

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting  
Will Be Tuesday

**April 25**

We will be meeting at the  
Puerto Vallarta  
215 15th St. SE  
Puyallup at 6 PM



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## The Dead Drift - 2017

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### **President's Line**

*By Larry Gibbs*

Change is always inevitable, or so it seems. We were the FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) for almost 50 years. Then they changed it to the IFFF (International Federation of Fly Fishers). I really didn't like the IFFF name, it just didn't roll off the tongue like FFF. But it was a change so we had to accept it. Well, we are getting another change. The first of April we will be known as the FFI (Fly Fishing International). That is better than the IFFF. No matter the name, we still stay a Charter Club in a great organization.

The FFI has a very dedicated Board of Directors. A 25 person board from all over our great country. Check out page 14 for a listing of all the national BOD members and where they are from. I served for two years on the national BOD but decided to cut back to just our WA State Council BOD, where I have been for many years. I first got on the WA State BOD around the year 2000.

Also, check out page 15 for an announcement that came out recently regarding the FFI's position on public lands and waters of the United States.

I want to thank our club members who voted to send a \$200 donation to our WA State Council as a contribution towards the upcoming WA Fly Fishing Fair. I guarantee that the money will be well spent. Peter Maunsell and I are both on the WA State Council Board of Directors. Peter is the Vice President of Membership and the Auction/Raffle Coordinator. I am a Director and the Vendor Coordinator. These jobs keep both of us rather busy at various times of the year, but it is a 'labor of love'.

Just in case you have been in hibernation all winter and haven't heard, the 2017 WA Fly Fishing Fair is just around the corner. The first Friday and Saturday of May, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Ellensburg is nice that time of year and the fishing will be either good or off a bit, depending upon Mother Nature. Come on over to see the event and say Hi! to those of us who are working the show. Check out pages 11 & 12 for an idea of what is happening.

Our St. Croix rod board is doing well. During the January and February meetings we sold 40% of the 50 squares. We sold another 20% at the March meeting so we are 60% sold. This should be all sold out within a month or two. Then we will pick a lucky winner.

As indicated in last months newsletter, Peter and I will be buying three more fly rods, TFO's, to use on future rod boards. The model of the rods we choose will be based on input we received at the February and March meetings and some emails to me during March. By the time you read this, the decision has been made and the order placed. See page 7 for the details on which rods we bought.

Hey, April is here. Get out and do some fishing if you can!!!

Good fishing.



Larry

Fly Fishing International

Fly of the Month

April 2013

## **GREASE LINER**

Published by Bob Bates



### Opening Comments:

Rockwell Hammond tied the Grease Liner in honor of the late Harry Lemire at the 2013 (25th) Fly Tiers Expo in Albany, Oregon. Harry Lemire was one of the fly fishing/tying leaders in the northwestern U.S. and southwestern Canada. He was noted for tying beautiful flies without a vise. He developed this pattern about 1962. This is a floating pattern. Rockwell noted that, sometimes Harry would be in the truck messing around with the flies (gooping them up a little with a paste floatant). Other times he would start fishing without gooping the fly. If Harry had a fish miss the fly sometimes he would put on a fly that would sink into the surface film. Most anglers use a floating line when fishing this pattern. Rockwell is the curator of much of Harry's flies and equipment. He has some 500 flies, Atlantic Salmon and steelhead patterns. Some 170 to 200 of the flies are carefully preserved in containers. The Atlantic Salmon patterns will be mounted in plates and donated to the Western Washington University Libraries Special Collections. Their purpose is to collect, preserve, and provide access to diverse materials supporting study of the sport of fly fishing in Washington. The collection includes books, periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, artworks, audio and video personal interviews and histories, and fly fishing artifacts such as rods, reels, flies, and fly tying materials.

### Materials list:

**Hook:** Ken Sawada SL2 Salmon hook size 8

**Thread:** 6/0 Danvill gray or white

**Tail:** Deer hair

**Body:** Musk ox under fur, dyed black can be dyed other colors.

**Wing:** Caribou

### Tying steps:

Step 1: Start thread about three eye lengths behind the eye and wind rearward toward the point.

