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August 2021

Next Meeting 9/9  
Tower Lanes in person

Leader Line

I hope this finds everyone as well as can be expected after our historic heat wave in June and the continued high temperatures of July. I don't know about you, but if I wanted to live in weather like that I would have moved to Arizona. I look forward to our normal temperatures in the 70s, not only for fishing but for comfortable living also.

Speaking of comfortable living, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that our first in person monthly meeting will take place Thursday, September 9th. The Board of Directors has made this decision based on information from both the State and Pierce County Health Departments regarding inside gatherings. We want to make sure everyone can feel safe getting back together, so we are asking those who have not been vaccinated to please wear a mask to the meeting. With the new Delta variant of the virus gaining ground, we want to be extra careful. It should be a great time as we are planning some fun things for our first in person meeting in a year and a half. I would like to also remind everyone that Tower Lanes generously makes our meeting room available at no charge if we have enough folks purchase the buffet dinner, so please buy a ticket. I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces again and hearing the fishing tales up close and personable.

In this issue I would like to call to your attention in particular a contribution by Geoff Corso and the Puget Soundkeepers Alliance. This advocacy group is working very hard on issues related to a clean Puget Sound, a Conservation cause we can all endorse.

Last thing, as usual, there will not be a general meeting in August.

Greg Shimek

# What Have We Here?



## 2021: Time for Introspection, Renewal, and Reawakening

With much of Covid behind us, and over twelve months of mostly isolation that is starting to dissolve into something akin to normalcy, your Board Members have been asking themselves and each other these last few months some common questions. Such as: who are we as a club? why are we a club? and who do we want to be in the future to attract new members?.

We've taken surveys to understand better what's makes PSFF special and to help us lead towards an updated brand identity that proudly, clearly, and for many years to come, will give the club and its members the ability to show off the club to those we meet in the field.

Some of the common threads to the survey were:

- We like to meet face-to-face.
- We have a lot of knowledge to share in all aspects of fly-fishing
- We need to expand our diversity in not just race, but gender and age, as well.
- We like to fly-fish and share our passion with others
- We're friendly, but maybe a bit too cliquish at meetings making it tough for new folks to feel welcomed
- We have a diverse interest of species we like to fish for and need to cater to everyone.

While there is still much work to be done to implement the new branding, the board reviewed a number of logo options and has approved a new logo that was developed by member David Frazier (a retired Graphic Designer).

David reviewed the feedback given to him and developed a modern logo that doesn't represent one type of fish, or fly, or fly casting, but one that is clean, easy to reproduce, unique and visible. The design can be a ripple in the water. The ripple from a drop of rain, the ripple caused by a fly landing gently after a perfect cast, the ripple caused by a fish sucking in a fly, the ripple from a fish coming all the way out of the water, or the ripple from an indicator going down is common in all of the ways club members partake of the sport. The ripple is about action, movement, change, expansion, location and reflection. All words that PSFF members can hang their hat on. The shape is also a modern, stylistic fish - but not one particular species of fish. The PSFF stands out and is supported by clear text spelling out and emphasizing Puget Sound. Fly-Fishers has been hyphenated, unlike the previous logo where it was two words running together.

This logo will be able to be stitched out on attire, reproduced as stickers, and used on other swag that will let members proudly show what club they belong to.

This is just one-piece of setting your club up for future success. In the months to come we'll be exploring a defined set of principles to guide future decisions for your club.

If you have any comments, please reach out to one of your board members (listed in the newsletters) to share your views.



Logo variation for use against dark backgrounds

Bryan Habeck



# Outings

The July outing at Packwood was a great success and fun for all in attendance. Some fished the Cowlitz river and Riffe lake but the majority went to Leech lake for brook trout and 2+ lb rainbows. The outdoor dinner gatherings were especially fun to share stories and to be comfortable in a social setting. The club is lucky to have Barb Przasnyski as a member who shares her home in the woods at Packwood with the club.

