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Next Meeting 4/8

Leader Line

Greg Shimek

**W**ell, it is officially Spring and, unfortunately, it is still cold, wet and windy. The older I get, the more I dislike this weather but not enough to leave the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Now I am just more selective about the days I go fishing. Windy? Nope, no can do, Cold? Maybe with enough warm clothes, Wet? If it's not cold but with a GoreTex jacket. Dry and warmer? Don't get in my way, I am heading to a beach or a stream.

As the Calendar changes to April just remember you need a new fishing license. I would hate to hear about one of our members on the wrong side of the law.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, a number of our members gathered at Potlatch State Park on Hood canal to try and catch some Coastal Cutthroat Trout that would help supply genetic samples to be used in the Big Fjord Project. This is a three-year project being carried out by the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to better understand Coastal Cutthroat Trout populations in Hood Canal. I would like to thank the following members who braved wet and windy weather for a worthy cause, Dennis Beardsley, Mike Clancy, David Frazier, Robert Gerlach, Bryan Habeck, Mike Koslosky, Penny Mabie and Gene Rivers. Although no Cutthroat were caught, Mr. Koslosky did land a nice wild Coho. I have to add, that your President, not only hooked, but landed a beautiful piece of seaweed with its anchor rock still attached, which made it fight much harder than free floating seaweed that anyone can land. I was very proud.

On a much more serious note, our incredible secretary, Becci Curtis-Lillie, due to a change in her work schedule has had to step down as our secretary. ...continued.

I have had the privilege as President. since the beginning of the year to work with Becci and I cannot stress how valuable she has been to PSFF. Becci's skills as secretary, Professionalism, Accuracy and Timeliness has made the Board's job much easier. Thank you Becci for all you have done over the years.

We are in need of a new secretary. This position is a requirement to maintain our nonprofit status, so I am asking the membership if there is someone who is willing to step up and fill this vital position. It only requires taking minutes for 12 meetings. If anyone can help please reach out to me at [gregs47@icloud.com](mailto:gregs47@icloud.com)

Thanks and good fishing

And lest you have any doubts about my contributions to the data of the Coast Cutthroat data collection...



## Puget Sound Fly Fishers April Meeting

The Public and PSFF Members are invited to join in on the monthly PSFF monthly meeting to get timely presentations and talk fly fishing.

Members have access to the PSFF Forum where we share information, seek advice and coordinate outings. Non-Members can find the Membership Application and other great information at [PSFF.org](http://PSFF.org).

### Join Zoom Meeting

April 8, 2011

7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82351603622?pwd=aiszRmZ3YW85RitCRDdUWWhGTzVYUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 5160 3622

Passcode: PSFF2020

**NOTE: If tapping on the hyperlink does not work:**

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.

## Zoom Meeting Tips Eugene Rivers

We have used Zoom more for several meetings. Following are some suggestions that the Officers and Directors have found that may help our members. This list is not exhaustive, and we may mention more Zoom thoughts and suggestions as we all become more comfortable with Zooming.

Even when Covid is no longer presenting us from in person meetings we think that this technology is here to stay and we will still most likely use Zoom for other club activities such as planning for outings, committee meetings, Board meetings or even club activities which we have not yet considered.

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So here are a couple thoughts.

- 1) When signing in to Zoom it is recommended to use your first and last name so that everyone knows who you are. It's friendlier to have your Zoom ID show as "Bill Smith" rather than just "Bill" or "Smith" "iPhone user". At meetings we wear our name tags so we can get to know each other. Listing our first and last name is the Zoom way of not being anonymous. It's much friendlier, so please consider doing this so we can all get to know new folks and guests especially. If "Joe's McBook" says he really did well recently fishing for your favorite species or at your favorite fly fishing location, you might want to get in touch with "Joe" and get more of his up to date information.
- 2) Our leaders Greg Shimek and Mike Kosloski have recommended that some folks use either ear buds or headphones if there is background noise during our Zoom meetings. This is important if your household has a television or other family activities such as dogs barking, children playing or other noises. We have had a couple of instances where background noise is coming from one of our members homes during the presentation the speakers is giving. This makes it hard for everyone to hear the presentation. So please consider using ear buds or phones if that's the case. Those members who use them during Zoom meetings have told me that it is also much easier to hear whoever is speaking when using ear buds or headphones.

