

**November**

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## **Leader Line**

Last month I said that Fall had arrived. Boy was I wrong. Fall not only arrived, it came in screaming, kicking and being a general nuisance. If you don't mind fishing in torrential rain and 15 to 20 MPH winds, I guess you didn't think October was all that bad, but for a lot of us those fishing conditions are down right miserable. I can hear all my friends that love Steelhead fishing chuckling to themselves and mumbling something about fair weather fishers as these conditions are a good day on a river to them. Personally, I do not enjoy dodging bait fish flies with big lead eyes, while trying to cast in windy conditions. I can assure you, they hurt when they make contact. With the end of October, most of our streams and rivers close for trout fishing. Yes,

there are a few year-round rivers but if you want to chase trout our numerous lowland lakes are the place to head. Many offer good year-round fishing and the opportunity to catch a number of different species. Who knows, maybe this year will be the year I catch my first pan fish in one of these lakes. However and wherever you fish, I hope November gives us some calm days to get out on the water.



*Greg Shimek,  
Club President*

### **Next Meeting**

**11/1121 7:00 PM**

**via ZOOM**

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Meeting ID: 823 5160 3622

Password PSFF2020

# Save Our Wild Salmon

## Coalition: Wild Salmon

### Speaker Series

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been stepping-up its efforts to preserve and protect a wide variety of fishery habitats including the Snake River. On April 12th, 2021, FFI signed onto a letter in support of (with recommendations for improving) US Representative Mike Simpson's proposal to breach the four lower Snake River dams. Recently, on October 21st, 2021, Earthjustice, on behalf of a coalition of fishing and conservation groups including FFI, along with the Biden administration, the State of Oregon, and the Nez Perce Tribe, filed an emergency stay in the US District Court of Oregon in the long-running litigation over Columbia and Snake River dam operations in *National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service* and the Court granted the stay, instructing the Snake River dam operators to increase spill when juvenile anadromous fish are in the river while parties in the litigation negotiate a comprehensive long-term solution by July 31, 2022. Each Columbia and Snake River dam has been a source of conflict since its conception, and every party involved in the history of the damming of the rivers tells the history of the conflict through their lens. Save Our Wild Salmon (SOS), a nationwide coalition that has been working to restore runs of wild salmon in the Pacific Northwest for more than 25 years, has organized a 3-Webinar Wild Salmon Speaker Series about this conflict from the perspective of individuals who have been involved in it.

The Webinars include:

Getting to Yes: Reflecting on the long road to restoring the lower Snake River

Date and Time: October 21st, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

(This Webinar was recorded and will be posted at [https://www.wildsalmon.org/.](https://www.wildsalmon.org/))

Speakers included:

Pat Ford: Former Executive Director of Save our Wild Salmon

LeeAnne Beres: Biologist and former Executive Director of Earth Ministry

Sara Patton: Former Executive Director for the NW Energy Coalition

Perspectives from Northeast Oregon: Restoring Salmon and the lower Snake River

Date and Time: November 4th, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Speakers include:

Adam Capetillo: Nez Perce Tribe member

Christina deVillier: Greater Hells Canyon Council

Andrea and Tony Malmberg: Union County, Oregon cattle ranchers

Stories from the Scientists: Reflecting on Science, Politics and Salmon recovery in the Snake and Columbia Rivers

Date and Time: November 18th, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Speakers include:

Helen Neville

Dr. Rick Williams

Jim Martin

To RSVP for the remaining two Webinars, go to

<https://saveourwildsalmon.salsalabs.org/>

[fallwildsalmonwebinarseries/index.html](https://www.wildsalmon.org/fallwildsalmonwebinarseries/index.html)

Save Our Wild Salmon - 'Save Our wild Salmon' 2021 Fall Webinar Speaker Series - 10/21, 11/4 and 11/18



*Geoff Corso*

# Outings

## November

Tacoma Narrows Park, November 29, Monday,  
08:00 parking lot

1502 Lucille Pkwy NW, Gig Harbor, WA

Low tide 6:05 am, 3 feet

High tide 1:04 pm, 13 feet

We should be able to fish a few hours before the incoming water gets too high.