Thanks to David Frazier for the pictures.



## August

It is a pink salmon year. I plan to have an outing early August and will share location and details on the clubs Forum when more feedback available.

The hot weather and low water conditions are impacting all local waters and are especially a challenge for the fish. I suggest we relax this month with family and friends more and give the fish a break by going out less.

The planned outing on the North Fork of Skokomish River, 08/06, Friday, 10:00 AM in Mason county is still a go.

## September

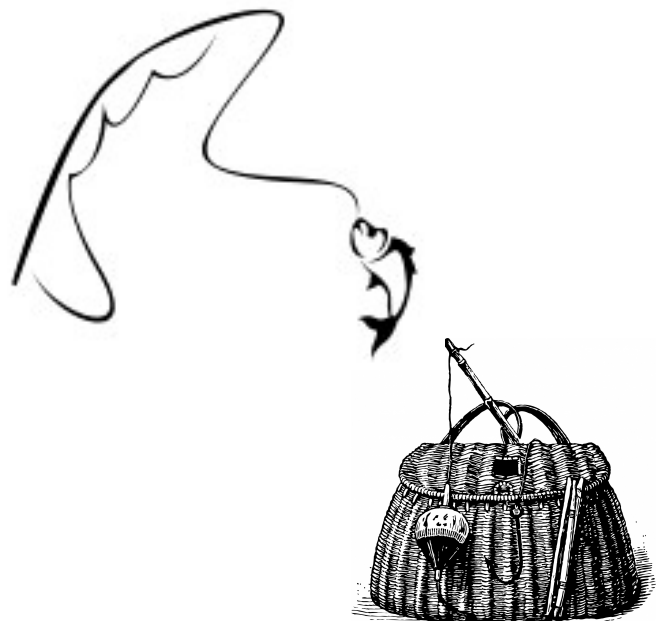
I'm open to suggestions but still concerned about warm water this month.

## October

Lenice lake - Date TBD but first half of month.

Jim Baker

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# Fly of the Month

## TIED DOWN CADDIS



By Bob Bates

In North America there are 1,200 species of caddis flies (7,000 species worldwide), and they hatch from April to October. At particular times and places there are fantastic caddis hatches that attract anglers from all over. You might need a special pattern for a hatch like that, but it is a good idea to have patterns that might work any time. One of those is what Jim Ferguson, Salem, Oregon, was tying at the 2009 Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Loveland, Colorado. Many anglers have known about the Tied Down Caddis for years, but there are few references, books or internet, that list it. None list an originator except to say that it probably came from Oregon.

It is an emerger that can be used in streams or lakes. Hatching caddisflies sometimes just sit on the water surface, but frequently they move in a variety of ways: wiggle, swim in circles or swim in a straight line until they take off or disappear in a splash. I never figured out how to imitate circling caddisflies. Egg laying females might lay their eggs high over the water surface, dip onto the water surface to wash off eggs or lay spent on the

surface after depositing their eggs on underwater plant stems.

So how do you fish a caddis pattern? Standard answer: "It depends." Jim likes to fish it the on the surface or just under the surface film of the Deschutes River, Oregon. Sometimes he will cast upstream a little and let it float drag free, often the fly will sink 2 or 3 inches as it passes him. As the fly gets to the end of the float, he will let out more line so the fly will sink a little more. When the line tightens at the end of the swing, the fly will rise up like a hatching natural.

If you don't know the water, it depends on what you see the fish doing. If they are clearly taking floating insects, go with the dry fly line and the drag free float. If the insects are clearly moving before they are recycled into fish, then put some motion into the fly. Binoculars are helpful in seeing what is happening. If the fish are taking the caddis just under the surface, then give the fly a quick strip to sink it, and fish it out the way Jim does. In fact, one reference recommends using a sink tip line in lakes. Jim also mentioned lake fishing from a float tube or pontoon boat using a sink tip line. Granted it is more fun when a fish grabs the fly off the surface, but if that doesn't work, experiment. Also, fish riffles where cased caddis break free, and weed beds.