Step 2: Clean out the under fur from a small bunch of deer hair and stack it. Measure about a shank length tail and trim off excess. Hold deer hair firmly on top of hook and start with light thread wraps then go a little harder. Cover any flared deer hair. Bring thread back to where the tail was secured.



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Step 3: Make a dubbing loop. Wax it a little. Put the musk ox into the loop and spin it. Musk ox is the best dubbing for dry flies because it is water repellent.



Step 4: Take some grizzly hackle and tie it in by the tip wet fly style. Why? “That was Harry’s way.”



Step 5: Wet the fibers and wind two or three turns stroking the fibers back like a soft hackle. Pull fibers some under the hook for the legs.



Step 6: The curvature in the caribou hair was important to Harry.



Step 7: Harry was a stickler about holding the caribou with the curve toward the fly. Measure the wing so the fibers reach the end of the tail. Trim the excess.



Step 8: Hold the caribou tightly, and tie it in securely. Add a little head cement to the head.



Closing Comments:

Musk ox is difficult to find, but it is worth the effort. It can be dyed orange for the October caddis or green for a regular caddis or in most colors you want. The floatability is fantastic. Mix it a blender and make it a little finer.

# Back of Beyond

*By Stephen Neal*

*In Wildness is the Preservation of the World "Henry David Thoreau"*

## Waves

Energy moves through waves, it has an amplitude, “the maximum extent of a vibration or oscillation, measured from the position of equilibrium”. Most of us without scientific backgrounds just call it highs and lows. The energy waves that most of us are familiar with are ocean waves. In our formative years, we probably played in them, jumped them, or ran from them, kicked them, and dove through them. We were taught not to turn our backs on waves, because rogue, sleepers or mavericks can surprise you and kick your butt. I’ve been pummeled by a wave or two in my time on this water world and I’m guessing that most of my readers have experienced this as well. Sometime in our nature learning we have come into the possession of what is known as common knowledge, that wind and gravity mostly cause ocean waves. Simple, no not so simple, it is the most complicated form in nature.

Because waves are not simple even Scientists struggle to agree on a basic all around definition on what a wave is. Waves move a disturbance through a medium. That disturbance is usually, but not always energy. A wave can store that energy or dissipate it. It is both an object and a motion. When wave energy moves a medium, say the waves we played in as kids the water doesn’t move anywhere, the energy does. To exist, waves require a disturbing force, usually wind but not always, and a restoring force usually gravity but not always. To add even more intricacy, we have now discovered that waves draw energy from other waves sometimes stealing it entirely, sometimes becoming unique and more powerful.

Nothing is singular, it is acted upon or it is acting upon something else. That action causes the transfer of energy and it moves in waves with different amplitudes. This article is dedicated to four different energies Steve, my Doctor, and my friend who at my last office visit recommended that I read *The Wave* by Susan Cassey.



Pat, a retired railroader and Fly shop owner who sent me a video link to Pecheur Du Tarn “Fisher of the Tarn” which opens

with this line *“Tell me something of yourself. Talk to me of rivers, of insects and of going fishing. Why did you go and what did you find there?”* Mikaela, a Career Counselor, who is discovering herself and her life’s energies, who shared those experiences over Coffee and Tea. Sean, a retired Teacher, writer, friend, and practitioner of living. Sean asked me to share a ride to a Proton Therapy treatment on a windy and cold, with threats of rain day.

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These people fascinate me, on the surface they are ordinary people going about their lives. Doctors, Teachers, Counselor, Retiree. But under the surface down where it truly matters, there is depth, self-awareness, knowledge, and life energy. Each walks a unique path in life. It is their path and each is in a different place in their development and growth as individuals. But somehow our energies intersected, out of the chaos or storm of intermixed amplitudes we chose to share with one another. There are many energies here but one I can confirm above all others is that we watch out for each other. Not interfering or telling each other what should be done or how to do it. Just simple caring acts helping each other get through the turbulence of life. Steve, checking my vital statistics and sharing a book that enhance our knowledge of life. Pat sends me articles and videos reaffirming a truer connection to our natural world. Makaila sharing a new personal discovery and worrying about me having to drive too far to meet her. Me wanting the meeting place to be somewhere she would feel safe sharing her new life insight. Sean asking me to ride with him just for company through the mess of Seattle traffic and letting me know that he is doing OK. Simple meetings between people but deep with compassion, caring, understanding and sharing.

