



## Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

### Next Chapter Meeting:

**Next Meeting Date April 26, 2023  
6:00pm  
Trotter's Restaurant  
825 Harvey Rd, Auburn**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>  
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<http://saveourfish.org/board>  
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### Up and Coming Activities:

#### April

**26 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm**  
Speaker: Gerhard Graumann

#### May

**6 – Auburn Youth Derby**  
**10 – Board Meeting 7:00pm**  
**20 – Algona Youth Derby**  
**24 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm**

#### June

**14 – Board Meeting 7:00pm**  
**28 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm**

#### July

**12 – Board Meeting 7:00pm**  
**13-15 – Neah Bay Outing**  
**26 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm**



## President's Message -- Rob Larsen

North of Falcon is settled and we did quite well in South Puget Sound with additional fish both in June and July. Thank you very much for those of you that made input as requested. It helped us get some improvements. We should have a really good summer season this year. We also got the Puyallup and Carbon open back up in October as well, although only four days a week. A real negative was that they cut the kings season on the Skykomish River down to just three days May 27-29. This was due to

Snoqualmie wild king numbers being very close to the low abundance threshold.

Opportunities abound right now. Halibut in the straights, black mouth, are available in area 5 and 13 for those willing to put in some time and work. I don't know how many more years we will have this. In addition, there are a bunch of clamming dates coming our way so get out and enjoy the outdoors.

It is time to start planning for our Kids derby season, so make sure and look at those articles and get signed up. Thanks Matt and Russ for all your work preparing for these. A special thanks to Greg for his years of service on this and other things. He is working on his new home in Moses Lake and will be moving soon.



I look forward to seeing you all out to our meeting. We have a great speaker so you don't want to miss it.

Tight Lines,  
Rob Larsen  
SOF PSA president

## April Speaker – Gerhard Graumann

Growing up in the Pacific Northwest, Gerhard learned to fish and hunt at an early age. When not out in the wilderness with his father, he would spend time on the shores of Lake Washington fishing for perch and bass or targeting steelhead and resident rainbows in the Cedar River. In school, Gerhard's main interest was in anything science related and this started him down the road of applying science to his fishing practices. Shortly after graduating from Renton High School, Gerhard headed off for a seven year stint in the United States Marine Corps as an avionics technician. The skills he picked up in the service would later play a large part in his understanding and success in his fishing activities. After his time in the Marine Corps came to an end, Gerhard found work in Redmond, WA with a company that specializes in aircraft flight controls, and is still working for that same company to this day. After purchasing a boat, with the intent of fishing Puget Sound, Lake Washington became a test bed of sorts to practice various fishing techniques, especially downrigger fishing. It was during these test runs that Gerhard developed a great understanding of the lake's fishery and his borderline obsession with the native cutthroat trout found in its waters.



Gerhard currently sits on the Adaptive Management Work Group for Cedar River Sockeye as well as leading the Remote Site Incubator program for Eastside streams of the Lake Washington system.

