



# Covering The Drift

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## Leaders Line

By Carl Johnson, President  
As I have been thinking about writing this for the past few weeks questions keep popping up in my head. Why? And What? The first why is Why did I become Council President seven years ago (yes it has been that long). This is the easy one to answer. I decided to take the job and try to give back to fly fishing a small percentage of what I have gotten from the sport since I started fly fishing in 1966.

Why did we decide to have the Fly Fishing Fair? When I became Council President we were looking for a mechanism to raise money for the Council. Sometime in 2004 or 2005 the FFF stopped sending the Council any money from memberships as had been done in the past. Since that time, all Councils across the country have had to raise all their funds for their activities. Our by-laws also required

our spring Board meeting to be a general membership meeting that any Washington Council FFF member could attend. At that meeting we identified new candidates for the Board and solicited any other nominations. To try and satisfy the financial and membership meeting requirements we started with a one day fly tying event in April 2007. Fortunately that first event was a success. We continued and have grown to a two day event. The Washington Fly Fishing Fair is our single source of revenue for the year. For the past few years our net revenues have been between \$5,000 and \$8,000..

The next question is What do we spend the money on. Over the last two years we contributed over \$4,000 promoting and supporting the International Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane to help make it a success. We also had a fairly large expense last year for education. On Friday morning prior to the start of the Fair we invite students from school districts around Ellensburg to come to the fairgrounds for an introduction to fly fishing. We can handle around 45 students and most years we have been between 35 and 50 students. We give them about 45 minutes each of fly casting, fly tying and entomology. Last year it cost us just over \$500 to cover bus transportation and substitute teachers so we could bring the students in to this event. Last year, for the first time, we also gave

each student a certificate for a fly rod outfit for \$20. We were fortunate to purchase a number of outfits from Echo and TFO at a great price (Thanks to both for their support of the Council). We had 22 students take us up on this offer. This cost us approximately \$1,000. In addition, we also provide financial support to the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy each year.

Last year we were fortunate to get two grants from the FFF Small Grants Program, \$1,500 for the east Fork of the Lewis River and a replacement sign for Chambers Creek for \$350. And this year the Council has approved \$500 towards the aerator proposed for Little Twin near Winthrop and \$450 for an informational folder on the North Fork of the Lewis River.

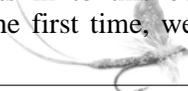
You add to this the normal operating expenses (website, newsletter, PO Box, and other expenses) and you can see that there is not a lot left. We would love to have more money to expand our work in education and conservation projects.

How can you help us expand our education and conservation projects? Show up at the Fair on May 3rd and 4th and support the Council by participating in our auctions and raffles. If you can't make it to the Fair and you want to help you can go online to our web site and use the fair registration and make a direct donation to the Council for our Conservation and Education efforts.

I hope that I will see many of you this year in Ellensburg at the Fair.

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By Robert Gerlach, Camp Host  
 This year we have very little competition for camping sites at the 7th Annual Fly Fishing Fair hosted by the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers! Like last year the Cutting Cowpokes have cancelled their competition so that makes it much nicer for us!  
 Again we are expecting a nice turnout by the "Sisters on the Fly" We hope to have a few more of their Restored Canned Ham Trailers for our viewing pleasure! And as usual we will have a nice contingent of Wounded Warriors gathering with "Project Healing Waters"  
 Tent and RV parking is on a first come first serve basis as usual. If you have special needs please contact me but you are requested to go to our web site and register. Fee is the same as last year, \$15 per night for hook up and \$10 per night for dry / tent sites. My email is wg@anewds.com

By David Paul Seminar Guy Williams  
 Back by popular demand, your Council is again offering free (yes, free and totally without cost) seminars. The cool thing about this year's lineup is you get much more than you pay for. We've got the "how-tos", the "where-tos," and the "how-to's" covered. All you have to do is show up, take a seat, and enjoy the show. The Yakima River, Washington's only Blue Ribbon trout stream, always draws a crowd for the Worley Bugger Fly Co., presentation. Heading north, we travel with Johnnie Boitano of Troutwaters to learn about Methow River resident fly-eating westslope cutthroat and line-ripping steelhead. Jack Mitchell of The Evening Hatch takes us a bit east over to the upper Columbia for a shot at some nasty-dispositioned rainbows. Preston Singletary, the man who knows more about sea-run cutthroat than anyone this side of Les Johnson, has put together a presentation that represents years of his knowledge. Let's stay salty with Mike Benbow who gives us a good look at Coho with his Bucktailing for Coho presentation. And for those that live in the Puget Sound area or visit same on occasion,

Mike McCoy gives up the local secrets that will put you on fish. To round out the Washington fishing scene John Kendall of the Black Heron Fly Shop, will talk about the Cowlitz River steelhead and coastal cutthroat.

