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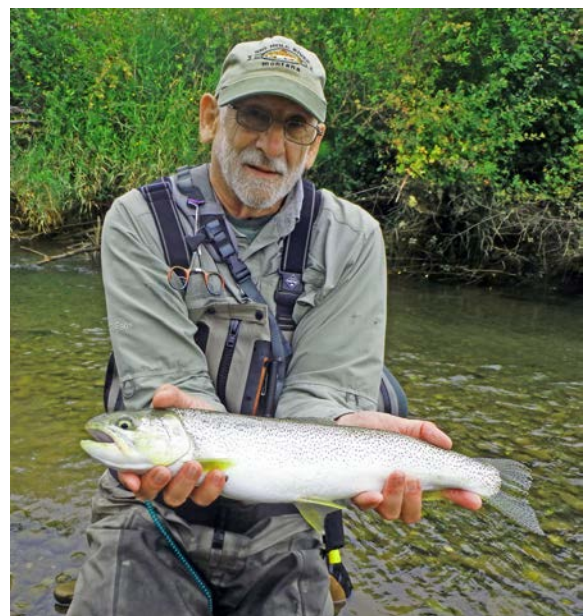
Leader Line

Greg Shimek

**W**ell June has finally arrived and it is officially summer. As you read this edition of the Newsletter rivers and streams have opened and some of the nice weather we have already had will be just like the days we can more assuredly anticipate. A nice start to summer fishing to my mind.

I just love fishing streams. Big, medium, small or tiny, it makes no difference to me. I just love moving water. I already have had one trip to the Yakima River with some club friends and right now I am in Montana fishing the Big Horn River with a different bunch of club members. When I return, I will be heading to one of many fun and productive trout streams on the west side of our state. Most folks think of fishing in the western half of Washington as primarily Salmon and Steelhead fishing and lots of lakes to test your skills. But there are lots of trout streams as well.

One big advantage is you don't need any kind of



watercraft to fish these streams. Just a pair of waders on colder days or shorts and wading

boots on nice warm days will do just fine. Depending on stream size, a 3wt, 4wt or 5wt rod will work great. Throw in some dry flies, some nymphs and a few streamers and you are set to go. Most fish are small but very willing to go after you flies. If you are on a stream that flows into the saltwater, don't be surprised if something large, like the one I've included here, grabs your offering. If so hang on you are in for one heck of a fight.

One thing to remember when fishing streams, you will catch more fish if you are willing to walkup or down stream from the access area. Most people fish right at or very close to an access, so start hiking and you will be happy you did. I hope you find a new stream to fish this year that becomes a very special place for years to come.



## Helping the Cause

Mike Koslosky

Nearly all PSFF members fish for sea run cutthroat. And since our current President is also the Executive Director of the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition, it's no surprise that information about these fish is fresh, and constant.

Recently CCC Executive Director Greg Shimek invited me to join him on a research project to sample for cutthroat at a beach near Belfair. Our task was to catch fish, anesthetize them, take a caudal fin sample, scale samples, measure them and record the date, time, and geospatial location (latitude and longitude).

We fished like any typical cutthroat angler - casting, stripping, recasting, stripping, repeat, repeat, repeat, change flies, recast, strip, strip, recast, strip. After about 20 minutes we each hooked into a fish. Greg's gave him the slip but I landed a first year season cutthroat in the 6" category. Carefully we walked back to shore,

placed the little fella in a bucket of fresh saltwater from the beach, give it a few drops of the anesthetizing chemical and waited a few moments for the fish to calm down. All the requisite measurements were then collected and recorded, photos taken, whereupon the fish was released back to its home waters to grow up and make some other fisherman's day.

The unusual part of this for me was that normally a small fish, or any cutthroat caught for that matter, would be admired, released and I would be back fishing. But spending the time to gather the data needed for this study, observing the fish closely and without harming it gave me a whole new understanding and appreciation for what the CCC is trying to accomplish and why.

