



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

**Next Meeting Date March 27, 2024
6:00pm
Trotter's Restaurant
825 Harvey Rd, Auburn**

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<http://www.saveourfish.org/Board/board.htm>
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Up and Coming Activities:

March

27 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm
Speaker: Gabe Miller, Farwest Sports

April

10 – Board Meeting 7:00pm
24 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

May

4 – Auburn Kids Derby
8 – Board Meeting 7:00pm
11 – Algona Kids Derby
22 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

June

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



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

We are about half way through this year's North Of Falcon process. We have the ocean forecast from the PFMC and it looks pretty good. Puget Sound should be pretty similar to last year. That said, they are looking at something quite different to try to get us more days on the water in area 11. They are looking at the June fishery similar to last year and then have a pause until either 25 July or 1 August as official opener. Then conduct test fisheries to see when the juveniles have passed and if there's good numbers

of adults, they would do an emergency opener at that time .You can read Andy Wogglemart's article on it.<https://nwsportsmanmag.com/wdfw-talks-area-10-11-chinook-proposal-snohomish-wild-kings-with-anglers/> I think that we will get more days on the water with this plan. Baker Lake looks good and we should have a fun club outing up there hoping a few more people decide to go. The Skykomish summer chinook fishery does not look good again this year but they are moving forward with it in the LOAF at this point. I do expect it will get cut but we can always hope it doesn't.

I hope a lot of you saw our State President Ron Garner on TV down on the Nisqually River. I got a call from Bart alerting me it was going to be on and got to see it. Thanks Bart. Ron is part of the Salmon coalition and there is a need for us to work together if we're going to improve our Salmon returns. Ron has been doing an excellent job working with the tribes and them inviting him to be a part of this is evidence of that. Click on the link to watch it <https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/coalition-brings-together-longtime-rivals-help-salmon/281-420f83c6-6a1b-47e6-a54b-1f6bf78e4bf0>

There are a few more clamming tides coming our way and I plan to take the grandkids and go have fun.

Tight Lines,

Rob Larsen
SOF PSA president

March Speaker – Gabe Miller, Farwest Sports

Our speaker this month will be Gabe Miller. He is the buyer for Farwest Sports, which includes Outdoor Emporium and Sportco. He is on the Puget Sound Advisory Board and tirelessly works to improve our fishing opportunities.

Gabe has agreed to come and share some of his knowledge on how to catch salmon in Puget Sound.

You don't want to miss it. He will also field questions on this fishery.

2024 Club Outings

We have three planned club outings this year. Save the dates, more information to come.

The first is a sockeye trip to ***Baker Lake July 11th, 12th and 13th***. If there are not enough fish in the Lake we will move to the 15th, 16th and 17th.

The second is a trip to ***Neah Bay August 22nd, 23rd and 24th***.

The 3rd will be ***October 4th and 5th the Mike Woods Memorial*** trip staying at Wishka and fishing the coastal rivers.

We are looking for an ***outing coordinator***. Let us know if you are interested.

Tip of the Month – Trout Plants

From Jim Hand

You can go to the WDFW website (wdfw.wa.gov) for the statewide trout plants. This will tell you the amount and size of everything that's been planted and should help you plan ahead. You will know what you can expect to catch.

On the website, click *Fishing and Shellfishing*, scroll down and click *Fishing and stocking reports*. Scroll down to *Fish stocking* and click that link. On the *Fish stocking* page click the link for *Catchable trout plants reports*. This page will give you everything you need to know to figure out where you want to go trout fishing.

Hopefully this helps everybody. Good luck!

Youth Fishing Derby Opportunities Kids Fishing Derbies for 2024



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

Auburn Youth Fishing Derby is May 4th 8:30am-12:00pm at Mill Pond Park.

Algona Kids' Fishing Derby is May 11th 9am-11am at Matchett Park, 402 Warde St.

For the Algona event registration, please contact Gary Klein at 253-217-5000. 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 4

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 2024 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.B.F Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers.



Additional thanks to:

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Algona's



Free

2-11yrs

Little KIDS' FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 11th

9am-11am

Matchett Park ~ 402 Warde St.

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

Call Gary 253-217-5000

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Hanson Dam Fish Passage

Article from the *Auburn Reporter* by Steve Hunter

A total of \$500 million to construct a downstream fish passage facility at Howard Hanson Dam along the Green River is part of President Joe Biden's proposed federal budget for 2025.

Biden released a \$7.3 trillion budget proposal for the 2025 fiscal year on Monday, March 11. Congress must approve the budget.

The dam, about 25 miles east of Kent, helps protect the Green River Valley communities of Auburn, Kent, Tukwila and Renton, which depend on the earthen dam, built in 1961, to protect their lives and their jobs from flooding.

The dam continues to be a barrier to migrating salmon.

"This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District project will restore the biological connection to more than 100 miles of high-quality salmon spawning habitat upriver from the dam," according to a March 11 Army Corps news release. "This is a 45% increase of total spawning habitat area on the Green River."

The dam has prevented an estimated \$23 billion in flood damage since its completion, according to the Army Corps. The dam includes other benefits such as providing clean drinking water to the people of Tacoma, Kent, Covington and other areas, fish conservation and ecosystem restoration.

