



Leader Line

Wow! What a trip and I don't mean I've been fishing. As the new President of Puget Sound Flyfishers, I feel like I have a pretty large task ahead. I don't need to remind any one of what has transpired during the past two years. Keeping the club together and functioning has been a task that was undertaken by the board, and I have to say that it has functioned quite nicely in the absence of regular, face to face meetings. My gratitude goes out to Greg Shimek, Mike Koslosky, Dennis Beardsley, Amy Weller, Bryan Habeck, Tess Frazier, and Gene Rivers. Special thanks also go to Jim Baker who has provided us with outing opportunities and Chic Sundahl who has lined up speakers for each Zoom meeting, as well as Tom Long for providing us with a newsletter each month and Bob Jimerson who has captained our web site. Without these people we may have become nothing but a letterhead.

The coming year poses some interesting challenges with re-entering the real world as a club and addressing the many questions and concerns of the membership regarding their wants and needs. The Futures Committee formed earlier this year has also done a great job polling the

Membership and compiling a long list of items that we can work on during the coming year. It should be noted that several members of the board as well as David Frazier, Julie Kelner, Geoff Corso, and Tom Krughoff, made up the committee chaired by Dennis Beardsley.

Many thanks to all who have participated and who will continue to serve the club. "It takes a village" as the saying goes and we have some very dedicated villagers.

We look forward to our first face-to-face meeting in February. We again, will be meeting at the Tower Lanes. The times may be slightly adjusted; nothing substantial. Watch the February newsletter and the web site for further information as it becomes available.

As a 16-year club member, I look forward to serving you as President and I will do my best to make your club experience everything that is hoped for. Feel free to contact me at most times of the day with questions or concerns.



Steve Saville, Club President



Education

As a result of the recent membership survey many of you requested that additional education activities be offered. Topics ranged from casting techniques, to fly-tying, gear selection, when, where, and how to fish certain bodies of water, what flies to use and so on. Your requests will be addressed and I look forward to putting together a wide assortment of educational activities to assist the fresh beginner all the way to the seasoned fly angler. None of us are pros but collectively we have some pretty sharp people in this club with an aggregate knowledge of hundreds of years of fly-fishing experience.

With winter's icy grips keeping most of us indoors, it is often time to sit at the vice, ties some flies or go through the garage and organize all our fly-fishing stuff from its life of chaos to a sense of relaxed calm where we know exactly where everything is. No, that's not a fantasy, it can be done with some forethought and strategizing.

January Fishing Tips

But for those of you who are brave enough to get suited up and head to your local body of water to fish, here's what you might look forward to. Year round lakes are always an option and when those calming days show up in January/February expect to see midges hatching during the warmest part of the day - usually between 10am and 3pm. Midges are the most prevalent aquatic invertebrate in lakes and whether you choose to fish with chironomids or hit the rise with dry flies, chances are you will connect. A Griffith's Gnat fly resembles a cluster of midges so let that be your first choice for dry fly-fishing. Size 16 or 18 should be just right. Plus, leech patterns are always a good choice since they are resident critters in lakes and ponds.

Midges will also appear on streams during that same time but don't be surprised to see some *Baetis* mayflies (aka Blue winged olives) or perhaps a caddis or two. Their larval form spends from one to two years developing before emergence so they are always around, just in fewer numbers during the dead of winter.

In the salt, it is just the right time to find cutthroat feeding on emerging chum fry so keep a handful of baitfish patterns close by. Sandlance are also a staple in the Sound and larger baitfish patterns will do the trick. Remember, sand lance don't have an air bladder so fish them with a sink tip and along more sandy bottom beaches where they are found.

And speaking of saltwater fishing, here's a TIP to keep your gear lasting longer; always rinse off your gear and flies (including your rod), separate your spool from the reel, and submerge everything in a bucket of freshwater BUT add a teaspoon or so of Salt Away® to the water. Salt is very corrosive and a fresh water bath is not enough. Let your gear soak for at least 20 minutes before rinsing it off with a spray from the hose. Dry everything off, hit your reel with a squirt of your favorite lubricant and your gear will give you years of service. Salt Away® is available at any marine supply shop.



Mike Koslosky

Outings

Never Too Early to Plan (Before It Gets Too Late)

Your asked for it, you got it. The strategy for year's outing schedule is a direct result from your input on the recent membership survey. More moving water, more weekends, more advanced planning.