Materials list:

Hook: Mustad 94840, 10-14 (Reference's list sizes 8 to 20)

Thread: Uni 8/0 olive

Body: Yarn, yellow or orange

Hackle: Brown

Shellback: Deer hair, light early season and darker in August.

Tail: Tip ends of deer hair shellback



## Tying Steps:



1. Put a thread base on the hook from front to the bend. Tie in yarn at bend. Jim ties a thinner body than some other tiers so he uses two strands of a four-strand yarn. Early season he uses size 10 or maybe 12 hooks and a yellow body. Midseason he uses a size 12 hook and light orange body, and then in late season he goes down to a 14 hook and dark orange body.



3. Wind thread forward to about two eye widths back from the eye. Put at least one wrap of yarn behind the feather and then wrap forward to the thread and secure.



2. Select a feather with barbs about a gap width to less than a gap and a half long. A gap and a half is really too long. Tie feather in by the tip between barb and point.



4. Wrap the hackle around hook to where it is tied in before starting to palmer it forward. Put an extra wrap at the front to end the spiral. Secure hackle, trim excess, and build a thread base for tying in the deer hair.



5. Find the middle portion of the hackle and pull the barbs down to make a little space for the shellback. Pick deer hair that matches the hook length. If hair is too long then hair on the fly will be mostly solid fibers that will not float. Use lighter deer hair in early part of season, in July start moving toward darker hair, and use darker hair later in August and September. Select a small bunch of deer hair, maybe a little more than a match stick in diameter when you twist it, clean out under fur and stack it. Trim butts so there will be enough hair at back of hook for the tail. Pre glue if you are going to make a hard head. It also makes tying the hair a little easier and provides something in there to keep hair in place



6. Finish head at front of hook: whip finish and trim thread. Pick up deer hair and with long tag in back build a thread base at back of body. Then tie down deer hair securely with long tag and whip finish. Break off any deer hair that was pulled down too far by the thread. If there is quite a bit of hair pulled down reducing the size of the bundle next time might help.

Closing comments: It is actually a pretty easy fly to tie and imitates more than just caddis. Sow bugs and other critters floating down stream can be imitated with this pattern, so keep alert for strikes when the fly swings through riffles or tail outs. It can be tied with an Elk Hair Caddis type of head which is trimmed on an upward angle from eye to rear. The most important thing is that it catches a lot of fish for a lot of anglers.

There are many ways of tying a Tied Down Caddis. One used raffia for the shellback, and another secured the deer hair at the bend and then wrapped the body. Jim thinks that Audry Joy, while not the developer of the pattern, probably developed the method of tying the Tied Down Caddis described above. It is a good production technique that she adapted to use on her sewing machine. She tied a lot of Tied Down Caddis flies for the Meier & Frank store in Portland, OR.

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)

# NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy History

(Ed. Last month you read that the Fly Fishing Academy was scheduled to resume in 2022. I asked Mike Clancy to share a little history of this remarkable collaborative venture. From his archive came the following article...)

It all started with idea of the founder, Dick Nye, a retired Tacoma middle school music teacher. Preparations for the Academy started in 2002 with Dick attending a youth camp, the nationally acclaimed, award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in Boiling Springs, PA. After 2 years of preparation, Dick conducted the first Academy on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. at the Gwinwood Christian Community Center in 2004.

The Academy is a youth education project of The Washington Council of TU, and is made possible with the help and support of the Washington State Council of the FFI, and instructors by the members of The Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma, Olympia Chapter of TU, the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia, and the Fly Fishing community.

When I first became involved, TU was the main force. To a certain extent, it still is with 501C3 status, banking (we have our own bank account), we're covered under the TU national insurance program and everyone involved in the week event, is required to go thru the TU National Security screening program.

