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# Covering the Drift

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## Fly Casting Fair

August 13 + 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Lake Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace, WA



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# Home Water



*President Steve Jones*

There is something remarkable you experience by being outside in harsh weather. I'm not talking about standing behind a window and watching, but being out in the weather. That happened to me recently on a day fishing. It was interesting, even enjoyable. The author Ken Kesey once described spring storms in the Northwest like a bunch of bikers that roll into town, make lots of noise and confusion, then roll out. Fishing in a river canyon recently those bikers rolled in on me. It became progressively darker as I reeled in and waded to shore. The shelter was distant. The storm wasn't.

Hood up, rod down I trudged as first sprinkles then buckets fell. Movies go to great lengths to depict the power of storms and the risk people face from them. Hats fly, coats flap, actors stumble and scurry. As fishers we have all learned to look ahead and do everything we can to avoid that fate. We invest in expensive boots and garments to endure bad weather when we can't avoid it. But there is nothing that can match being out in a storm in the proper gear. It's a human triumph. Watching a sheet of rain fall just beyond the brim of my hat was remarkable. My coat and hood worked well and my shoulders stayed dry. Waders of course helped. I made it to level footing and with every step I watched the downpour turn to a curtain of grey as it rose over the rim rock. Then it was over.

As I tipped back my hood and shook out the soggy brim of my hat the similarity to the recent pandemic came to mind. With preparation and forethought we endured. Washington FFI has tried to do the same. Without an Expo to raise funds in May of 2021, we shifted to an online donation effort with other nonprofits in partnership with GiveBig Washington. It worked well. For two years running in May we've been able to raise funds to cover our annual operating cost of about \$4,500. Twenty-eight donors contributed this year, ten more than a year ago. Special thanks goes to our worthy board of directors that raised a matching fund both years that meant every donor dollar was matched on the way to our fundraising goal. That board will get a refresh in the coming month when we will vote on new directors for three open seats on the board. Nominees are Jim Goedhart of the Washington Fly Fishing Club, Claude Kistler of the Spokane Fly Fishing Club and Judy Larson of the Overlake Fly Fishing Club. Profiles of the candidates appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Like about every organization and most of the 17 affiliated FFI clubs in the council, our board stuck together through Zoom meetings. We kept up a steady engagement on conservation efforts on the Grande Ronde and other rivers. We lent our collective voices to partners at Trout Unlimited and we have successfully halted development of the Pebble Rock mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. And we've kept up our contributions to long-time partners at Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery that perform valuable outreach to wounded veterans and women recovering from cancer.

Next on the to-do list is the August 13 Casting Fair at Lake Ballinger Park in north Seattle. It's a one-day event focused on reintroducing our members and the public to the FFI program of casting, fly tying and outreach. Washington FFI has nine affiliated clubs in Puget Sound and we want to welcome them back to FFI and the outdoor adventure we've shared in the past. Our goal is to take similar one-day events to other parts of the state.

The bigger challenge is planning resumption of the Expo in 2023. We need your help. In coming weeks, other FFI directors and I will be reaching out to every club in the council for ideas on the time and location for the event. Everyone is welcome to share their ideas. Write to me at [president@wscffi.org](mailto:president@wscffi.org). For 13 years straight, the Expo was a three-day event held in Ellensburg. As we look to resume the Expo we want to make sure we're creating an event that interests current members. Picking the time and place for a new Expo is the first step in the process.



The Washington State Council of FFI is thankfully resuming in-person events Aug. 13 with a Casting Fair at Lake Ballinger Park in the Mountlake Terrace neighborhood of Seattle. The day-long event will offer a walk-in casting clinic, a skills development course and four detailed classes in specific casting skills taught by FFI certified instructors. In addition, FFI will host some of the best fly tiers in the Pacific Northwest in a rotating series of tying sessions. There also will be information and programs for FFI's Women Connect, FFI Youth Programs and displays by Project Healing Waters that serves disabled veterans and Casting for Recovery that serves women fly fishers.

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For the best experience, register for one of the four detailed classes in specific casting skills, \$35 each. Those 90-minute sessions - two in the morning and two in the afternoon - will provide you with the concise instruction that FFI is known for. Classes will be delivered by Certified FFI Casting Instructors. Ryan Smith of Avid Anglers will cover Beginning fly Casting, Molly Semenik will teach Women's Fly Casting, Tom Cammarata will teach Advanced Fly Casting and Pat Peterman will manage the Walk-in Casting Clinic. These are among the best casting instructors anywhere, right in the Northwest.

And if you are interesting in fly tying, we've got you covered too. There will be a series of excellent tiers rotating through stations all day in the Lakeview Room in the lodge adjacent to the casting fields. We will have some of the most accomplished fly tiers in the Northwest and the world, including Jim Ferguson, an FFI Buszek/Nelson award receipt and Dareld Thompson who is the featured tier in Art Lingen's Book "Syd Glassco". They will both be at the vice during the day. There will be ample seating to watch them work and time to talk with them as well.