Some might say that fishing outings are at the heart of the club because they offer two of the most valued benefits, according to survey responses: social interaction and fly-fishing education. So pull out your calendars and start marking down some of these events for 2022. You'll have more fun, make more friends and

improve your knowledge of this soul-restoring sport.

You may notice that a preponderance of the outings will take place on Saturdays immediately following the monthly meetings. This allows me one last opportunity to plug the outing while the iron is hot. Details about the fishing location will be provided as outing dates approach, and signup sheets will be posted on clipboards at the in-person meetings two months prior to each event. Expect earlier planning notifications for overnight outings. You can email me, dfrazier@wavecable.com or call me on my cell, (360) 265-6963, to get added to the participation list.

The importance of seasonality in fly-fishing was also factored into this schedule. Estimated river flows, weather, fish runs and stocking programs also part of the alchemy.

Special Save-the-Date Shout-Out: PSFF's long-established Park Lake outing will be held per tradition on the third weekend of May, this year being May 20-22. When making your reservations with the Sun Village Resort, think about adding days if you want to explore the abundance of great waters in the area. Sun Village Resort is situated between Park and Blue Lakes, both of which fish great for rainbows (and some browns) but you can also easily reach Lenore Lake (Lahontan cutthroat), Dry Falls Lake, Deep Lake, Banks Lake and Rocky Ford spring creek, among many others. If you haven't been on this outing, or haven't been for a while, please jump on this one. Check out sunvillageresort.com for reservations (tents, RVs and cabins). We'll be monitoring when the resort starts accepting reservations. More details to come.

And yes, you are seeing correctly. I did schedule **two** getaway outings in June, just because it can be such an awesome month for fishing. If you've never experienced a tight line on a 3-to 6-pound shad – "the poor man's tarpon" – now's your chance. And Leech Lake

is usually on fire when you're fishing damselfly nymphs or caddis patterns in June.

In addition to the following monthly outings, I'll be adding "flash" outings whenever I see special opportunities. Many of these will be mid-week meet-ups with less advance warning. Keep your eyes open for announcements on our club communication platforms.

My plan is to attend each club meeting and, to the best of my ability, act as a gillie at each outing. I will try to make myself available at the arrival times to gab with members and answer any lingering questions. I do not pretend to be an expert, but like so many of you, I know just enough to give some tactical advice. I'll also be leaning on you to spill the beans!

JANUARY

Munn Lake, Saturday, January 15, 10 am.

FEBRUARY

Spencer Lake, Saturday, Feb. 12, 10 am.

MARCH

Yakima River, Saturday-Monday, March 12-14

APRIL

St. Clair Lake, Saturday, April 16, 9 am.

MAY

Annual PSFF Gathering: Park Lake, Sun Village Resort, Friday-Sunday, May 20-22



JUNE

Shad: Cascades Island, Columbia River
(below Bonneville Dam), WA
Saturday-Monday, June 11-13

Leech Lake/Packwood, Friday-Monday,
June 24-26



JULY

Naches River, Friday-Sunday, July 15-17

AUGUST

Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, Monday,
Aug. 15, 8 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Puget Sound, Coastal Cutthroat/Coho,
Saturday, Sept 10, 9 a.m.-noon

OCTOBER

Cady Lake, Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER

American Lake, Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 am.

DECEMBER

Nahwatzel Lake, Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 am.



David Frazier

Fly of the Month

The Cosmic Nymph



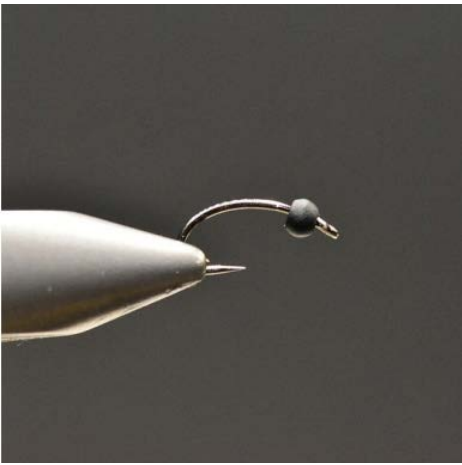
By Lee Barbee Posted in Fly Fishers International
Fly-tying Group, January 2020

This is Lee Barbee's first Fly of the Month
Submission. Lee is a Pro Team member for
Solarez UV Resin and avid fly-tier. Lee ties the
Cosmic Nymph for trout and steelhead and can be
tied from size 12 to 18.