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has pushed hard for the fish passage funds.

"I've worked hard to make sure that saving our salmon is a top priority at the federal level," Murray said in a statement. "The Howard Hanson Dam fish passage facility project is absolutely critical to salmon recovery in Washington state—and I've made clear through extensive engagement and many conversations with the Army Corps and OMB (Office of Management and Budget) that we need to get the job done on this project, which will open up over 100 miles of prime habitat and has the potential to produce more salmon than any other project in our region.

"We took a big step forward on this project with the \$220 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and another step with \$50 million I included in this year's appropriations bills. But the most important step we've been working toward throughout this process is major federal funding for the actual construction of the fish passage facility."

The goal is to finish the fish passage facility by 2030. In 2019, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a Biological Opinion requiring the Army Corps to finish the project and have the fish passage facility operational by the end of 2030.

Tacoma Public Utilities has already completed an upstream fish passage facility that is ready for operation, according to the Army Corps. Once the Army Corps' downstream facility is operational, the two facilities will open the watershed above the dam for migrating salmon.

"The funding requested in President Biden's budget for Howard Hanson Dam would fully cover the construction contract award for the fish passage facility—this is a true milestone and a real cause for celebration," Murray said. "Salmon and fish are so foundational to Washington state's economy, culture, and our Tribal partners—and in writing our funding bills for next year, you can bet I will do my part at every step of the way to deliver this historic funding to restore wild salmon to our rivers and streams."

Raffle News

March 2024 Raffle News

Our featured item in the raffle this month will be a Lamiglass Certified-Pro 9 1/2' spinning rod. I'm looking to have some decent secondary items available also.

Hope to see you all at the March meeting.

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.

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Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 65 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 2024 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.

Click here to pay: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0

Use the “**Donate with a Card**” option if you don’t have a Paypal account.

You will get an email confirmation/receipt after you complete the payment process. Make sure you fill in your email address!

Here’s what the top of the form looks like. **Click the \$ sign to fill in your amount then click the + sign on the “Add special instructions” and tell us what you are paying for. Example: 2018 dues for Greg Hindman.**

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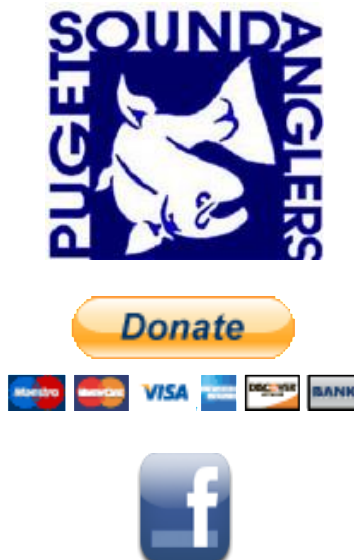
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It looks like the below:



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.

New merchandise coming soon!



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 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

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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 for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.



A few more of Shane Conrad shuttle clients with steelhead on the Elochoman River.
The Elochoman had a great winter steelhead fishery this year!



Todd Girtz caught a big one!



Rob Larsen
Plunking on the Cowlitz



Blackmouth from Area 11
One caught by Scott Shelp
and one by Rob Larsen

Recipe of the Month

Brazilian Salmon Stew (Moqueca)

simplyrecipes.com/recipes/salmon_fish_stew_brazilian_style

Prep Time 25 mins

Cook Time 45 mins

Marinating 2 hrs

Total Time 3 hrs 10 mins

Servings 6 to 8 servings



Ingredients

For the marinade:

- Cloves from 1/2 head garlic, peeled, crushed, and minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

For the soup:

- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds salmon, cut into 2-inch pieces (largish bite-sized pieces)
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 2 medium onions, sliced
- 1 large green bell pepper, seeded, de-stemmed, and sliced
- 2 medium tomatoes, sliced
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 (14-ounce) can regular coconut milk (not light)
- 1 large bunch fresh cilantro, chopped (1 to 2 cups), divided

Method

1. Marinate the salmon:

In a medium bowl, combine the garlic, lime juice, coarse salt, sweet paprika, cumin, and the black pepper. Let the salmon marinate in this paste for at least 2 hours. The longer, the better.

2. Layer the ingredients in a large pot:

Coat the bottom of a large covered skillet or Dutch oven with a couple tablespoons of olive oil. Add a layer of sliced onions, then a layer of sliced bell peppers, and then a layer of sliced tomatoes.

Place the fish pieces with the marinade, on top of everything, and start layering again—onions, bell peppers, and tomatoes.

3. Top with cilantro, coconut milk, and olive oil:

Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Add about half of your fresh cilantro on top.

Pour coconut milk over everything. Drizzle generously with olive oil over the top (several tablespoons).

4. Cook the stew:

Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and let simmer for 30 minutes to an hour, until the vegetables are cooked through.

Serve hot in individual bowls, garnished with the remaining cilantro.

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

392	Calories
28g	Fat
8g	Carbs
27g	Protein



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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2024 calendar year. Dues paid through February 28, 2024 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00. Dues paid after March 1, 2024 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or sof.psa@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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