One of the goals of the CCC is to gather genetic information from these fish to determine if they were born in a nearby stream, and if fish from certain streams are distinct, genetically, from fish born in other streams. The implications of this can drive decisions when it comes to protecting or improving habitat in streams that have been degraded, ...continued

and subsequently, rearing success in streams flowing into Puget Sound.

Other research underway will entail inserting acoustic tags inside cutthroat which can be monitored via receiver antennas to track the fishes movements throughout its life. Questions of how far do they range in a given season, do they have a home beach they return to, do they travel into freshwater more than once during the year, do they stay within a specific distance from where they were caught and tagged? All these questions will ultimately guide decisions about managing this resource, and should help us fishermen know more about the cutthroat we all pursue on a regular basis.

### Coastal Cutthroat Research

The research day was not complete until Greg tied into another cutthroat just before we were wrapping up. After a careful and determined battle, Greg landed a spectacular 19" sea run cutthroat, the largest I had ever seen. All measurements were taken and recorded, photos made, and big smiles shared between us.

So keep this story in mind in the event anyone ever asks you to help with a research project about cutthroat or any other species of wildlife. The experience goes far beyond that which we normally undergo and opens a new vision into a sport or hobby you never expected. You won't regret the experience.



BIG FJORD PROJECT CUTTHROAT SAMPLING FORM 2021

CUTTHROAT DATA	DATE	REGION (A-G)	TIME	LAT/LONG	FORK LENGTH (mm)	COPEPODS (Y/N & #)	AURIGULIDS (Y/N & #)	PHOTO #	SCALE? (Y/N)
1	5/15	P	11:52	47° 23' 41" N 122° 53' 37" W	275mm				
2	5/15	D	11:55	47° 23' 22" N 122° 53' 11" W		W	N	Y	Y
3	5/17	E	7:30	47° 23' 01" N 122° 52' 10" W	222mm	N	N	Y	Y
4	5/17	E	7:31	47° 23' 16" N 122° 52' 10" W	240	N	N	Y	Y
5	5/15	D	4:05	47° 22' 40" N 122° 52' 30" W	243	N	N	Y	Y
6	5/15	D	4:11	47° 22' 40" N 122° 52' 30" W	236	N	N	Y	Y
7	5/21	D	4:35	47° 22' 40" N 122° 52' 30" W	195	N	N	Y	Y





# Outings

## Jim Baker

The annual May outing to Park & Blue Lakes at Sun Village Resort was a great success. We had a turnout of 11 folks with varied skill and experience levels. We all shared fishing techniques and flies that were effective. Everybody caught rainbow trout in the 13"-18" and a few caught brown trout. Chironomids, soft hackles, damsel nymphs all caught fish but bead head leeches were the most productive. A pattern called Pumpkin Head was especially effective on either intermediate or full sink lines. The evening bonfires were fun in that we were around other folks besides our immediate family for a change.

A good place to be after dinner



typical - fat and bright



Take a look at what's on our agenda and plan to join us for more great fishing.

June 11, Friday, 09:00 am, **Harts Lake** (SE of Yelm, Pierce county)

This time of the year we will try for warm water fish and/or trout. This 111 acre lake appears to be a big bowl with a max depth of 50 feet. The April plant was 6000+ stocker trout. The lake also supports naturally reproducing populations of largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, brown bullhead catfish, bluegill sunfish, and pumpkinseed sunfish.

Directions: Tacoma > Parkland > Spanaway, Wa-507, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave , Harts Lake RD, left onto Templin RD S, right to boat launch.

## July

**Packwood** (Barb Przasnyski property)  
July 12-14, Mon-Wed

To help with planning on lodging and food I would greatly appreciate early notification if planning to attend. This can be done by email to me or a post/reply to the Packwood Outing on the PSFF Forum.

For this outing we will be establish a base camp in Packwood. Our gracious host here will be Barbara Przasnyski who is offering the use of her property.

The plan is to meet in Packwood July 12. If you arrive early then there will be time to get in several hours fishing this same day. You can also arrive later and just relax before fishing the next day.