### **Gather your friends and fellow club members and join us at the Fly Casting Fair.**

Lake Ballinger is an ideal place for an event of this kind. It's in the center of the North Sound area where hundreds of FFI members live. The site was a former golf course. It has a large club house, kitchen and meeting area, all of which will be available to us. Coffee in the morning, lunch at noon - we've got you covered. The parking lot accommodates more than 150 cars and trucks. Enter through the club house and beyond it to the south there is an expansive open lawn leading down to Lake Ballinger. On those grounds, FFI directors Don Simonson and Neal Hoffberg have organized three teams to deliver a helpful and fun series of casting events: classes for paying students, a free walk-in clinic for everyone, and a free casting skills development course for those who want to learn and challenge themselves.

Once you enter the clubhouse from the parking area, there will be a sign in desk led by the Washington Fly Fishing Club. If you have registered for a class you can check your reservation and the time and place on the field where the class will be held. They will have the information there. If you simply want to work on a casting skill at the free walk-in clinic you can inquire there about the instructors available and when.

### **The day can work for you in a number of ways.**

Friends can arrive at their leisure and challenge themselves and one another on the Skills Development course operated by the Overlake Fly Club. There may be a wait to begin the course, so you can duck into the building and get a cup of coffee while you wait. While there, take some time to check out the Lakeview Room where there will be fly tying throughout the day.

Or maybe you want to work on your double haul. When you arrive, check in with the registration desk. Tell them what you want to focus on and they will work to find an instructor and time to help you. If several casters want to work on the same thing, the registration team may ask you to double or triple with others. If there is a delay, there's plenty to do while you wait. Grab a cup of coffee and check out the Lakeview Room, where besides fly tying, there will be representatives of FFI and several of our partner organizations.

FFI director and membership chairman Larry Gibbs will have a FFI membership table. There will be information on all 17 affiliate/charter clubs in the Washington State Council. FFI director Carol Anderson will have information about the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that FFI operates in partnership with Washington Trout Unlimited. The Academy has been teaching teenagers about the sport for more than a decade. She will also have an interesting program for kids whose parents want to learn about the sport and introduce their kids as well. We welcome families. There will be a booth for Project Healing Waters which is a long-time FFI partner that serves wounded soldiers and their families. Jim McRoberts who has led the program in Washington for years will be there with his co-workers. Casting for Recovery, another long-time FFI partner which reaches out to women cancer survivors will also have a presentation at the event. In addition there will be booths on FFI conservation work and other endeavors.

# Fly Casting Fair

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*Lake Ballinger Park  
Mountlake Terrace, WA*

- › Walk-in Casting Clinic
- › Casting Skills Development
- › Casting Workshops
- › Fly Tying



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## Candidates for three open director positions on the Washington State Council of FFI

Washington FFI members have the opportunity to vote for three nominees for an equal number of openings on the WSC FFI board of directors. Jim Goedhart of the Washington FFC, Claude Kistler of the Spokane FFC, and Judy Larson of the Overlake FFC are excellent choices to fill vacancies on the board. The profiles of each candidate are below. In the coming weeks you will receive a Survey Monkey ballot from the national office of Fly Fishers International. Please take time to cast your ballot as soon as you receive it. Thank you for your support of the Washington State Council of FFI.

### Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart was raised in Southern California and introduced to fly fishing at the Long Beach Fly Casting club in 1964, taking casting and fly-tying lessons there during his senior year in high school. He attended Chico State College in Northern California and fly fished in rivers around the Mount Lassen. Over the years has fly fished in Europe, South America, Mexico the Caribbean and across the US in both fresh and saltwater.



Professionally, after graduate school, Jim worked in manufacturing management information systems at United Technologies, GTE, the General Electric Company and for PRTM/KPMG Consulting firm. In 1990, he founded Locus Consulting while living in Chicago. My wife and I moved to Washington in 1997 as a result of a “Lean Manufacturing” multiyear project at Boeing.

Jim joined the Washington Fly Fishing Club (WFFC) in 2012 and has served in the roles Webmaster, Fundraising, Treasurer (2015-2018) and as President (2019-2021). I am currently the President of the WFFC Foundation with the mission to contribute to charitable, scientific and educational purposes to promote the conservation of Washington’s fish and habitat resources.

Jim says he would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the Washington State Council of the Fly Fishers International in support of its mission to enhance and preserve fly fishing opportunities through environmental stewardship and education.

### Claude Kistler

Claude Kistler has been fly fishing off and on since his early 20’s. He was mentored by friend and longtime FFI member Lory Watkins. He became a Life Time member of FFI as a tribute to Lory upon his passing in April 2013.