Lastly, if anyone has Zoom questions or suggestions please feel free to email me. I am NOT a Zoom expert. However Greg and Mike are very busy doing all the things that our leaders do to keep the club running smoothly, so rather than bother them you can contact me. If I don't know the answer I will research it and

get back to you with an answer. Ultimately, we are all teachers and all students. As the saying goes, "the only dumb question is the question that doesn't get asked."

Tight thread,

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## PSFF Program - April and May Chic Sundahl

### April Program "Understanding Emergers" Rick Hafele

Emerging insects provide some of the most exciting and productive fly-fishing opportunities. But you have to have the right fly and present it the right way. This program explains the in's and out's of choosing the right fly for the right emerger and how to fish them.

Rick Hafele is a professional aquatic entomologist who has studied the aquatic insects in all of the states and provinces from Alaska to California, and from the Pacific Coast through the Rocky Mountains. He is the co-author of An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations with Scott Roederer, The Complete Book of Western Hatches with Dave Hughes, Western Mayfly Hatches also with Dave Hughes and many others.



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## May Program - "Bristol Bay and the Pebble Mine, Where we Stand"

Meghan Barker

Join Trout Unlimited's Bristol Bay Organizer Meghan Barker for a digital presentation on the efforts that stopped the proposed Pebble mine in 2020 and that now work to permanently protect Bristol Bay, Alaska. Meghan will be talking about fishing in southwest Alaska, the history and current status of the mine, and how TU is leading efforts to ensure Pebble doesn't come back in the future. Join the meeting through the link above or phone number! For more information or to get a sneak peek of the campaign, check out [www.savebristolbay.org](http://www.savebristolbay.org)

Meghan Barker is the Bristol Bay Organizer for Trout Unlimited based in Anchorage, Alaska. Meghan works to spread the word about the threat of Pebble to anglers and fishing businesses in the Lower 48, and is rallying supporters to advance permanent protection for the southwest region of Alaska. Outside of work, Meghan can be found fishing, running or skiing in Southcentral Alaska.

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Do you remember this picture?



Tiger Musky Newsletter 9/2020

## Out of the Salt

... For a Change

Steve Saville

I thought I'd change up things for a bit this month to plant a seed for those of you who like big fish. Beginning in April and continuing through October are the months when Tiger Musky fishing picks up and continues. The Tiger Musky is a sterile cross between a Northern Pike and a True Musky and are one of the largest freshwater fish in the United States.

Tiger Muskies are planted in low numbers by the WDFW each year to provide a great sport fishing opportunity. There are several lakes in the state that provide this opportunity, but the seven best are Mayfield Lake, Lake Tapps, and Lake Merwin in Western Washington and Curlew Lake, Evergreen Reservoir near Quincy, Newman Lake and Silver Lake, both near Spokane.

Lake Tapps is our closest opportunity to fish for these hybrids but you really have to watch out for the water skiers, jet skiers, and wake boarders. I've fished Mayfield Lake southeast of Centralia like many of us. South a bit more is Lake Merwin which backs up the Lewis River in Southwest Washington.

They are called a "fish of 10,000 casts" meaning that the angler will find it difficult to hook up but once it's been done the fight is very exciting. Found in coves with stumps, boulders and ample weed beds, these monsters cruise the shallows in search of prey, most often suckers and pikeminnow but other baitfish become the fish's diet on many occasions.

The State record for this fish is 37 pounds and 14 ounces so you need a healthy fly rod and a sturdy reel. I use an 11 weight rod and a large reel with a floating line but an intermediate or sinking line will work. I like the floater because I can add a tip when necessary, to get down into deeper water.

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This is often not necessary because the shallow weed beds hold the cruising fish. As for flies, they have been described as “half a chicken” because of their size; usually from five to ten inches in length. Have no fear. The 10 or 11 weight rod will turn over the fly without too much difficulty. You could use a lighter rod but it could also be more difficult to handle these big fish and watch out for the teeth. They are sharp! Leaders must be heavy to match the fish and the rod. I use 30 pound leader with a 50 pound bite tippet or a steel leader, 12 inches long.

Fishing is done via a watercraft of some sort. I’d be a little suspect in using a pontoon or float tube but a kayak might work and a small boat is most comfortable because of the opportunity to stand up, search, and cast to the cruising fish.

