



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2016-2017 Fishing Regulations:

There should be a little reading in your future. The WDFW regulations pamphlet has just come out. To download it you can go to <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/> The rules took effect July 1st. Before you plan a trip it is a good idea to review them before you go. This is especially true if you plan to fish in the salt or any waters that run into it. For instance the Skagit system is closed to fishing from September 15th through December 1st. You should also check for early closures of the seasons due to catch quotas being reached.

Future Board and Club:

As I mentioned several times over the last month, 7 out of 9 of our Board of positions are at the end of their terms. Normally we would convene the Nominating Committee in September to make recommendations for candidates. This year we will begin the process at the next Board meeting by assembling the nominating Committee. If there is a position in which you are interested let me know.

In terms of a permanent solution we will be asking several of the current board members to extend their terms by a year. This will build a stagger in the succession of the board positions.

The 4CFF Casting games:

As I write this we have just finished the first iteration of the Casting Games. We had roughly 30 persons in attendance. They were There were the resident "old Guys", couples, kids and grandkids. It was a cross section of what the club has become.

12 decided to get in on the games proper, 2 in class 1 and the rest in class 2. There were 6 "holes" in the course. They presented casting challenges that we see in fishing situations. Each attempted cast counted as a stroke and each hole had a par and a maximum score. There was a bonus hole that allowed you to subtract a stroke if you could hit a couple of 10-12 Velcro fish at 30'. Confluence Fly Shop Gift Certificates were given for the lowest scores for the 2 levels and another was given for the caster who came closest to predicting their final score. When the



smoke cleared, the winners were John Leighton (Level1), Chris Van Staaduin (level2) and Dave Johnston beat me in a cast off when we tied for the closest prediction.

It was a lot of fun and we will be holding more of these in the future. I would urge everyone to participate. I know I haven't had a rod in hand enough this year and this was a great way to knock the rust off and improve my casting chops.

We owe a lot of thanks to Molly Semenik who ran the event and Dan & Jane Coombs who hosted and prepped their property for the course.

I look forward to seeing you all out there on the water somewhere, sometime!

Frank Koterba,

President 4th Corner Fly Fishers

Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, July 28, 2016. The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45. The program will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

This month's speaker is Sean Gallagher presenting "The making of WILD STEELHEAD: The Lure and Lore of a Pacific Northwest Icon and the Celebration of Several of the Sports Most Iconic Figures (around the campfire)." Sean is a retired school teacher living near Mt. Rainier in Enumclaw, Washington. As a life-long resident of the Pacific Northwest Sean grew up in steelhead country. He has pursued steelhead for over 50 years, exploring more than 100 rivers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and the Russian Far East.

Sean's digital slide show includes a number of photos that have never been published mixed with images from his book WILD STEELHEAD. This is a behind the scenes look at the making of the large two volume book, along with a celebration of steelhead. Sean has connections to the Bellingham area and is looking forward to a night of festivity.

Please RSVP for the meeting by Wednesday, July 27 at 8am by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at msr@deepsnow.com, or by phone at 360-319-1350. Be sure to indicate if you'll be having dinner or just attending the meeting, and remember that a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment to pay. Also, a reminder that getting your RSVP in on time helps us provide an accurate count for the kitchen and we very much appreciate your help in placing your reservations on time.

Also, just a reminder that next month is our annual summer picnic. This year the picnic will be held at the Leighton residence on SATURDAY, August 27. Sign-ups and dinner / potluck information will be forthcoming in early August.

Tight lines,

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Matt Roelofs
4CFF Internal VP and Program Chair



CONSERVATION REPORT

Hi Members etc,

On Wednesday June 15 we held a spur of the moment mulching party at Smith Creek (borders Don Anderson's property). Since Don was going in for knee surgery on that Friday we needed to get some of the plants protected from summer dry conditions before he went under the scalpel. An elite crew followed Don's tractor loads of mulch (provided by NSEA), pulled a few weeds and mulched over 100 newly planted shrubs and trees. With over half the plants protected now and our regular rains so far this summer, we hope to finish the mulching job in August after our " Tractor Man" is completely healed up. Thanks to Don, Sid, Dave J. , Bob J., Klaus , Jamie and John L. for helping on such short notice. Hope to see more of you for the second go around in Aug. Sid may or may not provide a few pictures of our labors which were amply rewarded by Linda Anderson's great cookies when we finished our job. Thanks Linda! Great Fishing to ALL.