While the majority of his fly fishing experiences have been at Eastern Washington Low Land Lakes, he has been fortunate enough to fish in rivers and streams in North Idaho, Western Montana and his favorite, small creeks in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming.

Upon retirement from a career in Public Broadcasting in 2013, Claude became active in the Spokane Fly Fishers. He served in several officer positions and as President from 2015 - 2017. He currently serves as the Education chair after serving as Conservation chair for several years. For the past five years he has chaired the SFF Annual Fly Fishing School and enjoyed working with new fly fishers as well as various youth groups as they learn about fly fishing.

### Judy Larson

Judy Larson (Harris) is an avid catch and release fly angler who spends inordinate amounts of time chasing trout and daydreaming about chasing trout. She is involved with the Overlake Fly Fishing Club and serves as their Vice President for Education. Judy is active in FFI Women Connect. She was a presenter at the 2021 FFI Virtual Conference where she presented strategies for chapters interested in diversifying and growing their membership. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Three Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited.



Judy has a passion for making sure outdoor spaces are accessible, welcoming, and safe for all. She is currently producing, directing, and writing a documentary titled, "All in the Water" about diversity and inclusivity in the outdoors which will be submitted to film festivals in 2022.

# Website Is Being Updated

By Sam Matalone



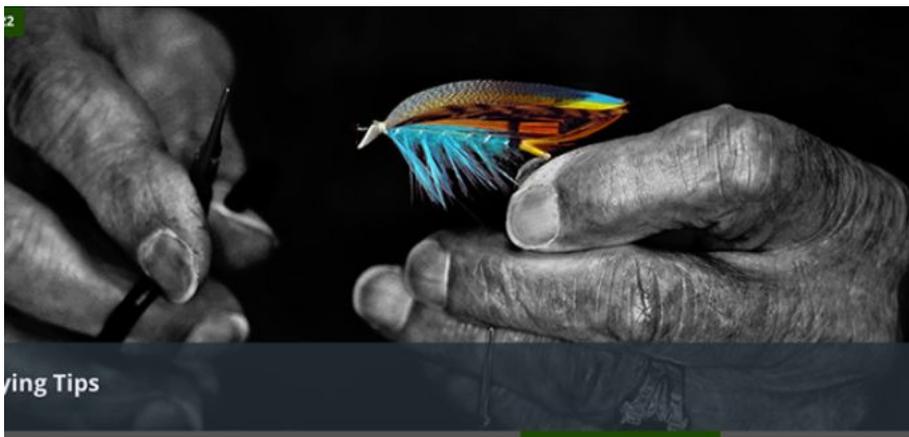
## Changes to the website are coming!

Our website has existed in basic format for the last 15 years. Like all things, technology is advancing at a faster and faster rate and our site has become outdated. Lately, the performance has been suffering due to a variety of reasons: upgrading/new operating systems on many computers, new programming methods to improve performance, a whole host of security upgrades, etc, etc etc. So, we are undertaking a redesign from what you see on the screen to all the architecture and structure that you don't see.

We are starting our redesign within the next month. Our goal is to have the new site operational by 4Q22x What does this mean for you, our valued readers? Hopefully, only good things!

First, the url [www.wscffi.org](http://www.wscffi.org) will remain the same, so all your book marks will continue to work. As a user, you should not experience any major disruptions. You will continue to have access to the website through this transition. The colors may be a little different, there will be some new features but the site will maintain all of its content. The redesign process will take several months to complete. While there may be occasional disruptions, the website should not be down for more than 5 minutes at any one time.

Now here is your opportunity to be a part of the process. We want a technologically responsive site that meets your needs. For that, we need you to provide input to our design/look/content. If you have an idea or would like to see any specific changes, please send an email to: [webmaster@wscffi.org](mailto:webmaster@wscffi.org)



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# Fly Tying Tips and Other Assorted Pearls of Wisdom

By Sam Matalone

“I have enough materials”- said no fly tyer ever



## Quick Tips

### Quick Tip #1: Easy Proportion Guide

For beginners and, for that matter, some advance tiers have problems in getting the right proportions for the flies they are tying. By placing on a clip, the same size hook for the fly you are tying, you have a very simple and accurate gauge for measuring. When a pattern calls for a tail equal to body length, tie in the tail material and then measure it against the hook you have in the clip. So easy, it almost feels like cheating.



### Quick Tip #2: Tying a Better Shift Hackle Fly

This next tip utilizes Quick Tip #1 to get a desired hackle length. For propose of illustration I have set the hackle length to be equal to the hook length. (Personally, I prefer 3/4 hook length for a soft hackle; but, that is not quite as simple to illustrate.)



Once we have the hackle of choice, we are ready to tie a soft hackle collar. The standard way to tie this hackle is by the tip, the feather tied in such that the fibers are concave face rearward and fold the hackle rearward as you wrap the hackle. This works plain and simple. One big disadvantage about this method, most people do not on make 1-2 turns but 3-4-5 turns and then fly becomes over dressed. (Remember, when tying flies, most of the time less is better.)



