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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

# COVERING THE DRIFT

## Fly Fishing Fair

*Ellensburg  
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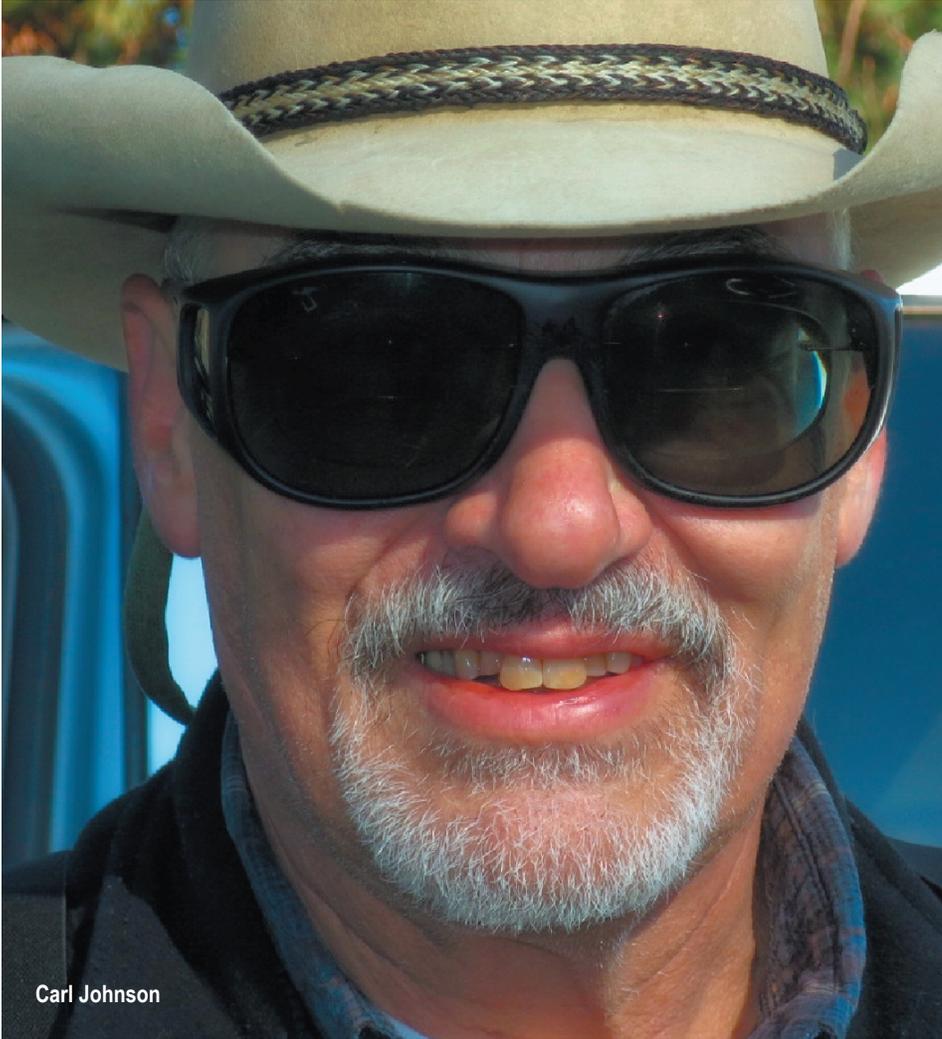
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Carl Johnson

## The Fly Fishing Show

On May 1st and 2nd your Council will hold the 9th Annual Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (Fairgrounds) in Ellensburg. The Fair runs Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The cost is still \$5.00 to get in unless you are an IFFF member or under 16 which are free. More information about the Fair can be found on our web page at: <http://wsciff.org> then follow the Fly Fishing Fair pull down menu. While there, please take look around our new site.

The purpose of this event, in addition to having a good time, is the Council's major fund raiser. With that in mind, we will have a number of raffle and auction items also available Friday and Saturday. Live and silent auction items include some choice trips and fly rods. If you would like

to donate something to the raffle or auction please contact Larry Gibbs, our Auction/raffle chairman at [flytier015@q.com](mailto:flytier015@q.com). If you think your item should be in the live auction, please contact Larry by Wednesday April 29th. If you bring a 'surprise' live auction item to the Fair, we will likely hold it for the following year.