Materials:

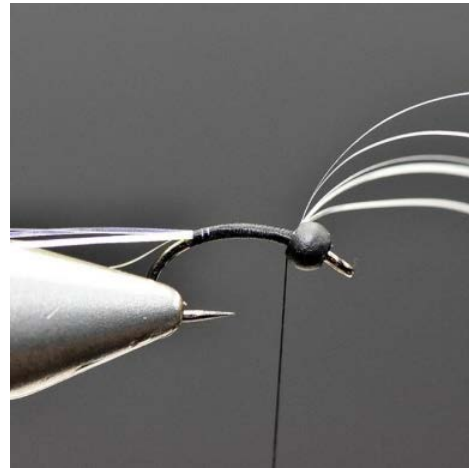
Hook: Partridge CZ/SHR
Thread: Semperfli Waxed Thread 8/0 Black
Weight: Matte Black Tungsten Bead
Tail: Ice Blue Flashabou
Body: Blue Polish Quill
Wing Case: 6 fibers of Pheasant
Tail Thorax: Tan Opossum dubbing
Legs: Ice Blue Flashabou
UV Resin: Solarez Bone Dry on the body,
Solarez Thin and Firemist Blue on the wing
case

Tying Steps:



Step 1:

Place your bead on the hook and place it in the vise.



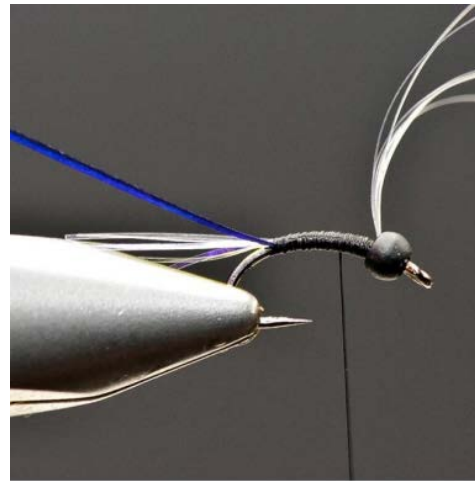
Step 4:

Wrap your thread over the Flashabou up to the bead



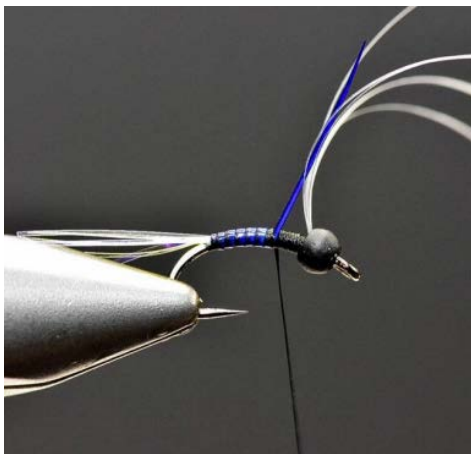
Step 2:

Start your thread behind the bead.



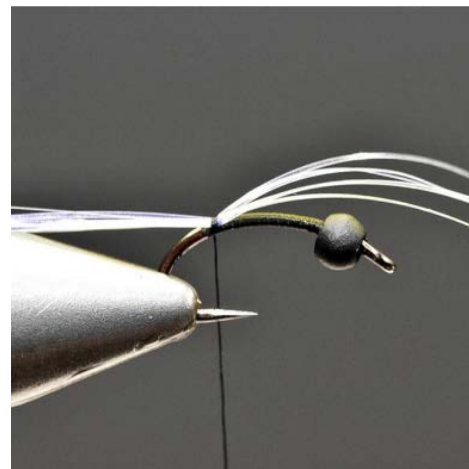
Step 5:

Wrap your thread back down to the tail and tie in the blue Polish Quill.



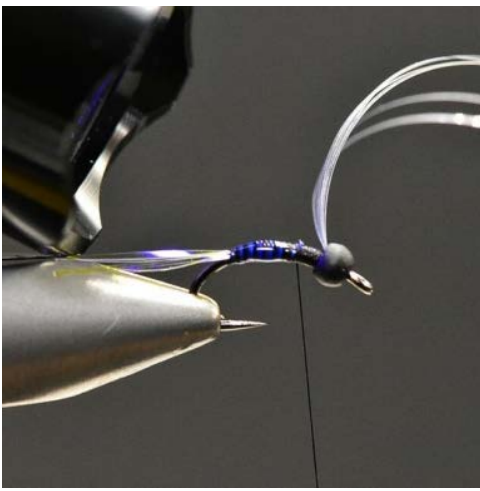
Step 3:

Wrap your thread to the bend and tie in 6 pieces of ice blue Flashabou



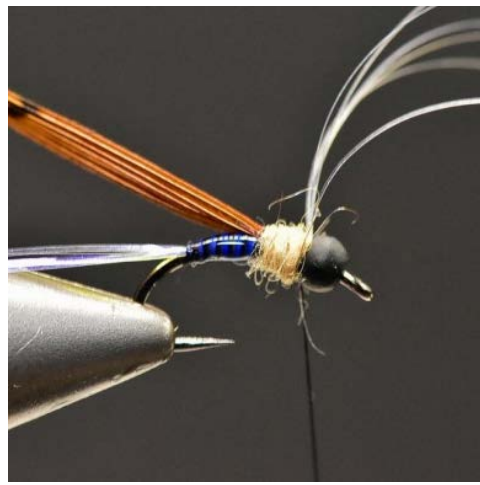
Step 6:

Wrap the Polish quill one wrap in front of the other and tie it down 2 eye lengths behind the bead.



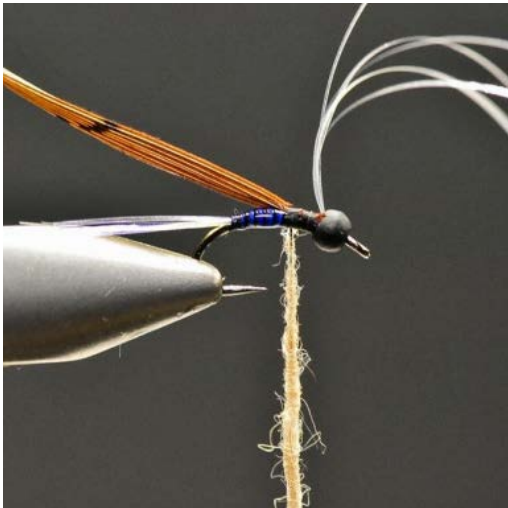
Step 7:

Add a coat of Solarez Bone Dry over the quill body and cure it with your UV light.



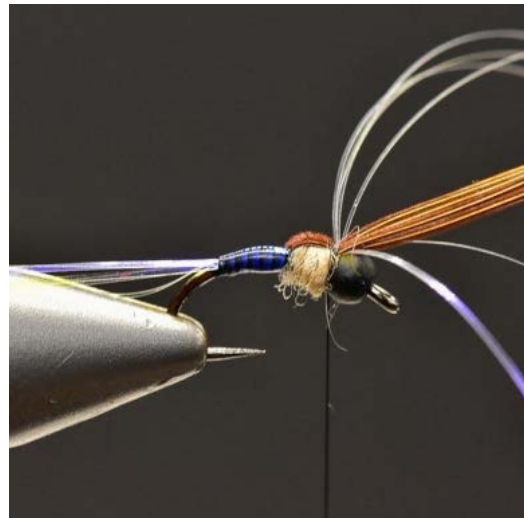
Step 10:

Wrap the dubbing noodle up to the bead.



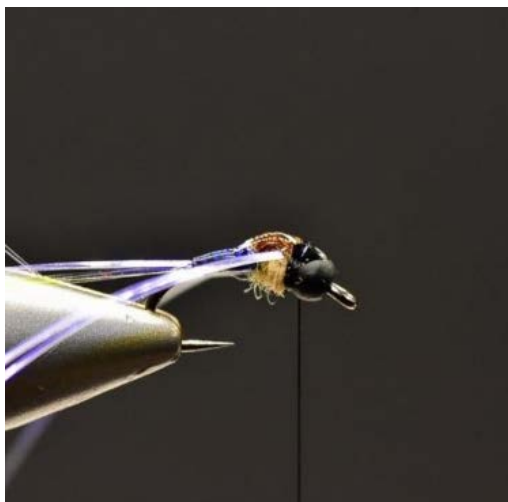
Step 8:

Tie in a clump of 6 pheasant tail fibers.



