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President's Message

By Carl Johnson

The 2006 Fly Casting EXPO was held in Carnation this past September. The weather was perfect and all in attendance had a good time. It was a great success. I want to take this time to thank everyone who helped make this event possible, in particular I want to thank the 2006 EXPO chairman Jimmy LeMert. If you run into Jimmy extend your thanks to him. We are looking for someone to head up the committee for next year's EXPO, if you are interested in heading up the committee or in

being on the committee for the 2007 EXPO please contact Don Simonson

The Council is planning the Annual Meeting and Fly Tying Exposition in Ellensburg on April 21st. Details are still being worked out for the event, however we are planning on having eight hours of tying demonstrations and an evening get together. In addition, we hope to have a breakfast meeting of club Presidents and a lunch meeting with all of the club conservation chairs. I hope that every club will send at least one fly tier to the event. If you have any suggestions, like to tie, or would like to help with the event, please contact me ((425) 308-6161 or flyfishalso@verizon.net). At the evening event we plan on auctioning off a fly plate. The plate will be made up of flies from tiers in the Council. We have asked every affiliated club to donate a fly to be used in this fly plate. If any FFF member would like to donate files for the plate please contact Mike Clancy (mclancy@earthlink.net) as soon as possible.

The Council will again have a booth at The Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue February 9th through 11th. If you attend the show, please stop by and say hi to the members manning the booth. Hope to see you there. PS: Our next board meeting will be Saturday evening during The Fly Fishing Show; contact me if you want to attend. ((4 2 5) 3 0 8 - 6 1 6 1 o r flyfishalso@verizon.net).

2006 Fly Casting Expo

By Don Simonson,
Director at Large

WSCFFF's yearly fly casting exposition was held on Saturday September 23rd at McDonald Park in Carnation. Attendees were able to enroll in several fly casting clinics from beginning instruction to advanced techniques in both single and two handed rods. All clinics were taught by FFF certified instructors. Folks could also enter casting competition with awards being given in several categories for both distance and accuracy. The prime focus for the FFF is education in the sport of fly fishing, with fly casting being an a major component.

The casting exposition is our highlight event of the year. To attain a successful outcome requires a dedicated individual to assume responsibility for the many tasks that need to be completed. Jimmy LeMert, with the assistance of Craig Koeppler, volunteered to the chair our Expo. One needs to realize what a major job this entails. Jimmy basically accomplished all of the following tasks on his own; site selection, advertising, brochure design and distribution, acquiring of prizes, registration form design and registration procedure, provision for

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lunch, casting clinic selection, acquiring certified instructors to teach, organization of the casting competition, and providing for the Danish Games just to name a few. Jim Maus pitched in again this year to provide administrative assistance.

Without dedicated individuals like Jimmy LeMert who stepped up and volunteered to chair such an event we would not have been able to enjoy another highly successful casting expo. Our hats go off to Jimmy and all the additional folks who stepped up to help out. To observe the results of the casting competition visit the WSCFFF web site at www.washingtoncouncilfff.org.

Please take a few minutes and complete the casting expo questionnaire as we welcome your comments. (See insert) This will help us tailor our up coming casting expos to provide events and clinics that are of interest to our members and the general fly fishing community.



WSCFFF Board Meeting Notes

By Mike Clancy, Secretary

The Board of Directors conducted their quarterly meeting on October 14, 2006 at The Rodeo City BBQ restaurant in Ellensburg, Washington. The following is an abbreviated report of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Johnson. Reports were made by the various officers and board members. Ben Dennis reported on the fires in Eastern Washington and remarked that the state will be dropping 8000 tons of straw and 203 tons of grass seed in the damaged areas. Ben also reported that the local clubs are very concerned with the illegal introduction of invasive warm water species into trout waters. He stated that the WDFW is attempting to eradicate illegally planted bass in the local fisheries. David Williams spoke about the bass program and will represent the Council at the Bass Clubs Association meeting.