The energy or wave of this article is a result of those separate acts of sharing. All four of their energy waves come together here. The opening line in the video focused me, it is what all five of us shared, “*Tell me something of yourself*” “*Why did you go and what did you find there?*” The basic human need to learn, grow and to understand. We are all searching for connectedness with each other and our natural world. What



makes us tick, what brings us value? Steve’s book suggestion framed my thought process, we are all beings of energy in physical forms. And that energy moves outward from us to others. Mikaela, Sean, Pat and Steve passed on energy and I in turn, am passing it on in the writing of this article. They are the disturbing forces, but what will be the restoring force. In some cases, it will be the round file or the delete button, but who knows where the energy goes after you read this and interact with others.

Study our natural world, its lessons are profound and our lives depend upon it. Protect it, care for it and pass it on whole to our children’s children.  
Tell me something of yourself,

***“Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after”***

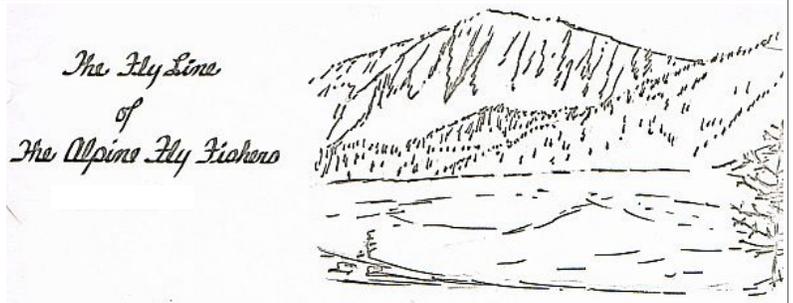
*Henry David Thoreau*

*Sources: The Wave – Susan Casey – Video Pecheu Du Tarn (Fisher of the Tarn) on Viemo by Pascal Gaubert*

~ *In The Past* ~

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May of 1973



*"Next Meeting: Date: May 7, 1973.*

*Place: Noel's Restaurant*

*Time: Social Hour 6:30*

*Dinner: 7:30*

*Program: Cal Cole and Reed Miller will share their secrets of where to catch 'em and how, all profusely illustrated with slices and maps of how to get there.*

*Added Attraction: For those who like to gamble, there will be a couple of draw prizes to test your luck. Bring a Friend.*

*Last Meeting: Held at Gee Gee's. It was decided to have a fishout May 19 & 20. The place will be decided at the May meeting. Due to the noise and poor lighting it was decided to find a new meeting place.*

*Fishing Reports: Most members were out thrashing the waters opening day. Success was varied, but those who went east of the mountains found fly fishing next to impossible due to the high winds. The stories should come thick and fast Monday night.*

*Fly Patterns: This month's pattern, along with the history of its development, comes from Pat Trotter. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.*

*"There are many similarities between the steelhead and the Atlantic Salmon. Not only are they biologically almost indistinguishable, but their traits and habits are so much alike that the methods evolved to fish for them are strikingly similar - - even though they developed thousands of miles apart. Perhaps because of this similarity, many fly patterns used for Salmo Salar have been brought out west and successfully adapted for Salmo Gairdneri. There's one that ought to be imported, if for no other reason than its picturesque name.*

*The Red Assed Bastard: Hook: T.U.T.E. Type. Tail: Brown hackle fibers. Butt: Fluorescent red yarn. Body: Brown spun fur ribbed with narrow silver tinsel. Throat: Brown hackle fibers. Wing: Fox squirrel hair.*

*This fly, said to be a favorite of the fishing guides on New Brunswick's Miramichi and Cains Rivers, has somehow managed to escape notoriety. Yet you'd think it would quickly capture a spot in the hearts and fly boxes of the western fly purist. Ask any egg fisherman (or other low form of life one meets on a steelhead river). They'll tell you that they fly rodders treat them unfairly so they (they fly rodders) seem to have the perpetual red-ass. So the combination of fly and fly rodder should be natural."*

*Anything else in this issue should be anticlimactic! See you May 7.*

*Note: If you haven't paid your dues or sent in a membership application this will be your last issue of "The Fly Line."*

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**2017 Editors Note:** As the original newsletter grows in size I will not be copying it in its entirety but rather selecting excerpts from the issues. Anytime a name is used, I will always try to include that in this re-edition of the original Alpine Fly Fishers newsletters. I hope you enjoy reading about our early history and it will be interesting to see how the club grows in the future editions. Larry

## Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2017

Our club meetings are on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month except for December (the third Tuesday) and there are no meetings in July or August.