We know that Washington anglers travel south into the high desert of Oregon and that's why we have Marc Williamson to provide the insight gleaned from his years of Fly Fishing Central Oregon. I grew up fishing that country and it is stunningly beautiful the fishing's pretty good as well.

Tenkara a word to some that sounds like something off a sushi menu, will feature sagacious Dick Sagara, the

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Just another Amber Lake cutthroat  
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Temple Fork Outfitters representative who will talk about using a fly rod without a reel to catch fish. Jim Teeny, the man who made pheasant tail feathers into a fish-catching fly, will discuss how to select the right fly line to match the fish you intend to catch. Jim will also be tying his Teeny Nymph in the tying room.

Warmwater fish are getting more and more attention from heretofore dyed in the wool trout and steelhead fishers who are giving smallmouth, largemouth, crappie and bluegill a try. To help accelerate that expansion, WDFW will have someone from their Warmwater Fisheries Program do a program. For the traveling smallmouth bass angler, David Paul Williams will present Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth, a program that tells where to find smallmouth in the eleven western states.

All this information and knowledge without a single cerise-dyed sand shrimp, glob of garlic PowerBait or twirling nightcrawler in any seminar. Gadzooks! If only the other half knew how we live, there would be no other half.



Preston Singletary on the sticks  
Image by David Paul Williams

**Northwest Fly Fishing  
Events for 2013**

March 8-9, 2013 Oregon Council FFF Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo@ Linn County Fair-ground Albany OR  
[www.nwflytyerexpo.com](http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com)

March 22-23, 2013 North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo@Red Lion Hotel & Convention Center Lewiston, ID  
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April 6-7, 2013 Northern California Fly Tying Expo@Turtle Bay Museum, Redding, CA  
[www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org)

May 3-4, 2013 WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair@Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg  
[www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

July 2013 Eleventh Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair@ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR  
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September 21, 2013 Project Healing Waters 2-Fly Event on Yakima River  
[www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org)

September 24-28, 2013 IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair (formerly known as Conclave) @ West Yellowstone, MT  
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November 2013 Pacific Northwest Fly Tyers Rendezvous @ Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR  
[www.nwflytyers.org](http://www.nwflytyers.org)

Washington Council Website Video Your Council Wants You Council Conservation News

By Bob Bates, Webmaster

Several people have asked if we can put Video on the Washington State Council Website. The answer is yes. There are several ways that we can do it. There is a fly tying video on the WSCFFF website now. Go to our website – then to Photo Gallery>Videos>Steelhead>Whychus Canyon. The video will automatically start when you click the Whychus Canyon menu item. It is a 15-minute video of Sherry Steele tying the Whychus Canyon steelhead fly. To get full screen, click on the symbol in the lower right corner of the picture. To leave full screen push the esc key on your keyboard.

This video was uploaded to YouTube which is the easiest system for showing videos. If you have fishing or fly tying videos on YouTube and want to show them on our site you can send me a link. Also, if you click on “share” a bunch of html code will be produced that you can copy (ctrl c) and paste (ctrl v) into an e-mail to me. It includes a picture from your video. When we get a second video we will have to build our page to hold either a link or a picture for it.



Headed Out Image by David Paul Williams

If you have video that you think others would like to see, put it on YouTube. Edit the video so it is less than 100 MegaBytes in size, get a free YouTube account, upload the video and send the link or share code to me. You can see from the drop down menus that we have great expectations for the Photo Gallery.

Note: If the Photo Gallery menus extend beyond the right edge of your screen, try moving the image by pressing on the right arrow key on your keyboard.

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you like to work with a group of really cool people who like, no, are passionate about fly fishing? Are you interested in giving back to the sport you love? If the answer to any of those questions is yes, then your council wants you.

