



## Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

### Next Chapter Meeting:

**Next Meeting Date March 22, 2023  
6:00pm  
Trotter's Restaurant  
825 Harvey Rd, Auburn**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>  
For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:  
<http://saveourfish.org/board>  
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### Up and Coming Activities:

#### March

**22 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm**  
Speaker: MD Johnson, jetty fishing

#### April

**12 – Board Meeting 7:00pm**  
**26 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm**

#### 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**



## President's Message -- Rob Larsen

Those of you that want to go to Neah Bay and enjoy the club outing, it will be happening the 13th, 14th and 15th of July. I did get my moorage and they still have moorage available. Lodging is getting a little bit more difficult so don't wait if you plan to go. We will be having a club potluck on Friday night. As we get closer, we will let you know the location.

The North of Falcon process is underway. I attended the first meeting in Lacey and brought up a number of issues, the biggest one being the way that juvenile encounters are counted. I ask what the adult equivalency was and how the finite element analysis utilized the numbers and what I found out was that the number used in the model is more than 20 years old and really doesn't account for how many of those fish would die regardless of if they were encountered. The bottom line on this is that we're likely using a higher number for mortality than what should be used and our seasons are being cut short incorrectly. I did get a chance to talk with Dereck Dapp about this and he is looking for ways to improve the model and try to get some more recent data. Stay tuned -- it will take a while to get any change on this.

We are likely to have a reasonably good Sockeye season on Baker Lake. I plan to go up and get a campsite and spend a few days enjoying the beautiful scenery there and catching some nice Sockeye. I hope some of you will come up as well.

I also must say I am looking forward to our presentation on jetty fishing this month as it is something I have not done, but have thought about many times. Hope to see you all out for the meeting.



Tight Lines,  
Rob Larsen  
SOF PSA president

## March Speaker – MD Johnson, M&J Outdoor Communications

Born and raised in northeast Ohio and spending the years 1997 through 2015 in eastern Iowa, M.D. Johnson is now back in southwest Washington where he apparently belongs. A graduate of Ohio University (1986), Johnson, along with his wife/photographer, Julia, has owned and operated M & J Outdoor Communications, a full-time freelance outdoor writing business since 1993. In addition to his writing, Johnson currently serves as assistant fire chief for Wahkiakum County Fire Protection District 4, has worked as a Red Card-ed wildland firefighter since 2018, and is a substitute teacher for Wahkiakum High School. Waterfowl and so-called "spiny ray fish" are his first outdoor passions; however, he, thanks to his wife, has learned to love bottom fishing, oysters, steamer clams, and bobber fishing for salmon from the North Jetty.

At the meeting MD will be focusing on bottom fishing from the North Jetty at the mouth of the Columbia; however, the tactics covered here could easily be applied to the Westport Jetty or anywhere up and down the West Coast...wherever bottom fish are found. This presentation will spotlight Black Sea bass (rockfish) and smaller ling cod. You don't want to miss this!

## 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.



**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 Carrie Hoffman

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.

## Tip of the Month – Baitfish

from Carl Carver

This tip is for all the saltwater Salmon fishermen/women. The subject is Baitfish. The information was taken from the February Issue of the Salmon Trout Steelheader magazine.

### Baitfish

The time of year makes a difference where bait is located as well as the size of bait. The herring spawn occurs from late winter through springtime and adult herring will be in the kelp beds and eel grass bays where they deposit their eggs, which attract underwater vegetation.

Using adult size herring such as blue and green label works when the spawn is on but other times of the year most herring near shore are juvenile fish and that means sizing baits and lures. Anchovies are all but one size when you buy them and use them as baits, but their green color can lend to lures well and you can adjust the size by using artificial baits. Sand lance is another favorite bait fish and once again they are small. You can usually tell when a chinook has been feeding on sand lance as they will often have scars and cuts on their gill plates as they rake the bottom of the ocean where the tiny baitfish prefer to live. If you catch a chinook with these markings, then be sure to downsize the lures and go with more of a silver color.

Fishing for Chinook along the shoreline is not only productive but peaceful. Wildlife watching makes for a great way to pass time between bites and the fishing is often in protected waters. These areas are often used as feeding grounds for Chinook as they head to their spawning grounds. If outside waters are rough, give the shoreline a try and you just may come home with that trophy Chinook or a limit of nice fish.

## Raffle News

### March 2023 Raffle News

With three beaches opening up for razor clamming, we will feature another clam gun in the raffle this month. Twin Harbors, Copalis, and Mocrocks are open for select dates through the end of March and are tentatively scheduled for multiple dates in April. This is a great activity for the whole family to participate in.

We will have plenty of other fishing related items in the raffle to choose from.

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting.

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=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX\\_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0)

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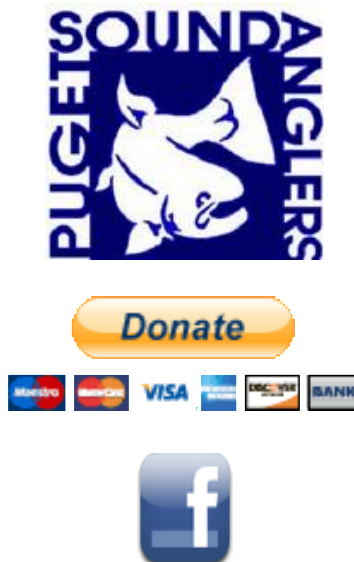
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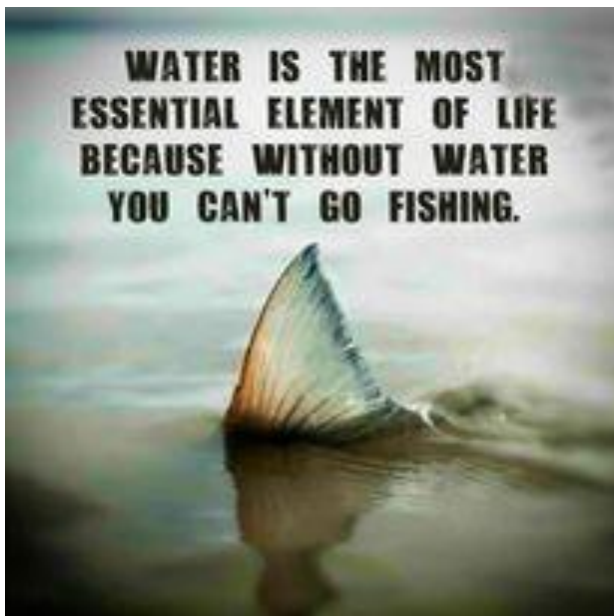


The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

## 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.



Grouper caught by Hal in Mexico



Rob's friend Jason  
on the Cowlitz



One of Shane's shuttle customers  
on the Elochoman

# Recipe of the Month

## Shane's Best Darn Razor Clam Dip Ever

With razor clam season upon us, it's time to post this again!

(this is for a double batch)

Ingredients:

2- 8 oz. pkgs. of cream cheese

8-10 oz chopped or ground razor clams (I grind mine and usually use necks)

1 Tbs. Worcestershire Sauce

1 Tbs. lemon juice

1 Tbs. garlic powder

3-4 shots of Tabasco Original (shot means shake, not shot glass!)

6-8 shots of Tabasco Chipotle



Cook ground clams in microwave for approx. 2 minutes, stirring after every 20 seconds.

Mix all ingredients together and chill.

\*Cool clams in freezer before adding to other ingredients if you want to enjoy right away.

We have found that the Ritz Toasted Chips Main Street Original is the best combination with this dip!



## Save Our Fish Chapter

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### 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i> ):		
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Email Address:		
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#### 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	
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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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