# Youth Fishing Derby Opportunities

## Kids Fishing Derbies for 2023



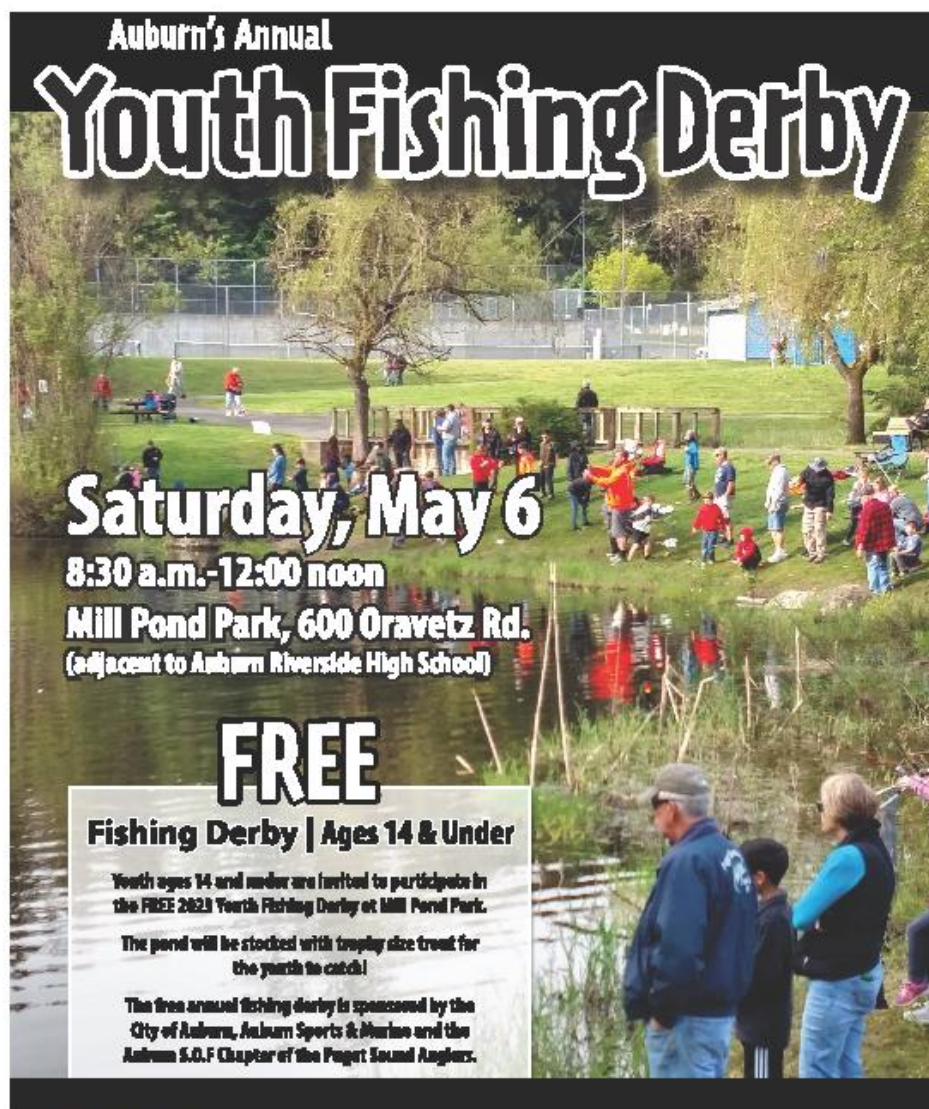
We are so excited to see these fishing derbies for kids back on this year!

Auburn Youth Fishing Derby is May 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-12:00pm at Mill Pond Park.

Algona kids' event is May 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm at Matchett Park, 402 Ward St.

For the Algona event signups please contact the Park and Recreation Department. There is limited sign up for this event.

Anyone wanting to help or need more information please contact Russell Carver 253-318-8523  
Volunteer signup sheets will be available at the club meetings.



**Auburn's Annual**  
**Youth Fishing Derby**

**Saturday, May 6**  
**8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Mill Pond Park, 600 Oravetz Rd.**  
**(adjacent to Auburn Riverside High School)**

**FREE**  
**Fishing Derby | Ages 14 & Under**

Youth ages 14 and under are invited to participate in the FREE 2023 Youth Fishing Derby at Mill Pond Park.

The pond will be stocked with trophy size trout for the youth to catch!

The free annual fishing derby is sponsored by the City of Auburn, Auburn Sports & Marine and the Auburn S.O.F Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers.





# Little KIDS' FISHING DERBY

**Saturday, May 20th**

**9am-11am**

**Matchett Park ~ 402 Ward St.**



**Due to limited space, you must register in advance for a time.**

**Call Gary 253-217-5000**

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## Neah Bay Outing – July 13-15

**Save the Date and get your reservations now!**

We will be having our summer outing at Neah Bay this year and we are hoping the season is open for us this year. You can get moorage by calling Big Salmon Marine. When Rob last checked there was still some available. Big Salmon can also give you ideas on places to stay.

We will have our pot luck on Friday night and will let you know the location once when we get that locked down. It should be good fishing for both bottom fish and salmon. Hope to see you there!

## Raffle Opportunity – salmon trip for 6

Puget Sound Salmon charter with Cary Hofmann (Best Seattle Fishing Charter Guide)

Trip for up to 6 people. The trip can be scheduled for a date chosen by the winner. One deck of cards will be sold. Get your friends that want to go with you and all buy cards together.

It should be a great trip and make a little money for the club.  
Cards will be sold for 10 dollars each.

## Season Summaries and Agreed Fisheries

Here are a couple of links for the upcoming salmon seasons. It looks pretty good this year.

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/summaries#ps-freshwater>

Razor clam openings coming up

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/razor-clams#current>

## Tip of the Month – Spot Prawns

from Stan Prescott



Spot prawns (*Pandalus platyceros*) are little sea creatures that have a delicate texture and amazingly sweet taste that many liken to a combination of the best lobster and fresh-churned butter.

The average life span for a spot prawn is around **six years**. It's around year four or five when something magical happens: spot prawns start transitioning from male to female. Spot prawns start life as males, then they join the other team after their first spawn as males.