An alternative method is to strip the hackle fibers from one side of the hackle. Before you tie in the hackle, with the concave side facing away from you, strip off the fibers from the left side of the hackle. ( Left hand tiers, you strip off the fibers from the right side of the feather).

At this point you tie in the tip of the hackle and wrap the hackle as you normally would. You do not have to fold the hackle fibers back because you are dealing with fibers already flowing rearward; plus, you have a fly that will not be over dressed even if you make extra turns. This method is much simpler, faster and creates a neater fly than the conventional method.

(Note: If the pattern calls for two turns or for that matter 1 1/2 turns using the conventional method, with only half as many fibers, you will have to make 4 turns or 3 turns using this tip hackle fiber method) Can you tell which fly was tied by which method?



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### Quick tip #3: A Simple Way to Create Nymph Legs

Recently I was watching a group of beginning tiers getting some instruction at a local store. The gentlemen teaching the class was very skilled and doing a great job. The class was tying a mayfly type of nymph. After they made the wing case, they were then instructed to tie in some pheasant tail fibers for legs on each side of the thorax. Well, it was interesting to see the varying legs size among the students as well as how the legs sizes varied on the same fly. Most were struggling with this method.

After the class, I spoke to the gentlemen about an easier method for tying in nymph legs. He listened and agreed it was an easier method and he wished I would had said something earlier. (The instructor mainly ties salt water flies and does not tie that many nymphs)

A simple method of creating legs on nymphs.

When getting ready to create a wing case, we are going utilize pheasant tail fibers to create both the wing case and legs for the nymph at the same time. Strip off about 20-23 fibers of fibers for a pheasant tail, the amount of fibers will vary with the size of the nymph you are tying. On really small sizes #16-#20, you may only need 6-8 fibers.

The art of this method is to make the pheasant tail fibers the proper length for creating a wing case and legs. A good starting point is to have the length of the pheasant tail fibers extend to the midpoint of the tail. Now pull the wing case material forward and make a few turns with your thread. The pheasant tail fiber should be facing forward.

Now all you do is separate the pheasant tail fibers into two groups, then force the fibers rearward keeping them separated on each side of the hook, make a few turns of thread to hold them in place and whip finish the fly.



You can adjust the length of the legs by where you reference the tail!

### Quick Tip #3 Glass Bead Eyes

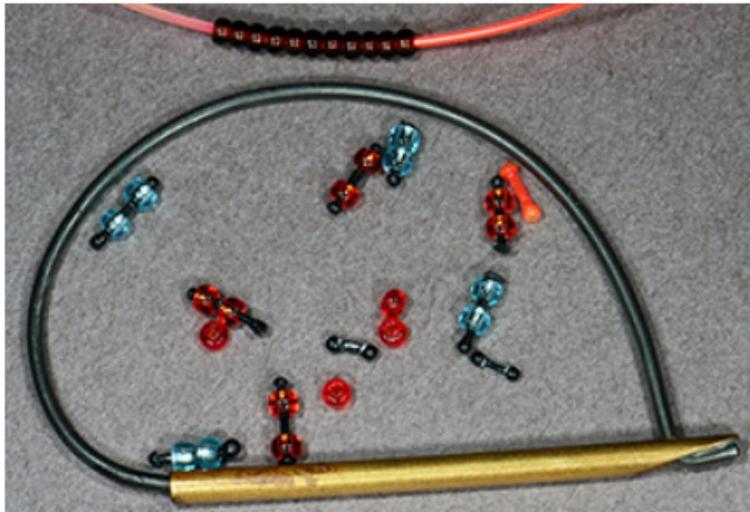
Glass Bead Eyes

Would you like to add a little bling to your mono filament eyes for damselflies or caddis flies? Here's an old trick to make very inexpensive eyes for large or small flies, using craft store variety plastic or glass beads. Besides making a good looking fly, the beads also give a bit of weight to fly.

The size of the eyes you make depends on the size of glass/plastic beads you are using. In this example, I will be concentrating on small flies. The process is the same for larger size eyes used in saltwater type flies.

The example below uses an 11/0 Black glass bead with 40 lb Amnesia monofilament. You can vary the bead color/monofilament color to achieve a variety of effects. The chart below is reference guide in choosing bead size. As to color, choose what attracts you and then experience will tell you what color attracts fish. At the end of the article, you will see the same fly with three different color beads and two different color lines.

Bead Size	Size in mm	Hooks Size
11/0	2.2	#8-#12
12/0	2.0	#10-#16
15/0	1.5	#14-#20



Step 1: Using a flame source like a Bic lighter, melt an end of a 6 - 12 inch piece of monofilament. Slide a glass bead onto the monofilament and ensure that the melted monofilament ball is large enough to ensure the glass bead does not fall off. The critical point here is to size the monofilament as compared to the size of opening in the bead. Pick a bead size that barely can be threaded onto the monofilament.



