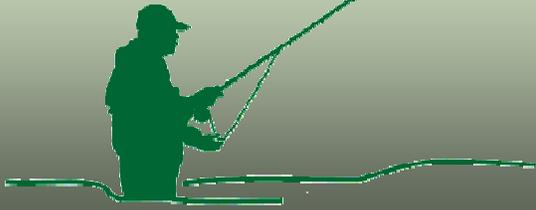


Alpine Fly Fishers



Meeting Location:

Niftys Sports Bar
8924 Canyon Rd E
Puyallup, WA 98371
(253) 531-8202
Socializing begins at 6:30

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FEBRUARY MEETING!

Tuesday, February 26th

Don't miss our program with Simms and Sage Rep. Eric Nuefeld who will be giving a presentation on:

FLY FISHING IN CHILE AND FISHING FOR ATLANTIC SALMON

Eric will also demonstrate tying a new steelhead fly he is developing. This should be a great program that you won't want to miss.

WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW REVIEW

By Pat Blackwell

The dedication of our members to our club and the sport of Fly Fishing is very evident when they are observed dealing with the general public at the Washington Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup. The fly tiers were excellent in explaining what they were tying, the way they were tying the fly, and what species would be the primary quarry of that particular pattern. The spokespersons did an outstanding job of informing people about the club, the sport, and of course how to get started (by joining their local club of course).

A heart felt THANK YOU to the members who volunteered their time and energies to working the booth. Without you these things just don't happen.

A special thanks to Larry Gibbs (he's god sent when it comes to setting up and taking down the booth), Joe Uhlman for his help in coordinating the sign up's with the South Sound Club, and Jim Higgins. For those of you that didn't see Jim at the show, he departed after the first day. Something about a date with some stupid fish called a Peacock Bass on a tributary to the Amazon. ***Continued on page 4....***

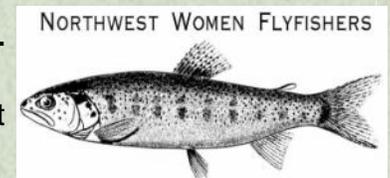
NORTHWEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS COLLECT “PHONES FOR FISH”

From Kim Lyons

Cell phone recycling program benefits fish habitat...

Northwest Women Flyfishers (NWF) is collecting discarded cell phones to raise funds for its Conservation Grant Program. Since 1991, NWF has provided over \$135,000 in funds for small to medium-sized conservation projects in the Northwest. The NWF Conservation Grant Program is dedicated to the conservation and increase of wild fish, as well as the preservation and restoration of streams and lakes in the Northwest.

Used cell phones may be dropped off at any the following Puget Sound area fly shops: **Avid Angler** (Lake Forest Park), **All About the Fly** (Monroe), **Creekside Angling Co.** (Issaquah & Seattle), **Kaufmann's Streamborn** (Bellevue & Seattle), **Orvis** (Bellevue), **Pacific Fly Fishers** (Mill Creek), **Puget Sound Fly Company** (Kent), and the **Yakima River Fly Shop** (Cle Elum, WA). Current cell phone collection locations are always posted and updated at www.NorthwestWomenFlyfishers.com.



In addition to the fly shop collection sites listed above, interested individuals are also encouraged to collect used phones on a one-time or ongoing basis at their clubs, businesses, workplaces, churches, schools, and other organizations. If you would like to collect phones for this project at your site or organization, contact NWF for assistance at NWflyfishers@hotmail.com.

The typical lifespan for a cell phone is a brief eighteen months, and currently, only 1% are recycled. On average, 130 million are retired annually in the U.S. alone, and there are now an estimated 500 million used mobile phones in the U.S. sitting on shelves or in our landfills. This mountain of toxic waste poses a significant threat to the environment, and an equally large opportunity to re-channel these devices into productive reuse. Recycled cell phones are used for social programs providing emergency-only services, or in less developed countries where there are no land lines. Obsolete phones are destroyed in an environmentally responsible manner with 100% landfill diversion. **Recycling your phone costs you nothing and contributes to the well-being of our planet and local fish habitat.**

Don't Forget!

**Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo 2008
March 7th and 8th, 2008,
Linn County Expo Center, Albany, Oregon**

For more info www.nwflytyerexpo.com

A STEELHEADER'S OPINION

By John Farrar
Steelhead Guide

For the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to sanctimoniously close the Sauk/Skagit catch-and-release fishery in the name of conservation while ignoring the state-wide plight of wild steelhead infuriates me. Enough of hypocrisy! Heads up, WDFW Fish Program administrators. Off with the Gloves. Here come the punches.

After a year's notice of the federal government's intention to do so, Puget Sound Steelhead were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act last spring. Rather than immediately react imposing selective fishery regulations (artificial fly or lure, single barbless hook) on all Puget Sound waters in an effort to protect wild steelhead (a.k.a. rainbow trout), the Department has done nothing---except propose the pending closure of a catch-and-release fishery that was designed to minimize wild fish impacts. Wild steelhead suffer mortal injury when they swallow baited-treble hooks, WDFW ignores such consequence during the conventional season.

WDFW fails to preserve wild juvenile steelhead and rainbow trout (science makes no distinction between them, recognizing both as of the same species, (*O. mykiss*)). Whatever their size, if they are wild, they necessarily must be released unharmed. Rather than shelter wild fish with selective fishery regulation, WDFW does nothing but cower, hiding behind legislation prohibiting a statewide bait ban---the result of lobbying by the bait industry in the early eighties. Were WDFW concerned for wild fish they would challenge such legislation in the court as infringement of necessary executive powers, or at least petition the legislature for law's change. An unscrupulous Department does neither.