Lacking a boat or other suitable craft, you can book a trip through some local guides. Disclaimer: I am not affiliated in any way with the Lost Creek Fly Shop in Onalaska but Mike Sturza, the owner, is one of the most knowledgeable people around when it comes to Tiger Musky fishing. He will book a half or a full day on the lake if you desire. He can put you on the fish and the rest is up to you.



Pictured is an assortment of flies that I have tied for the fishery. Synthetic materials work best as they do not hold water and shed it quickly while airborne. Other materials like buck

tail will work, as well. Colors vary so use your imagination. Think baitfish. I tie mine on sturdy hooks, sizes 2/0 thru 5/0. If you need help, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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## Outings

Jim Baker

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4/14, Wednesday, 11:00 am

Kopachuck State Park

10712 56th Street N.W. Gig Harbor, WA 98335

**Note: A Discover Pass is required and this park does Not have a kiosk.**

The low is at 2:00 pm, 0.0ft, and the earlier high is at 7:00 am, 12ft.

Park Lake

Sun Village Resort

Friday - Sunday, May 14-16

The Puget Sound Fly Fishers annual event is once again being held at Sun Village Resort (formerly Laurent's Sun Village Resort) which is located between Park and Blue Lakes. Their docks are on Blue lake and they manage a boat launch across the street on Park Lake. Nearby fishing opportunities are: Dry Falls, Banks Lakes and Rocky Ford.

This similar detail was posted in the PSFF Forum site in March. Interest has been great and fellow fishers are making reservations. Since we are still in a recovery phase of COVID-19 the gathering will be scaled back this year. The club sponsored BBQ, Fly Tie Challenge and guest speaker have been eliminated this year. But the Friday and Saturday evening bonfires to share fish stories and successful fishing techniques are still a Go.

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Reservations (RV, cabin, camp) can now be made online at:

<https://www.sunvillageresort.com/>

To get to Park Lake, go east on I-90 to the Ephrata Exit (SR 283, exit 151), just past George. Take SR 283 through Ephrata, to the SR 17 junction, turn left and go north through the town of Soap Lake, past Lake Lenore and Blue Lake, about 16 miles. Turn right at the north end of Blue Lake and proceed to Sun Lakes Resort.

33575 Park Lake Rd NE, Coulee City, WA

Also, this year I we will be organizing a Fly Swap Saturday morning.

The final rules are still in work but these are rules so far.

1. Select 6 of your favorite or go-to lake wet flies to swap.
2. Friday night at bonfire we will decide how to swap the flies.
3. Saturday 09:00 am bring your 6 flies displayed to grocery store at resort.

Then Saturday night at bonfire we share how effective the new flies were.

### Sun Village Resort Lake en Route

Ephrata is a good stop to get gas or groceries as needed (Safeway).

Also, as you first come into Ephrata I strongly suggest a stop at Desert Fly Angler.

The owner, Darc Knobel, is a great resource for local fishing and flies.

To ensure we have robust bonfires Friday and Saturday please bring a few pieces of firewood. It is very much appreciated. I'm not a pyro but always enjoy a bonfire.

If any questions about resort, accommodations, lakes, flies or fishing contact me.

Jim Baker, 253.394.1522 or [bake5636@wavecable.com](mailto:bake5636@wavecable.com).

### June (details next month)

6/14, Monday, 09:00 am

Munn Lake

### July

7/1-5 Corbett Lake BC is highly unlikely but I still have the lake cabin reserved just in case.

July 12-14 - Leech lake at White Pass (further details in May)

The plan is to meet in Packwood the night before fishing. Stay 2 nights, fish 2 days.

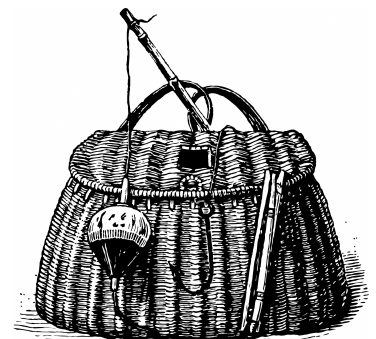
### Fly Swap

Stay tuned for info on the April Fly Swap. The flies will be an adult caddis and/or adult damsel. The details or rules will be communicated to all via mail chimp. There will be a maximum of twelve participants.