Dick Matthaei reported on the finances of the Council and presented the budget for 2006-2007. There was a debate on the rebate program that the National discontinued for membership.

Carl reviewed the finances for the Expo and the Board should be happy with the success and profit

for the event. The Board is conducting a search for a new chairperson for next year's expo. It was suggested that education should take a bigger roll in the event. Education would consist of fly tying, knots and casting. Casting competition would still be conducted, but casting for fish is what should really be taught.

Kevin Ryan reported about the "Rock Snot" letter published by the FFF in September. "Rock Snot" is an invasive algae that impacts our fisheries. There was a discussion about Dick Nye's youth camp in the summer and that the Council will support his camp. (See page 3) Kevin also received a letter from Duncan Bronson of the Methow Valley Fly Fishers addressing the project for a new aerator in Big Twin Lake in Eastern Washington. MVFF has been awarded a grant of \$11,801 from ALEA WDFW to purchase and install an aerator. The total cost for this project is \$19,000 and MVFF will be asking for financial support from the Washington clubs. The WSCFFF supports this project and pledged \$500. Kevin also spoke about the issue of reduced wild steelhead in Puget Sound and suggested the Council edit a letter to WDFW about our concerns on this subject.

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David Williams reported on the membership in the State of Washington. It is estimated that 22% of the members of Washington clubs belong to the FFF.

Mike Clancy reported on the Council Fly Plate to be auctioned at our new Fly Tying event in Ellensburg next April. The clubs have been contacted to contribute flies for the plate.

Carl spoke about the Fly Fishing Show next year in Bellevue. We have committed for the booth for next year. He also reported on the Fly Tying event in Ellensburg next April, 2007.

Kevin Ryan is working with members from The Evergreen Club, Puget Sound Flyfishers and The South Sound Club at Fort Lewis on the Healing Waters program. This is a teaching program for our wounded veterans.

Our next meeting will be at The 2007 Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue.

Trophy Waters Unlimited

This new nonprofit organization has created a full-color map that clearly designates Methow Valley waters, regulations and seasons. Earlier maps by Ben and Leslea Dennis and John

2007 Northwest Youth Academy



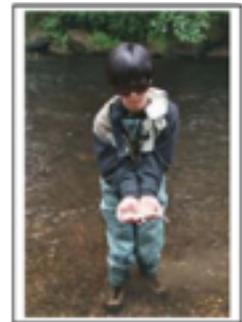
2007 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

2007 Conservation Academy Dates: June 24 – 30.

Endorsed by Trout Unlimited chapters of Washington State and Washington State Federation of Fly Fishers. Hosted by Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and South Sound Fly Fishers. Held on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington.

ACADEMY FEATURES

- Co-educational, ages 12 – 16.
- Classes focusing on conservation and natural resource stewardship.
- Fly fishing classes include fly casting, fly tying, knot tying, reading water, water safety.
- Morning and evening fly fishing activities on scenic Hicks Lake and Deschutes River.
- On-the-water aquatic invertebrate sampling activity.
- Career discovery opportunities.
- Faculty and staff include wildlife resource professionals, northwest fly fishing and fly tying professionals and enthusiasts, and local fishing club volunteers.
- Students receive a quality fly fishing vest, T-shirt, and cap with Academy logo at no additional charge.



Fishing our local Deschutes



Entomology lesson



Posing in tubes

For more information.

Please visit website: www.nwycffa.org
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Bonica were welcomed by Methow Valley anglers. The new maps coming from Sally Ranzau's computer are even better. For more information on the organization and the new maps:

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Sign Sponsored by IEFFC Installed at Coffeepot Lake

Editor Note: If you fish Coffeepot Lake, Lincoln County please read the sign (next page) and help with this research. Article taken from the November, 2006 issue of The Fly Leaf from the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, Spokane, WA

By Jerry McBride, IEFFC

Last year Region 2 Fisheries Biologist Chris Donley mentioned a need for a sign at Coffeepot Lake. He needed the sign to explain his study on wild fish production in the lake.