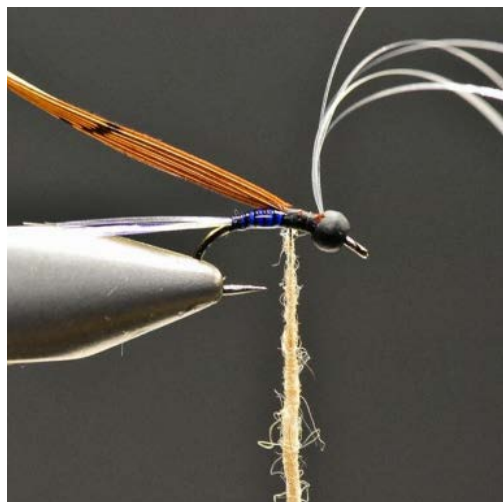
Step 11:

Fold the pheasant tail fibers forward and secure them behind the bead with thread wraps. Clip the excess pheasant tail fibers off.



Step 9:

Make a dubbing noodle with tan opossum dubbing



Step 12:

Pull 3 Flashabou fibers down on each side. Secure them in place with thread wraps. Whip finish. Add a drop of Solarez Thin on the wing case and cure it with your UV light. Cut your thread off.



Step 13:

Cut the Flashabout fibers to size

Credit to FFI Website with any use of the pattern. You can direct any questions or comments to ftg@flyfishersinternational.org.

Kristin Macy

Fishing Days in Winter

It's January. The water is cold. The fish are lethargic, on the bottom, and we are bundled up against the elements when fishing. Now's an excellent time to switch gears a bit and learn some new techniques, brush up on tying, and enjoy some fishing videos. I said last month that I watch a lot of video presentations, particularly during the winter months when I would not normally be trekking out to a fishing hole on a daily basis. I like what I find on the dreaded internet, and one should not shy away from viewing some of the thousands of video clips available.

There are some very good sites where you can absorb vast amounts of information. I have a couple of favorites that I frequent on nearly a daily basis. I like these:

Globalflyfisher.com – It's a web site that has literally thousands of clips on destinations, techniques, short video instruction and fly-tying. Three of my favorite contributors are Jim Misura, Davey McPhail, and the Feather Bender. By using their lists, you can watch several thousand tying instruction videos lasting anywhere from three

minutes to an hour or more. There are other presenters as well.

Thenewflyfisher.com – This is a series of videos produced by the Orvis company and features destination and fishing videos, fly casting instruction, and fly-tying. Many are short clips but there are also longer destination fishing trips filmed mostly in Canada.

Two other sites that I frequent are:

Washingtonflyfishing.com and speypages.com – These two sites require registration, which is easy, but the forums provide hundreds of pages of experiences, suggestions, fly-tying, and just about everything fly-fishing related. A warning, however. you have to sift through the individual posts and sub-forums to find what you are looking for. Each has a search function so if you have an idea of what you are looking for you might try one of these.

Google is your friend. I use it often as in looking for something specific. For example, I looked up "wading safety" and found a couple of good video presentations. I like the one by Tom Rosenbauer of The New Fly Fisher series. He has a five-minute video that speaks directly to wading safety. Another search for "double haul" yielded a short video by Pete Kutcher, also of The New Fly Fisher, on how to improve your double haul cast.

Here are a few tying videos that may interest you:

From globalflyfisher.com, Davey McPhail's "Caddis Pupa" fly, "CDC Mayfly," and "Super Stretch Caddis Pupa". Jim Misura's video titled "Resin Mayfly Nymph" is another keeper. Use the Google tools. If you need something specific or are looking for something, contact me.

Finally, I found a gold mine on the internet. Enter venturesflyco.com/pages/learning-resources. This is a web site from the Ventures Fly-fishing Company. You may have to give your e-mail address in which case you may receive e-mails from them, but it has seven short courses that can be downloaded by clicking the box and then clicking "send me a copy." You will receive instructional guides that include a fishing gear checklist, a cast and mending guide, a hatch chart, and several others. It's well worth a look if you want general to specific information. Steve Saville

Steve Saville

Puget Sound Updates

The Washington Department of Ecology's new Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit (PSNGP) goes into effect on January 1 and begins regulating the nitrogen that 58 wastewater treatment plants (WTPs) are discharging into Puget Sound. During the next five years, Ecology is requiring the WTPs to:

- Monitor wastewater for nutrient reductions, and collect data to support potential water quality trading among facilities.
- Optimize current treatment processes to remove as much nitrogen as possible.
- Plan for future facility upgrades to control nutrients.