### Help!

This is my second year as the PSFF Outdoor activities person. Now would be a great time for the next person to step forward. Then we can both work the remainder of this year in a cross-training process. It's really not important you have fishing experience across all waters. Many years of outings and details have been captured and will be passed on to the next person.

If interested or have questions let me know. 253 394-1522 or [bake5636@wavecable.com](mailto:bake5636@wavecable.com)



# Fly of the the Month -

## Doc Spratley

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month January 2006

Kristin Macy



By Bob Bates

Comments: This one is a favorite fly for a lot of anglers. Some local writers said that it is almost the National Fly for Western Canada. Indeed while fishing a Canadian lake a few years ago, one fellow from Calgary was catching more fish than the rest of us. A friend of his asked "What are you using?" His answer was clear "Doc Spratley." It also has plenty of admirers in the northwestern part of the U.S. So it's about time that we let the rest of you in on the secret. Most fly anglers who have used it will sing its praises anytime you ask. Closer to home my younger son frequently taps dad's fly box for "surplus" Doc Spratleys. I finally taught him to tie them so my losses aren't as great now. Fishing can't be good if you don't have them along.

Flies of the Northwest, 1986 ed. by the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club has the generally accepted story on its development and naming. "Mrs. Dorothy Prankard Schrach of Mt. Vernon said her husband, the late Dick Prankard, originated the pattern about 1949. She said he called the fly 'Doc Spratley' because the doctor (Dr. Donald A. Spratley of Mt. Vernon) came into the store at the time he was tying it and

asked Dick 'what do you call it?' Dick replied, 'I think I'll call it Doc Spratley.'" Another, more interesting, version is on the Federation of Fly fishers, Washington State Council website. <http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/docspratleystory.htm> The article was written by Richard Raisler, who purchased Dr. Spratley's dental practice, and contains more fishing stories along with other tidbits.

Every year Dr. Spratley and several of his friends went fishing in British Columbia, Canada. They caught a lot of fish, and it was his success in lakes with large caddis flies that led to its widespread acceptance.

Most fly anglers I know use it with full sinking fly lines, but sink-tip and floating lines have a place in the right situations. Let the line and fly sink to near weed beds and then start a slow retrieve. If nothing happens at first, vary the retrieve and depth until you connect. You can always move to a new spot. Only as a last resort change to a different fly. Some anglers have success by trolling (sorry mooching) it behind a boat, float tube or pontoon boat with a sinking line. The Doc Spratley pattern has been used successfully in every lake with fish.

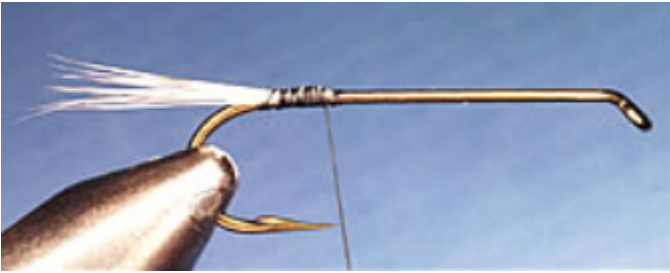
Any successful fly pattern will see many variations, and there are many ties of this pattern. Some have so much wide tinsel on them that it is hard to see the body, and one for steelhead is on a 4/0 hook. However, according to the information I have this tie is the original and authentic pattern, which is used to catch rainbow and cutthroat trout.

### Materials list:

Hook: Mustad 9671 or 9672, or equivalent hook, 8-12  
Thread: Black 3/0  
Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers  
Body: Thin, black yarn  
Rib: Fine oval silver tinsel  
Hackle: Soft grizzly hackle, full collar  
Wing: Pheasant Tail Fibers  
Head: Peacock herl ...continued

## Tying Steps:

1. Attach thread near bend of hook, and tie on a gap length tail of grizzly hackle fibers.



2. Tie on oval tinsel at the bend of the hook, and move thread to a point 1/4 shank length back from the eye.



3. Attach yarn at the 1/4 point and wind thread rearward over yarn to a point about two tinsel widths in front of the tail. Return thread to tie in point. Then wrap yarn forward to the tie in point, secure and trim excess. All instructions say make the body thin.