Step 2: Begin threading glass beads onto the monofilament. It is more efficient to place all the beads for several sets of eyes on the monofilament at one time. To be extra safe, on your first attempts, you may want to melt a stopper ball at the other end of the line. Please note, using black glass beads and a color monofilament creates eyes that are somewhat black but with an orange cast. If you wanted pure black, use black monofilament or a black bristle from a broom.



Step 3: Using a pair of forceps, clamp the monofilament two glass beads up from the melted ball and cut the monofilament with about 2 mm of exposed line. At this point, the forceps will prevent the glass beads from sliding off the monofilament. You need to create a melted monofilament ball on the monofilament with all the strung glass beads.



Once this is completed, create a melted monofilament ball on the eyes you separated with the forceps. The space between the eyes is approximately 3 times the diameter of the hook. The spacing depends on the size of the hook and the type and amount of the material you are wrapping. You may need a couple of attempts to perfect the correct spacing.



At this point the eyes are ready to be used. One possible enhancement is to use several coats of UV resin for a more finished look. Typically, I only use this enhancement for larger flies.



Top to bottom:  
Damsel (#12) with blue eyes & brown Maxima,  
Damsel(#12) with red eyes & brown Maxima,  
Damsel (#12) with black eyes & Amnesia

# Fly Casting Tip

## Achieving Greater Distance

By Don Simonson



It has been stated that the faster the line can go and the more abruptly the rod is stopped during the cast the further the line will go. So how does one obtain greater line speed?

By bending, (loading), the rod more. IE: down into the butt section of the rod. What bends the rod during the casting stroke? The resistance of the fly line outside the rod tip pulling against it.

Hauling:

By pulling on the line with the line hand between the stripping guide and the reel during the casting stroke produces more resistance. IE: hauling. There are two types of hauling.

A single haul, where the line is not given back to the rod after hauling at the stop of the cast. This means that the single haul can only be executed on either the forward cast or the back cast not both during the casting process.

A double haul, where the lines is given back to the rod with the line hand at stop time so another haul can be made during the casting process. IE: haul on the back cast, give the line back to the rod and then haul again on the forward cast.

The timing of the haul is so important. If the casting fundamentals are not executed correctly, hauling will be counter-productive. The size of the loop needs to be narrow. IE: energy efficient. Please remember that a short cast has a short haul, a long cast has a long haul.

Don Simonson  
FFI MCI, mentor, L2 examiner

Editors Note: If you go to the FFI website and click on the Fly Casting Library, you will see the below notice about a link to get to a discussion about the Double Haul.



## The Double Haul

BY BRUCE RICHARDS

A recent discussion of the double haul with Gordy Hill, Dayle Mazzarella and Walter Simburski was very interesting and caused all of us to take a very hard...

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# Washington State Council's Fly Casting Fair

*Submitted by Mike Clancy*

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The fee for each class will be \$35 per person. Attendance will be limited. Go to the [WSCFF.ORG](http://WSCFF.ORG) website for more Fly Casting Fair information and to reserve a spot in the Casting workshops with:

- Ryan Smith, Avid Anglers – Beginning fly Casting
- Molly Semenik – Women's Fly Casting
- Thomas Cammarata – Advanced Fly Casting
- Pat Peterman – Managing the Walk-in Casting Clinic

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- Jim Gerguson – Buszsk/Nelson award receipt
- Dareld Thompson – Featured Tire in Art Lingen's Book "Syd Glassco"

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Don't belong to Fly Fishers International? Come to this great event and join the FFI there, you will get free trout flies and a chance to win an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit!!



# WSCFFI Awards Nominations

In our last newsletter, we talked about the annual Washington State Council Awards.

The time is here. We are now accepting nomination for the following awards:

## WSCFFI Fly Fisher of the Year

## Washington State Council Fly Tying Hall of Fame Award

## The Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Casting Instructors Award

## Washington Conservation Award (club or organization)

## Bill Mackay Conservation Award (individual)

## Club Education Award

## Pat Herdt Education Award (individual)

The following url will take you to the WSCFFI awards nomination page:

<https://wscffi.org/2022-washington-council-ffi-awards-nominations>

(just copy the url and paste it into your browser)

On this page you will see the criteria for each award, a nomination button for each award which will redirect you to a nomination page which you can fill out online.

If you have any difficulties with the on-line nomination process, please send an email with your nomination to:

[webmaster@wscffi.org](mailto:webmaster@wscffi.org)

We will notify you that we received the nomination.

**Awards nominations are open until June 17, 2022**, with the finalists to be announced in August/September timeframe.

We will use FaceBook and Instagram to highlight each award separately and to solicit nominations. It is our desire to get the most qualified candidate for each award. Within all groups there are many unsung heroes who may not get the recognition they deserve. Please, help us to make sure every qualified award recipient is identified.

