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## Outdoor Learning Experience for Entiat Elementary Students

U.S. Fish and Wildlife / Entiat National Fish Hatchery staff, Entiat School District and Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited are cooperating to provide an outdoor learning experience for Entiat elementary students. Among the many lessons students will learn are stream ecology, fish anatomy, fishing skills, and archery. Trout Unlimited is assisting with funding for the project and with fish cleaning. Volunteers are needed for seven mornings in May and early June. Volunteers will be on site at the Entiat Hatchery from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. to assist kids with fishing as needed and to clean somewhere between 45 and 70 fish each day.

The dates are: May 16, 20, 22, 27, 30, June 3 and 5. Trout Unlimited chapter member Mike Wyant is coordinating the volunteer assistance for the project. Please contact Mike if you are interested in helping. Mike can be reached by calling (509) 548-7747 or by e-mail at [cmwyant@charter.net](mailto:cmwyant@charter.net).

## Looking for a few Good Scouts



Rob Winters and Jack Squires have been working on a cool project. A fly-fishing merit badge class. They need to solicit WVFF volunteers to assist in the instruction of a class that will lead someone who does not have gray hair towards earning a boy scout fly-fishing merit badge. We will need assistance with knots, tying, and casting. The instruction and training will take place at Scout A Vista, which is about ten miles from Wenatchee up Squilchuck. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until one or two that afternoon on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in introducing some of the youth of the Wenatchee Valley to fly-fishing should call Rob Winters @ (509) 470-4586 @ [r.s.winters@gmail.com](mailto:r.s.winters@gmail.com) or Jack Squires @ 509 663-5679 or email @ [jsquires@nwi.net](mailto:jsquires@nwi.net).

# TROUT UNLIMITED

## SALMON SUMMIT

Icicle Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host its May regular meeting at the Chelan County PUD auditorium in Wenatchee, Washington on Tuesday, May 13th. from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

In cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Chelan County PUD; Grant County PUD; US Fish and Wildlife and other federal, state and local agencies we will be conducting a " Salmon Summit".

The information presented will discuss fishing opportunities and regulations in the Upper Columbia relating to anadromous fish for the 2014 fishing season. For more info. contact Robert Stroup at: [stroup78@nwi.net](mailto:stroup78@nwi.net)

## Outings

On the right is a picture of the gang at last week's club outing at Blue Lake, taken by our host Tom. This traditional season opener is always a blast. The company was fantastic, the pot luck scrumptious, we only got hailed-on twice and the fish just kept on coming. At one point we had to stop fishing and come to shore just so we could regain enough energy to catch another dozen or two. They were hitting Chironomids, damsel fly nymphs, leeches, streamers and they were also bent rods when presented with a dry. It was crazy good, or as John Murio so aptly put it "This outing is an ego booster."



### May 17<sup>th</sup> Big Twin Lake

Arrangements have now been made, and a deposit made to reserve a bloc of spots for club members. There'll probably be another club there and the fishing will be good!

**June** Open, since Tom will be in B. C. If someone has an idea for a June outing, and/or would like to spearhead same, please contact him or any board member.

**July** Traditional Carp outing, but we might consider an outing for bass instead.

**August** No outings or meetings planned but he'll host nights on the heights, AKA treks to our local lakes and ponds.

### *Editorial*

How many of us have gone to the general meeting and seen a new member, sitting in the corner, alone? How many of us have actually talked to a new member? I've made it my responsibility and privilege to go up to totally strange people at our meeting and say howdy! It's a relatively safe action to take, after all they can't be too strange, they fly-fish. But what is their favorite fish to target? Where have they fished? The list of possible talking points is endless. New folks need to discover who we are if they're going to be happy members. The way I see it is that we have two options; 1) Ignore the new folks and just talk to our old friends or 2) be brave, wade a little deeper into unknown water and possibly discover another potential friend. They have lots of questions and want to get to know us. So the choice is ours. Ignore them and force them away or greet them and discover the unknown.

*Your cast!*

# LOOKING UPSTREAM

May 15, 2014

**WVFF General Meeting  
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge  
BRING A GUEST**

Wet Fly Hour 5:45 pm  
Dinner 6:30 pm

**Smallmouth Bass Program begins at 8:00 pm**

**Greg Darling - Presenter**

Join him as he takes us through an arsenal of tactics and a gigabyte worth of photos

Presenter Bio - My passion for fishing goes way back to childhood and I believe I have enough passion to officially call it a lifelong quest.

My story starts out like so many others on a little farm pond catching bluegill and bass. Today I chase Tarpon and Steelhead but I never pass an opportunity to go on the pursuit of Bass.

All species of Bass are not safe around me but river dwelling *Micropterus dolomieu* or aka "The Smallmouth" is tops on my list. This wiley pugnacious creature can attack a fly with vengeance and fight with a never give up attitude.

I have spent a great part of my fishing career studying this creature as well as 6 years guiding for them.



## Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2014

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

President Rob Winters called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. March board and general meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: Rob Winters introduced Jason Lungren from Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement. Jason provided current information relating to nutrient replacement in the watershed. Salmon runs are now only 5-8% of historic numbers. This lack of returning salmon has resulted in greatly reduced water nutrients to the extent that some waters are now classified as "sterile." The initial project seeks to "artificially kickstart" the return of those watershed nutrients through the introduction of nutrient-rich pellets in upper watershed of the Chewawa River twice yearly "to emulate run times for fish".