The Awards dinner will start at 6:00 pm on Friday and will be at the Armory right across the parking lot (this is a change for us this year). The cost for the dinner is \$35 and reservations must be made by April 25th. After the meal we will present Council awards, close the silent auction and hold the live auction.

The annual General Membership meeting will be held 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 2 in one of the Armory breakout

rooms. Business will include nominating candidates for the Council officer and board, and other items brought up by the membership. All WSC members are welcome!

We are still looking for volunteers to help during the weekend. If you are interested please visit our website and sign up under the registration link or you can contact me at 425-308- 6161. I want to thank all volunteers for their help, without them this event could not go on. To say Thank you our volunteers, we will be providing a free dinner on Thursday evening. If you are planning on attending, please sign up on our web page so we have an idea of how many folks to cook for.

One new addition this year at the fair is an authors book signing. Look for more information about this and other Fair activities in this newsletter.

We are just finishing a successful show season, with the Council participating in the Washington Sportsman's Show in Puyallup, the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show in Pasco and the Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood. We met many fly fishers at these shows and hope to see them in Ellensburg.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fly Fishing Fair.

### NEW VP FOR EDUCATION

#### HOEBIE IREDALE

Last summer after the horrific fire in the Methow area, Pat Herdt, our long-term VP-Education, resigned from the Board to put energy into dealing with the destruction in the Carlton area. We thank Pat for all the hard work she has done to promote fly fishing and the WSCIFFF. Thank you Pat!

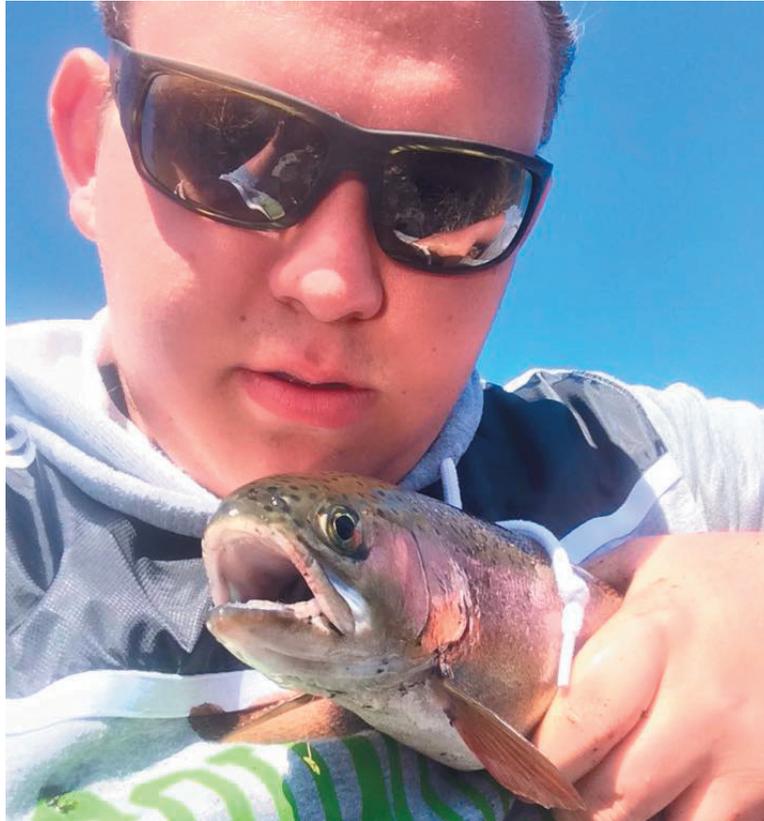
In March, I was approached by Hoebie Iredale, volunteering for the position of VP Education. Hoebie joined the Board last summer to replace Dean Childs on the Board, representing the Olympic Peninsula area. At the Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, we had a chance to discuss the duties of the position. I accepted Hoebie's offer and appointed him to serve the rest of Pat's term.