April 25; May 23

June ?? Club Picnic; ~~July~~ (No Meeting); ~~August~~ (No Meeting)

September 26; October 24; November 28; December 19 (3rd Tuesday)

## 2017 WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair

Ellensburg on Friday and Saturday, **May 5 & 6**

The **Washington State Council** IFFF will be having their 11th annual Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds in Ellensburg. As you know, Peter and I are both heavily involved with this event, as are some of our club members. Steven Fernandez is going to be our featured fly tyer. We will have many great fly tyers at our event and some of the best fly casters in the northwest. This is a fun show to attend. We have lots of vendors so you can do some shopping and Peter runs a really good silent auction, raffle & live auction. This is the closest event of the three listed, just a hop, skip & jump over the mountain to Ellensburg. Plan to attend on the first Friday and Saturday of May, the 5th and 6th.



## Fly Fishers International

### 2017 Fly Fishing Fair

Scheduled August 1 - 5, 2017

Livingston, MT



### A Fly Fishing Quote:

*“ I threw a pronounced curve cast and this time when I imparted the minute twitch to the line, the fly moved a sudden inch straight upstream. Then, as it dropped back into a dead drift, it disappeared into the mouth of the best trout of the evening. ”*

~ Leonard M. Wright Jr. - *Fishing The Dry Fly As A Living Insect* 1972 ~

## TFO Rod Board Choices

I asked for your TFO fly rod choices. I compiled all of the data, using two main categories: Rod/line weight and length of rod.

The majority of the votes were for a 5 or 6 weight rod. The next choice was a 3 weight rod. After that the choices were scattered all over. As for the length of the fly rods, the 9 foot in the 6 wt size had the most votes. For the 3 weight rod, most votes were for something under 9 feet but over 8 feet, so that means an 8'9" rod. Tied with wanting a 3 weight rod were the club members wanting a long rod, 10 feet or over. So, here is what Peter and I have ordered through the FFI for TFO rods:

1. **Impact** Series 9 foot, 6 wt w/fighting butt (TF 06 9 I 4 pc) MSRP of \$350. This is a 70 square rod board.
2. **Lefty Kreh Finesse** Series 8'9", 3 wt (TF 03 89 4pc F). MSRP is \$205. This is a 40 square rod board.
3. **BVK** Series 10 foot 6 wt (TF 06 10 4pc B). MSRP is \$300. This is a 60 square rod board.

The rods are on order and we will start them, one at a time, at our September meeting.



## 2017 Special End Of Year Free Drawing



Remember the special **free** drawing at the end of 2017 during our Christmas meeting & fundraiser raffle.

This year, every time a club member who attends a meeting can fill out one special drawing ticket. The ticket can only be filled out at that meeting and must be turned in at the end of the meeting.

All of these tickets will be collected over the course of the year and at our Christmas club meeting next December, we will have a drawing for **at least** three (3) very nice items, most likely there will be a few more.

One item will be a brand new **St. Croix Avid** series fly rod, exact model to be determined later.

Another item will be a brand new **Sage 1850 Large Arbor** reel (5/6 wt).

During the year, we will come up with a few more items to be included in this free drawing.

**I want to point out that the more meetings you attend, the more times your name will be in the drawing.**

Larry

### April Guest Speaker

Gene Jackson

Fishing some Oregon mountain lakes

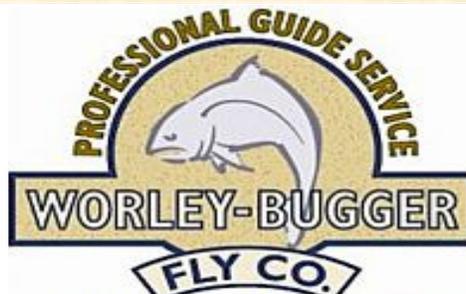
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# Alpine Fly Fishers Fly Rod Board Raffle

## St. Croix Fly Rod

### Avid Series

This is a 50 square board and each square sells for \$5. When the last square has been sold, we will dig into the barrel and select a winner. The rod is valued at just under \$300.