With IEFFC board approval, we agreed to provide the sign. Cost to the IEFFC was less than \$200. The plan was to recycle the sign at Amber Lake that was no longer needed. Gary Honeyman, Pat Kendall, Jerry McBride and Dick Odell worked on the project.

The sign was installed October 19, 2006 with help from Glen Paulson who works for the BLM and lives at Coffeepot Lake.

If you go out to Coffeepot Lake next season please read the sign and fill out a questionnaire on your catch for the day. This is critical to Chris Donley’s study and could lead to even better fishing.



A typical construction project with a worker, a supervisor and a “leaner” L.R.: Pat Kendall, Gary Honeyman and Jerry McBride
Photo by Glen Paulson, BLM Manager



Another Successful IEFFC Project. L.R.: Guard dog, Jerry McBride, Gary Honeyman and Pat Kendall
Photo by Glen Paulson, BLM Manager

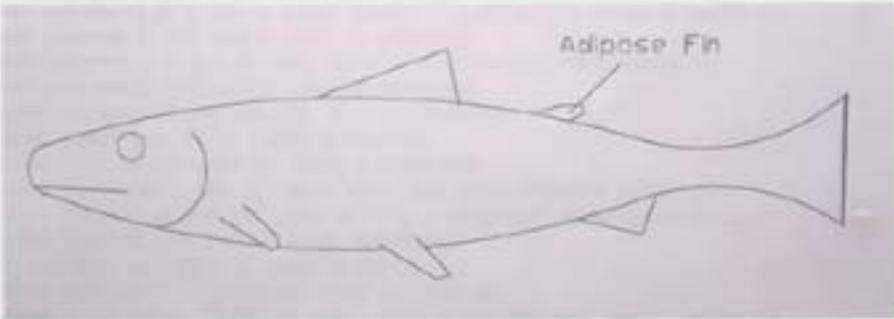
Ringer Road Facility

Last year the Northwest Women Flyfishers completed the Ringer Road Project on the Yakima River. As they said in their December 2005 Newsletter they “...received tremendous support from the fly fishing community.” Eight fly clubs, five fly shops and the Washington State Council FFF contributed to the project.



TO ALL ANGLERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Rainbow trout spawn in Lake Creek (inlet to Coffeepot Lake). To better understand the amount of wild fish production in the lake, all hatchery rainbows are adipose fin clipped prior to annual stocking. Most unclipped fish are wild fish origin.



To assist the Washington State Fish & Wildlife Department in understanding rainbow trout reproduction in Coffeepot Lake, please report the number of adipose fin clipped and unclipped rainbows along with their length that you caught.

Fill out an interview form and deposit it in the box.

Any questions regarding this project can be directed to:

Chris Donley
Washington State Fish & Wildlife Department
District 2 Fish Biologist, Spokane
509 456 3039

Yakima Carp

By David Williams,
VP Membership

Now that was a fish. Its size made me grin. I eased the boat towards the north bank, then gently dropped the rock-on-a-rope my brother and I were using as an anchor. Fish like this was the reason we came to the Yakima.

We launched the boat at the Snively Road primitive put-in. I had rowed upstream several hundred yards through flat water, then across the river to check out the far bank. My brother Mike, caught a couple smallmouth as we drifted downstream over the cobble and weedbed covered bottom. I caught a fish or two as well, then the sight of the carp put aside thoughts of smallmouth.

Once in position, I saw a large shape idling upstream. Standard carp tactics dictate dropping the fly within inches of a feeding fish. This fish was not visibly feeding. I cast my BananaRama about ten feet upstream, the weighted size 2 fly barely broke the surface slipping into the water. Polarized sunglasses were useless as I lost the fish and my fly in the glare. I allowed the fly to drift to where I hoped it would intersect the carp's path. I felt something, a soft resistance and raised my rod tip. The line melted off my reel as that carp apparently had a hot date on other side of the river and just now realized he was late. My flyline, chased by the backing, snicked through the tiptop, and disappeared downstream so far that I could no longer distinguish between the two.