Dick Nye retired after the 2008 Academy. Dick just burnt himself out. He did what 3 of us do now. Jim Brosio and I took over the responsibility of The Academy with our first challenge for the 2009 Academy. With the financial support of the Washington TU Chapters, the FFI Fly Fishing Clubs, corporate and individual sponsors, we gave it our best and it worked. In all the years that Jim and I have been co-directors, we have been assisted by at least 50 volunteers each year. Without the support of the groups I mentioned, this Academy would not happen. Jim Brosio, TU/SSFF/PSFF, has been involved since the very first Academy in 2004. Tom Van Gelder, TU/PSFF

and Dave Bryant, PSFF/SSFF later joined the staff, Matt Tuttle is the current Camp Director for the week long event. Bob Triggs has also been Camp Director in prior years. This will be my 11<sup>th</sup> year.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in environmental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, fish biology and behavior. Students also learn the skill of fly fishing, including fly tying, casting instruction provided by FFI-Certified Casting Instructors, knot tying, stream side ethics and water safety. WDFW and USFW are very supportive with incredible instruction on programs they furnish to the public.

The Academy is for boys and girls, 12-16 years old. All equipment is supplied, enrollment fee is still \$300, however; no one will be turned away because of funding, many of the students are sponsored by FF clubs, TU chapters and individuals. Total cost for each student is around \$1100.00 each.

All students are sponsored, even if they paid the tuition of \$300.00. Sponsorships are available, no one is turned away because lack of funds.

Each applicant is required to write an essay, explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation from their science teacher or counselor. The Academy for 2019 will be June 23-29, Sunday-Saturday, at The Gwinwood Center, on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

The applications may be downloaded from our website - [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) and view information on our Facebook page, our email: [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net).

*"We cannot always build the future for our youth,  
but we can always build our youth for the future."*

FDR

Mike Clancy, Co-Director





# A Draft - Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit

During the past 30 years, The Department of Ecology has studied the excess nutrients in Puget Sound that cause low dissolved oxygen and how other regulatory agencies reduce nutrients in other coastal estuaries including Chesapeake Bay, Gulf of Mexico and San Francisco Bay. With the anticipated regional population growth, the magnitude and duration of existing low dissolved oxygen events will likely increase. Ecology is proposing to regulate the discharge of nutrients (e.g., nitrogen) that drive the biological process called eutrophication that results in deadzones in Puget Sound.

The first draft Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit (PSNGP) applies to 58 domestic (non-industrial) wastewater treatment plants (WWTP's) to monitor nutrient loads entering the Greater Puget Sound Area, optimizing existing treatment to enhance nitrogen removal, and plan for meeting future effluent limits. Ecology will reevaluate permit requirements and the possibility of additional permittees on a 5-year cycle as new informatio from the modeling conducted under the parallel Puget Sound Nutrient Source Reduction Project becomes available.

Ecology held two workshops and public hearings on July 20th and 21st to inform the public and take public testimony as part of the public comment period. Most of the testimony was opposed to the new

permit, particularly from people who identified themselves as employees of

King County's wastewater treatment division. King County's WWTPs will be required to operate under the terms of the new permit. One person, speaking on behalf of the Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conversation Voters, spoke in favor of the permit suggesting that the Department of Ecology set more challenging requirements and shorter deadlines, especially for the King County (which serves the City of Seattle) and Tacoma wastewater treatment plants because these utilities are discharging the most nitrogen.

Please consider submitting a comment to Ecology based on your personal experience with the discharge of effluent from domestic wastewater treatment facilities including the observation of algae blooms, fish/shellfish die-offs, dead-zones, etc. followed by suggestions for improving the proposed requirements in the draft PSNGP.