This rod board is for one of two St. Croix's Avid series fly rods. Either a 7 weight or a 4 weight. Both are 9 feet in length and both are 4 piece fly rods.

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Friday & Saturday May 5 & 6, 2017

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## Washington State Council International Federation of Fly Fishers

### 2017 Washington Fly Fishing Fair

### Ellensburg, WA

### May 5th & 6th, 2017

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday

Admission is free to IFFF members!

Registration is now OPEN!

Please join us at the 2017 WA Fly Fishing Fair, on May 5th and 6th (Friday and Saturday), in Ellensburg, at the Kittitas Valley Event Center and Fairgrounds. It's going to be a great event! The Fly Fishing Fair runs from IFFF members and kids under the age of 16 get in free, for everyone else the entry fee is \$5.00.

This year's 2017 Fly Fishing Fair will feature:

**FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS** - On Friday and Saturday, there will be over 75 fly tiers demonstrating their favorite patterns. You'll not only see some beautiful tying, but you may also get a lesson on the habits of the critters they represent. All of our talented fly tiers are excited to share their love of fly fishing and fly tying with you. There isn't a bad seat in the house!

**CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAMES** - On Friday and Saturday, there will be casting games, casting competitions, casting demonstrations, and instructional seminars on casting one and two-handed rods.

**CASTING WORKSHOPS** - On Friday and Saturday, there will be special casting workshops, taught by some of the best casting instructors in the Northwest. These workshops are designed to be informative, fun, and to enhance advancement along the path to becoming a better fly caster and fly fisherman. The workshops cost \$40 each.

**PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS** - Private 30-minute casting lessons, taught by some of the best casting instructors in the Northwest, will be available on Saturday. These private lessons can be reserved online, or by signing up at the event; the cost is \$20.00. All instructors are certified by the IFFF Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP). Biographies of the individual instructors are available on the Fly Fishing Fair registration site and on the WSCIFFF website. To register for the casting workshops and the private lessons please go to the 2017 Fly Fishing Fair electronic registration site (listed below). You can also get to the registration site by going to the WSCIFFF website (also listed below).

**FREE FLY FISHING SEMINARS** - Free seminars will be offered on both Friday and Saturday. Spend some time listening to the experts talk about how to succeed fishing familiar and exotic fly fishing waters.

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## Clark Fork Trout

St. Regis, MT

Steve & Peggy Temple will be at the WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg on May 5 & 6.

Talk to them about taking a drift on my favorite Montana river, the Clark Fork River.

They have a brand new fly shop just on the north side of St. Regis, right across the street from the road down to the boat launch.

Check it out!!!

They have offered a trip on the Clark Fork for our auction in Ellensburg.

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## Griff's Fly Fishing Adventures

Rod Griffin should have a booth at the WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg and he has offered up a float on the Methow River for our auction.

You have to check this out!!!!

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Steve Worley will have a booth and has donated a full day trip for two on the Yakima River, lunch and flies included, for our auction!!!

## **FFI National Board Of Directors**

We have a very good Board of Directors at our national level for the FFI. They come from all over America.

Chairman of the board is Tom Logan from Tallahassee, FL.

President/CEO Executive Committee Len Zickler from Spokane.

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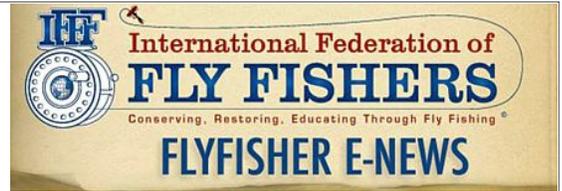
Board Member/ Northeastern Council President Burr Tupper from New Boston, NH.

Board Member David Paul Williams from Bellevue, WA.