Directions: 114 Shady Acres Rd, Packwood

From Tacoma area (shortest route): Get to Ashford via Mountain Highway(7) to FR 52 Skate Creek Rd. on your right. This is about 3 miles from entrance to Mt. Rainier.  
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Drive about 23 miles along Skate Creek Rd. to Packwood. Turn right just before the Cowlitz River Bridge onto Shady Acres Rd. Barb's house is at 114 Shady Acres Rd. on the right.

Alternate route is via Elbe to Morton to Packwood via Highway 12 is longer distance but about same road time.

#### Accommodations:

- In Barb's house there will be two twin beds available as well as a day bed, a couch and a twin sized sofa bed.
- There is a little cabin that three women could share or two men because of the twin over queen arrangement.
- Also available is a Costco shed with 2 single beds. (fan and insect screen over the door).
- Two RV electrical hookups are available up near the main house and maybe one near Airstream.
- There is plenty of room for people to put up a tent. Plus Barb is offering tents if needed.
- Two barbecue grills available for members to use as well as a full kitchen in the main house.
- There is an indoor bathroom available to members near the little cabin. In that bathroom there is a shower. Adjacent to that indoor shower is a private heated outdoor shower available to campers and people staying in little cabin or sleeping in the shed.

#### Things to Know:

Bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, towels, wash cloths, paper plates, food & drink to share. Potluck planning is dependent on attendance. Standby for more information.

There is a big fire pit that is ideal for gathering each evening.

There is WiFi at the cabin. Access code is internet cowboy.

Verizon gets good reception there. Other carriers... less predictable

Should be able to find enough wood on my property. If you have a bunch at home then bring some if you

have room. Pets welcome. Bring baggies to pick up their deposits.

#### Fishing options near Packwood:

1. Leech Lake and Dog Lake (vessel or float tube required) are at White Pass which is 19 miles from Packwood.

2. Skate Creek is a beautiful stretch of wadeable water and is a very short walk through the woods behind my property.

3. The Cowlitz River is about 100' from my property and can be waded or fished from shore.

4. Packwood Lake is about 10 miles south of Packwood. To get there requires a 3.5 mile hike from the parking area. Shore fishing is very limited. Best fishing requires a float tube or kayak. There is an ATV trail running roughly parallel to the hiking trail.

5. Numerous creeks are available down many of the Forest Roads off of Highway 12.

6. Less than an hour's drive from Packwood is Riffe Lake, Mayfield Lake & Mineral Lake. All are best fished with a boat or float tube.

And if you need a rest break...

#### Packwood Options:

A five minute drive from house in town you'll find Packwood Brewery, Blue Spruce Tavern, Cliff Jumpers (burgers) and more. Blanton's Grocery Store is nearby as is a gourmet coffee shop across from 4-U Realty.

COVID precautions: If people are vaccinated then they are protected from the virus. However, they could spread it to others who aren't vaccinated. I suggest everyone bring a mask. Once we know who is vaccinated and who is not then we can wear masks when/where we need to do so. We will be outdoors most of the time and there is less risk outside than in. Staying 6' apart helps as well. ... continued

Questions: Barb 253253-279-3374 and members may call if they have questions. Watch the Forum for additional information or contact me [bake5636@wavecable.com](mailto:bake5636@wavecable.com)

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## Fly of the month -

### Puget Sound Sand Lance

Kristin Macy

PUGET SOUND SAND LANCE Published by Bob Bates Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council

Nathan Keen, from The Avid Angler, Lake Forest Park, WA, was one of 56 tiers who were demonstrating their skills at the first Annual Fly Tying Expo of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers in Ellensburg, WA April 21, 2007. He was tying this fly along with other favorite saltwater patterns. He has been tying it since year 2000 when he returned to Western Washington from the Orvis Striper School on the east coast. He learned the flat wing style used on this fly from Kenny Abrams while he was there. Perhaps it is a favorite because he has caught many sea-run cutthroat and Coho salmon with it. Sea-runs are 18 to 20 inches long, and Coho's range up to 5 pounds. Usually, he fishes from shore.