If new to this type of fishery and have questions don't hesitate to ask me before 11/29.

I'm not the best source of info here but I know several fishers with years of experience.

## December

Lions Park, Bremerton, Monday, December 13,  
7:30 am

251 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton is the park's address but turn left at Hefner St which takes you to baseball field parking lot where we will meet.

This 17-acre waterfront park has great access and plenty of beach to explore for fishing.

Low tide 6:30 am, 4.5 feet

High tide 1:00 pm, 13 feet

There will plenty of areas to fish. If the weather and fish cooperate it should be a fun day.

If fishing or park access questions, please contact me - [bake5636@wavecable.com](mailto:bake5636@wavecable.com)

*Jim Baker*

# Fly of the Month



## DAVE'S REAL SKUNK

by Bob Bates International Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council

Opening Comments: Dave Hamilton of Grants Pass, Oregon ties this pattern at nearly every show or Conclave that he attends. These pictures were taken at the 2012 International Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane, Washington. In addition to skunk, he has tied the pattern with fox mask dyed black, squirrel dyed orange, natural squirrel, mink and woodchuck. Now a few words should be said about collecting the skunk pelt. If your local fly shops doesn't carry it, check around on the internet. Above all do not pick up road kill; your roommate will kick you out of the house when you bring it home. Yes, it catches fish. Fish it in streams and lakes like you would any other wet fly. Use a floating line if it is shallow water, a sink tip if it is a little deeper and a full sink line in the deep water. Vary the retrieve and depth until the fish tell you what they like. Then keep it up until the fish get bored with your presentation. Or maybe you educated all of the fish in that spot, and you will have to move on. Release the fish carefully so you can play with them another day.

## Materials list

Hook: Down eye nymph hook,  
1X long, size 12 etc.

Bead: Glass bead green outside  
and red center.

Size 8 seed bead. (or brass  
bead)

Weight: Lead wire, 0.015-inch

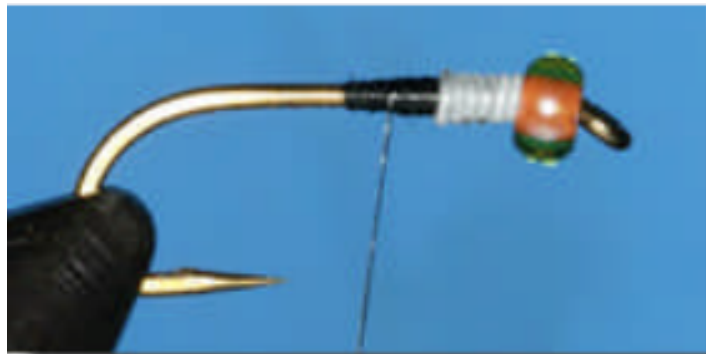
Thread: 8/0 black

Tail: Skunk guard hair. (Kristin's  
Suggestion – Buck tail)

Rib: Copper wire, fine

Collar: Ostrich herl, black

Step 3 Attach thread behind the lead coil, and build a thread  
ramp behind the lead coil. This holds the lead coil in place.



## Tying steps

Step 1 - Smash down barb or use barbless hooks.  
The fish are easier to release, and the hooks are  
easier to get out of the angler. (Kristin – makes it  
easier to get the bead on the hook)



Step 2 - Put 4 to 6 wraps of lead wire behind bead.



Step 4 Wrap thread over the lead to secure it, and  
then wrap back to a point over the barb. Cut off a  
small clump of guard hairs and under fur, and clean  
out the under fur. Dave takes the under fur home  
and runs it through a blender to fluff it up. You can  
use the under fur as is, but he prefers to fluff it up.  
Stack the guard hairs for the tail. Measure a shank  
length tail, cut off the excess right behind the lead  
coil, and tie it on top of the hook



Step 5 - Tie fine copper wire under the hook, bend the tag end back, and wind thread over it to make it extra secure. Dave does this with the hook upside down.