Send in those nominations!



# Conservation

*Submitted by Mike Clancy*



Mike Clancy

## Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board by Bruce Merighi

The spring is a very busy time for fly fishers like me that are concerned about preserving and resorting local andronomous fisheries. Beside wanting to get out and wet a line, teaching young men and women about the sport at the Northwest Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. I'm also part of another team that is reviewing twenty-six grant applications that each want a piece of \$2 million dollars in state funds, destined to help the fish I love. It's called the Chelan County Citizens Advisory Committee, a part of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB).

On September 1999 the UCSRB was formed to undertake a locally led, collaborative approach to recovery coordinated by the Yakima Nation, Colville Confederated Tribes and Chelan, Okanogan and Douglas County Commissions. In 2006 the first salmon restoration projects were implemented by project sponsors lead a need for a regional funding coordinating body, the UCSRB formed a non-profit corporation and hired staff. In August of 2007 the Upper Columbia Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan was drafted by the UCSRB and partners, and was adopted by NOAA. In 2013 we began managing the annual Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant cycle as the Lead Entity Coordinator.

The upper Columbia region is a 10,000 square mile area encompassing Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties from the base of Chief Joseph Dam to the confluence of the Yakima and Columbia Rivers and we work to recover ESA-listed salmonids in four sub-basins: Entiat, Okanogan, Methow and Wenatchee.

The UCSRB is directed by a five-member board with representatives from the Yakama Nation and Colville Confederated Tribes and a County Commissioner from each of the three counties. UCSRB is one of seven regional salmon recovery organizations in the state created by the Washington Legislature and working in partnership with the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

The role of UCSRB is to develop and coordinate implementation of the Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead Recovery Plan; coordinate funding for recovery efforts; track and report progress to NOAA Fisheries; and coordinate with partners across the state to implement the statewide salmon strategy.

The UCSRB annually solicits and prioritizes projects and forwards a final, ranked list to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and other funding sources. Projects run the gambit from property acquisition, habitat assessment and protection measures to levels of design and stream restoration. After a preliminary grant proposal is submitted and a field tour of the project location, the grant proposals moves to two groups of volunteers that form the Regional Technical Team (RTT) and a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

The RTT is comprised of professionals that volunteer their time and expertise in salmon ecology, habitat restoration, evaluation and planning, fluvial geomorphology, habitat status and trend monitoring, fish ecology and population dynamics, sub basin planning and modeling and statistical analysis. Project sponsors give technical presentations and received feedback early in the process and thus have the opportunity to modify and change proposals earlier in the grant round based on technical feedback within the region. The RTT scores the proposals which are passed on to the CAC who are responsible for the final project ranking based on biological, social, economic, and community considerations.

The county CACs are chosen from county citizens from various professions and are appointed by their respective County Commissioners. They participate in field tours, multiple grant applicant presentations as well as use the RTT scoring in order to create their final scoring of the proposed grant projects. Upon delivering the final scoring by the CACs the Salmon Recovery Funding Board distributes grants funding to a variety of agencies in order to commence their projects.

In 2021 eleven local salmon recovery projects received a combined \$2 million in grants from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The money was a part of \$21 million in state wide grant funding. In 2022 twenty-six grant proposals have been submitted and are currently under review by the RTT and CACs. On June 23, the Okanogan and Chelan county CACs will meet to discuss the RTT scoring and prepare to score these projects and ultimately determine which projects obtain funding. Final decisions by the CACs are due in early July and projects that are funded can start implementation as early as September of this year.

As a Chelan County Citizens Advisory Committee member of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, I am privileged to assist with the recovery of Salmon and Steelhead in our local waterways.

# Washington State Council Fly Fishers International Government Affairs

By Mike Clancy, Chair



Mike Clancy

**WSCFFI Conservation**—Global warming is here to stay if we don't do something about it. When the Worlds Fair was in Seattle, I drove a tourist bus around Mt. Rainier. When I drove over the Nisqually Glacier bridge, the glacier was under the bridge to the right about 100 yards. Now it has receded so far up the mountain, you can't see it anymore. There was an article in this week's USA Today "Climate change altering fly fishing to alarm of once skeptical anglers." Our fishing grounds nationally are not what they used to be. Lakes and rivers are getting hotter during our summer months, with decreasing river flows and lake levels.

Western Rivers Conservancy has done some amazing things for conservation, i.e. the Yakima Canyon Ranch that they are in the process of buying, a total of 812 acres which are on the Yakima River. On the Washington Okanogan River, WRC is on the cusp of buying and conserving the 727 acre McLoughlin Falls Ranch. They are doing the same type of projects in Idaho.

We have a historic opportunity to save Salmon from extinction on the Snake & Columbia Rivers. Senator Murry and Governor Inslee released a draft proposal to breach the four Lower Snake River dams. Removing the dams offers the best chance to recover salmon runs in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. They are running a month long comment period to solicit input from stakeholders before releasing a final report later this summer.