For those who are not familiar with Hoebie, he attended the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy in 2013! Yes! Hoebie is 17 and still in high school. If you see Hoebie at Ellensburg, please welcome him to his new job.

—**Carl Johnson, Council President**

**FLY TYING  
INSPIRATION**

Not many kids today get to enjoy the wonder of the outdoors. Keeping this sport alive is about encouraging more kids to fly fish, and hopefully, these skilled youngsters tying flies will act as inspiration for the next generation of fly fishers.



**Hoebie Iredale**

I am 17 and a junior at Sequim High School. I was born in Vancouver, Washington and spent the early part of my childhood fishing for salmon on the Columbia, kokanee in Yale Lake, and yellow perch in Siltcoose Lake. When I was seven, my family moved to Sequim.

I joined a 4-H group and we started a fishing project to learn how to fly fish. At the county fair, I joined the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers and soon after learned how to tie. In 2012, I joined the Grey Wolf Fly Fishers. It wasn't until 2013 at the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that I learned to properly cast and fish. In early 2014 I joined the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild. In September, I took office as a member of the WSCIFFF, representing the Olympic Peninsula.

I had my public fly tying debut at The Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood in 2015. I have a passion for tying classic salmon flies for demonstration and fishing. I am very inspired by William Blacker—I love his big gaudy flies. My favorites are the Number 12 and the Ghost Number 2. I am really interested in ornithology as well. I have raised a few exotic pheasants (temmnick's tragopans) and I am interested in the feathers of the soft-billed birds—Ruby Macaw and Quetzal are two of my favorites. I am very thankful to all my mentors for their help and support.

**Dominic Singh**

Dominic is 14 years old, and has tied flies for 6 years. Living in Ellensburg, Washington, he grew up fishing the Yakima River and contributing creeks for wild rainbows and cutthroat trout, as well as local ponds for warmwater bass and panfish. Using a three-weight fly rod, Dominic enjoys fishing and tying big streamers for largemouth bass and big trout.

His favorite streamers are the “Brillo Pad”, by Dr. Harley Reno, a mentor of his who has introduced Dominic and many others to a better way of fly fishing, and many variations on simple flies that require only rabbit and flash. The versatility and tying ease of these flies allows for fishing any body of water he is likely to encounter.



Kuni Masuda



## Kuni Masuda will be Tying at the Fair

Kuni Masuda has 35 years of fly fishing & fly tying experience and a member of the World Fly Fishing of Japan, IFFF and Clark-Skamania Flyfishers in Vancouver, Washington.

Kuni Masuda had been invited to participate in the 2012 World Fly Fishing Championship in Slovenia in June 2012. He was invited to compete as a member of Team Japan and manager. He is also invited back to WFFC in Norway in August 2013 as a participant and manager.

He joined in 2011 the finest hand-crafted and high performance rod maker, CF Burkheimer as pro-staff. <http://cfb-flyrods.com/staff/kuni-masuda/> And he has been invited to become a Wasatch Fly Tying Tools Co.'s "Angling Pro" staff as a demo tier.

Currently he is a member of the International Federation of Fly Fishers where he also serves on the national board of directors. His immediate interest is focusing on International Outreach. Also he is a member of the Fly Fishing Museum steering committee.

As a member of the Clark-Skamania Fly Fishers Board

of Directors, he got involved and committed to the education, conservation and promotion of fly fishing as a method of angling and, through it, an understanding of and appreciation for the diversity of nature. He manages and teaches the Fly Tiers' Night every 2nd Wednesday each month and teaches rod building, net building and casting classes. He has also served as Outings Chair and Membership Chair.

He has been invited to tie his flies at the Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, Pacific Northwest Fly Tiers Rendezvous, IFFF Washington Fly Fishing Fair, Eastern Idaho Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo in Idaho Falls, IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone and the Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood. He is the person authorized to demonstrate how to tie the Ken Shimazaki's hollow body flies in the US.