During the next 5 years, Ecology will monitor the implementation of the PSNGP and collect public feedback with the intention of updating and refining the requirements for the subsequent 5-year permit cycle. For more information, go to: https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Who-we-are/News/2021/Dec-1-Puget-Sound-Nutrient-Permit?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

In recent issues of the Newsletter, the process of eutrophication was introduced to help explain why dead zones form, and a few members expressed interest in seeing video of a dead zone in Puget Sound. On October 29, 2021, KBTC aired a 30-minute show on its public affairs program "Northwest Now" titled "Stormwater Threatens Puget Sound," produced and narrated by Tom Layson, managing editor of KBTC Public Television. Underwater video by Peter Bortel is incorporated into the show to help illustrate the differences between a healthy underwater ecosystem and a dead zone in Puget Sound. If you're interested, you can watch the show at your convenience by going to <https://www.kbtc.org/northwest-now/2021/>.



Geoff Corso

Conservation

I know that many of our members love chasing the elusive Steelhead and are very concerned with the current state of this fishery. I just read a great piece written by **Don Freeman, the Conservation Chairman for South Sound Fly-Fishers**. With his permission I have included it in this month's Conservation section. His regular feature is entitled **The Soapbox**.

Greetings Winter Anglers,

I don't know how many of our members are steelhead anglers, nor which of you frequent the coastal rivers for winter-run fish, but this is a big deal for anadromous conservation, recreational fishers and the economy of the coastal communities. I have a good number of long-time relationships with hard-working Washingtonians whose livelihoods center on targeting this resource. Tackle and fly shop operators and manufacturers, boat builders, hotel and restaurant owners and especially river guides earn the bulk of their annual income from steelhead fishing.

Unfortunately, the salad days are over. The returns of anadromous fish have become so critically poor that we are on the brink of major extinctions unless we change our ways immediately, and change drastically. The cessation of Puget Sound steelhead fishing in the recent past due to the same concerns served to funnel most of western Washington's pressure onto the coastal runs, which at the time were comparatively more robust, though in fact a shadow of their former abundance. Guides from Montana, Oregon and Idaho moved to the region for the winter to swell the numbers of professional fishers to the point that even in the big rivers like the Hoh, virtually every native fish was hooked at least once before hopefully being able to spawn.

While this may be hard to swallow, consider that the last time I targeted wild steelhead in the Forks drainages, as a 70-year-old man, fresh off of chemo, I hooked six, netted and released five wild steelhead in one day fly-fishing. Multiply that

number of encounters over the season by the number of guides and skillful amateurs and the encounter impact is entirely credible. There is a 10 percent mortality rate associated with catch and release fishing, and a presumed decline in spawning success when these animals are stressed when hooked, handled and released, especially multiple times.

So, the conundrum becomes how to preserve the fish population, which has every moral right to continue, maintain an economic and cultural lifestyle in coastal communities, including our tribal co-managers and to do this in a way that becomes sustainable for future generations.

When I first moved to the Northwest in 1972, I went to work in the forestry industry. At that time log trucks coming out of the woods usually freighted only one log, 500 years to 1000 years old. These were milled in small towns throughout the region, wigwam smokers spewing smoke day and night. Over the years, the logs quickly became smaller, began shipping to Asian mills rather than supporting local communities and the timber companies continued to demand more and more forests claiming that their "Sustainable Yield" plans developed with the Forest Service would assure products and jobs forever. Tell that to the former mill towns of the West whose main industry now is loading pecker poles onto ships for overseas markets.

Sorry if I seem to have gone off track, but the metaphor is that our resources, once incredibly abundant have been undervalued for a century and a half with over consumption the result. Fortunately, it does not take five hundred years to replace anadromous runs as it does to grow an old growth forest. Pilot programs have shown that salmonids are robust animals that can recover from catastrophic setbacks if given the opportunity. It's not too late for our coastal fisheries.

WDFW has released the 2021-2022 emergency regulations for our coastal streams. Not everyone is going to like them, but just as the "Log the Olympic National Park" lawn signs have disappeared, we will get used to new restrictions –

the alternative being whether my grandsons will ever have the choice to go steelhead fishing or not.

As my title on the South Sound Fly Fishers club board is Conservation and Political, I will point out a couple of potentially contentious aspects of this issue. At this time, I do not know what the co-managers are going to forego in order to protect this season's runs. Gill-netting by tribal fishers is non-selective and is one of the greatest barriers to re-establishing native fish. There is a history of resistance to bold conservation practices among the coastal tribes. When I learn the co-managers' response to the current dilemma, I will make sure our members are made aware.