We are looking for new members of the Board. We have good representation on the Board from some areas of the state, but we want to hear voices from all parts—east, west, north and south. The wider geographical representation on the board, the better your Council can address issues and respond.. Historically the Board has met quarterly, with three

of the meetings in Ellensburg and the fourth somewhere on the Westside. We have also started having conference calls to deal with matters that may arise between meetings.

If you are interested in being part of the Washington State Council Board contact Carl Johnson at 425-308-6161 or flyfishalso@frontier.com. The slate of Board members will be introduced during the Fly Fishing Fair Saturday night dinner.

Methow Valley Fly Fishers plan to install an aerator in Little Twin Lake near Winthrop, WA, early spring 2013. MVFF has negotiated with an adjacent land owner for lake access and to purchase a share of his transformer. This project will be very similar to the successful aerator installation at Big Twin Lake in 2007.

The lake level has dropped considerably due to drought conditions and the lake has been unable to sustain a productive trout fishery due to winter kills. An aerator would provide ice free conditions over winter and dramatically improve fishing productivity. We would like to install the system this summer.

The projected cost of the project is \$18,000. In the past, many of you generously donated in 2007 to our successful Big Twin Lake aerator installation. We would appreciate your financial support of this project and ask for your pledge at this time.

Thank you very much. Mary B. Johnson President MVFFC Duncan Bronson Project Manager 509 996 3218 bronson@methownet.com

The mailing address for the club is Methow Valley Fly Fishers P O Box 101, Winthrop, WA 98862

Your Council responded to this news by allocating \$500 towards completion of this worthy project and urge fly clubs around the state to pitch in. The Methow Valley club has also submitted an ALEA grant request to WDFW. Word is that request is getting favorable attention from the Department decision makers. Region 2 Fisheries Biologist Chad Jackson has been heard speaking in support of the project at a local fly club meeting.



## 2013 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

## More Council Conservation News

By Mike Clancy, Government Affairs  
It's just around the corner, the opportunity of a life time for our youth 12-16 to learn conservation and our sport of fly fishing. Applications are now being accepted for the June 23-29, 2013 Academy. Up to 25 lucky and deserving boys and girls will attend Academy at Hicks Lake, Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey, WA. To apply the applicant must submit a written essay, explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or science teacher. Applications are available on our website - [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) or by contacting me - [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net). Completed applications should be emailed to Mike Clancy or they can be mailed to Mike Clancy 2531 Simon Lane NE, Olympia, WA 98506.

Tuition is \$275.00 per child, however scholarships are available through the generous financial support of several fly fishing clubs, Trout Unlimited chapters, individuals and corporations. No qualified applicant will be turned away because of money. The event is sponsored by WCTU, WSCFFF and hosted by the South Sound Fly Fishers, Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Olympia Chapter TU. All meals are included, everyone will stay in warm comfortable cabins with bunk beds. Very clean facilities with good clean showers. Each person needs to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. All fishing gear is provided, except waders and/or hip boots. All fly tying gear will be provided. Many will catch their first fish on a new fly they tied.

There is classroom time, but we spend a lot of time casting, tying, eating, sleeping and learning what's in our streams. To get a better idea of what we do during the week, take a look at

our Facebook site which is filled with pictures from the 2012 Academy. Go to [facebook.com](http://facebook.com), then type NW Youth Conservation in the search box.

We are fortunate to have excellent staff of volunteer teachers. We had over 50 volunteers in 2012, and I'm sure we will have the same amount again in 2013.

So mark your calendars for the last week of June, the 23rd thru the 29th. This is a golden opportunity for our youth to learn a lifelong activity. The youth of today are the guardians of the future sport of fly fishing. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Clancy, Co-Director, 360-753-1259 or Jim Brosio, Co-Director, 360-943-9947 (Sponsorships are available, just ask us)

The Loo Wit Group of the Cascade Chapter Sierra Club has made the East Fork Lewis River its primary issue for 2013. A significant step is drawing attention to the current condition of the river. To that end, the Sierra Club has put up money to published a flyer. Ben Dennis, VP, Conservation West, has been involved in local efforts to correct past abuses and restore the river and its fish.

Your Washington Council has responded and received the following information.