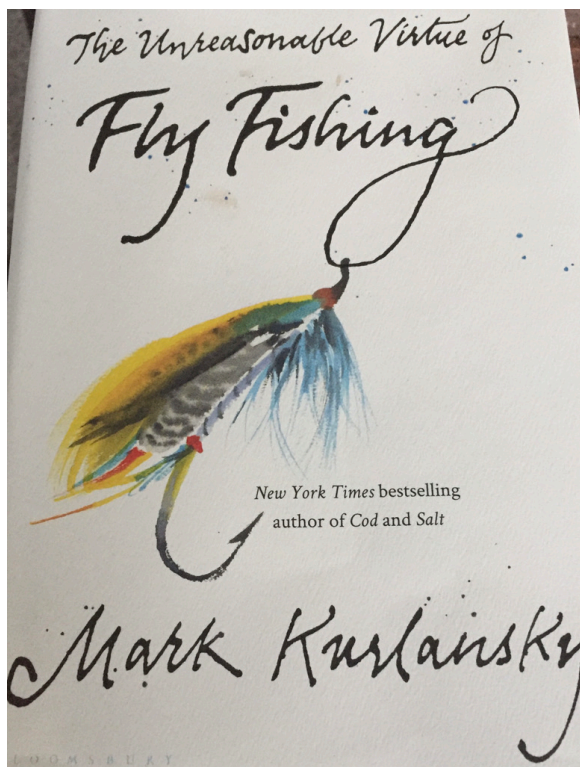
<https://ecology.wa.gov/nutrientpermit>

To support this work you are encouraged to submit your comments by the August 16th deadline.

Submit eComments: <https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=QFkVE>

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## Book Review



Surprisingly, COSTCO, in its rapidly disappearing book section, featured “The Unreasonable Virtue of Fly Fishing” by Mark Kurlansky. Me, mister impulsive, grabbed the book and headed home hoping for an entertaining read. Was I ever surprised.

What the author so clearly illustrates is his remarkable depth at researching the sport we are involved in. We all know fly fishing isn't a new sport but the author goes into great detail about how far back it actually has been practiced. More than by casual celebrities, fly fishing was the means of both sport and sustenance for many centuries and practiced by nobility as well as the commoner.

Mr Kurlansky goes into great detail about the evolution of the fishing rod, the invention of the reel, the details about lines made of twisted horsehair, and much more. We are pretty spoiled today by all estimates when we look back on the history of our sport.

Another example; Mary Orvis Marbury, born in 1856, was the chief fly tier for her fathers fledgling fly fishing business. By the age of 20 she was the lead tier for Orvis and created their first mail order catalog featuring 434 patterns. By the age of 20! And we all know of Joan Wulff whose grace and skill as a dancer enabled her to win distance casting championships against all male competitors. She always felt women were better suited to fly casting than men because they are naturally more fluid and graceful in their moves than us brutes who try to muscle our fly out there. In fact women fly fishers are the fastest growing segment of the fly fishing sport and nothing is going to change that. And nothing should.

There's plenty more to glean from this book so find one, spend some time giving it a read, and enjoy your new found history of fly fishing.

Mike Koslosky

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## Why Are Board Members So Special?

To be on the PSFF Board of Directors must require some very special skills and abilities. You must be a master at tying, casting, catching, have traveled all over in pursuit of your favorite fish, or have been a fly fisher for at least 20 years. Right? Well, not so much.

Board members are no different than any member in the club. They don't necessarily have any special skills or abilities. They aren't wealthy, well connected, and may not even be very seasoned at the sport. And they may be lousy fishermen to boot!

What they do possess is a willingness to help the club move along, stay fun and engaging, and keep you all coming to meetings, outings and special events. They are simply volunteering their time to help, pure and simple. They come and go based on time and circumstances. And when they do come and go, other members are encouraged to

take their place, volunteer a bit of time each month, and pick up where others have left off.

Usually there is a meeting once a month that lasts one or two hours - that's it! Board members discuss things, make suggestions and improvements to operations, scratch their heads on occasion. But there is always a snack and beer to finish off the meeting. Now what could be better than that?

So think about all this above and ask yourself "can I spare a couple hours a month to help this club I enjoy stay on the smooth and narrow?" It's really not much but the impact helps each and every member and the club at large. If someone asks you to consider being a Board member, remember this piece and before you run scared like you don't have what it takes, know you have exactly what it takes - time and interest, that's it. Say yes.