**The FFI Online** - "Weekly Workshops" FFI continues to present Live weekly online classes from fly fishing experts. These can be viewed on the FFI website - [www.flyfisherinternational.org](http://www.flyfisherinternational.org). Please check out the 'Learning Center' and see these incredible presentations.

**The NWYCFFAcademy** - We will be conducting the 2022 Academy starting June 19. The weeklong event has only 9 participants, mainly we are requiring everyone that attends to be vaccinated, no exceptions, staff included. Jim has got all the instructors lined up and we are good to go.

**Alaska** - WE hope the prevention of the Pebble mine is nearing in July. There is a "study" for another mine, Groundhog mine, NE of the Pebble. It is important to save Bristol Bay and the salmon population. They predicted there would be 66 million salmon this year.



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Here is an example of a page from the FFI Knots and Rigging PDF that you can download from the FFI website.

## DOUBLE DAVY KNOT

The Double Davy Knot is attributed to Davy Wotton. The positive aspects of this knot are speed, size and strength - all great attributes for a fishing knot. Once learned, the Double Davy Knot can be tied very quickly which gets you back to fishing in a minimal amount of time. It is also a very compact knot making it a nice knot for small flies.

Various tests rate it between 85 to 100 percent of line strength, with 90% as a safe assumption. The Double Davy Knot should be in every fly fisher's arsenal of knots!

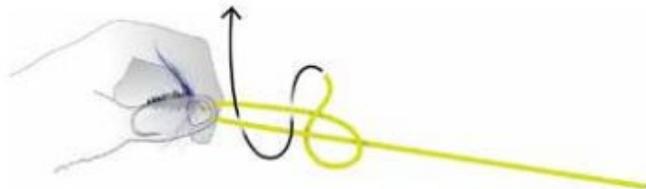
1. Pass 3 to 4 inches of tippet through the hook eye.



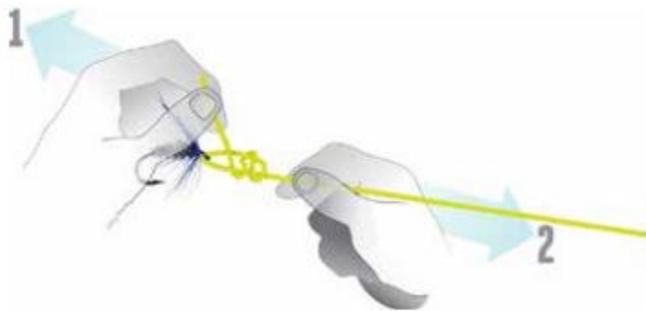
2. Make a simple overhand knot then bring the tag end back through the loop making sure to pass between the overhand knot and the hook itself.



3. Continue the tag end over the top of the loop, then down through the loop, then around the bottom of the loop, then back.



4. Tighten the knot by pulling first on the tag end to draw up the knot (1), then on the standing line to set the knot (2).



5. Cut the tag end.



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## Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



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You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

Reward programs are everywhere these days. From the grocery to airlines everybody is rewarding a purchase by giving you credit for future purchases or contributing to a cause. Now the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International is one of the groups you can help when you purchase goods through Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Sign in with the Amazon.com credentials you ordinarily use to shop at Amazon.

Search the list of charities and select **Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA**. Make sure it says Seattle!

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) on your computer to make it easy to return to the charity site.

Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. **Seattle WA** when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

**Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA** as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

*Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.*

*I call that a Win-Win*

*Larry*

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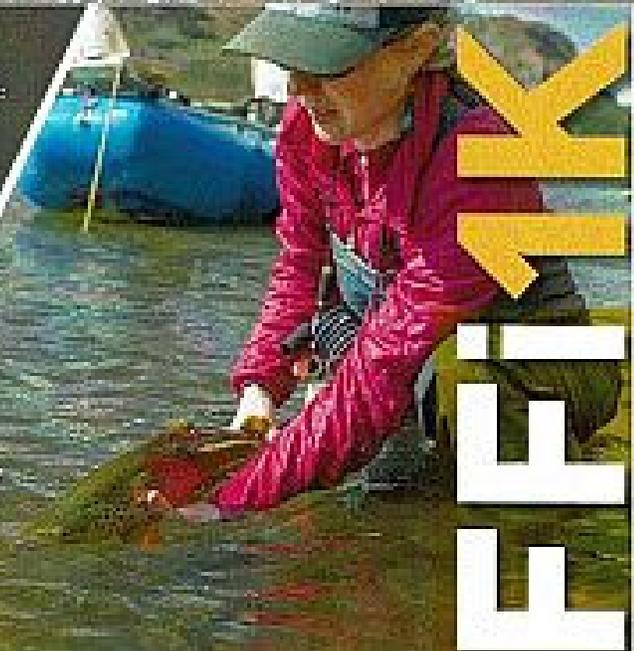
**THE FUNDS RAISED BY THE FFI1K ARE VITAL** to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission, and to support:

- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- **CAMARADERIE AMONG ANGLERS** built at our annual fair and other events

**JOIN US** IN SAFEGUARDING THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF FLY FISHING AROUND THE WORLD BY BECOMING ONE OF THE **FFI1K**.