Many Puget Sound marine areas open for recreational spot shrimp fishing beginning May 25, including the reopening of Elliott Bay for the 2023 season.

Hood Canal and Discovery Bay, meanwhile, will open May 26.

### 2023 Puget Sound recreational spot shrimp seasons:

**Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line:** Open daily beginning May 25, daylight hours. The recreational spot shrimp season closes when the quota is met.

**Marine Area 5 (western Strait of Juan de Fuca):** Open daily beginning May 25, daylight hours. The recreational spot shrimp season closes when the quota is met.

**Marine Area 6 (Port Angeles Harbor, eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca, excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District):** Open May 25-28, June 8-10, June 22-24, July 7-10, and July 21-23. Daylight hours.

**Marine Area 6 (Discovery Bay Shrimp District):** Open on May 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

**Marine Area 7 South (Iceberg Point, Point Colville, Biz Point, Salmon Bank):** Open May 25-28 and June 8-10. Daylight hours.

**Marine Area 7 East (northern Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay, Sucia and Matia islands, Strait of Georgia):** Open May 25-28 and June 8-10. Daylight hours.

**Marine Area 7 West (San Juan Channel, Speiden Channel, Stuart and Waldron islands):** Open May 25-28, June 8-10, June 22-24, and July 7-10. Daylight hours.

**Marine Areas 8-1 (Saratoga Passage, Deception Pass) and 8-2 (Port Susan, Port Gardner, Everett):** Open on May 25 and June 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

**Marine Area 9 (Edmonds, Port Townsend Bay, Admiralty Inlet):** Open on May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

**Marine Area 10 (Elliott Bay):** Open May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (this is the portion of Marine Area 10 east of a line from West Point to Alki Point).

**Marine Area 10 (outside Elliott Bay):** Open May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (this is the portion of Marine Area 10 west of a line from West Point to Alki Point, which includes the Bainbridge Island shrimp fishing grounds).

**Marine Area 11 (Tacoma-Vashon Island):** Open May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Marine Area 12 (Hood Canal Shrimp District):** Open on May 26, June 9, June 11, June 24, and June 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

**Marine Area 13 (South Puget Sound, Carr Inlet):** Closed for spot shrimp harvest again this season due to continued low abundance.

Daily limit of 10 pounds, heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined (maximum of 80 spot shrimp, if open for spot shrimp).

If retaining only spot shrimp, then shrimp heads may be removed and discarded in the field.

If retaining any shrimp species other than spot shrimp, then shrimp heads may be removed but must be retained while in the field, until ashore and finished fishing for the day.

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is 1" mesh unless the area is closed for spot shrimp.

When mixing bait for shrimp you need to consider the areas you fish. Most of the inner Puget Sound areas are only open for 4 hours so you need to mix your bait such that it is somewhat soupy or like thick pancake batter. My rule for these short 4 hour windows is the bait should be 1/2 to 2/3 gone after an hour soak. I check my pots

every hour. For other areas where you can fish daylight hours thicker bait will allow you leave your pots out for a few hours before checking if so desired.

This is what I use for bait.

- 6 Lb bucket super bait prawn bait (pellets)
- 3.5 lb bag Friskies Seafood flavor dry cat food

Grind dry cat food and shrimp pellets in Cuisinart or blender. Place this mixture in 5 gallon bucket and add

- 64 oz Pro cure crab and shrimp attractant oil, some people use Alaska fish fertilizer instead
- 3 cans Friskies Mariners Catch Pate cat food
- 3 cans Tuna in oil and if you have any left over old herring throw them in there also

I use my cordless drill with a paint mixing attachment to mix thoroughly, add water to get the mixture to correct consistency.

If you have any single salmon eggs that result from curing salmon roe, save them and any reserve liquid to add to the blended mixture. As the shrimp pop the eggs they release an addition scent trail.

## Raffle News

### April 2023 Raffle News

This month we will be having two big items in the raffle. An ADDICTED "Chrome Hunter" backpack/drybag made by Mustad. This is a great pack for hiking into and out of bank fishing locations and hauling your catch out or just to keep your personal gear dry when on a boat trip.

We will also have an 8 foot one piece fast action custom made spinning rod. I think this is a great boat rod for Puget Sound.

As usual we will have plenty of other fishing items to choose from.

Thanks,  
Bob Holzberger  
206-890-7066



## Visit Our Website

The website has the recipe of the month, links to our sponsors, and a year's worth of past newsletters.