Thanks for the \$450 matching grant the WSCFFF Board approved to support funding for the printing and inserting 5,000, 4-color, 2 sided flyers in local publications, telling residents of the plight of the sorry condition on the East Fork, Lewis River, in Clark County,

resulting in years of indiscriminate gravel mining, destruction of the aquifer and floodplain, loss of summer flows, lethal temperatures(80 degree plus) that kill everything in this once proud stream, jeopardizing the survival of threatened / endangered salmon and steelhead populations.

## Name That Fish Contest



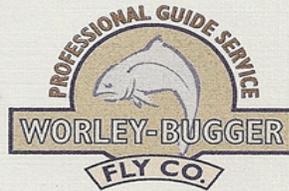
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## *Fly of the Season*

By David Paul Williams

When it comes to catching fish, the esteemed steelhead included, a favorite saying comes to mind. There is more than one way to fold socks. There are those who swing only unweighted flies, those who swing flies, those who cast only topwater and those who (traditionalists might want to stop reading at this point) fish nymphs under a bobber. Readers who know me, know that I don't fish steelhead and each steelhead I've caught was an accident—an incidental catch while targeting resident trout or migrating salmon. Still, it makes sense that anyone willingly subjecting themselves to unpleasant Northwest winter weather while standing in cold water, would employ an effective (some would argue the most effective)

method of catching large non-resident trout. Catching is the operative word here. Those who raise the point that they fish just to be out in nature would do well to not clutter up the stream and get in the way of those who are there to catch fish. But I digress.

The pictured fly, Agent Orange, is a weighted stonefly nymph cleverly designed to take advantage of the steelhead's early life imprinting—those one to four years it spends in freshwater acting like the aquatic insect-eating rainbow trout it is. A drag-free nymph drifting along the stream bottom undoubtedly triggers recall of a memory from those freshwater years and prompts an insect-conditioned steelhead to eat the fly. Stated that way, using a nymph almost seems rather unsporting.

The Agent Orange was created by Todd Ostenson, owner of Trophy Waters fly shop in Medford, Oregon. An amalgam of other patterns, he started

with the basic Montana Stone and added a hot orange bead to grab the attention of a passing fish. The *piece de resistance*, the rubber legs, came courtesy of the Girdle Bug.

A trout fishing buddy of mine uses another stonefly imitation, Pat's Stone, on a well-known Washington trout river to catch and release numerous steelhead. He says the steelhead act just like resident rainbows in the river. They hold in the same water, eat the same flies, can be found below the spawning white fish. Only difference is the steelhead are bigger.



## Fly patterns on the Federation of Fly Fishers website

### Fly of the Month

By Bob Bates

There have been some changes in the Fly of the Month (FOM) on the International Federation of Fly Fishing website. We stopped posting the FOM blog because we had no communication in that area. If anyone had a question for me they use the FOM e-mail link: [flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org) Their e-mail is automatically redirected to my home e-mail address.

FOM is the first item in the drop down menu under the Tying button. Click on it and the current Fly of the Month will be displayed. The current FOM is shown in steps. Below the current FOM are links to the Previous Issues of FOM. Just click on a link and the issue is displayed. All the Previous Issued are in PDF which anyone should be able to open. I had to change the program that produces the PDF so if you have any problems let me know.

Here are the fly patterns that were posted since the last issue of *Covering the Drift*.

### Fly of the Month

#### March Brown Flymph July 2012



#### Angora Damsel August 2012





**Slump Buster September 2012**

**Night Dancer Shrimp October 2012**



**Dave's Real Skunk November 2012**



**Crawdada December 2012**





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## New Council Website

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We have launched a new and easy to use Washington State Council FFF website. The name is the same:

[www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

The design with drop down menus makes it easy to navigate. Just hover your cursor over one of the subject words, and any items under that subject will drop down. Move the cursor down to the desired item and click on it. Many pages are original, but a few are under construction, carried over from the old site or linked to an associated site. Drop down menus give us the opportunity to organize the information better. For example, under Leadership you will find second level menus for Officers and Directors with pictures and biographical information on each. The Washington Fly Fishing Fair also has second level menus.

One of the highlights of the new website is the secure online registration. Clicking on the Registration menu will take you to a secure registration site. FFF members and Volunteers receive free admission, just pick the appropriate classification. Lines with a red \* are required. You can sign up for workshops, camping, banquet, logo pin or make a donation. Check out requires a credit card. Most of the information is copied from your personal information page. You need to enter credit card information and your phone number.

