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LEADER LINE

The 10 Percent Resolution

The practice of making resolutions for self-improvement goes back some 4,000 years. Lose weight. Save money. Exercise more. Learn to play the lute. One study showed that only 6 percent of New Year's resolutions pan out. So, yeah, meet the new year, just like the old year.

To be honest and self-effacing, I've never been one to make resolutions. Not that I couldn't use a boat load of self-improvement. I mean, who wants to deal with the annual humiliation of falling into the other 94 percentile dropout club?

But there is one resolution I've been going back to every year since 1990, when I

began my personal journey through the cloudy waters of fly-fishing. I have resolved time and again to be a privileged member of "The 10 Percent Club." Humiliation be damned.

You may already be in that club and never knew it. There are no dues to pay, aside from slipping on snotty rocks, creating Gordian knots while casting or extricating a size 6 Sex Dungeon from the back of your head. It's a rag-tag guild of like-minded fly-fishers who want to embark on life-long learning to improve their angling skills to the point where they are among the few, the proud — the 10 percent who catch 90 percent of the fish.

**Next Meeting
JANUARY 8**

**Dinner
Program**

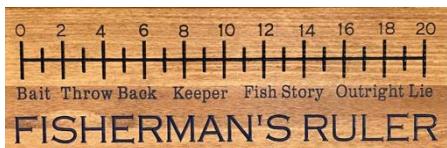
**6:30 PM
7:30 PM**

**Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406**

LEADER LINE (continued)

Which is why I've been working on this goal for over 35 years. I'm a slow learner. Yes, admittedly, the 10 Percent Club has no logo or web presence. No raffles or guest speakers. It's about wanting more, bigger, better. Be honest, who doesn't want that?

I like to think of it as the unnatural marriage of egomania and greed. It fits right in with the self-delusion we all share. "I fish, therefore I lie to myself."



If the 10 Percent Club seems out of reach to you, or you've already made the resolution to grow more hair (on your head), please consider that, as a dues-paying member of PSFF, you've already got all the tools you need to excel. First off you've got me, a tool if ever there was one. And you've got a group of other fine fellows who like to share their knowledge and experience with you.

We have classes (oh, do we have classes) that are 100 percent guaranteed to improve your casting, teach you how to tie flies that are guaranteed to let you catch millions more fish that are bigger, better and less fishy smelling. We have brilliant guest speakers whom I absolutely guarantee are most probably inductees into the 10 Percent Club. And we have raffles which, while perhaps not making you a candidate to the 10PC, will lighten your wallets for a good cause, guaranteed, which helps us pay for all the after-parties we have for this exclusive coterie of stinky, obsessed, sun-burned, logo-encrusted elitists who stand in rivers waving a stick.

So, yeah. Happy New Year. See you around the boat launch, living the dream.



*David Frazier
President*

PROGRAMS

Jake Campbell

Jake joined Western Rivers Conservancy in 2022 as the Donor Relations Officer. Born and raised in Michigan, his passion for western rivers stems from family fishing trips to northern California. With a passion for the outdoors, he, his wife and their two dogs are often out exploring the PNW.



Jake will make a presentation entitled "Sometimes to Save a River You Have to Buy It." WRC has been working for more than 35 years to conserve and protect lands on more than 280 rivers and streams in nine western states. The presentation will focus on how WRC purchases properties across the West to protect and conserve vital river ecosystems and to provide compatible public use and enjoyment.



*Mark Paul
Programs*

RAFFLES

Yes, we had a tremendous auction at the Christmas Party, thanks in part to some awesome trips. **HOWEVER** we also had amazing donations from members that brought in almost half of the total and far exceeded our expectations. And everyone was pleased with the savings they got!

At the January meeting we will have a super selection of flies, a new fly rod & reel combo and some new fly boxes filled with specially tied flies from David Frazier.



*Fred Olin
Raffles*

A **CHANGE** in our donation process - we **LOVE** your donations and they bring in good money for the club (see above) **BUT** they usually come in at our busiest (ticket selling) times. Almost always they are unmarked and all in one container and I **DON'T KNOW** or **REMEMBER** who gave them to the club. For the raffle we quite often separate and regroup things to attract more tickets. We also don't necessarily put them out right away (some we hold back for December, for example).

Please include your name and your donation contents at the time of donation. Many (most) of our ticket buyers are newbies and/ or beginners and would like to know more about their new item(s). Also, we want to **ACKNOWLEDGE** your donation to encourage others. Thank you - in advance.

OUTINGS

Happy New Year!

I am already looking forward to getting out on the water with members and enjoying the beauty of where we live and hopefully see a few shiny fins hit the surface of the water! January is a little rough to plan an outing with such unpredictable weather, however if there is an opportunity I will send an email out with a "flash outing" update. Here is the outing schedule for 2026. There may be a few changes as the year goes on, I will keep you posted!

January: Flash Outing ??