4. Start the rib forward by first taking two wraps of tinsel in the small space between tail and back of body. Then spiral tinsel (five turns) to front of body. Secure and trim excess. Most tiers simply make four or five spiral turns and omit the two starting wraps that were part of the original pattern.



5. Tie on a soft grizzly hackle with fibers almost long enough to reach the hook point, and wind it as a normal collar. Then pull fibers down and wind backward with thread so fibers point rearward. Don't tie all fibers solidly into a beard, but leave some pointing to sides.





6. Select a ringneck pheasant tail that has a good portion of reddish brown color, pull the fibers outward from the stem to even the tips, and cut off a few fibers (about a half inch along the stem) for a sparse wing. Tie the wing in over the hackle, trim butts on an angle and wind thread toward eye making a smooth ramp. Return thread to wing tie in point.



7. Take several peacock herls, and tie them by the tips. Clip excess herl, and wind thread to within one eye-width of the eye. Wrap herl forward producing a head with a diameter a little larger than the body. Secure herl and trim excess.



8. Form a thread head and whip finish. Complete the head with a drop of head cement.



Closing comments: Variations include orange body with brown hackle and brown body, gold tinsel with brown hackle. Orange body is for cutthroat trout. Doc Spratley is one fly that you should have in good supply. It's useful in any of our trout lakes. Bass might even chase it. Next fall try it for steelhead.

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

## Club Anniversaries April 2021

Harley Bryant	2	Jim Collins	2
Tom Long	2	Les Rosenthal	15
Kevin Ryan	7	Tom Van Gelder	8
Gary Villella	2	Lee Winegar	19
Ron Zarges	11		

# Environment

## Mike Clancy, WSCFFI

The Academy - As previously reported, The Academy was cancelled for 2021 with an unanimous vote from the Academy Directors due to the virus. We could not take the chance to expose the staff and students to the virus. For 2022 only, we will welcome 17 years olds for the first time

Fly Fishers International (FFI) - The FFI is partnering with another conservation organization, Fisheries Conservation Foundation. FCF is an organization that promotes the work and knowledge of aquatic scientists, resource managers and environmental professionals in the decisions made about the use of our freshwater and marine ecosystems. We already have conservation agreements with TU and WRC.

New webinars are continuing on the FFI website with all the past events still available.

Dams, Rivers & Mines - I contacted Meghan Barker, TU Alaska, for the latest info on Pebble, she stated "things are very quiet right now, waiting for the Corp to respond to the appeal for the denial, before anything is going to happen."

Things are still heating up on the 4 dams on the Snake River. Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson is leading the force to remove the dams for the sake of saving the salmon in the upper river. If the dams stay, the fish will go away. To learn more, go to [www.simpson.house.gov/salmon/](http://www.simpson.house.gov/salmon/). He has been participating in meetings and other events for over 3 years. They have wasted over 17 billion dollars on this subject over the years.

The following are remarks from Idaho Rivers United: [www.idahorivers.org](http://www.idahorivers.org)

Too many of Idaho's salmon are dying.

Idaho's fish have to navigate four dams too many.

Salmon-based communities are suffering.

BPA is in financial crisis.

Use of dams is in decline.

The dams are getting extremely expensive.

Very little of the energy produced by the dams is being used in the Pacific Northwest.

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## Mentorship Program

Mike Koslosky

## And We Have A Winner...

A PSFF member took us up on this offer and has reported how pleased he was with the results. He improved his fly tying skills, learned of equipment and techniques he had not been familiar with and to top it off he worked with a different mentor to work on his casting. That's what you call a "Two fer".

So how about the rest of you out there? Do you want to learn spey casting, nymphing techniques, Tenkara, or just the regular fly fishing stuff - of which there is a ton to know.

Fly fishing is chock full of jargon, strange equipment needs, variety of rods and reels, and it's no wonder a person could be confused. Whether you are a new fly fisher, a died -in-the wool legend, or just one of us regular folk. We can help you out.

Are your fly tying skills more reminiscent of an unclipped poodle or the dust bunnies under your bed? We can help you out.

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Is your casting ending up in the trees behind you more often than in the water? We can help you out.

Do you wonder where the heck to fish, what to fish for, What they eat, when they are here and when they aren't, and what the heck lives out there in the water anyway? We can help you out.