**VISIT [FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/FFI1K](http://FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/FFI1K)  
OR CALL 406.222.9369 TO JOIN TODAY!**

\*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.  
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## **FFI1K - BECOME A MEMBER OF 1000 STEWARDS OF FFI**

You have a unique opportunity to invest in the sport you love.

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

Join us in safeguarding the long-term health of fly fishing around the world by becoming one of the FFI1k, by committing to donate \$500 per year for 5 years (total of \$2500).

The funds raised by the FFI1K are vital to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission and to support:

- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

**Join the FFI1K Now**

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the distinctive mission to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Formed by some of the most influential luminaries in the world of fly fishing and conservation back in 1964, and dedicated to innovative strategies to inspire a new generation of fly fishers, providing FFI members the opportunity to leave a legacy in the sport we love.

FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

**WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:**

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
- **INSPIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSERVATION ETHICS** in people of all ages.

**MEMBERS RECEIVE**

- Access to an unmatched repository of knowledge through the FFI Learning Center
- Special offers and discounts • Recognition for special skills or achievements
- Access to a network of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts
- A chance to help make a positive impact on the sport

We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!



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**ALL FISH,  
ALL WATERS™**

**Membership Categories** **Yes, I want to preserve the sport of fly fishing.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65+)* . . . . . \$25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime . . . . . \$1,000     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran* . . . . . \$25       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Premium** . \$1,500   |

Note: General and Veteran memberships include spouses, cohabitating partners and children under 18 years of age. Lifetime memberships include spouses and cohabitating partners.  
 \*Membership eligible for up to 3-year purchase (multiply price by number of years).  
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## Editors Notes

By Larry Gibbs



August is almost here, right around the corner. I hope you took a look at the poster and read the articles about our Fly Casting Fair we are holding on August 13. It is a fantastic chance to really improve your casting, or if you are new to fly fishing, to learn how to properly cast. I am not a certified casting instructor, which is what you will have at the Fly Casting Fair, but I have helped a lot of people who were just getting into fly fishing. Learning to do a basic cast really doesn't take that long. Like the old saying says, "Timing is everything" and once you pick up on that then you can start casting decently. The instructors at the Fly Casting Fair will also help you learn more advanced casting methods, casts that you will eventually want to have once you get out on the water. So, if you haven't already, sign up for some casting instruction or just come on out to the Fly Casting Fair and have a good time and learn a few tips about casting. We will also have some fly tyers there demonstrating the tying of various flies. We will have coffee available early on and lunch will also be available. Since this is August, we will have free chilled bottle water on hand.

As you read this newsletter you kind of got the idea that we are really trying to get the word out about our Fly Casting Fair on August 13. This is mostly a free event unless you want to pay for some great lessons from some of our Certified Casting Instructors. Those sessions will have a limited number of people in attendance and you will get a lot of one on one instruction to really increase your casting skills.

I don't know how many of you drift rivers for fishing but often you must make some big adjustments in your casting style to fit the demands placed upon you by Mother Nature. For instance, something that happens a lot on the Yakima River and many rivers in Montana, the wind. Sometimes it can really be bad. Do you continue to cast overhand or do you start casting sideways, right across the top of the water? Or, overhanging branches from trees and bushes, the water is flowing under them, right near the shore and you can see a feeding fish either totally under the branches or just down stream of them. Sometimes you have to make some long sideways casts to get your fly to the right are and accomplish a proper drag free drift. When casting up stream, you want to set your line off to the side, not right over the fish. Maybe there is a rock that has a fish rising on the other side from you and you want to get a fly to it very quickly because you are drifting by, you need a different casting style for that. Short casts and long casts all require a slightly different style. If you can learn those methods of casting you can really improve your fly fishing experiences. Come to the August 13 Fly Casting Fair, you may have noticed a few articles and posters about it in this issue. Come to this great event and help improve your casting.

Also, if you are reading this and are not a member of the FFI, then consider joining the FFI. If you do that at this casting fair then you will get some free trout flies and a chance to win an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit. See you there?

Our mountains were blessed with a lot of snow this past winter. The runoff was taking it's time leveling off, but this summer and early fall should be a great time to hit the rivers and streams for some great trout fishing and don't forget the smallmouth bass fishing in the lower Yakima River and up in the Pot Holes area.

Be safe out on the water, enjoy the summer. Another newsletter will be posted this early fall.

Larry

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