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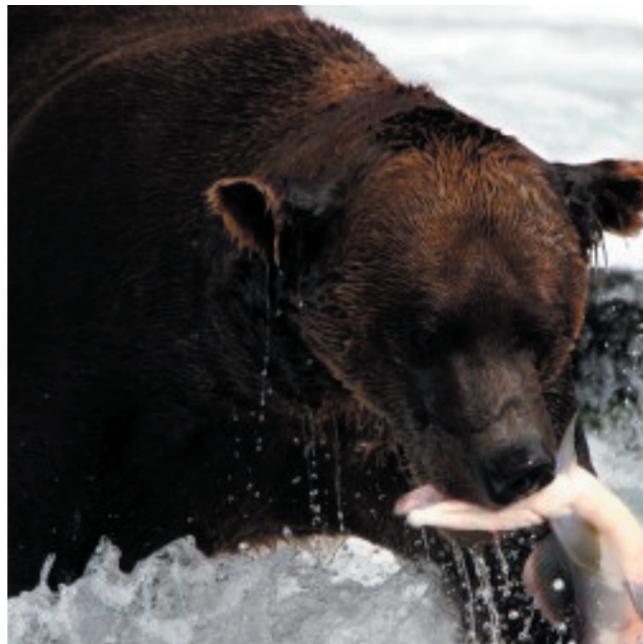


It All Happened At The Fair

By Carl Johnson, President
I missed the 51st Annual Fly Fishing Fair held in Livingston this past August as Maura and I were doing a multi-month-long bucket list trip to Alaska. Your Washington State Council had a few folks who were recognized during the President's banquet on Wednesday night. Chet and JoAnn Allison were awarded the 2015 Council Award of Excellence. Molly Semenik and Kuni Masuda received President's Pin. Molly also bagged a Governor's Pin from the Casting Board of Governors. Congratulations to everyone for these well-deserved awards. The 52nd Annual International Fly Fishing Fair will be in Livingston August 1-5, 2017. Please mark your calendars to attend as your participation is what makes it a worthwhile event.

On the home front, the 11th Annual WSC Fly Fishing Fair comes back to Ellensburg May

5-6, 2017. The event will feature the incredible tiers from throughout the Northwest, free seminars on a wide range of topics and fly



casting workshops with some of the best instructors in the world. This year Steve Fernandez will be our featured tier. Al Buhr and

Molly Semenik will be our featured casters. Please keep checking our website <http://wsciff.org/> for updates on tying, seminars and casting.

If you are interested in being part of the Fair committee, please contact me or another Board member. We are looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of the Fair including raffle, check station, tier hospitality and others. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 425-308- 6161 or flyfishalso@frontier.com The Council will again have a booth at the Washington

Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup and The Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood. If you are attending these shows please stop by..

'TIS THE GIVING SEASON

By Jack Whitney VP- Conservation West

It's the holiday season and it is a time for giving. We traditionally give gifts to family members and friends. In our household, it is also a time for giving to our favorite charities. Of course, the other incentive is that tax season is just around the corner and any effort to reduce our federal burden ends on December 31. What better way to do good with our money than to send some of it to groups that we love because we have similar desires than to send to the big guy in Washington, DC who decides how our money is spent. The goal in my charitable giving is to support organizations that are working to keep fishing as a viable activity for future generations.

I have been lucky to live in a time and place where fly fishing is readily available for us. I want to do my part in keeping it that way for future generations.

Below is a list of just some of the 503(c)3 nonprofit organizations that are working to assure there are fish to catch for future generations:

1. IFFF Conservation Fund Go to the following website: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Conservation/Donations/tabid/557/Default.aspx>

2. Trout Unlimited This is an organization whose primary focus is protecting cold water fisheries and their watersheds from environmental threats. Their quarterly magazine is full of detailed information on trout restoration, future challenges for trout, and more. Go to <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Conservation/Donations/tabid/557/Default.aspx> to donate.