February: The Fly Fishing Show - February 14-15 in Bellevue, WA

March: Annual PSFF Rendezvous Yakima River March 27-29 at Whispering Pines Campground (availability pending; otherwise at Big Pines Campground)

April: Cady Lake Saturday April 18th

May: Lake Kokanee Saturday May 23rd

June: Green River, King County Tuesday June 23rd

July: Naches River Saturday, Sunday July 18th & 19th

August: Annual Club Picnic Saturday August 15th
Dosewallip River Tuesday August 18th

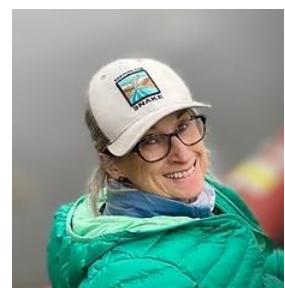
September: Packwood area (La Wis Wis campground) Cowlitz, Ohanapecosh Rivers, Leech Lake? Saturday September 19th

October: TBA

November: Black Friday lake fishing (WDFW stocked lake to be announced) Friday November 27th.

December: Flash Outing??

Warm regards,



*Julie Kelner
Outings*

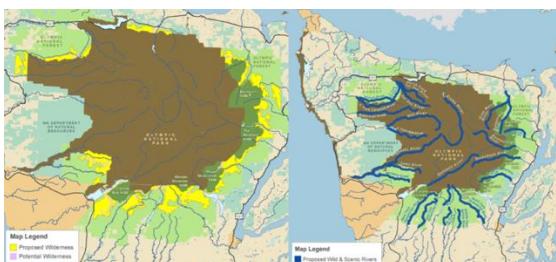
CONSERVATION

Happy Holidays!

In this conservation update I am going to highlight one volunteer opportunity and two ongoing conservation initiatives.

The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG) has a number of volunteer options year-round. One that may be of interest is to help monitor juvenile chum salmon near Belfair. This must be a popular activity as many of the time slots are full, and yet there are still openings, particularly in February and March. Go to the HCSEG volunteer site ([LINK](#)) and register as a volunteer, then you can view the available time slots and sign up. Check out their other volunteer options as well.

The **Wild Olympics Campaign** has been underway since 2008. The goal of this campaign is to provide legislative protection to many areas surrounding Olympic National Park by extending the boundaries of existing wilderness areas and designating many rivers as "wild and scenic". This is for the benefit of many different recreational users. More info is available [HERE](#).



This campaign led to the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2015 (S. 1510; H.R. 2665). The last 10 years (!) have been spent lobbying to get this act passed through Congress. Senator Murray and Representative Randall (6th District) have been carrying the torch here in recent years. One of the recent threats to this goal was the effort by the current administration to put many public lands up for sale. I am not trying to

make this update political, and yet as a community that values healthy watersheds, the fact that this effort has been stymied for the moment is a good thing for us.

If you want to support the Wild Olympics Campaign, there are three options:

1. Contact Senator Murray ([EMAIL](#)) and/or Representative Randall (360-373-9725) and offer your support to their lobbying efforts
2. Sign the Wild Olympics [PETITION](#)
3. Provide a donation [HERE](#)

Another topic for awareness is the proposed flood control dam on the Chehalis River near Pe Ell. This is a complicated subject. The **Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project** was started in response to flooding in 2007 and 2009 that caused a lot of damage in this area. A revised draft Environmental Impact Statement is out for public review (warning: its 327 pages long!). The general tone of the EIS is that the mitigations proposed are not sufficient to address the "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impacts" for a number of resource areas.

The [South Sound Eco-Network](#) is spearheading an effort to highlight these impacts and prevent the dam from being built. I am not knowledgeable enough to understand this complex topic and am not lobbying for any particular position. I am merely highlighting this topic for awareness. If you are interested in following and/or participating in this public discussion, there are several upcoming forums ([LINK](#)), and public comments are open until February 4:

- Jan. 6, 2026, public hearing
- Jan. 8, 2026, virtual public hearing
- Jan. 13, 2026, public meeting

Please feel free to provide input on what you'd like to see regarding our club's conservation focus. There are many options!



Steve Knowles
Conservation

EDUCATION

Fly Tying

There will be no Saturday morning fly tying in January as the beginning fly tying class is being held. We will resume in February.

Fishing Booby, Blob, and Mop flies

When conventional flies and techniques aren't working, what do you do? Many of us turn to unconventional methods. Known to some as "trash" flies, these highly effective patterns might just change your perception. Join us as club member Jim Baker leads us through the setup and technique of fishing these flies. This seminar will take place on **Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30** in the small room at Tower Lanes.



Beginning Fly Fishing

Again, this year, PSFF is hosting a four-week beginning fly fishing course. The dates are **April 28, May 5, 12, 19, from 6:00-9:00 PM** at the Sehmel Homestead Park in Gig Harbor. Signup is through PenMet Parks. Course registration isn't available yet, but the general website is [HERE](#).



*Rob Jensen
Education*

MEMBERSHIP

We begin 2026 with 142 members in PSFF. Two-thirds of the 142 members joined our club in 2025!