Second, while reading yesterday, I learned that the Build Back Better act currently being considered by our federal legislators provides \$1 billion for salmon and steelhead recovery in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Money would be spent on habitat, genetic recovery, infrastructure and economic support for communities in these states. In our current political atmosphere, folks seem to be FOR or AGAINST any legislation. If you are one of these hopefully on the fence, I hope this provision might tilt you FOR.

Below I have pasted the new WDFW fishing regulation for Coastal streams. There are a bunch of them. I have highlighted the larger and most popular drainages, including our local ones. As always, you are urged to consult the WDFW website to check on emergency changes to protect yourself from committing violations. In addition to closures, the biggest changes concern fishing from a floating device (a boat) since this is several magnitudes more effective than standing on the bank.

I monitored the virtual town meetings at which the agency outlined the challenges each region faces, followed by public input from concerned citizens. Roughly 80 percent of the callers demanded complete closure of all steelhead angling this year. So, while our opportunities are curtailed for now, let's try to be satisfied, if not grateful for what we got.

Don Freeman

WDFW COASTAL FISHING RULES 2021-2022

Action: Updates rules for coastal tributaries regarding fishing seasons for all species, including gamefish and salmon, fishing from a floating device, Selective Gear Rules (Selective Gear Rules prohibit the use of bait including scents or scented materials) with only one single-point barbless hook allowed in all areas open to fishing and requires release of wild rainbow trout. Reduces steelhead daily limit for the Quillayute system (Bogachiel, Quillayute, Calawah, Sol Duc) and Hoh River.

All species: Fishing from a floating device is prohibited except where otherwise noted in the Quillayute River system. Selective Gear Rules in effect, except only one single-point barbless hook is allowed.

Hatchery steelhead daily limit is 2.

Rainbow Trout: Release all wild rainbow trout

{Specific location rules are available on request ed}



Greg Shimek, Conservation

Membership

Reminder: Renewals Due by Feb. 1

Happy New Year! 2022 is off to an impressive start for PSFF. We have new members and more than half our present membership has renewed.

Responses to our recent Membership Survey show that members place significant value in the social aspect of PSFF: fishing with friends, membership meetings,, fly-fishing events, etc. As a direct result of the survey, the new year will also include plans for a summer barbecue, a holiday party and more.

All 2021 members were mailed a renewal notice in early November. You will be considered inactive in PSFF if your renewal is not postmarked by Feb. 1.

Plan to be included in all events by renewing your membership.

Club Anniversaries December 2021

Robert Anderson	8
John Bechtholt	9
Derek Burney	3
John Clark	32
Terry Dillon	7
Paul Fournier	14
Jason Kasner	3
Pete Kauffman	29
Julie Kelner	1
Bobby Kemp	2
Michael Koerner	6
Mark Malone	4
Tom Phelps	7
Doug Post	5
David Roholt	8
Bob Shirley	5
Amy Weller	8



Tess Frazier, Membership

Programs

As you have seen earlier in this newsletter there will not be a meeting in January. We of course wanted to meet face-to-face but with the uncertain transition of the Covid Delta and now the Omicron variant we're concerned about the safety of our membership. Our Zoom meetings have gone pretty well from a speaker standpoint. But the numbers of club members and guests who sit in on

the Zoom meetings is understandably low. Getting back to the Towers will fix a lot of things.

It's been interesting to see that some of the potential speakers are reluctant to meet in person so they are on standby for a while. Others are not comfortable with the mechanics of Zoom. So it's play it by ear for now.

February Speaker: Leland Miyawaki on "Beach Fishing for More Than Just Coastal Cutthroat "
More details in the February newsletter.



Chic Sundahl

the students and staff. We will be required to follow both the CDC and TU National's publication in regard to youth events. There are some youth events being conducted, that are day camps,. Our event, if conducted, will be the last full week of June 2022 with students staying in cabins and taking meals in the dining hall.

Happy New Year fellow members, may 2022 be better than 2020 and 2021.



Mike Clancy, FFI

WSC, FFI and the Academy

The FFI has remodeled their website to include information on education, conservation and. Please check new website www.flyfishersinternational.org. The FFI experienced a successful first time Virtual Expo in 2021, enjoying over 600 participants internationally.

