

February 2022  
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## Leader Line

Steve Saville  
President

Well, another month has slipped by. Unfortunately, the pandemic that we are locked in has not let up so it is with sadness that I must announce that our February meeting has been switched to a Zoom affair again. We had hoped that our regular meetings would resume this month, but the increasing numbers of the latest variant have not been good. So in order to protect our membership, a decision has been made to use Zoom. We will continue to evaluate on a month-to-month basis until it is safe for us to return.

During this time of relative inactivity, I would urge everyone to get outside, weather permitting, and wet a line. I've been able to get out twice on club outings and though the fishing has been tough, the mere opportunity to get outside, breathe some fresh air, and do what I love to do feels very, very good. Many thanks to David Frazier for planning the Outings schedule which is full of different opportunities. I would also like to encourage

everyone who has not yet done so, to sign up for our Forum. There is information on flash outings being posted and also reminders of upcoming events that we can all take advantage of, regardless of the lack of face-to-face meetings. It's also a good place to tell some stories and keep in touch with fellow anglers. I'm looking forward to a post by our world travelers who have tested the waters in Chile during the past few weeks.

With the warming weather and the movement of chum fry into the salt, sea run cutthroat fishing should be getting better in the coming weeks. The warming of waters should cause fish to become more active and as a result fishing has traditionally gotten better in February and March. Now is a good time to check out your equipment. Tie some flies, and on a good day, practice casting so when we do get out, the kinks will be gone.

Stay safe, everyone. Don't forget to pay your dues.

Tight Lines.

**Next Meeting - February 10, 7:00 p.m.**

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

Meeting ID: 823 5160 3622

Password PSFF2020



## Outings

David Frazier

### Breaking Winter's Chill at Munn Lake

"January is for dreamers... February is for doers."  
— Marc Parent

We had some avid dreamers showing up for outings in January. For most, the dreams were realized. Our scheduled foray to Munn Lake attracted five determined souls — new/returning member Jerry Costello, Steve Saville, Jim Baker, Tess Frazier and myself. As you might expect for lake fishing, especially in January, we found hookups of rainbow and cutthroat trout trolling leeches and dangling chironomids. The water was chilly, but at least there was no rain, wind or ice to contend with.

Speaking of which ... I also called a Flash Fish-out to Cady Lake on Jan. 9. Tess and I got there early to find the gravel road barely passable for my 4x4 truck due to snow and small downed trees, only to find the lake was frozen over. Having left behind our ice augers and fishing huts, we adeptly moved on to Plan B by calling Julie Kelner and Jim Baker, who had confirmed attending, and reset our sights.

Kitsap Lake turned out to be much more conducive to floatation fishing, despite the layer of thin, shattered ice on the surface. Navigation was a feast for the ears. The clinky, chattering sound as we kicked across the film was only offset by the clinky, chattering sound of our teeth. Still Tess had a couple of brief hookups (intermediate line, using my new dragonfly nymph pattern and, believe it or not, a calibaetis nymph). As usual, Jim Baker set into a couple of rainbows using his favorite Booby pattern on a full-sink line.

### February Outing: Spencer Lake

Date: Saturday, Feb.12

Time: Meet at the boat launch off of E. Spencer Lake Road at 10 a.m.

Directions: Spencer Lake is 39.7 miles (57 minutes) from Tower Lanes in Tacoma. From Belfair in Mason County, continue on Hwy 3 S for 15 miles and turn left on E. Pickering Rd., then take the next right onto E. Spencer Lake Rd. Drive about a mile to the boat launch on your left.

Contact: David Frazier [dfrazier@wavecable.com](mailto:dfrazier@wavecable.com)  
(360) 265-6963

Please text or email me if you are interested in attending.

Spencer Lake in Mason County is open year-round, covers 220 surface acres and reaches depths of about 36 feet. Fish species include rainbow and cutthroat trout, perch, smallmouth and largemouth bass. The lake is usually planted with rainbow and cutthroat trout in the fall and winter. Typical trout sizes run from about 12 to 18 inches. Public access is provided by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The large access area has a pit toilet, a concrete plank boat launching ramp and lots of parking space. Bring along the usual flies for lakes: baitfish, leech and insect patterns, trolled slowly; chironomid patterns under an indicator. Rods, 4-weight to 6-weight, with intermediate, full-sink and floating lines recommended.



**Penny  
Mabie**

**2021**

## Make Reservations

It's not too early to make reservations for our overnight outings. I've already reserved my own trailer spots at the following campgrounds:

March 12-14: Yakima River; Ellensburg KOA Journey

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/ellensburg/>

May 20-22: The Annual PSFF Gathering at Park Lake; Sun Village Resort

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

June 11-13: Columbia River shad fishing; Lewis & Clark Campground & RV Park

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

June 24-26: Leech Lake/Packwood; Packwood RV Park (filling up fast; call 360-494-5145; RVs and trailers only)

White Pass Lake (Leech Lake) Campground (tents)

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recrea/okawen/recrea/?recid=58613>

July 15-17: Naches River; Squaw Rock RV Resort & Campground

<https://squawrockrvresortandcampground.com/>

## Call for Photos

Just a reminder to take photos chronicling your fishing experiences at club outings and send them to me. Good photos can take all forms. Get your artist on and show everyone why you joined PSFF.