Dan Coombs, *4CFF Conservation Chair*



Outings Report

"The Classic on the Methow River" is coming up soon. (July 21-24) If you haven't signed up yet be sure to do so ASAP. You can follow this link to see who else is going and to sign up.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4cff-classic-outing-tickets-26026123837>

Our hosts, Rick and Patty Todd, were over on that side of the pass earlier this week and report that the water is a bit higher than last year and looks very good for fishing. At this point, camp fires are allowed in the campground. One of Rick's friends fished the Chewuch last week and was catching them pretty regularly. (photo attached).

The pot luck dinner will be on Saturday this year, as usual, and you should bring a main course or side dish to share. Bob Cooper, our BBQ expert is, unfortunately, out of the county. The fly box give-away will follow the pot luck.

It should be a lot of fun and great fishing for everyone who attends.



Then, in August Nathan will be hosting the Whidbey outing. The date for this one has been changed to August 21. Please stay tuned for more details that I will post on the club website.

Communications:

As previously reported, we now have a forum on our club website where you can post fishing intentions or reports. The idea here is for members to be able to get together on the spur of the moment. So if you're going fishing and would like some company, just post on the forum (under the Member's tab).

Laura Overstreet will be creating a video tutorial on how to use the forum. A step by step guide for folks who have not used a forum before. Until then, if you need any help with this new web capability please get in touch with me. pterzian@pacbell.net