150 yards of backing wasn't going to be enough as this warmwater Casanova showed no sign of slowing. We needed to chase this thing. I no sooner had that thought when Mike reeled in, reefed up the anchor and rowed after the fish. I regained all the backing and most of the flyline. That is, until the fish remembered it had another upstream appointment and my backing saw daylight again. Mike rowed and rowed and I reeled and reeled, each session shorter than the one before. With a mouthful of BananaRama, the fish circled the boat, unwilling to come closer. I knew if I could get the rest of my line in, this was going to be a Kodak moment. It was the largest carp I'd ever caught, maybe the biggest I'd ever seen.

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2006 NWFCE Competition Winners

	Distance	Accuracy	Total
Grand Champion			
Ed Sozinho	99.58	97.00	196.58
Champion Team - Washington Fly Fishing Club			
Richard Embry	80.92	97.00	177.92
Craig Koeppler	91.17	86.00	177.17
Ed Sozinho	99.58	97.00	196.58
Steve Sunich	75.00	91.00	166.00
Team Average	86.67	92.75	179.42
Professional Distance Champion			
Ed Sozinho	99.58		
Men's Distance Champion			
Jon Aqui	100.50		
Women's Distance Champion			
No Participants	-----		
Senior Distance Champion			
Paul Krc	73.75		
Youth Distance Champion			
Miles Miller	55.00		
Professional Accuracy Champion *			
Richard Embry		97.00	
Non-Professional Accuracy Champion			
Paul Kim		96.00	

* Three-way tie between Embry, Sozinho and Keener.
Winner decided based on elapsed time.

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Mike held us steady in the current. While holding my rod tight against the fish, I leaned forward, grabbed the anchor and dropped it overboard. I couldn't tie off the rope one-handed, so I knelt on it, while tending the fish. This multi-tasking moment tipped the scales in favor of the fish but the hook held fast. I grabbed the leader, dropped the rod and grasped the fish by the tail but Casanova was too big. I switched ends and tried to lock onto his lower lip, but he easily shook off my fingers with a flick of its head. This clearly was a two-handed task and although I was sweating in the hot sun, I had no desire to tumble head first out of the boat. Finally, using my chest for leverage against the gunwale, with a hand at either end, I hoisted the yard-long carp out of the water. Mike shipped the oars and snapped several quick photos before I gently slid him back into the water. It only took a few minutes of revival time before Casanova was back looking for his girlfriend and I'm still grinning.



David's big fly caught carp

Kids Fly Fishing Class

By Bob Bates, VP Communication

Three years ago Allen Peterson of Swede's Fly shop in Spokane, Washington expressed the idea of a free fly fishing class for kids at risk. These were kids, usually from single parent homes, who were not exposed to fishing as many of us have. On the first Saturday of every other month the class would be open for up to eight 11 to 15 year old kids. The class went from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. The first

half hour was devoted to equipment, insects, reading the water and fishing etiquette. Half of the group went outside to learn fly casting while the other half stayed inside to tie flies. After an hour they switched. Several members of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club volunteered to help, and the fly club bought some of materials. It is a pretty quick introduction

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Methow Valley Fly Fishers' Big Twin Project

The Methow Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF) in June 2006 was awarded an \$11,801 WDFW Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant for purchase and installation of an aerator in Big Twin Lake, Winthrop. The main objective of the aeration system is increased trout survival and improvement of other natural resources that fail to thrive under current winter water oxygenation levels.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons preliminarily access sites

were determined to be unacceptable. The delay in final site selection coupled with both WDFW and DNR taking almost a year to provide permits, led to a 40% increased regulatory requirements, installation and equipment costs. The total project deficit is approximately \$7500. The MVFF cannot proceed with the project until MVFF is assured that separate funding sources are available to cover the increased costs. They have submitted funding requests to WDFW, Okanogan County, and Legislative contacts. To date, their response has been 'under consideration.' There appears to be no inertia to help MVFF.

