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MEETINGS

General Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm Wet Fly hr.) Flying Pig Brewery
Board Meeting – 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 pm (6 pm dinner) Village Restaurant
Conservation Committee Meeting – 3 rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm Village Restaurant

Meeting: January 27th, 2009 @ Flying Pig Brewery
Wet Fly – 6:00 p.m. Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

President's Message
By Dr. Doug Nordstrom

A New Year!

A year to do all the things we didn't do last year, Right? Well we can wish for it anyway. We're back to the Flying Pig for our meetings and keeping our fingers crossed that the Elks is finished so on and can accommodate us.



We're still working on the access to the library issue.

We lost one of our pioneers and dear friend Jack Hutchison who helped build our library collection and contributed his vast knowledge to the fly tying classes as long as he was able. We'll miss his words of wisdom and concerned objections. Somehow I think those words will echo in our ears for a while. We have a full slate of new faces in all the offices except the trustees. Their faces just seem to get older each year. Two committees are looking for new blood, membership and awards. All the standing committees can always use help throughout the year so don't be shy. If you have a concern or an idea for the club please bring it to the attention of one of the board members or come to a board meeting. All club members are always welcome to attend board meetings.

I'm looking forward to a great 2009.

Fly Tying Contest By John Gattinella

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has remained safe and dry during this snowy and wet winter season. These are the days that fly fishermen spend tying flies in preparation for milder, fishable weather. These are also the days that some fishermen go chasing steelhead. So this month's fly contest is pretty straight forward – it's your favorite steelhead fly pattern. You can submit any steelhead pattern, style, or size that you want. Let's have some fun with this one!

Tie Your Favorite Steelhead Pattern



Membership By Mark Simpson

Thanks to all who have paid 2009 dues so far. To all others - please send me your 2009 dues before the January meeting.

I plan to use your renewal form, sent with your dues, to verify your data in the master club roster. If you don't send a new renewal form I will use the data from last year's calendar. The 2009-2010 calendar with roster will be printed soon. If I haven't received your dues by February 27, 2007 your name may be omitted from the printed roster in the calendar. Let's make the printed roster as accurate as possible – please send in your dues and renewal form.

WDFW FISHING RULE CHANGE Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife December 24, 2008

A portion of the North Fork Stillaguamish River will close to fishing

Action: Part of the North Fork Stillaguamish River in the Fortson area will be closed to fishing in order ensure egg-take goals are met for hatchery winter steelhead at the Whitehorse Hatchery.



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Effective dates: Dec. 29, 2008 until further notice.

Species affected: Trout and All game fish.

Location: That portion of the North Fork Stillaguamish River, extending downstream from the Whitehorse Bridge approximately 4 river miles to the French Creek confluence, will be closed to fishing. This closure includes the Whitehorse Hatchery effluent and Fortson Hole area of the North Fork Stillaguamish.

Reasons for action: Whitehorse Hatchery has not collected enough returning hatchery winter steelhead broodstock, and is in jeopardy of failing to meet egg take goals. This fishing closure will help increase the number of hatchery winter steelhead returning to the Whitehorse facility.

In the past, egg collection shortfalls at Whitehorse were supplemented with winter steelhead eggs from adjacent watersheds. As part of the ongoing Hatchery Reform initiative, WDFW will only use locally collected broodstock to support the North Fork Stillaguamish River winter steelhead hatchery program. Steelhead eggs from other watersheds will no longer be used at this facility to supplement shortfalls in egg-take collection goals. This new approach to broodstock collection was recommended by the independent Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG), and is identified as an artificial production strategy in the WDFW Statewide Steelhead Management Plan.

Other information: When broodstock needs are met, the fishery will revert to seasons as listed in the Sport fishing Rules 2008/2009 pamphlet edition, FISHING IN WASHINGTON

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Speaker For The Month By Rob Gamage

Our speaker for the month of January will be Mike Benbow. As many of you know, Mike is a fisherman with a great knack for writing and photography. You may or may not know that Mike has had several articles published in Northwest Fly Fishing magazine, highlighted by his own photos. In addition to writing he is an entertaining speaker and storyteller. (Personally, I consider Mike's informative and entertaining presentations among my favorites.)

The slide show he has prepared for us will be a little different than what we have seen from him previously. He is planning to take us on a journey up and down the Northwest visiting many different lakes and rivers in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska. Rather than present us with information about the destinations, he plans to focus more on past and present members of the Evergreen Fly Fishing club. So, come early to get a seat with a good view and sit back to enjoy show!

Thank You for your hard work and commitment to our conservation efforts.



Activities By Gary Medema

At the next meeting we will be taking a few minutes to discuss a location and a date for our spring outing. Dates for other activities could also be determined. A reminder too that our winter steelhead outing is coming up on sat. Feb. 28th.

I'll try to reserve the room at the Village Restaurant for dinner and weigh-in at 5p.m. after the days fishing. Some of the places recommended for the spring outing at the last board meeting were Big Twin, Chopaca, Anease, and Blue Lake so give these some thought or suggest another possibility.



Youth Conservation By Jerry Buron

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers jointly announce that applications are being accepted from youth, ages 12 to 16, to attend the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy will be held from June 21-27, 2009 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youth about the importance of natural resource conservation and stewardship, and to learn the basics of the sport of fly fishing. The weeklong summer event is modeled after the award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers are the hosting organizations. The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants also learn the basic fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, knot tying, reading water, water safety, streamside etiquette, and the "catch and release" ethic.

Twenty-four youth who show an interest in the outdoors and fly fishing will be selected to attend. The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon the candidate's written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and the expectations she/he hopes to learn from the camp. Tuition cost, including meals and lodging, for the event is \$275. Scholarships may be offered through local Trout Unlimited chapters and FFF fly fishing clubs. Fly fishing rods, reels, and fly tying equipment will be available. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2009.

For further information, visit www.nwycffa.org. To request brochures email Mike Clancy @ 2009academy@earthlink.net or call 360-753-1259 or 253-278-0061. You may also contact Dick Nye @ 360-491-9227.

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EFFC Membership Renewal Form

Membership dues are \$30 for members & \$25 for associate members

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone Number including area code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Committee Interests: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to EFFC, fill in the Membership Renewal form, & mail both to the following address:
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