Mike Koslosky

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## Environment

This is going to be a very brief report. This week, Jim Maus and I are enjoying a float on the Missouri River in Craig, MT. We are lucky to float the river with Arnie Gidlow, the owner of Missouri Riverside Outfitters and Lodge, since this is his last year of guiding. Arnie is going to finally retire. I learned today that Arnie has been guiding for over 44 years in Montana and all over the world, the events originating at The Lodge. PSFF members have enjoyed Arnie's lodge for many years. In 2008, a dozen of us attended an outing at his lodge. This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year to enjoy Arnie's hospitality and guidance on the river. After visiting with Arnie, yes he's going to retire, but he has plans to travel in the USA and Canada with his photography, which is going to be his next adventure. And he's going fishing in the high country, by himself. We will miss you Arnie, we all wish you well for your future. God speed with good health.



PJ Hicks 2002-PSFF Missouri River Outing

FFI Inaugural Film Festival - Have a phone or camera? Want to win some cool stuff? Enter the FFI Inaugural Film Festival.

In keeping with the mission of FFI to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters, the objective of the Inaugural FFI Film Festival is to invite and encourage filmmakers of all ages, abilities, and experience to tell their fly-fishing-related stories through film. Experienced or novice, young or old, close to home or in exotic locations, all are invited to submit their original films. Deadline to submit a film is September 10, 2021

NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy  
We will open registration for the 2022 Academy on January 1, 2022. An essay and letter of recommendation, from a teacher, counselor or scout master, is required along with the application. The event will take place the last full week of June, June 19-25, 2022. This year only, the age is open to 12-17 year olds. The event will be held on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

Mike Clancy, FFI





We have exciting news to share with you! Yesterday, the [Alaska Department of Fish and Game reported](#) that the **Bristol Bay's 2021 sockeye run reached the largest on record with 63.2 million fish returning to the bay.** The 2021 run broke the 2018 standing record at 62.9 million fish returning to the region.

Thousands of years of Indigenous stewardship and 100+ years of sustainable commercial fishery management made this year's record-breaking sockeye run in Bristol Bay possible. Science has shown that clean water and healthy fish habitat will continue to support this world-class fishery that produces roughly 50% of all sockeye salmon on the planet. Even though the fishery's biggest threat- the proposed Pebble mine- was denied the key federal permit last year, Bristol Bay isn't safe yet. **The region still needs durable and permanent protections to ensure that Pebble, or another mining company, won't come back in the future.** [Join us in asking decision-makers to advance permanent protections for Bristol](#)

Meghan Barker, TU 7/21/2021

## Membership

### We're Having a Party!

Save the Date

Saturday, Sept. 18, noon - 4 p.m.  
Titlow Lodge Main Hall, 8425 Sixth Ave., Tacoma

It's time to celebrate Puget Sound FlyFishers' resilience during the cloud of Covid, the return of in-person meetings in September and to do some much needed socializing. It's heartening to report that the club has actually gained membership during the pandemic.

The takeaway: In order to gauge interest, I need your prompt reply if you're interested in attending. I'm looking for a ballpark figure. We'll confirm the actual number through RSVPs later.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you'd like to attend. Club members are invited to bring one guest. The cost per person will depend on the total number attending.

There will be more exciting details of the party within a few weeks. I'll be posting updates in the "Forum" section of the newsletter.

Please email or call me:

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Tess Frazier

# Club Anniversaries August 2021

John (Geoff) Corso	3
Jerry Dickson	1
Brandon Edgerly	1
Erin Roach	4
Conrad Silvani	21

## 2020 PSFF Directory

All current members had the Directory emailed to them. 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.

## 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.

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.

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.

Kristin Macy

Nearly 20 Years ago!

*Dugout Saund Fly Fishers 2002!  
Thanks Annie Mellon*





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