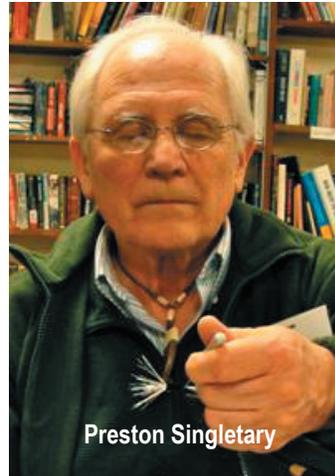
Over the years he's fished in Japan, Alaska, Canada, Europe and Mexico, as well as widely in the northwestern United States. —**David Paul Williams, Council Secretary/ Newsletter Editor**



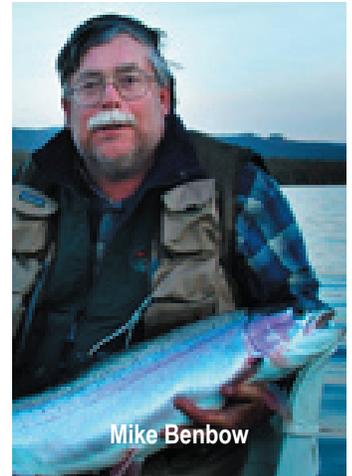
Rod Griffin



Abigail Schuster



Preston Singletary



Mike Benbow

## SEMINARS AT THE FLY FISHING FAIR

Yo yo, listen up. Your Council has done it again. Those attending the 9th Annual Fly Fishing Fair will be treated to outstanding seminars presented by a cadre of knowledgeable speakers. Come learn the why, when, where and how. Please come equipped with questions for answers abound.

The Yakima River, Washington's only Blue Ribbon trout stream, gets covered by **Johnny Boitano** of Troutwaters. **Rod Griffin** takes us north to learn about Methow River resident fly-eating westslope cutthroat and line-ripping steelhead. Red-band rainbows in an urban setting? Yep, **Chet Allison** will talk about wade fishing the Spokane River. **Abbie Schuster** will tell how to treat all those fish so they live to fight another day.

**Preston Singletary**, the man who knows what's bugging you, willingly and professionally tells all about trout us. **Mike Benbow** takes us to Alaska where the fish are big and bears plentiful. **Dale Dennis** has been chasing Puget

Sound sea-run cutthroat for decades and gives up the goods.

All fly fishers, at least those who want to catch more fish, should attend **Marc Williamson's** presentations on The Art and Science of Stillwaters and Central Oregon Lakes and Rivers.

More fishers are paying attention to warmwater fishes and discovering how fun and strong they are. **Bruce Bolding**, WDFW Warmwater Fish Program Manager knows his fish and shares what he knows. For the traveling smallmouth bass angler, **David Paul Williams** will present Umpqua River Smallmouth and Shad, or as he calls it, Shadmouth.

Montana is not far away and we are lucky to have **Steve Temple** of Clark Fork Trout give us the goods on the Clark Fork. The Clark Fork is a great river that just keeps getting better and better.