Step 6 - Dave put the dubbing directly on the thread. He feels that skunk under fur is an outstanding material. Wrap dubbed thread forward to the bead. Then counter wrap wire rib. Cut wire at top of the bead. Fold it back, and put a few thread winds over it.



step 7 - Wind thread back to the body, and tie on a black ostrich herl. Put on a half hitch and move the thread out of the way. Wrap the ostrich herl forward, secure and trim excess. Whip finish right behind the bead. Put on a little head cement. His head cement is thinned by 50 percent, and it soaks in immediately.



Closing Comments Very quickly you will get up to speed with this fly. So, tie a bunch and go fishing.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern. You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at [flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org)

*Kristin Macy*

## Membership

### Watch Your Mailbox !

Current members of Puget Sound Fly-Fishers will be receiving a notice in mid-November to renew their membership. We have also enclosed the renewal application and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to make it easier to return. It's not too early to drop that check in the mail. Fees are due on January 1, 2022.

Members who renew by February 1, will be included in our online directory which is emailed to all members. Hard copies will be mailed upon request. That said, make sure all your information is correct when filling out the renewal application.

## PSFF Needs Your Help

It's that time of year where we look for those individuals who want to contribute their talents and want be more involved with Puget Sound Fly-Fishers. The common perception is that one has to be a superlative fly-angler to be on the Board of Directors or a Committee Chair. Although this is a wonderful ability to have, it is not necessary to be part of the administration of PSFF.

A few things you do need:

- \* a commitment and interest in Puget Sound Fly-Fishers
- \* the ability to attend monthly meetings
- \* to be friendly and clear in all communications
- \* the ability to work as a team
- \* to be willing to listen and learn

PSFF has been fortunate to have those who repeatedly volunteer for many of its administrative positions. It's time to get some new faces on board. We need fresh ideas, new perspectives and more input. PSFF has been a mainstay in the community for 65 years. Let's continue its mission to encourage the sport of fly-fishing by social, educational and conservation means. Be part of the leadership that steers the future of Puget Sound Fly-Fishers. Please support your club ... VOLUNTEER to fill one of these positions:

- \*Board President
- \*Board Vice-President
- \*Programs
- \*Outings

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360-265-6833



*Tess Frazier*

## And the Winner is...

Conrad Silvani beat the October 15th deadline for early submission of his PSFF Questionnaire and his name was drawn from all those with early returns. He is the winner of the \$50 drawing. There is still time to submit your questionnaire. The Club needs as much feedback as possible. Thank you!

## Anniversaries

### Club Anniversaries November 2021

Bill Bulis.	2
P. J. Hicks.	23
Susan Johnson.	8
Douglas D Quail.	9
Daniel Rzeszewicz.	7
Rodney Sand.	2
Greg Shimek.	8
Charles Sundahl.	7
Mark Yuhasz.	6

## Programs - via Zoom

November 11, 2021

7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82351603622?pwd=aiszRmZ3YW85RitCRDdUWWWhGTzVYUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 5160 3622

Passcode: PSFF2020

## Salt Water Fly Fishing - Florida Keys

### and the Gulf

With **Aaron O'Leary**, of **Angler's Obsession**, will share a brief overview of some amazing saltwater fishing both in the Florida Keys and Louisiana. Aaron will talk about some of the tactics to sight

cast to these amazing Tarpon, Bonefish and Redfish including discussions on flies, presentation, line management, gear, and spotting fish. Many of you will remember that he did a program for us on “Reading Water for Steelhead” some time ago. At the time his major focus was Steelhead on the peninsula. However, with the steelhead fisheries in trouble he chose not to present on steelhead on the Klickitat until the fish start to recover. That’s quite a commitment for most if not all of the guides involved in the Columbia and Snake River steelhead fishery. Also, of note the Saville brothers recently fished with him in the warm waters of the southeast and have nothing but glowing things to say about him.



Chic Sundahl

## Conservation

**FFI** – The Virtual Expo 2021 – November 5-7, 2021, Registration is open for the 2021 Virtual Expo. Please go to the FFI website for the link to register. FFI is pulling out all the stops to make the Expo the premiere fly fishing event of the year. Teaming up with some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport for great presentations, some free, some fee. Two events that I’m partial too: 11/5 at 3-4 pm EST, 12-1 pm PDT, (I hope the times are right), “The Angling Commitment to Bristol Bay” by Meghan Barker, Organizer TU Alaska, Meghan has been an incredible contact for me on information on the Pebble mine for the past couple years. She gives a wonderful presentation. Carol Anderson, FFI Youth Education Chair, and WSCFFI V.P. Education Chair, is presenting her new “FFI Youth Education Program”. 11-6-2021 at 3 pm EST, 12 pm our time??. I am looking forward to witness her presentation; I know it will be good.