Phil Terzian, *4CFF Outings Chair*

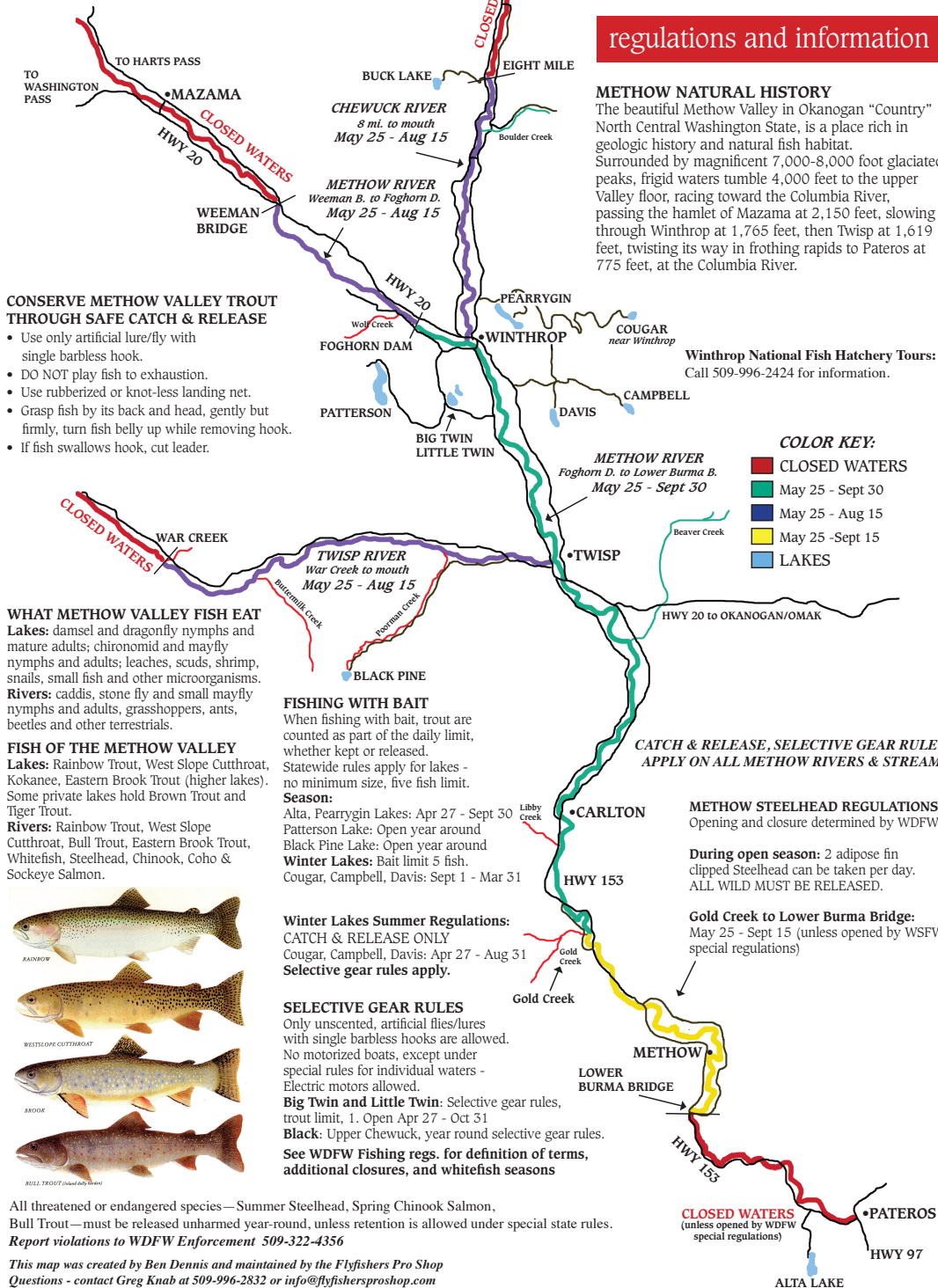


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Methow Valley Lake & Stream

regulations and information



METHOW NATURAL HISTORY

The beautiful Methow Valley in Okanogan “Country” North Central Washington State, is a place rich in geologic history and natural fish habitat. Surrounded by magnificent 7,000-8,000 foot glaciated peaks, frigid waters tumble 4,000 feet to the upper Valley floor, racing toward the Columbia River, passing the hamlet of Mazama at 2,150 feet, slowing through Winthrop at 1,765 feet, then Twisp at 1,619 feet, twisting its way in frothing rapids to Pateros at 775 feet, at the Columbia River.

CONSERVE METHOW VALLEY TROUT THROUGH SAFE CATCH & RELEASE

- Use only artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.
- DO NOT play fish to exhaustion.
- Use rubberized or knot-less landing net.
- Grasp fish by its back and head, gently but firmly, turn fish belly up while removing hook.
- If fish swallows hook, cut leader.

Winthrop National Fish Hatchery Tours:
Call 509-996-2424 for information.

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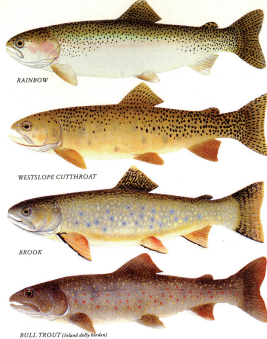
- CLOSED WATERS
- May 25 - Sept 30
- May 25 - Aug 15
- May 25 - Sept 15
- LAKES

WHAT METHOW VALLEY FISH EAT

Lakes: damsel and dragonfly nymphs and mature adults; chironomid and mayfly nymphs and adults; leaches, scuds, shrimp, snails, small fish and other microorganisms.
Rivers: caddis, stone fly and small mayfly nymphs and adults, grasshoppers, ants, beetles and other terrestrials.

FISH OF THE METHOW VALLEY

Lakes: Rainbow Trout, West Slope Cutthroat, Kokanee, Eastern Brook Trout (higher lakes). Some private lakes hold Brown Trout and Tiger Trout.
Rivers: Rainbow Trout, West Slope Cutthroat, Bull Trout, Eastern Brook Trout, Whitefish, Steelhead, Chinook, Coho & Sockeye Salmon.



FISHING WITH BAIT

When fishing with bait, trout are counted as part of the daily limit, whether kept or released. Statewide rules apply for lakes - no minimum size, five fish limit.
Season:
Alta, Pearygin Lakes: Apr 27 - Sept 30
Patterson Lake: Open year around
Black Pine Lake: Open year around
Winter Lakes: Bait limit 5 fish.
Cougar, Campbell, Davis: Sept 1 - Mar 31

Winter Lakes Summer Regulations:

CATCH & RELEASE ONLY
Cougar, Campbell, Davis: Apr 27 - Aug 31
Selective gear rules apply.

SELECTIVE GEAR RULES

Only unscented, artificial flies/lures with single barbless hooks are allowed. No motorized boats, except under special rules for individual waters - Electric motors allowed.
Big Twin and Little Twin: Selective gear rules, trout limit, 1. Open Apr 27 - Oct 31
Black: Upper Chewuck, year round selective gear rules.
See WDFW Fishing regs. for definition of terms, additional closures, and whitefish seasons

CATCH & RELEASE, SELECTIVE GEAR RULES, APPLY ON ALL METHOW RIVERS & STREAMS

METHOW STEELHEAD REGULATIONS:
Opening and closure determined by WDFW

During open season: 2 adipose fin clipped Steelhead can be taken per day. ALL WILD MUST BE RELEASED.

Gold Creek to Lower Burma Bridge:
May 25 - Sept 15 (unless opened by WSFW special regulations)

All threatened or endangered species—Summer Steelhead, Spring Chinook Salmon, Bull Trout—must be released unharmed year-round, unless retention is allowed under special state rules.