The Department ignores an arch-principal of conservation: management for survival of a specie's weakest link. Oversight of more artificial production than any other agency in the world explains why. Hatcheries, not wild steelhead are the Department's chief concern. Artifice, not genuine safekeeping, is the outcome.

The Department dawdles and dithers. Its proposal of a state steelhead management plan proves to be nothing more than a marvelous provision for years of continuous delay. Further plans are to be eked out watershed by watershed. While their salvation is planned, wild fish are doomed to expire. District and Regional fish biologist need direction now. How should they respond to ESA listing? Olympia remains mute.

In failing to protect wild fish, WDFW deceives no one but itself. Its negligence exposed, the public will call for reform, the federal government will intervene to safeguard the fish, and a lot of former fishery officials will rightfully walk the streets looking for work.

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I'm having a difficult time imagining why someone would get on an airplane, fly for over 12 hours into a mosquito infested, crocodile and snake ridden jungle to fish when he could have been working with us in Puyallup. He better have a really good picture for next years booth.

Speaking of next years booth, there comes a time when one should step aside and turn the reins over to new blood. This time has come for me. When P.J. started this he did a very good job of improving and moving forward each year. I hope that I have, in some small way, made improvements in what P.J. started, and feel that with your help, my successor will make improvements in their tenure.

A personal thanks to each and everyone that has volunteered to work in our booth and help out wherever they could during my tenure.

ABOUT OUR WSCFFF

FROM LARRY GIBBS

The WSCFFF will be holding the Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg, Washington on May 3, 2008. If you enjoyed last year's event, then this year's program will knock your socks off.

The Conclave will consist of fly tying and casting demonstrations, classes, seminars, games, and competition throughout the day, followed by a reservation only dinner.

This year's dinner will feature **Bob Jacklin** as the keynote speaker.

If you're interested in learning fly tying techniques, seeing every kind of fly pattern from micros to saltwater streamers, this will be the show. Vern Jeremica has lined up demonstrations that provide something for everyone.

The Overlake Fly Fishing Club is heading the education program which already has confirmed seminars from:

Brian O'Keefe on Fly Fishing the Methow
Joe Warren on Fly Fishing the Columbia River Basin
Jack Cook on Fly Fishing the Sauk and Skagit Rivers
David Williams on Fly Fishing for Smallmouth..

The Northwest Fly Anglers will handle hospitality.

The Council is looking for clubs and individuals to assist with set up/tear down and registration. If you or your club is interested in assisting with the Conclave please contact Carl Johnson at 425-308-6161 or email flyfishalso@verizon.net.

Club support for this event is already building.
 For more information visit www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

2008 WASHINGTON FLYFISHING CONCLAVE

May 3, 2008
 KIMHEE County Event Center
 (Ellensburg Fairgrounds)
 512 Poplar Street, Ellensburg, WA 99025
 Registration: \$10.00 - \$100.00
 Dinner: \$15.00 - \$100.00

Sponsored by:
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 (WSCFFF)

Additional information and registration forms can be found at our website:
www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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A Book Review

Caddis Emerger

Hook: Scud Style, #14 (TMC#2487)

Thread: Black 8/0

Rib: Fine/small copper wire

Abdomen: Tan Antron (spooled variety)

Antennae: Mallard Flank Fibers (tan color)

Wing: Tan CDC

Head: Peacock herl



- Tie in, wind thread approx. 1/3 of the way to the bend. Tie in the copper wire and wind thread back towards the bend.
- Tie in the strand of Antron and wind the thread forward to approx. where the copper wire started.
- Creating a slight taper, Wind the Antron forward to the same point and tie-off. Wind the wire forward creating the rib. Tie-off. Trim the Antron and copper wire.
- Tie in 2-4 mallard flank fibers as shown, tips facing forward. The length should be about the length of the body.
- Align the tips of approx. 4-5 tan CDC feathers and tie in as shown. Trim off the butts of the feathers. Note: the amount, and quality of the CDC is up to you. The "original" I have uses pretty poor quality CDC that's trimmed after its been tied in.
- Tie in 2 fine strands of peacock herl as shown and wind forward creating a bit of bulk. Tie-off. Make 2 wraps of thread back through the herl, and 2 forward towards the head to protect the herl from being cut by the trout's teeth.***I tie this fly with 12/0 black thread so this procedure does not flatten the herl

Mark your calendar

The 43rd Annual FFF International Fly Fishing Show / Conclave. The dates are set for July 22 – 26, 2008 and the location is Whitefish, Montana. Whitefish is a small town located on the shore of Whitefish Lake. Just a few miles from Glacier National Park and International airport.

NW FLY FISHING EVENTS FOR 2007 – 2008

by Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

<u>Feb 21-24, 2008</u>	Evergreen Sportsman's Show, Monroe, WA
<u>Feb 28 - March 2, 2008</u>	Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, Redmond, OR
<u>Feb 28 – March 2, 2008</u>	Idaho Sportsman Show, Boise, ID
<u>Feb 29 - March 2, 2008</u>	Great Western Sportsfishing Show, Spokane, WA
<u>March 7-8, 2008</u>	Oregon Council FFF – Northwest Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo, Albany, OR (www.nwflytyerexpo.com)
<u>March 22, 2008</u>	Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Expo, Port Townsend, WA
<u>March 29 – April 1, 2008</u>	Great Alaska Sportsman Show, Anchorage, Alaska
<u>May 3, 2008</u>	Washington State Council FFF Event – “Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave”, Ellensburg, WA (www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)
<u>July ???, 2008</u>	7 th Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing & Bamboo Rod Fair @ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR (www.campshermanstore.com)
<u>July 22-26, 2008</u>	FFF 43 rd Int'l Show and Conclave 2008, Whitefish, MT (www.fedflyfishers.org)

February 2008

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23	24	25 Alpine Fly Fishers Club Meeting 6:30	26	27	28	29
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