As expenditure of funds under the

grant expires June 2007, the MVFF also face a time constraint consideration to complete our supplemental funding. If you have any questions on the project please contact Duncan Bronson at bronson@methownet.com .

The WSCFF supports the MVFF in their attempts to minimize the impact of winterkill on this fishery. The Council has pledged \$500 towards this project. If any individual or organization would like to donate to this project they can send the donation to: Methow Valley Fly Fishers, PO Box 101, Winthrop, WA 98862 or if they could send a tax deductible contribution to the WSCFFF with a note that the funds should be used for Big Twin.

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to a sport that many of us are still learning. Besides getting an introduction to fly fishing the kids took home a vise, scissors, hackle pliers, bobbin and some tying materials. Some of the kids, as hoped, are beginning to show a real interest in fly fishing. We received reports that some of the kids continued fly tying in the days following a class.

Photo on previous page by the mother of kid in foreground. Hugh Evans and Bob Bates, IEFFC.



Another student



Big Twin has some nice fish that are worth protecting. Photo of Mrs. Johnson and fish by Carl Johnson.



Sunrise over Big Twin Lake. Photo by Carl Johnson

FFF Member Fly Shops

By Bob Bates, VP Communication

At the October Board meeting we decided to let people know what fly shops support the FFF by becoming members of the Federation. To do that we will put their names in each issue of *Covering the Drift*, and for one year we will include a copy of their business card if we have it. There will be no charge to the fly shop. The card might be any place in the newsletter. So keep your eyes open for them, and visit the shops nearest to you.

Alaska Wildland Adventures,
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Fireside Fly Fishing,
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E-mail: fireside@acsalaska.net

Fly Away Fly Shop,
101 Lake St B, Sitka, AK, 99835-7560, (877) 747 - 7301,
E-mail: flyaway@alaska.com

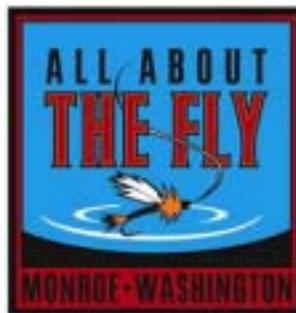
Twin Peaks Adventures
PO Box 754, Nome, AK 99762

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**WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL FEDERATION FLY FISHERS
2007 CASTING EXPOSITION
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Through your input we will continue to tune the Exposition, our yearly education function, in order to further enhance your fly fishing knowledge and experience.

First and foremost we want to express our sincere appreciation for the great job done by our 2006 Exposition co-chairs Jimmy Lemert and Craig Koeppler...and their extensive cadre of critically important volunteers. Because of their efforts our Expo was a tremendous success.

As acting Education Chair, with the help of Board Director Kip Keener, we are sending you this questionnaire to solicit your input for the 2007 Exposition. Your input will assist the chair or co-chairs for our 2007 event. **The board is looking for volunteers to chair the 2007 event. No volunteers, no event; it's that simple.**

Please share your valued response to the following questions:

1. Have you **ever attended** a WSCFFF Casting Exposition? Why?
2. We normally hold it the last Saturday of September. Is the **event date** acceptable? If not, what date would you suggest?
3. Is the MacDonald Tolt Park, Carnation, **location** a good one? If not, what location would you suggest? (We have also held it at Trophy Lakes, Gorst, and at the Tacoma Elks.)
4. Are the **classes offered** adequate? If not, what different classes should be explored? (review prior classes at www.washingtoncouncilfff.org "Fly Casting Expo. NWFCE")
5. Since the FFF's prime goal is fly fishing education, what are your thoughts on our **Youth Class**? Should the class be free or priced differently to youth? How can we attain better youth attendance?
6. What can we do to increase the participation of **Women**?
7. How can we enhance the FFF **Danish Games**, a casting obstacle course consisting of nine casting stations...each presenting a different casting challenge you could find in any day on the water? (review casting challenges at www.washingtoncouncilfff.org, Fly Casting Expo NWFCE, Danish Games, Rules)