Marc Williamson



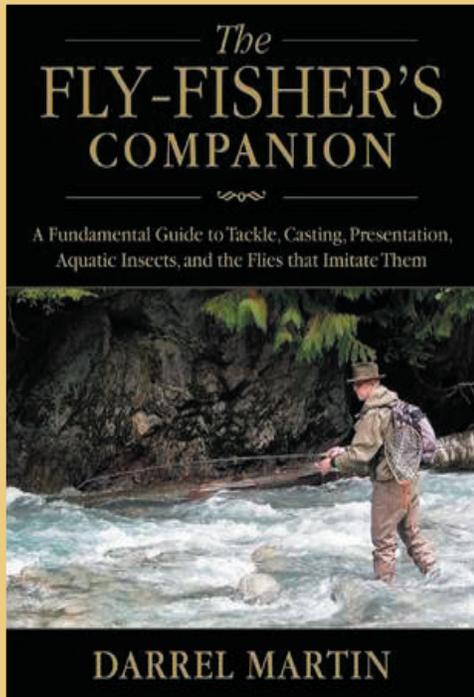
Bruce Bolding



David P. Williams



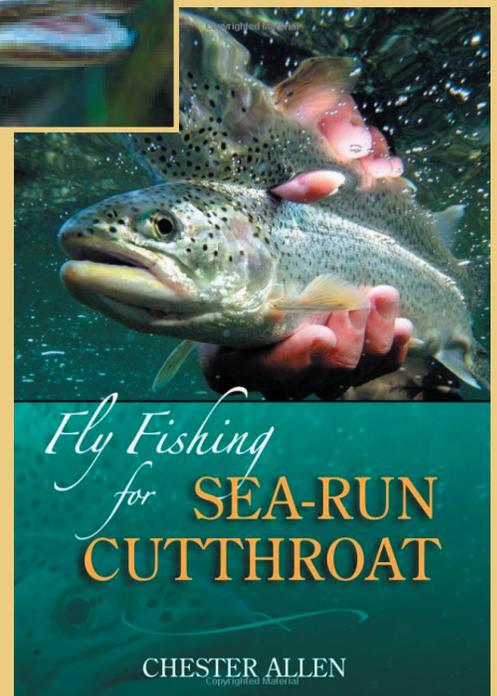
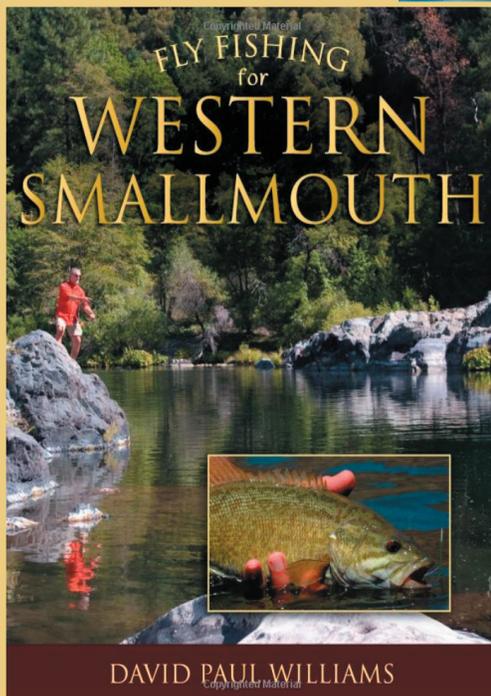
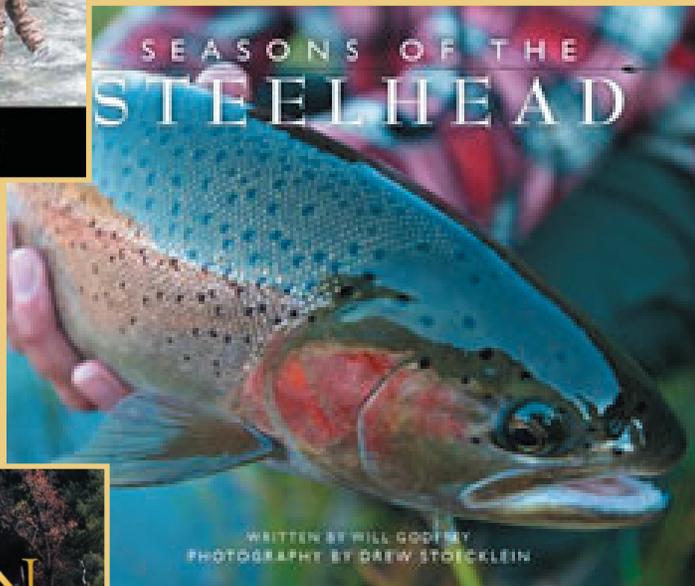
Steve Temple