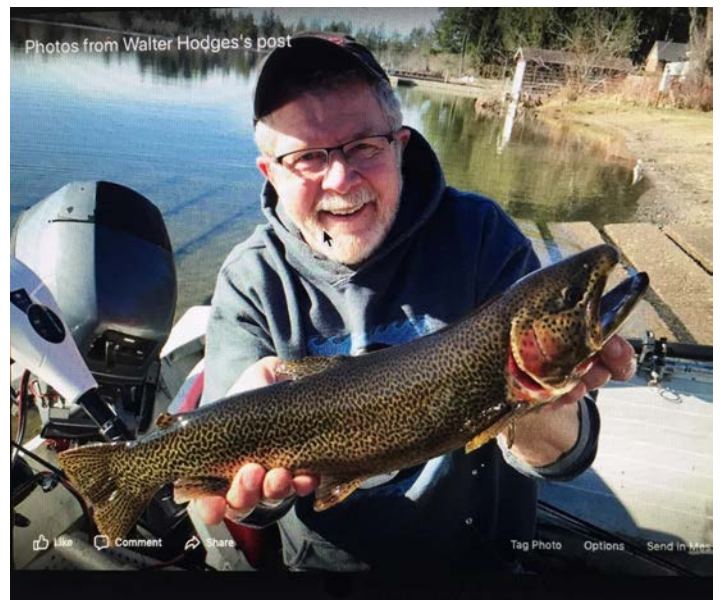


## Education

Mike Koslosky

## A Challenge For You

We have an outing coming up to Spencer Lake in Mason County, February 12 at 10am and many of you know there are some big fat trout in this lake. Phil Oliver is somewhat of a regular there and his Montana Leech pattern has produced some lunkers. Both Walter Hodges and Larry Akers, former PSFF members, have also pulled out some of these big creatures trolling streamer patterns on intermediate or full sink line finding fish at 15-20 feet.



But what is a real surprise is the population of coastal cutthroat trout known as *lacustrine* coastal cutthroats, those that live in lakes, as opposed to streams and/or the salt. Washington has over 3,800 lakes west of the Cascade Crest ranging from significant lakes like Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, and Lake Crescent all the way through to smaller glacial remnants, beaver ponds and bogs. Native coastal cutthroat trout had always been present in these lakes, sometimes sharing them with resident rainbows. Over time

some of these lakes have become impounded by dams or other structures restricting the migration of the resident cutthroats. These fish have adapted to the lake living environment and can reach impressive sizes as well. (The current state record for lacustrine cutthroat stands at 12 pounds and 32"). They will spawn at either inlet or outlet streams of these lakes but return to the lake body itself after spawning.

Like typical coastal cutthroat trout, they feed on zooplankton and aquatic invertebrates until they reach 9-12 inches. At that size they become "piscivorous" — fish eating. So this is your challenge; you can try the successful Montana Leech, or dig out your perch or smolt pattern and cruise the shallows where these fish seek protection. Find them and you may find the Lacustrine Coastal Cutthroat Trout. Good luck and let me know how you did.

## Programs



Chic Sundahl

### Fishing the Yakima - February 10

**February Speaker: *Ryan White*** of the Yakima Guide Service will talk to us about "Almost All You Might Want or Need to Know About fishing the Yakima River this time of year"

In a short conversation about his program, I was struck by how well he understands the river and its tributaries from a timing standpoint, or expected flows, the best locations for bank fishing as well as from a boat and the lifecycle of the bugs we imitate in trying to outsmart the river's beautiful fish during the summer. His advice, "I should come back in the fall and winter: that's when the biguns hang out in the upper river and its tributaries."

**Ryan White** has been a guide/companion for west coast fly anglers for around 20 years. It's quite

possible that some of us has been led to some mighty nice fish during that time. When asked who he would recommend as a speaker to get us ready for our March 10, 2022 Yakima River outing our friend Anil Srivastava, owner of Tacoma's Puget Sound Fly Company immediately recommended Ryan. He has lived around the northwest for much his 20 years in the business and now resides in Tacoma (The City of Destiny)

## Puget Sound Updates



Geoff Corso

### Washington State Department of Ecology: Miscellanea

#### A Call for Comments on 2024 Municipal Stormwater Permits

The municipal stormwater permits the Department of Ecology issued on July 1, 2019, are scheduled to expire July 31, 2024. Ecology is calling for informal comments about their current municipal stormwater permits to help plan the process for re-issuing the permits in 2024. If possible, quote the section of the permit you're commenting on with your comment. The submission deadline for informal comments is February 25, 2022, and will help inform listening sessions that will be scheduled in a couple months. Ecology has setup the following Web page to provide additional information and a form for submitting your comment:

[http://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=BYgm8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=BYgm8&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

If you have questions, contact Abbey Stockwell at [abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov)

If you're interested in more information, Ecology is hosting an informational webinar on the current Structural Stormwater Control (SSC) Program on

Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 1p.m.-4 p.m. The Zoom link can be found at

[https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-permit-reissuance?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-permit-reissuance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

If you have questions about the Webinar, contact Emma Trehwitt at [emma.trehwitt@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:emma.trehwitt@ecy.wa.gov)

In addition to the pollutants that stormwater carries into Puget Sound, you may be interested in learning more about the chemicals from personal care products and pharmaceuticals that are also accumulating in Puget Sound sediment. If so go to [https://ecology.wa.gov/Blog/Posts/January-2022/Everyday-chemicals%E2%80%9D-found-at-the-bottom-of-Puget-S?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://ecology.wa.gov/Blog/Posts/January-2022/Everyday-chemicals%E2%80%9D-found-at-the-bottom-of-Puget-S?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

**A Call for Comments** on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Handbook

If you're familiar with the Washington State SEPA Handbook, Ecology would like you to complete a short survey to help them update the handbook this year. You can find the survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNRDNPD?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNRDNPD?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **Eyes Over Puget Sound: 2021 in Review**

You may want to browse Ecology's "Eyes over Puget Sound: Surface Conditions Report: 2021 in Review." While you may find an interesting article or two, the aerial photography is captivating. [https://www.eopugetsound.org/sites/default/files/features/resources/EOPS\\_2022\\_01\\_07.pdf](https://www.eopugetsound.org/sites/default/files/features/resources/EOPS_2022_01_07.pdf)



## **WSCFFI and the Academy**



Mike Clancy, FFI

The FFI is in the planning stage for 2022. They have remodeled the website with links to Education and Conservation issues. The Learning Center is being expanded with various new programs in casting, tying, etc.

WSCFFI – Steve Jones, President of WSC, has been researching event sights for a casting and flying tying event in the Seattle area this coming year. The event will be conducted in the later part of the summer.

The Council supports many Conservation organizations, i.e., Washington Wild, located in Seattle. We support Washington Wild and congratulated them in successfully preventing a mining company, Imperial Metals, a Canadian mining company, in a proposal to pursue a mining permit at the source of the Skagit River. "The Skagit River is saved from Upstream Mining Threat."

We also support TU Alaska in their efforts to prevent Pebble Mine and make the Tongass National Forest Roadless again.

The Academy – The co-directors will be conducting a zoom meeting in February to make a decision on the 2022 Academy. We are concerned with so many issues. Of course, our concern is the virus and dealing with different/difficult situations. The Academy is a week-long event, Sunday thru Saturday, in the last week in June. The kids sleep in cabins, eating meals in the dining hall and with offsite fishing events transportation to the fishing sights in 10 passenger vans are all very difficult situations for strategizing, And then there is the staff to be concerned about. Wish us well.

## Membership



**Tess Frazier**

A warm welcome to new members:

- \* Jerry Costello
- \* Dean Ferrel
- \* Gary High
- \* David Homback
- \* James Lenth
- \* Tim McMullen
- \* David Oliver
- \* Joe Vlaming

A huge thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2022. Members who renewed by Feb.1 will be listed in our 2022 online directory. The membership will be notified when this is made available. Puget Sound Fly-Fishers welcomes anyone who is interested in the sport of fly-fishing, so spread the word.

Save the Date: We're Having a Party!  
Saturday, Aug. 13, noon -3 p.m.  
Titlow Lodge, Main Hall, 8425 Sixth Ave., Tacoma

We are going to gather at Titlow Park for a PSFF Summer BBQ. The cost per person will depend on the total number attending.

That said, please reply to me if you're interested in attending. I'm looking for a ballpark figure and will confirm the actual number through RSVPs later. Contact me if you'd like to plan or help.

Details and updates will be posted in the Forum and future newsletters.

## February Anniversaries

James Brosio	8
Mike Clancy	21
Bill Cooper	2
Becci Curtis-Lillie	9
Dave Hackett	5
Tom Krughoff	2
Dick Kuykendall	18
Michael Lillie	9
Andy Lueck	2
John Mackiewicz	3
Ron McNeal	2
Steve Neubauer	5
Jay Reifel	6
Bill Sanders	11
Ron Shouse	12

## PSFF Library



**Kristin Macy**

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. Almost 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 the book. Nothing else has changed for the last several months for obvious reasons. Stay safe and keep your

distance and wear a mask. Any questions email me: [KHMacy@live.com](mailto:KHMacy@live.com)

### Come Join Us

at Spencer Lake

February 12



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