Over the years I have worked with many of these people, as a member of the Board of Directors on the national level, as Auction Coordinator for National for five years, and as a current member of the WA State Council Board of Directors. I believe that under the leadership of our current CEO, Len Zickler, and the Executive Committee and other Board of Directors members, the future of the FFI looks very promising.

Larry

## Position on Public Lands and Waters of the United States



This edition of E-news is dedicated solely to the issue of the protection of our Public Lands and Waters of the United States. Recently, the Board of Directors met to discuss this important issue and adopted the following policy.

The International Federation of Fly Fishers is a global organization dedicated to the support, enhancement and protection of the recreational opportunities and enjoyment of fishing with the artificial fly. We do this through teaching all aspects of fly fishing and most importantly through our advocacy, demonstration and voice for conservation of our natural resources.

Clearly, conservation of fishes and their habitats is fundamental to our opportunities and those of our children to fly fish. Those habitats largely are the connected waters of the United States, the streams, lakes, rivers and estuaries that must remain clean, healthy and functional. Just as important are the health and well-being of the watersheds that recharge, nourish and protect the function of our wetlands. These habitats collectively reside by ownership, law and public policy as public resources and lands. Many are managed and protected by state or federal agencies or environmental law on the public behalf, while others are protected by private interests or environmental organizations in perpetuity as conservation easements.

Regardless of ownership or legal designation, they collectively are much more valuable than simply as wetlands, watersheds and fish habitat. These are the habitats of a vast array of wildlife, plant and insect species, including those that may be threatened or endangered with extinction across our country. What must not be forgotten is that these very landscapes of minerals, waters and plants are essential to our own quality of life as human habitat. These are the landscapes that grow the plant communities that produce the clean air we breathe and process carbon dioxide into oxygen. The wetlands that clean and recharge our sources of fresh water are necessary to our lives.

There is no question that these lands must be protected for our recreational interests and our own quality of life as humans. Not least of importance is the economic value of access to these public lands and waters for study, enjoyment and appreciation. These values now exceed three quarters of a trillion dollars returned back into our economy each year. Federal lands alone return \$650 billion dollars and support an estimated 6 million jobs.

Theodore Roosevelt recognized the profound values of public lands when he “applied his presidential prerogatives in setting aside and preserving for public benefit a number of scientific, historical and scenic sites” with his 1903 designation of the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge on the east coast of Florida. This was the first of what now comprises millions of acres across our continent that serve the public benefit he recognized. Unfortunately, our public lands and the biological, social and economic values they represent are now threatened with narrow interests by those who seek to transfer budgetary responsibility and/or liquidate these essential public lands!

It therefore is IFFF Policy to advocate for the essential protection of public lands and waters of the United States for their ecological, recreational and economic function and value and to endorse as public policy the administration of these lands to include applicable law, finance, policy and management responsibility, as necessary to assure enjoyment, health and other public benefits. It is our position that any proposal to change, transfer or liquidate ownership and or management responsibility of public lands has a significant likelihood to adversely affect the biological health, function and well-being of natural systems and the wildlife species they support. It further is our position that any such proposed action should receive full evaluation for public review and comment in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement under provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. It is through such Policy and position that opportunities to enjoy fly fishing will endure.

Chairman Tom Logan, the author and presenter of the policy to the Board of Directors, said "this policy will be used to guide our judgment and our decisions when we take positions on issues that impact our natural world. It's now more important than ever that our organization speaks for all fly fishers when our sport is threatened by people who don't understand the value of our public lands and waters of this great country."

# April / May 2017

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"When the April wind wakes the call for the cast of the fly, I hold the rod as my only hold upon the earth, and, as I follow through the seams of the stream, I am filled with hope, that every cast brings a rise to my fly."  
 'Variation on a theme by Larry' ~ Dallas Lore Sharp, 1870-1929 ~

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"Spring - an experience in immortality." - Henry D. Thoreau	<b>1 May</b>	2	3	4	<b>5 WA Fly Fishing Fair</b>	<b>6 WA Fly Fishing Fair</b>
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28	29	30	31	<i>"Fly fish while it is spring, and enjoy the best anticipations. It is not much matter if things do not turn out well."</i> Charles Dudley Warner 'Variation on a theme by Larry'		

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