Membership Renewal

Be watching your email for a renewal of your membership to PSFF. The subject line will read "Plan Ordered". The message will say that "You've Ordered Yearly Renewal Plan" and

Plan Price: \$XX.XX

Plan Start: (date)

Valid Until: (date)

*Joe Harrison
Membership*



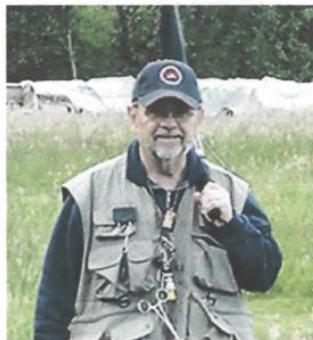
January Anniversaries/Years

Richard Kallal	1	Tim Bayliss	2	Eric Shry	3
Patrick Keating	1	Wayne McMillan	2	Julie Kelner	5
John Kingslight	1	Jim Pickett	2	Amy Weller	12
Craig Morgan	1	David Skau	2	Paul Fournier	18
Jason Swan	1	Helen Skau	2	John Clark	36
Mark Baumann	2	Glenn Starr	2		
Doug Bayes	2	Joe Harrison	3		

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Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI) & Government Affairs

Mike Clancy, Chair



Fly Fishing International (FFI), WSCFFI & SSFF Events for 2026

Tri - Cities Sportsman Show
January 23-25, 2026
Pasco, WA

The Big Horn Show
March 19-22, 2026
Spokane, WA

Washington Sportsman Show
January 28-Feb. 1, 2026
Puyallup, WA

Washington FFI Fly Casting & Fly Tying Fair
April 19. 2026
Pickering Barn Park, Issaquah, WA

Pacific Northwest Sportsman Show
Feb. 11-15, 2026
Portland, OR

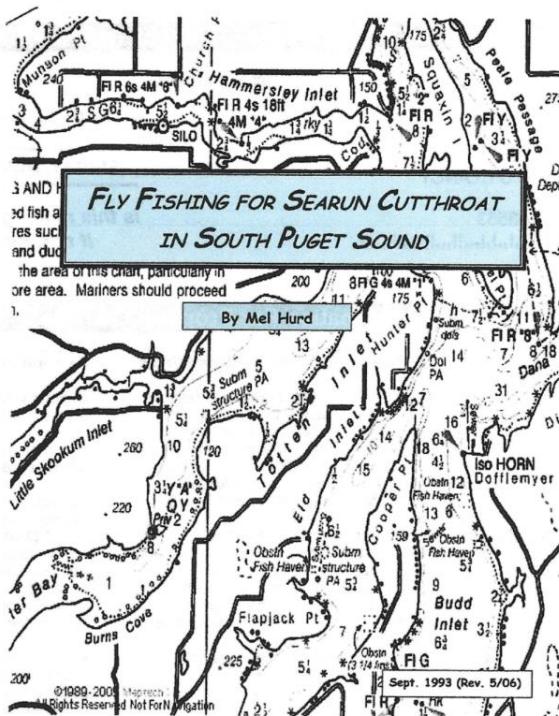
Women Connect Missouri River Rendezvous
May 22-24, 2026
Craig, MT

Fly Fishing Show
Feb. 14-15, 2026
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA

NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing
Academy
June 20-27, 2026
Panhandle Lake, Shelton, WA

NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo
March 13-14, 2026
Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR

Fly Fishing for Searun Cutthroat in South Puget Sound, by Mel Hurd



Accessing the Forum

The forum offers current information for users on what to fish, where, and which patterns are hitting. Use the forum to post events, share resources, ask questions and organize outings around the area.

Existing Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://www.psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Select the Log In option (red box in figure 2), then enter your email and password
3. Once logged in, navigate to the 'PSFF Paid Members Only' tab on the upper right of your screen, which will take you to the forum

New Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://www.psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Enter your email and a password, then click Sign Up (red box in figure 4)
3. You'll need to wait to be confirmed as a PSFF member. Check your email
4. Pay membership dues (see 'Membership', above)
5. Follow steps 1-3 (left) for existing members

Figure 1

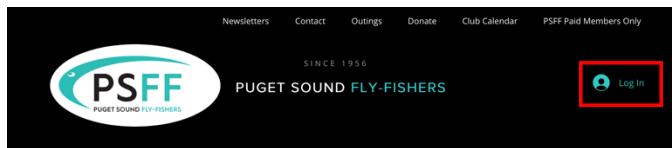


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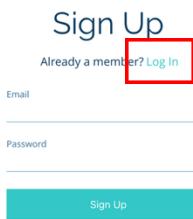


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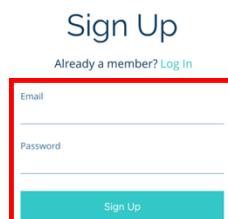
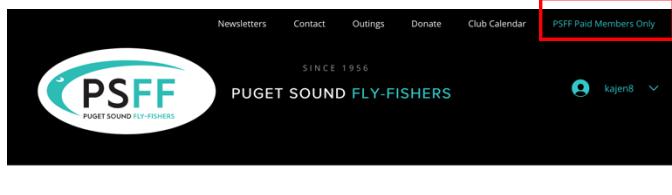


Figure 3



Forum

Welcome! Have a look around and join the discussions.