



FLY PAPER

March 2015

Looking Upstream

March 19th WVFF General Meeting

Eagles Lodge Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Program 8:00 pm

The Hatches and Seasons of Western Montana

Our presenter is Brooks Jessen who's been a fly guide in Montana for, "A Classic Journey Outfitters" for 16 seasons. He's based out of Missoula and guides over 160 days a year on the Bitterroot, Blackfoot, Clark Fork Rock Creek and Missouri Rivers

April 16th WVFF General Meeting

Dave Hughes Presentation

Plus a Saturday Nymph Workshop

March 7th Burke Lake Trout Derby

Tournament coming to Quincy area lake. Cash prizes for tagged fish and largest. Burke Lake is part of the E. WA March 1 opener. The WDFW and the Quincy Tourist Assoc. will also be planting trout.

In the 14 to 18 inch range, plus some in the 5 to 7 # range. \$25 adult/\$10 under 15.

Get tickets at Hooked on Toys in Wenatchee, Sportsman's Warehouse in East Wenatchee, Quincy Hardware and Lumber and the Quincy Chamber

For more information go to :

www.quincyvalleytourism.com

YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

The Academy is a youth education project of WA Council of Trout Unlimited and is made possible with the help and support of the WA State Council International FFF. The Academy Steering

Committee is requesting chapters and fly fishing clubs to donate at the \$500 level. Costs for the

past Academies were approximately \$800 per youth.

The aquatic knowledge they learn is invaluable and it is imperative that we preserve this event for our current youth so they become our future conservationists and fly fishers. Website: www.nwycffa.com

Facebook: NW Youth Conservation & FF Academy

WVFF Outings

March 24/25 Quincy Lake

The next outing is going to be held at Quincy Lake on the weekend of March 24 - 25. Some of us will have campsites set up others will just make a day trip of it. There will be food and refreshments available, even some kind of a "floating hot dog stand" according to Fred Kuntzman. This will be on a weather permitting basis. It will be new and fun to watch, as are so many of Fred's endeavors.

The April outing will be the annual Blue Lake opener and is easily the best attended event of the year. May is still open on the calendar and we need to put our heads together and come up with something. Perhaps it's time to switch gears, and think about bass. Think about this and let's talk about it at the March meeting.

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Flypaper Going Paperless

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In 2014 we spent \$1,725 printing and distributing the Flypaper. Roughly the revenue generated from yearly club dues. This motivated me to promote e-mail newsletters and I heartily thank almost half of my fellow members that have already taken that green option. I now would like to introduce the next cost savings steps:

1. I'll publish a March Flypaper distributed via mail box delivery.
2. I'll also post the Flypaper to the website.
3. I'll continue to distribute an electronic Flypaper as an e-mail attachment, for each addition.
4. The Flypaper Opt-In Sign-up concludes at the end of this month. What that means is that if you need a mail delivered Flypaper after March, you must contact me with the request.
5. No contact means that you are ok with viewing your newsletters electronically.

As of this publishing date I have only received two requests for mail box delivered newsletters. I look forward to helping those members receive their Flypaper in a printed and timely manner. But remember that unless I hear otherwise prior to month end, I'll be moving this operation onto the webpage in April. My # is: 509.763.3581

WDFW NEWS RELEASE

March 2, 2015

Strong runs of Columbia River chinook, Puget Sound pink and coho salmon projected

OLYMPIA – Fishing prospects look promising for chinook in Washington's ocean waters and the Columbia River, as well as for coho and pink salmon in areas of Puget Sound, according to state fisheries managers. The forecasts – developed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and treaty Indian tribes – for chinook, coho, sockeye, chum and pink salmon were released at a public meeting in Olympia today. The forecasts mark the starting point for developing the 2015 salmon fishing seasons. The public is encouraged to participate throughout the process by attending various meetings and by using a new online commenting tool, said Ron Warren, fisheries policy lead for WDFW. The commenting tool is at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/>. As in past years, salmon-fishing prospects in 2015 vary by area:

- **Columbia River:** About 900,000 fall chinook are expected to return to the Columbia River in 2015. That would be the third largest run on record since 1938, said Ron Roler, Columbia River policy coordinator for WDFW. Roughly 70 percent of the chinook anticipated this year – or about 626,000 salmon – is expected to be “upriver brights” headed for areas above Bonneville Dam. The ocean abundance of Columbia River coho this year is expected to be nearly 777,000 fish, down from 964,000 in 2014.
- **Washington's ocean waters:** About 255,000 hatchery chinook are expected to return this year to the lower Columbia River. Those salmon, which are known as “tules,” are the backbone of the recreational ocean chinook fishery. The forecast for returning coho also is strong though down somewhat from last year, said Doug Milward, ocean salmon fishery manager for WDFW. “Coho numbers are down about 20 percent from 2014, but the forecast for lower river chinook is up slightly from last year,” Milward said. “Overall, anglers can look forward to more great fishing opportunities in the ocean this summer.”
- **Puget Sound:** Another solid run of coho is expected to return to Puget Sound's rivers this year. More than 891,000 coho, up 20,000 from last year, are forecast to return to Puget Sound. Central and south Sound are anticipated to be bright spots for coho, said Ryan Lothrop, Puget Sound recreational fishery manager for WDFW. The forecast for summer/fall chinook is down somewhat from last year with about 208,000 chinook returning, Lothrop said. Hatchery chinook make up the bulk of returning fish. More than 6.5 million pink salmon are expected to return to the Sound this year, which is comparable to the number that returned in 2013.



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