3. Henry's Fork Foundation This organization works to restore and protect the Henry's Fork of the Snake River. They work with the local community and other shareholders of that body of water. Their understanding of the trout and the issues of maintaining a healthy population is exemplary. To donate go to <https://henrysfork.org/donate>

4. Madison River Foundation A prominent organization protecting the Madison River, one of the great Rivers in Montana. Their website is <https://www.madisonriverfoundation.org/>. Click on "about" for a list of their projects and on "join and shop" to donate.

5. Deschutes River Alliance Several years ago the quality of redband trout fishing took a dive on the Deschutes and didn't recover. The Deschutes River Alliance was formed by several concerned fishermen to find out the cause of this decline. They used the best scientific methods to determine that a change in the upstream dam flow management was the culprit. They are now pushing for changes to bring back the trout population. Go to <http://www.deschutesriveralliance.org/section.cfm?wSectionID=4730> to donate.

6. Western Rivers Conservancy This organization works to protect rivers in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, and Utah. They acquire river lands that are critical to fish and wildlife and turn those over to long term stewards for permanent

conservation management. Go to <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1438732> to donate.

7. Columbia Land Trust Their purpose is to conserve and care for land, water, and wildlife in the Northwest. Notable projects include returning part of the Klickitat River to its original flood plain by removing 8 miles of private road from the riverside. Through direct purchase and conservation easement they removed 5200 acres from development on Pine Creek one of the last remaining bull trout habitat in Washington. To donate go to <https://www.columbialandtrust.org/donate/>

8. Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Their mission statement says "We guarantee all Americans quality places to hunt and fish by uniting and amplifying our partners' voices to strengthen federal policy and funding." They are a major player in the battle over public lands, habitat destruction, and open water quality standards. To donate go to https://secure3.convio.net/trcp/site/Donation2?df_id=2300&2300.donation=form1

9. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers This is a relatively new organization and it is growing rapidly. They are now a major player on the national as well as state level in protecting wilderness areas for hunting, fishing, hiking and other non-mechanical recreation uses. Go to <https://backcountryhunters.nationbuilder.com/donate> to donate.

10. Coastal Cutthroat Coalition This organization is dedicated to the science and management of

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wild costal cutthroat. This is a brand-new organization that hasn't been in existence long enough to become a 503(c)3. You can, however, give them a tax-deductible donation through the Puget Sound Fly Fishers. See the following website for details <http://www.psff.org/support-coastal-cutthroat-coalition-old>

That is my top 10 donations organizations. I am sure I will learn of other worthwhile non-profits that are working hard to protect fish after this is published. As I sign off remember to be generous this holiday season and donate to fish.

THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS

If you interested in helping protect fisheries for generations to come, consider joining the Fisherman's Conservation Corp. It costs nothing but a few moments of your time. For the past 40 years, great strides have been made in protecting oceans and fish, but more action is needed. As an avid angler, you are in a unique position to make your voice heard.

To take the next step in conserving one of our most valuable natural resources, we need to pursue improvements in the following five areas of fisheries management:

- " Conserve bait fish;
- " Protect essential fish habitats;
- " Minimize bycatch;
- " Make sure new fisheries are sustainable from the start;
- " Create fishery ecosystem plans for better management.

By signing up for the Fisherman's Conservation Corp, you will be part of a nation-wide group of fishermen who support science-based policies for protecting our oceans and also believe that healthy fisheries are a vital public resource. You will have the opportunity to tell our nation's leaders your vision for a more comprehensive approach to fisheries management as well as be kept up to date on the latest developments in your region.