**ALASKA** – Again, Alaska is a part of the WSCFFI territory. The following is a message from Meghan Barker. She writes “Hi Mike – Nothing huge on the campaign front, but TU did launch our “Fish It Forward”. Their goal is to raise \$200,000 for Bristol Bay efforts in 2022 to help with tactics to advance permanent protections (communications strategies, on-hand legal strategies, on-hand legal counsel, and national grassroots organizing efforts) for the region. Fortunately, this is a matching challenge, all funds will be matched up to \$200,000. Those interesting in donating, please go to: <https://gifts.tu.org/donate/sbb-fishitforward>

Occasionally I hear about remarks, I’m getting tired of hearing about “Pebble mine”, folks, we cannot get tired of hearing about the Pebble mine. We cannot let it happen, enough said. IT CAN NOT HAPPEN.

**WASHINGTON – WSCFFI** – On Friday, Senator Patty Murray and Governor Inslee announced new details about their next steps. Following on the governor’s remarks, they agreed to produce a long plan to protect and recovery of the Snake River Salmon no later than July 31, 2022. Maybe removing the dams????

In the upper reaches of Washington Yakima River Canyon, Western Rivers Conservatory has embarked on an effort to conserve a 4 mile stretch of the Yakima River by conserving the 812 acre Yakima Canyon Ranch. This is just north of Red’s on the Yak.

The **Chehalis Basin Board** continues to move forward with developing and evaluating LAND. – a Local Actions Non-Dam approach to reducing major approach to reducing major damage across the basin. Ten years ago, the cost of the “Free flowing dam” was \$624 million.

There was another event this past week – Our dear friend Dean Childs passed last week. Dean was very much involved with the Academy. He helped us acquire rods, reels, etc. for the kids. Not only

that, he was involved with creating the one handed casting tool for casting for one handed casting person and tying tool for one handed vets.

Kristin Macy and I drove to Dean's memorial service in Port Angeles. It was a wonderful event with folks speaking about Dean's life. He will be missed. RIP dear friend.

We have been conducting zoom meetings with the new directors for the Academy, we agreed that we would decide around December 2021, if we are going to conduct an Academy in 2022. There are so many concerns as to what can happen when we gather 20 students in regards to the virus. Please stay tuned.



*Mike Clancy, WSCFFI*

## **PSFF Library**

We are not currently checking out any materials and ask that you please keep track of what you do have checked out.

Checkout requirements:

- Current Membership
- Up to 3 items at a time
- For 2 months at a time
- Write Month/Year on checkout card
- Return books to the basket

Missing and Lost books

Take this time at home to peruse your personal library and make sure that none of the pesky missing book had infiltrated and take residence. If you find something, there will be no questions asked – Just return to the Catch and release basket on the library table when we gather next. Our books have a stamp or hand written "Property of the Puget Sound FlyFishers" inside the front cover.

## **Library Organization**

I have been working with the library now for about 4 years. Most everyone has stopped by and checked out the books but I wanted to take a moment and let you know how I have everything organized so that you might find that special book that you want to check out a little bit quicker.

Books are setup in the following categories:

- General Fly Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Destinations
- Novels
- Rod building
- Conservation
- Women's Fly Fishing
- Reference
- Float Tube / Drift Boat / Kayak
- Knots
- Casting

Videos are setup with the following categories:

- Fly Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Destinations
- Movies
- Conservation
- Knots
- Casting

Please stop by and have a look around – I'm happy to help you find what you are look for. If you have read a good fly-fishing book, write a review and we can feature it in the library section with a picture of you and thebook Any suggestions are most welcome. Semd me an email - [KHMacy@live.com](mailto:KHMacy@live.com). Stay Safe,Keep your distance and wear a mask.

*Happy Thanksgiving to all*



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