawn by Jack Salstrom, Member of the FCFF.

All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCFF Member Dan Homel.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed in our club. Conservation projects, educational classes, and all chairman positions are always open for new and old members.

## ATTENTION!!!

**It is the responsibility of ALL members for ALL of the outings to obey ALL local, state, and national regulations.**

**We represent an outstanding conservation and fishing club. Let's set a great example to ALL.**



## 4th CORNER FLY FISHERS



### Aims and Purposes

The members of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers are united by our enjoyment of the sport of flyfishing and by our desire to preserve and enhance fishing opportunities for all. To these ends we will strive to promote conservation of angling brotherhood and to broaden the understanding of fellow anglers. The following are the aims and objectives as stated in our Constitution.

- To work for the betterment and preservation of angling waters and surrounding lands.
  - To promote the creation of fly only and/or quality fishing waters and encourage appropriate management of these waters.
  - To practice and advocate protection of the resource and the natural environment.
  - To improve the state-of-the-art of fly fishing and keep members informed of developments of interest.
  - To maintain high standards of membership by selecting as prospective members those persons who are dedicated to fly fishing, are good sportsmen, and are conservation oriented; and to temper organizational growth consistent with the maintenance of quality membership standards.
  - To develop and implement programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishers and better sportsmen.
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