Either a floating or intermediate sinking line may be used. In real shallow water use the floating line. Remember the water depth changes with the tide. If you know what to look for you can sometimes see fish slashing after tiny sand lances and other bait fish. That is a clue to using a hard strip to imitate bait fish fleeing in panic. At other times the schooled bait fish are visible, and they might even create nervous water with their movements. As with other types of fishing, be aware of what is happening and use to your advantage.

If the bait fish aren't giving you clues then use blind casting like other anglers. Cast in any direction and try a variety of retrieves. With casts into deeper water, you can let the fly sink a little before retrieving. However, don't forget to work a few casts along the shore.

The fly above looks pretty slim. In the water it will look even slimmer, just like a sand lance"

#### Materials List:

Hook: Gamakatsu SL, black bonefish size 4

Thread: Uni 6/0 white

Tail: White bucktail

Dubbing Ball: Downey material from a chartreuse saddle hackle.

Second tail: White neck hackle

Third tail: Chartreuse dyed grizzly hackle

Highlights: Lavender Gliss-n-Glow

Body: Bill's Body Braid, pearlescent

Beard: White bucktail Wing: Bucktail, olive, chartreuse and blue (hand mix before tying on fly)

Overwing: Dark dun saddle Topping: Peacock herl

Eyes: Synthetic or natural jungle cock

#### Tying steps:



1. Lay a thread base on shank from front to rear. Stop with thread over point of hook. Then tie white bucktail securely so the tail is a little longer than the hook.

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2. Take some of the soft downy material from a chartreuse saddle hackle, dub it on the thread and form a dubbing ball over the tie down point for the tail.



3. With the curved side up, tie in a short white saddle hackle in front of the dubbing ball. The feather should extend a little bit beyond the tail. Tie it flat on top of hook. Materials in this and the next three steps are tied on the hook right on top of the dubbing ball.



4. Tie a chartreuse dyed grizzly saddle hackle over the white hackle. Make it about a gap width longer than the white neck hackle. Tie it flat on top of hook.



5. Tie in four pieces of lavender Gliss-n-Glow a little longer than the chartreuse saddle hackle. Wind thread forward to a point between 1 and 1-1/2 eye widths from the eye. This length of bare hook is needed. Remove the excess material.



6. Tie on a piece of body braid, wind thread rearward over it to the dubbing ball and then wind the thread forward. Wrap the body braid forward to the thread in a single layer, secure and trim excess. Leave 1 to 1-1/2 eye widths of bare shank in front of body.



7. Turn over fly. (It is nice to have a rotary vise for this otherwise take the fly out of the vise to turn it over.) Hand stack a small clump of white bucktail, and tie on a beard right in front of the body. Have it extend about a gap width beyond the hook. Trim excess bucktail. ...continued





8. Turn fly right side up. Tie on the pre mixed bucktail overwing right in front of the body. Make the bucktail overwing a little shorter than the tail of bucktail. Trim excess bucktail.



9. Strip barbs from a dark dun saddle feather so that when it is tied on top of the hook the tip will be 1/4-inch shorter than the dyed grizzly hackle tail. Tie the feather flat on top of hook right in front of body. Fold the bare shaft back and wrap thread over it to lock the feather in.



10. Tie in two peacock herl with the tips matching the dark dun feather. Leave the thread a little in front of the tie down point for the peacock herl.



International Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month June, 2007

11. Prepare two synthetic or natural Jungle Cock nails, and tie them on each side of the head of the fly. Position them with the tip of each feather about an eye width forward of the dubbing ball. Whip finish. Since the thread was moved forward in the process of tying the Jungle Cock, an efficient way of doing the whip finish is to move the thread rearward. Trim excess thread. Closing comments: I wish that I had some of these flies the last time I went fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat. My chartreuse Clouser Minnow only fooled one 18-inch Sea Run. With a pocket full of Puget Sound Sand Lances I am sure I would have been more successful.