The Mentorship Program has a number of PSFF club members who have volunteered to help you get the kinks out of your cast, your knots tied correctly, your flies tied so the fish won't laugh at them, and you know what it is that you've caught. Don't be stuck in a funk. We can help you out. No matter what your needs are we can help you out and make you a happier, more successful fly fisherman.

Just email me at ; [mikek1801@gmail.com](mailto:mikek1801@gmail.com) and let's chat about your hopes and dreams. I will set you up with the appropriate Mentor to get you on your way. No fees, No fuss. Just plain fun.

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## PSFF Library

At this time, we are not checking out any books and we ask that you please keep track of what you do have checked out.

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.

### Missing and Lost books

Take this time at home to peruse your personal library and make sure that none of the pesky missing books have infiltrated and taken up 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 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.

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.



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## Effective Immediately

All books that have been checked out since January 2019 and in the future are to be returned within two months or replaced if you are unable to locate them.

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

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# Watershed Moments Since December

Promoting the protection and enhancement of the Chambers - Clover Creek Watershed



## 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.

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## Conservation

**Greg Shimek**

The following article as submitted was a particular challenge for fit and style. But I understand that it is a vitally important area of interest to our membership. Please overlook the many inconsistencies in its presentation. (ed)

## What Does the Watershed Council Do?

The mission of the Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council is to promote the protection and enhancement of the Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed. Anyone residing or working in the watershed is considered a member of the council, and is invited to participate at meetings.

## Stormwater



Where does the stormwater end up when it flows off the roofs and streets of your neighborhood? It should not go directly into creeks and lakes, but sometimes there are old culverts and pipes that need to be identified. After our Stormwater Issues Forum last fall, CCCW council is beginning a project to gather data about our stormwater outfall system. The Council is asking for volunteers to notice any stormwater from culverts going directly into creeks or lakes. If you see something, please take a picture of it, document where you took the picture and send it in email to Krystal Kyer, watershed coordinator.

Help the CCCW council improve the health and quality of the surface water in our watershed.

## South Sound Salmon Enhancement Sequalichew Restoration Plan



Woody debris slows flow and provides resting spots for fish in Sequalichew Creek

Lance Wineka, Executive Director of the [South Sound Salmon Enhancement Group](#) will be presenting the Sequalichew Restoration plan at the next Council meeting April 21. Please make plans to join us virtually at 3:30.

### Upcoming Events

April 7th Annual Review of Lakewood Shoreline management plan

April 7th Last day to submit small grant applications

Check out our Partners for Volunteer Opportunities:

South Sound Surfriders  
Tahoma Audubon Society

## Stream Flow Restoration Plans for Net Ecological Benefits



## Stormwater shunted into the Sound is not healthy for creeks or fish

After several years of streamflow restoration committee meetings led by the [WA Dept. of Ecology](#), the CCCW council recommended approval for the Chambers-Clover Creek watershed sub-basin known as WRIA 12. The committee looked at net ecological benefit to streamflow health from various watershed projects. There are two projects ready to go that will offset water losses measured from old, permit-exempt wells high in the watershed. One project will restore water to Leach and Flett creeks through the South Tacoma storm-water channel that currently flows into Thea Foss Waterway. The other diverts flow from JBLM back into Sequelichew Creek. Please read about more ideas for streamflow restoration in the [Resources](#) section on our webpage.

Numerous studies have considered restoring Chambers Bay to its natural function and all conclude that the dam must be removed for the bay to be revitalized. However, a bridge built next to the dam and spanning Chambers Creek would be compromised by tidal flow should the dam be removed. This bridge has been falling into disrepair and is currently unsafe for any firefighting trucks to cross. Heavy trucks must stop before crossing to avoid shocking the structure and causing further damage.

In 2019, it was hoped a federal grant of up to \$12M would be awarded to help cover the cost of replacing the bridge. As Pierce County road engineers evaluated the cost, the estimate grew to a sum of about \$23M and the plan to apply for a grant was abandoned. Without a safe bridge, the dam cannot be removed.

Currently there are seven bridges scheduled to be replaced in Pierce County's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2022 covering the following 6 years. It is hoped that preliminary planning, roughly estimated for \$2M, for replacement of the Chambers Bay bridge could also be included in the TIP. The bridge is administered by both Pierce County and the City of University Place.



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