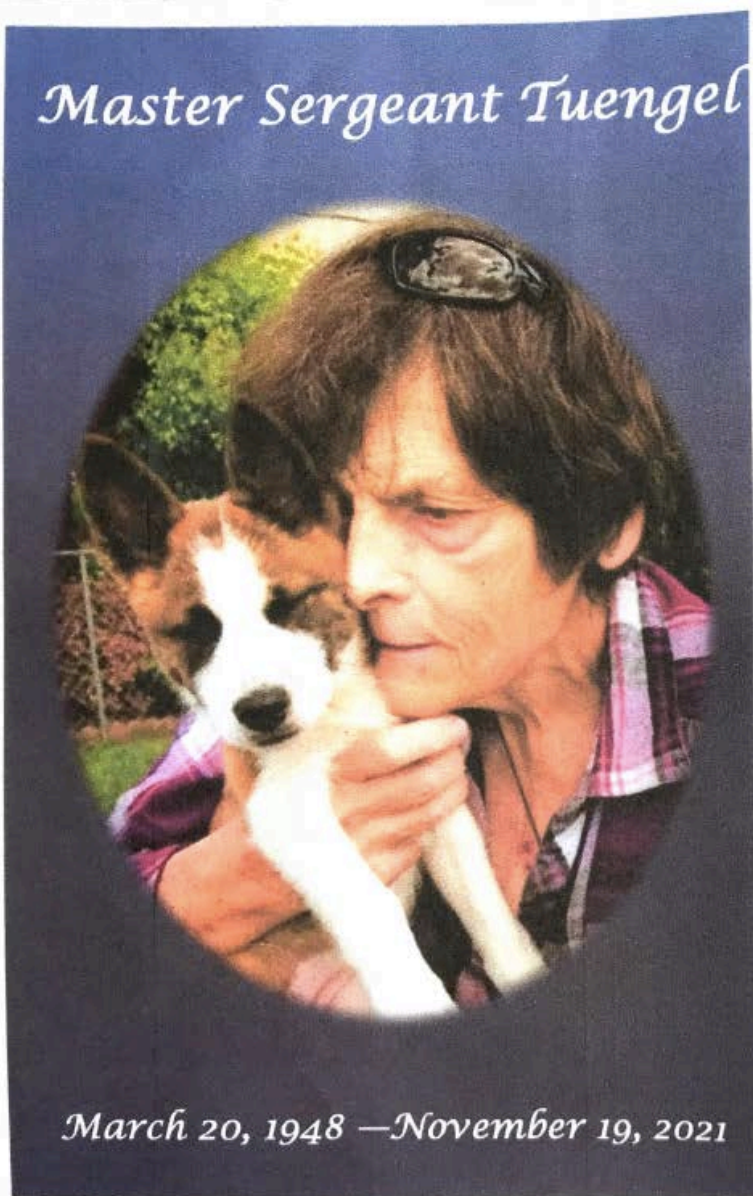
Carol Anderson, VP Education, WSCFFI, created a new youth program to be published on the FFI website along with the education and conservation sites.

WSCFFI – The Washington State Council has been meeting via Zoom. Next meeting we'll discuss our fly casting event later in 2022 in Western Washington.

Our website has been updated by Sam Matalone, WSCFFI. www.wscffi.org We also have both Instagram and Facebook pages.

THE ACADEMY –The co-directors have been meeting via a zoom type website to discuss the future of The Academy for 2022. We will decide about a 2022 event during the next meeting. There are so many concerns that have to be discussed in order to conduct a safe and healthy event for both

We remember Michelle - a dedicated fly-fisher, a true friend & a life of service. She was also a long time member, generous donor, and an amazing fly-tyer and will be missed by many.



OBITUARY

After graduating from Everett High School, Master Sergeant Tuengel enlisted in the Air Force. While serving in many locations including Vietnam, California, Oregon, Germany, Alaska, and finally McChord Air Force Base until retirement, Tuengel worked as a heating and boiler technician.

A life-long passion for fishing, hunting and camping, MSGT Tuengel was well known in the fly fishing community for exceptional fly tying and was interviewed for a magazine article on fly fishing. Alaskan snow, the Northern Lights, softball games at midnight and get-togethers with friends, while sampling the wild Alaskan cuisine of moose, caribou, and beaver to name a few were pleasures looked forward to.

MSGT Tuengel is survived by one son, Timothy N. Tuengel; three grandchildren: Holley, Noah and Candice; brother, Douglas Tuengel; sister, Gail Travis; nieces and nephews; and beloved companion Chum.

Preparing for the final journey home to be with Jesus, MSGT would say... "Now the fish will come to me!"



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