Jason said letters of support for their efforts are very valuable. In addition, WVFF work volunteers would be helpful when the project begins. Following the presentation, he addressed board members' questions. Conservation & Education: Rob Winters reported that he has drafted a commitment letter for WVFF's donation toward the purchase of Stemilt Basin Land. Steve Harvey reported that whether or not there will be a WV 2015 Sportsmen's Show remains unclear due to scheduling conflict issues.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt reported the addition of one new member. Those who have not paid 2014 dues by May 30 will be removed from the WVFF membership list.

Treasurer: Al Smith will prepare a check for the Stemilt Basin Land donation.

Outings: Tom Whiteside said Bruce had included an updated outings schedule in the most recent *Fly Paper*.

Programs: Gary Anderson announced upcoming programs. In April Rick DeLorenzo will share his knowledge of fly fishing for King Salmon in Alaska. Rick lived, fished and guided in Alaska for several years. In May professional guide Greg Darling's program will focus on fishing for smallmouth bass in the Columbia, with particular emphasis on more localized bass waters.

In September, Brian O'Keefe, well-known fly fisherman, world traveler, and photographer will be our speaker.

Of Note: Additional Discussion/ Announcements:

- Volunteers are still needed for indoor hall tyers at the Ellensburg Conclave May 3 & 4, 2014.
- Volunteers are needed for May fish marking at Antelon Lake. A Conconully fish marking date has not be set.
- Tom Whiteside will research purchasing a new computer and LCD projector as those currently in use are quite old and can cause problems for speakers in accessing their materials and showing high definition photographs.

Old Business:

- ALEA Grant considerations were deferred until those club members involved in the process are available to report.
- Concerns about dinner arrangements for monthly meetings were discussed. Among those issues addressed were cost of meals, meal-count guarantee, possible menu changes/ options and confusion connected with credit cards as a payment method. Rob will continue his conversations with Eagle Aerie.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF

## General Meeting Minutes April 17, 2014

General Meeting: President Rob Winters called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

General Reports: Guests Dave Moazed, Leavenworth Trout Unlimited President, Art Viola, retired fisheries biologist, Jeff and Bob Stroup both TU members, Eric Thorson and Rita Hsu were introduced.

- Outings: Tom Whiteside reminded members of the Blue Lake opener outing, April 25- 27.
- Publications: Bruce Merighi provided information about the club's updated website, including a breakdown of proposed site topics, information and links. Members wishing to make comments about the site's plan should contact Bruce. The website "should be going to press this summer."
- Conservation/ Education: Rob Winters requested that those able to assist with upcoming Ellensburg activities let him know of their availability. Tom Whiteside and Gary Anderson need assistance with the WVCC Fly Fishing Class on May 13 (Fly Tying); and May 20 (Casting). Those helping with the casting session should try to bring "moderate action rods." The class meets Tuesdays from 7 – 9:30 p.m. Contact Tom or Gary for additional information.
- Of Note: 1) Jack Squires announced the opening of Sportsmen's Warehouse in the Valley Mall on April 26. He distributed discount coupons courtesy of the warehouse. 2) Steelhead catch cards are due the end of April. 3) WVFF now has a storage unit in East Wenatchee which provides a central collection and distribution point for club property. To assure access, all board members have a key.

Program: Gary Anderson introduced Rick DeLorenzo, a popular return presenter, who has shared many of his “fishing on the cheap” adventures with WVFF. Rick spent several years in Alaska as an educator, fishing guide and pilot. His “Swinging for Kings” program featured a little-known “5-star fishing opportunity with 1-star accommodations” located on the Meshik River near its entrance to the Bering Sea. Topics included: traveling from Wenatchee, camp accommodations, fly choices, equipment options, type of water and “bear tips.” He lists the pluses of this location as “amazing fishing,” incredible wildlife, economical cost and catching Kings “on top.” Drawbacks include the distance required to reach the area, severe weather challenges and declining King runs. Rick can be reached at rdelorenzo@gei.net.

President Rob Winters adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. JoAnn Lane WVFF Secretary April 29, 2014

## PROTECTING OURSELVES FROM US

BY ROB WINTERS

Many of us will travel to fish exotic places this year. I hope to do that too. I also expect to suffer anxiety beyond the usual concerns about lost luggage or airlines returning my rod in more than the manufacturer’s recommended number of parts. What gnaws at me most is the fear of unintentionally returning home accompanied by some nasty stuff.

Whirling disease, New Zealand mud snails and “didymo” are examples of the kinds of pestilences that can come home on our gear. This region already has fisheries management issues proving tough and costly to address. New threats from disease, plants or animals will make things worse.

I research risks before I go and find game departments often make information available that allows me to plan against potential transmission. For example, Wyoming’s department has detailed maps on its web site showing known and suspected locations of whirling disease and other problems in the Snake River drainage. They also offer useful advice on preventative measures. I focus on their recommendations because I want to avoid piling new troubles on those we already have here.

In this case, an ounce of prevention is definitely cheaper than a pound of cure—if a cure’s out there. Some personal caution can protect our fisheries.

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