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## ALEA GRANT AWARDED



Pat Herdt at the WVFF April 13<sup>th</sup>

Conconully Rendezvous

### ALEA Grant Awarded

Josh Nicholas of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife received 87 ALEA proposals, totaling approximately \$1.9 million in requested funds and our project, "Wenatchee River Access Phase I", was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,295.

In June, copies of the contract will be sent to Fred Kunsman and Bruce Merighi for their review, signature and return to WDFW. Then they'll start the work but I hear that various forms and an ALEA Grant Program Policies and Procedures Manual will also be sent their way before it starts on July 1, so they're in real deep this time...

### LOOKING UPSTREAM

June 20<sup>th</sup> Thur. General Meeting  
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar	5:45 pm
Dinner Beef Stew-Chicken Pot Pie-Salad	
Garlic Mashed-Dessert	6:45 pm
Program Info Below	8:00 pm

### PUGET SOUND

#### SEA RUN CUTS & SALMON

Blake Merwin

**Bio:** Blake owns and operates the successful Gig Harbor Fly Shop in beautiful downtown Gig Harbor with six staff ! Blake has absolutely no business education but extensive theological training, including a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary ('07) and Ordination in the Evangelical Covenant Church ('12). In addition to his duties at the fly shop he also guides out of the shop, is an Associate Pastor of Local Outreach at a local church, foster parent, and husband, yet still finds time to tie flies, play guitar, fish, and brew his own beer!

**Program:** The presentation will focus on fly fishing for sea run cutthroat and salmon in Puget Sound, with particular attention given to the South Sound and Hood Canal. Gear, flies, techniques, and most importantly where to go, will be covered. The growing popularity of kayak and stand up paddleboard fly fishing will also be addressed.

# BIG TWIN



damsel flies and dark leach patterns. The Chironomids fishing wasn't what we would have hoped for. Even if the catching wasn't up to our expectations the fishing was. A beautiful lake, abundant wildlife, and camaraderie with fellow fishermen and women made for a great experience.

Our outing featured a chicken and rib barbeque and pot luck dinner. The chicken barbecuing was done by "Foster Farm" Fred who was a little (to a lot) overzealous in his poultry purchasing. We had more than enough chicken and ribs to feed all 26 of our diners. The pot luck dishes that were provided were outstanding. From appetizers to great salads, to wonderful deserts, there was a real feast for all. The Saturday evening dinner also featured a raffle. Eric Rainbolt acted as our MC. Fishing-related items were drawn for and there were about six or seven winners. The grand prize (see photo) was won by Bill and Shirley Ward. They were speechless! A great time for all.

After the BIG dinner on Saturday, the pancake breakfast was delayed until late morning. A large crowd gathered around 10:30 for a pancake breakfast of ham, bacon, and pancakes plus left-over potluck items and, of course, BBQ CHICKEN. "Flapjack" Jack turned out large numbers of blueberry pancakes while Fred busied himself cooking the ham and bacon. Once again, the weather cooperated and a fun time was had by all. There's early talk of another Big Twin Lake outing for June 2014.

The most recent club outing took place the weekend of June 8th & 9th. A large number of members and their spouses turned-out for a great weekend. There were nine RVers who came and enjoyed the amenities of the Big Twin Lake Campground. The weather was ideal, with blues skies, light breezes, and temperatures in the 80s.

The Fishing was a bit less than we had hoped for, as the lakes temperature had warmed into the upper 60 degrees. Still our intrepid fly-fishers had their successes. The fish that were caught responded to



Craig Hasta

*On opening day, spotting Blue Lake Browns was easy, when you had a little canine help.*

# WVFF BOARD MEETING JUNE 6, 2013

Present: Gary Anderson, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Eric Rainbolt, Rob Winters  
Absent: Danny Horan, Fred Kunzmann, Tom Rowe, Al Smith, Tom Whiteside

*As the board lacked a quorum, no action items could be addressed. However, there was discussion of items of interest to WVFF. Discussion began at 7:11 p.m.*

Minutes from previous meeting: May General Meeting minutes will be considered at September's board meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Treasurer: Fred Kunzmann was absent; he was at Big Twin preparing for the outing.

Vice President and Conservation/ Youth Activities: Rob Winters reported

- Pat Herdt forwarded an email indicating that the Methow Valley Club was not awarded a grant to install aeration equipment at Little Twin. They will not reapply; WVFF monies donated to the project will be returned.
- He has talked with Travis Maitland about improving signage to help with identification of non-native species like Brookes. He suggested that we participate in the cost and have the WVFF logo included to indicate the club's cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the Washington State Dept of Fish and Wildlife to address needs of native species.

Outings: Tom Whiteside was not present.

Bruce Merighi will host a late-June 15<sup>th</sup> Blue Lake outing.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt had not report.

Gillie: Danny Horan was absent.

Publications: Bruce Merighi reported that he has a very limited number of members signed up to receive *The Fly Paper* electronically and reiterated that email-attachment copies of the paper assist in reducing club costs. He also shared a grant approval providing funds for title company research to determine ownership of land parcels along the Wenatchee River.

Programs: Gary Anderson reported the June program calendar. Blake Merwin, owner of Gig Harbor Fly Shop, will focus on fishing for Pink and Chum salmon. Discussions ended at 7:47 p.m. JoAnn Lane

Secretary WVFF June 9, 2013

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