8. What can we do to enhance your interest in, the role of, and your access to...participating manufacturers?

9. Competition:

A. Have you competed at a prior Exposition? Why?

B. Should we continue with just the current combined Distance and Accuracy format, with its distance biased results?

C. Should we return to including the Danish Games as a part of the competition, resulting in three scored events (Distance, Accuracy & Danish Games)?

D. Should we go to a modified American Casting Association (ACA) Event, including accuracy, obstacle, and distance elements (see www.americancastingassoc.org top right box "New 5wt Special Event Rules")? This event has been adopted as the competition event at the FFF National Conclave...and will be used on various national ACA events featured on OLN cable television.

E. Should we continue to have both Individual and Team competition?

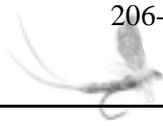
F. Any additional thoughts on competition relevance, substance or style?

There will never be 100% concurrence on the events, classes or competitions for our Exposition ...however the input of the majority will prevail.

Please make the time to share your valued perspective with us. We look forward to hearing from you...by return email or print/mail as soon as possible, but no later than December 31.

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Wounded Veterans Fly Tying Program

By Jesse Scott

Madigan Army Medical Center at Ft. Lewis has introduced fly tying into their Occupational Therapy Clinic programs. The effort was initiated by Lt. Col. Warren Perry, a Battalion Commander and avid fly fisherman. He, and a few fly fishing friends, donated enough materials and tools to get the program started. It is now in its sixth month and is being well received by both the hospital staff

and, more importantly, the wounded veterans.

The tying sessions are conducted in the Occupational Therapy Clinic every Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Individual instruction is paced to match each unique injury. Normally, we need six volunteers for each session. So far, the majority of the volunteer instructors have been from the Seattle area. Ideally, if we could recruit volunteers geographically it would

facilitate carpooling. The idea is to have enough volunteers so that each individual only goes to Ft. Lewis once a month or less.

The volunteer instructors have all been veterans, and most with combat experience. But this is certainly not a requirement. What we need are people who are interested in helping these young heroes. If you are interested, please contact Jesse Scott at (425) 745-6092 or "gardenfly@comcast.net".



At left is Dick Stearns from Washington FFC, tier on other side of table checking a fly is Larry Clemons from Puget Sound FFC, on right partially hidden is Kevin Ryan from South Sound FFC and PJ Hicks, Puget Sound, not visible.

Federation of Fly Fishers Membership Application

Full Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone home / work _____

Club Affiliation _____

Birth Date _____

Referred by: _____

Apply online at www.fedflyfishers.org

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spouses and children under 14
 - 3-Year Family Member (\$100)
 - Youth Membership (\$15)
for individual members under 14
 - Disabled Veterans are Free
(Proof of 50% disability required)
 - Individual Life (\$500)
payment plans available
 - Couple Life (\$750) pymt. plans available
 - Retail Membership (\$75)
small fishing equipment stores
 - Sustaining Membership (\$200)
commercial / manufacturing businesses

Check Enclosed (checks payable to F.F.F.) US Funds
 Credit Card Visa MasterCard Discover
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Go Play Outside

By Mike Clancy, Secretary

I received a notice that the original GPO program is now independent from the Washington Wildlife Federation. It is now known as "Go Play Outside Alliance of Washington" (GOPAW). WSCFFF has been active with the original GPO organization for youth activities in the past. Plans are under way for the 2007 Washington Youth Outdoor Expo to be held May 18 and 19 at the Cowlitz County Conference Center in Longview, WA. They expect 10,000 to 15,000 youth and families to attend the event. They are looking for fly fishing participants, mainly for tying. I will contact them and learn more.



When it comes to volunteering — are you painting lines???????



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