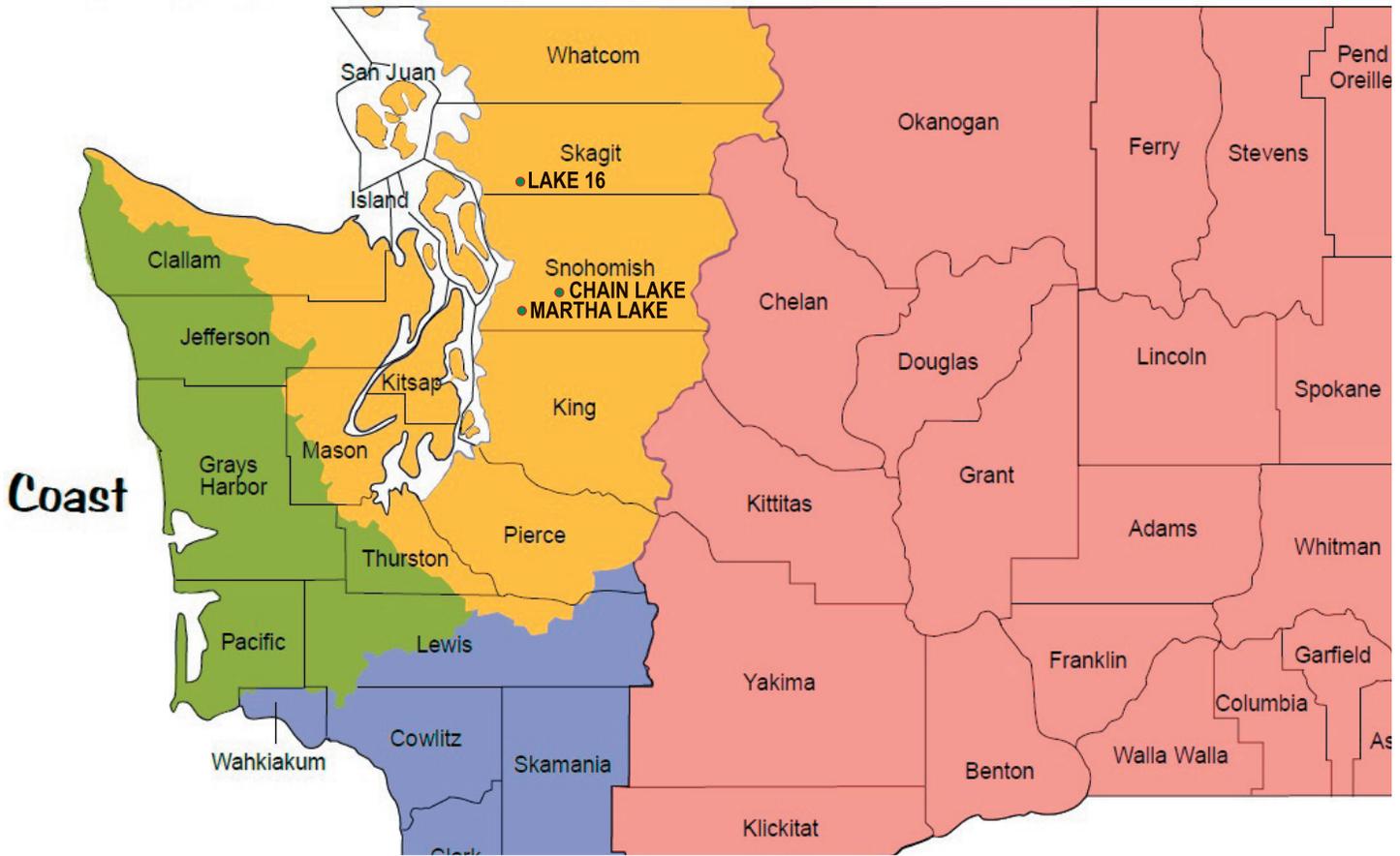
## SATURDAY BOOK SIGNING

If you've got it, let folks know it. We've got it—steelhead, sea-run cutthroat, fishing information and smallmouth bass. And that's what your Council is adding to the Fair this year. Four prominent authors will be signing books Saturday, May 2 at the Fair.

- **Will Godfrey** will have copies of his *Seasons of the Steelhead*.
- **Darrel Martin** will be signing his new book *The Fly Fisher's Companion*.
- **Chester Allen** will be signing *Fly Fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat*.
- **David Paul Williams** will be signing *Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth*.



# Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca



## What is the R4SGRC and What is It Doing?

We are a coalition of representatives from the Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds, Whidbey Island Fly Fishing Club, Evergreen Fly Fishing Club, and the Fidalgo Fly Fishers that seek additional quality waters in Region 4 of Washington. Hence, the Region 4 Selective Gear Rules Coalition or R4SGRC. We've recently been joined by the Washington Fly Fishing Club, and endorsed by WSCIFFF.

We started meeting two years ago. We have read extensively, ranked all of the lakes in the region, and developed a short list of five candidate lakes we thought would support a quality fishery. We presented our findings to the Inland Fish Program Advisory Group in Olympia last year, and received a strong endorsement of our findings (nine in favor versus one opposed; two members offered no opinion). Since then we have held additional meetings with WDFW regional staff in preparation for the next sportfishing rules change proposal cycle, which started in March 2015.

We are pleased to report that we have entered proposals to change the management of three lakes in the region to Selective Gear Rules, which will provide for a quality fishing experience.

**Lake Sixteen**, in Skagit County, and **Chain Lake** and **Martha Lake** (Warm Beach), in Snohomish County, are all within a short

drive from the north Seattle area, and have the features of a quality lake (good water quality, public access, and limited shoreline development).

As WDFW is considering our requests, they have asked us to support an angler preference survey at these lakes for the next 5 months. Surveys are underway, and preliminary results show that the majority of current users would like to see additional quality waters, but some of them do like their bait.

The public will be asked to weigh in on these proposals later this summer, and it is here that we will need your help. Note that in the last cycle, there were no sportfishing rules change proposals supporting quality fishing in the region that were adopted. Change is always difficult. Maybe it was Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra that said, "You ain't done until you're done!" Well, we are not done yet! So please look us up at the WSCIFFF meeting in Ellensburg on May 1st and 2nd. We will have a representative at a table to answer questions and enlist you in the efforts that need to be addressed during this rules change open comment period. Hope to see you in Ellensburg. —**R4SGRC**

## COWLITZ FLY ANGLERS' USEFUL CONSERVATION PROJECT

The Cowlitz Fly Anglers initiated a conservation project to recover monofilament fishing line left by irresponsible anglers in our rivers. We used the concept identified by the IFFF on their website and constructed recovery tubes made from PVC stock.

We targeted the two most fished waters (for steelhead and salmon) by our membership. They are the Kalama and Cowlitz rivers. The main challenge was to gain approval from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, and in the case of the upper Cowlitz River, from Tacoma Power. It was not that they were unwilling, but finding and contacting the responsible individual was the challenge. Finally, we were successful in gaining approval, and applied for a grant from the IFFF. The grant application never made it to the international organization as the Washington IFFF Council funded the project. The cost was \$250, not including our labor in implementing and deploying five recovery tubes.

Monofilament recovery tubes were installed on the Kalama River at the Modrow Bridge boat launch and at the Beginners Hole. Three tubes were deployed on the upper Cowlitz. One was placed at the Barrier Dam site and two at Blue Creek hatchery area.—**Bob Layton, President, Cowlitz Fly Anglers**



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## Master Certified Instructor Workshops, April 29 and 30

The IFFF Casting Board of Governors (CBOG) has undertaken an education program designed to improve and enhance the expertise and professionalism of those holding the designation of Master Certified Instructor (MCI). Known as the Examiner Development Program, your Washington Council is one of the first council's in the nation scheduled to

host these required workshops. Starting January 1, 2017, as part of the Program, a Master Certified Instructor must complete and pass required workshops, be monitored conducting a Certified Instructor's test and pass a casting performance test. Satisfactory completion of these required tasks will support the goal of the CBOG that all Master Certified Instructors

are extremely well-qualified to perform their examination duties.

The workshops will be conducted on the 29th and 30th of April in Ellensburg prior to our Fly Fishing Fair on May 1st and 2nd.—**Don Simonson, VP West, CBOG member, MCI**



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