There is a new link on the Hogpen web page to submit photo's for the Hogpen, which will provide the pictures for the Newsletter, Website, and Christmas Banquet.

[www.saveourfish.org](http://www.saveourfish.org)





## Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 47 members. If you are on Facebook and haven't requested to join the group, now is your chance.

**Let's see how many members we can get this year!** This is a great way to get club information. It can also be used to connect with other members to fill an empty seat in the boat, see where other members are fishing (if they are willing to share), or post videos, photos, or other fishing and conservation interests.

## Membership – New and Renewals

Thank you everyone that have paid your membership dues for the 2023 year. For those of you who have not yet paid, it's not too late. Memberships can be paid online, at any SOF meeting, or by mail to the address at the bottom of the SOF membership form. Contact Rich Gregory if you have any membership question.

You can pay by mail or online at <http://www.saveourfish.org/Membership/Membership.htm>.

The membership form is attached at the end of this newsletter or you can contact our member chair, Rich Gregory, at [rwgav8@hotmail.com](mailto:rwgav8@hotmail.com).

Click here to pay: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX\\_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0)

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The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

## Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter. Hats are embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting. \$10



## **Member Classifieds**

Do you have any items in the garage that have just been collecting dust over the years? Maybe a fishing pole that you just don't use anymore. Why not sell it to a fellow member in the new classifieds section? Send a brief description of the item you would like to sell and photo if available to [sof.psa@hotmail.com](mailto:sof.psa@hotmail.com) and we will include it in the next issue of the newsletter.

**If you have a website or product you would like to share, please send the information to:**  
**[Sof.psa@hotmail.com](mailto:Sof.psa@hotmail.com)**

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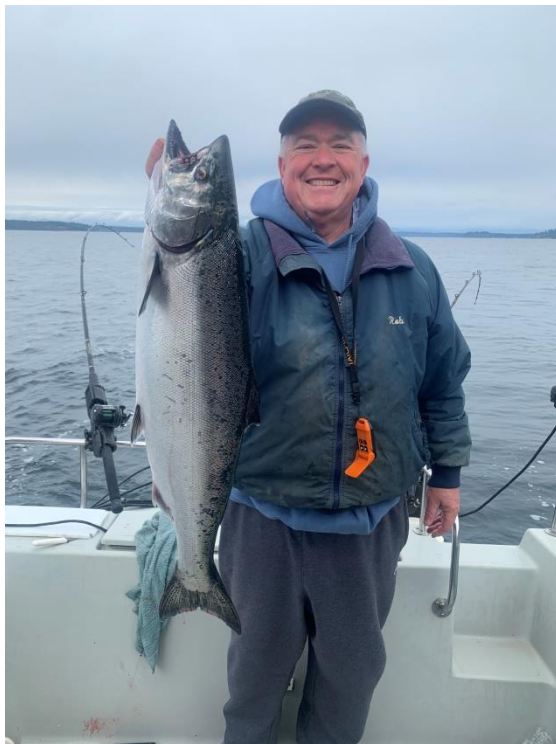


# Hog Pen

Do you have a picture from your latest fishing adventures? Be sure to send it, with your descriptive caption to [sof.psa@hotmail.com](mailto:sof.psa@hotmail.com) for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.



Bart with south Puget Sound Blackmouth



Jr and Rob  
15 lb and 13 lb winter mouth



One of Shane's shuttle customers  
on the Elochoman

# Recipe of the Month

## Crab Crunchies from Facebook

### Tasteful Recipes

#### 🦀Crab Crunchies 🦀

I was lucky enough to run across these in another group, and they're soooo good so I needed to share. 😊

In a bowl: cut up crab meat (imitation or real will work), coat with oil or melted butter (I prefer butter), season how you like it (I used salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder), mix all up until fully coated.

Put in the air fryer at 380 degrees for 8 minutes, open and shake, cook for 8 more minutes, I make a butter and garlic dipping sauce. Done!

Follow [AllGood Recipes](#) for more delicious recipes! 😊





## Save Our Fish Chapter

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### 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		Date:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i> ):		
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Email Address:		
Sponsor:		

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2023 calendar year. Dues paid through February 28, 2023 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00. Dues paid after March 1, 2023 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or [sof.psa@hotmail.com](mailto:sof.psa@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

#### MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
Adult: 18-61 – annual dues \$30	
Family: heads of household and all other family members younger than 18 – annual dues \$40	
Juvenile: 17 and younger – annual dues \$15	
Senior: 62 and older – annual dues \$20	

#### PAYMENT

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Please check appropriate membership selection above, complete form, and bring to meeting or mail with check to:

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