Join the Fisherman's Conservation Corp by signing up at this link: <http://bit.ly/2gdzCAf>

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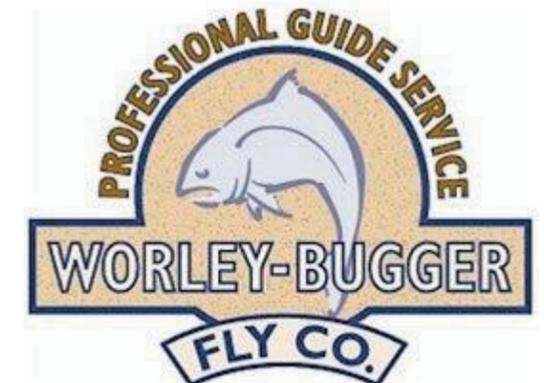


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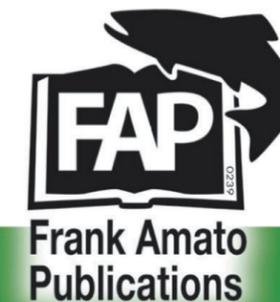
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NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

The current newsletter editor has been named editor-in-chief of *FLYFISHER*, the national magazine of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. As such, the Washington Council needs a new newsletter editor for the next issue of *Covering The Drift*. Those interested should contact Carl Johnson flyfishalso@frontier.com or David Paul Williams david@thewriterealtor.com.

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Northwest Youth Academy

By Mike Clancy

It's not too early to start thinking about a candidate for The Academy for 2017. Any serious minded boy or girl 12-16 is eligible to attend the Academy. They have to write an essay explaining why "they" would like to attend and they will need a letter of recommendation from their school science teacher or school counselor.

This experience is an invaluable life event for the youth that they will carry through their future lives. No youth will be turned away because of the lack of funding. The event is a youth education project of the WCTU and WSCIFFF and supported by members of Puget Sound Fly Fishers, South Sound Fly Fishers

and Olympia Trout Unlimited.

So please give it some serious thought. Would your boys and girls, grandkids, friends or neighbors be a good candidate for The NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy for 2017? Enrollment for the 2017 Academy will be open on January 1, 2017. The Academy will be held June 18-24, 2017 at The Gwinwood Christian Center in Lacey, WA. Please see our Facebook page for great pictures. Contact Mike Clancy, Co-Director, 360-753-1259, www.nwycffa.com or mtclancy39@comcast.net for more information

Restore National Parks letter joined by IFFF National and Washington Council

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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The Honorable Tom Udall
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The Honorable Ken Calvert
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The Honorable Betty McCollum
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Dear Chair Murkowski, Chairman Calvert, and Ranking Members Udall and McCollum:

This year marks the 100th birthday of the National Park Service (NPS), which oversees 410 natural and cultural areas in all 50 states and most U.S. territories. NPS faces a growing challenge in adequately maintaining its sites to ensure that visitors can experience the parks' natural beauty and learn about our nation's history. After decades of underfunding, NPS has an infrastructure repair backlog estimated at \$11.9 billion (FY 2015). This includes crucial repairs to aging historical structures and thousands of miles of roads and trails, bridges, tunnels, sewers, drainage, and other vital infrastructure.

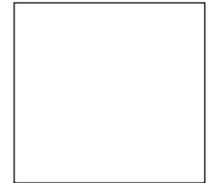
Writer and historian Wallace Stegner said that national parks are "the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst." As companies, organizations, and associations, we support addressing the infrastructure repair backlog throughout these parks. To address the backlog and put our national parks on sound financial footing for the future, we must do the following:

- Create a guaranteed federal fund that will chip away at the estimated \$11.9 billion backlog over time.
- Implement policy reforms, such as entry and vendor fees, that will help to prevent repair backlog from accruing to begin with.
- Direct more Highway Trust Fund dollars to NPS, as half of the estimated \$11.9 billion backlog is attributed to the 10,000 miles of roads and hundreds of bridges and tunnels that NPS must maintain and repair.
- Provide additional opportunities for public-private opportunities to address infrastructure repair.

From the Grand Canyon and the Great Smoky Mountains, to the Statue of Liberty to battlefields like Gettysburg, the National Park System serves as a living testament to our citizens' valor, our hardships, our victories, and our traditions as Americans. We need to ensure that our children and grandchildren are able to see and appreciate our rich history in these places, and to learn more about the people and lands that have shaped us as a nation.

We urge you to work with us to protect our national parks well into the future and, in particular, to support guaranteed funding for infrastructure repair needs.

Sincerely



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