And remember, "The fly above looks pretty slim. In the water it will look even slimmer, just like a sand lance"

The fly is Credited to FFI Website or FFI Clubwire for the of the pattern. Direct any questions or comments to FOM at [flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers.org)

## Join Zoom Meeting

June 10, 2021

7:00 PM

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

Meeting ID: 823 5160 3622

Passcode: PSFF2020

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1. You can copy it and paste in to your browser  
or
2. You can type in the Meeting ID and Passcode in the Zoom Application.

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Our June Speaker is ...  
Captain Nick Clayton

Chic Sundahl

Captain Nick Clayton of All Rivers and Saltwater Charters runs approximately 60-80 albacore trips a summer while running one of ARSC's 4 charter boats. While the company does not specialize in fly fishing, as a fly fishing guide Nick is given the freedom to book and run fly fishing trips and has worked hard to bring this amazing fishery to the attention of Washington fly anglers. Nick will be doing a presentation on fly fishing for albacore tuna off the Washington coast. Presentation will cover gear selection (rods, reels, lines, leaders, flies), fishing techniques, a bit about albacore and their life cycle, food sources etc , how to find fish in an open ocean, and the general program he runs while targeting albacore on the fly offshore. This is an incredible fly rod fishery that is very unique and still very underutilized by fly anglers in our area



## Environment

Mike Clancy, FFI

Washington State Council FFI Government Affairs/Conservation

FFI - Through the leadership of Rhonda Sellers and staff, they have built a new webpage for the FFI. It is new and complete with the Learning Center and Conservation, plus other sites. It has also been announced that on November 5-7, 2021, FFI will conduct a Virtual Expo Activity. More on the Expo event later. Please go to [www.flyfishersinternational.org](http://www.flyfishersinternational.org) to learn about the new changes.

SNAKE RIVER was declared “Americas most endangered river” for 2021. Congressman Earl Blumenauer from Oregon has joined Representative Mike Simpson of Idaho in the recovery of salmon and steelhead in the removal of the 4 lower dams in the Snake River. The FFI and TU have endorsed Representative Mike Simpson’s proposal to remove the 4 lower Snake River dams noting Simpson’s remark, if the dams stay, the salmon will go away.

The Chehalis River flood control report to the governor has been postponed until June. The proposed dam is a “run of the river” dam. The dam will not affect the flow of the river until there is a need to control flooding in the valleys.

Pebble Mine concerns are quiet now waiting for the results of the appeal to the Army Corp of Engineers, made by The Pebble people after denial for the original permit for the mine. The Alaskan governor wanted to appoint a Pebble official to the Fish Commission; the local folks are very unhappy about prospect of that decision. The assignment was denied by a local judge and the state legislator. This is a wrong mine in a wrong place. For more info, please go to [www.savebristolbay.org](http://www.savebristolbay.org).

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The Academy - We have not been able to conduct the Academy for the past 2 years, however; we have scheduled the event for next year, June 19-25, 2022, the last full week of June. This will be Jim's and my last year as co-directors, we have 3 solid new directors to take over. Jim and I will be there for them as needed. In 2022, we will accept 12-17 year old candidates in 2022 only, since some that previously applied, and couldn't attend, will be 17.

## 2020 PSFF Directory

All current members had the Directory emailed to you. If you require a hard copy please get in touch with Kristin. If you didn't receive a copy or email has changed let Dennis Beardsley know as soon as possible.

## Club Anniversaries May 2021

John Brett	11
Tom Fergin	3
Rick Hulscher	5
Chris Johnson	6
James Linsey	3
Timothy McMullen	3
Phil Oliver	5
Graham Owen	4
Gene Rivers	5
Steve Saville	15
James Schmidt	4
Alan M. Yamashita	9

## 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 a about 3 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.

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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 looking 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 the book. Nothing else has changed for the last several months for obvious reasons. Stay safe and keep your distance and wear a mask.

If you have some suggestions for the library, please send me an email [KHMacy@live.com](mailto:KHMacy@live.com) - I'm happy to look at something new to add.

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