Report violations to WDFW Enforcement 509-322-4356

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Questions - contact Greg Knab at 509-996-2832 or info@flyfishersproshop.com

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SPECIAL RAFFLES FOR 2016!!!

One of the holdovers from last year's Conservation Auction was a dinghy. We will be raffling it off at the 2016 Club Picnic. Tickets will be \$10. So come with cash or send some with a friend. Proceeds will be added to the Conservation Fund (per the auction formula).



"In the end, it's probably best to travel with established fishing partners, no more than two at a time. The old hands are like your regular brand of beer.....less than perfect, perhaps, but predictable."

John Gierach, "Trout Bum"



Hi members, Up for a little hiking, some beautiful scenery, and some fly fishing? No need for flotation craft. Come join me on the Galena Chain Lakes (Mt Baker) Hike, 7/16/2016. Details posted on 4CFF Calendar. Questions?...email me at.....reedpt02@gmail.com



Mike Reed, *4CFF Member*

LIBRARY REPORT

I have a very exciting document to share with you this month. It's titled "Entomology" but a more descriptive title should be "Practical Entomology". This 44 page jewel is a wealth of information on several of the most important aquatic insects to us guys. A copy is now in the cart, but those who can't wait to the next meeting to get their hands on a copy just text me at 360-647-6789 or e-mail me at tomlangley@windermere.com and I will download a copy to you.

Thanks!

Tom Langley, 4CFF Librarian



"Every once in a while, angling provides an episode one can keep for life. It is not necessarily about big fish, though it sometimes is, nor about great difficulty overcome. Rather, it's kind of poetic singularity. Sometimes you're even aware of it as it's happening."

Thomas McGuane, "The Longest Silence"

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 4CFF SUMMER PICNIC

is coming up

Saturday (not Friday), August 27, 2016

at the Leighton residence

More Details / Potluck Sign-Up Soon...



“Sometime in July, when the last of the winter's snow has melted out of the mountains, a clear river comes down to summer level. This is not the extreme low water of a late, dry fall, when water worn rocks are high and dry on either side of the last narrow channel, but a good, normal sweeping flow of water against which the bars show clearly and the known rocks stand out with the current folding gently on their shoulders. It is a good time to see the river and really learn it; it is a pleasant time to know the river, because the water is mild and the hands, warm enough to wade without boots if one chooses, shallow and clear to reveal itself and very full of life.”

Roderick Haig-Brown, “A River Never Sleeps”

A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>





4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Conservation Projects

Conservation is the cornerstone of our club. Projects are continually being added to our calendar. The only thing that is needed is the willingness to give something back to the resource will all love. Call Dan Coombs at (360) 398-1637 and sign up to be put on the list of volunteers.

Fly Tying Sessions

Fly tying sessions are constantly being held. Whether you're an expert or just beginning, please join us. Check our website <http://www.4thcornerfly.com> for dates, times, and locations. R.S.V.P.'s are required.

Education Classes

We need Volunteers to help teach fly tying and fly casting at various places throughout the year. Even if you have tied for a little while, your presence is needed. Please contact Klaus Lohse (671-8453) if you wish to participate.

OUTINGS

Our club has a constant list of fantastic outings every month. We also have smaller outings for those who can only make it on the weekends. For a list of outings, their dates, and locations, please check out our website <http://www.4thcornerfly.com>.

Phil Terzian is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (408) 410-0969.

If you are new to fly fishing, our club has fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment available for use. Also, if you attend ANY outings, it's wise to bring your own lawn chair. (it's better than a rock or a tailgate.)

For more information, please contact the hosts.

Monthly Meeting

July 28,
2016

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

RSVP to Matt for reservations:
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>
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Don't forget to
bring a fly for the
FLY PLATE!

Next Board Meeting

August 2, 2016
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
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6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Paula Faulkner, Mike Riber, Nathan Weston and
Angus MacArthur

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

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.

All entomology sketches are drawn by Jack Salstrom, Member of the FCF. All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCF Member Dan Homel.



4th CORNER FLY FISHERS



Aims and Purposes

The Members of the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers (located in Bellingham, WA) are united by our enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing 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 purposes for which the Club was formed are:

- To operate a social club for the pleasure, association and recreation of its members engaged in fly fishing activities.
- To work to protect wild fish and the habitat which sustains them.
- To work for the betterment and preservation of angling waters and surrounding land.
- To improve the "State of the Art" of flying fishing and to keep members informed of developments of interest.
- To develop and carry out programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishers and to promote ethical use of the resource.



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