



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Next Meeting Date November 15, 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>

Newsletter editor: Dayle Conrad

Up and Coming Activities:

November

15 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

Speaker: Todd Girtz

December

9 – Christmas Party 6:00pm

13 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

January

10 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

24 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

February

14 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

28 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

Well, it is full on Fall. The leaves are turning and the trees look absolutely beautiful. It is one of my favorite times of year. There are chums in the Green and should be some decent fishing for another week or two. As our salmon season winds down it's time to start thinking about steelhead. I have been spending lots of time working with Mike Scharpf of WDFW and, although cautiously optimistic, we will have more opportunities this year. To those of you that made comments after the steelhead meeting "thank you." I will discuss this a little at the upcoming meeting.

As I looked around the room at our October club meeting, I realized many of us are not getting any younger. It is apparent that we need to bring new young members into the club. If we don't, the club is going to wither and die. The average age of our club members is getting up there. With that in mind I would like to encourage each of you to look for ways to involve young folks in fishing. Take them out where they will have a good time and catch some fish. Invite those you see on the river to a meeting and anything else you can think of that makes sense. I would like to hear your ideas on this topic?

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you we have lost a long-standing member of our club. On November 2nd Joe Slepski passed away. Joe was president of the club when I first joined 38 years ago and he will be greatly missed.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Come learn from one of the most knowledgeable fishermen I know -- our very own Todd Girtz.

Tight Lines,

Rob Larsen
SOF PSA president

November Speaker – Todd Girtz

Our speaker this month will be our very own Todd Girtz, owner operator of Todd's Extreme fishing. For those of you that have fished with Todd you know the name is perfect. He will be speaking to us about fishing for Halibut, Lingcod and bottom fish on the Washington coast. He is a fantastic fisherman and shares much more information than most. He is very detailed and an excellent communicator so don't miss this great opportunity to learn from one of the best.



To learn more about Todd or to book a date, check out his website at [Todd's Extreme Fishing](#).

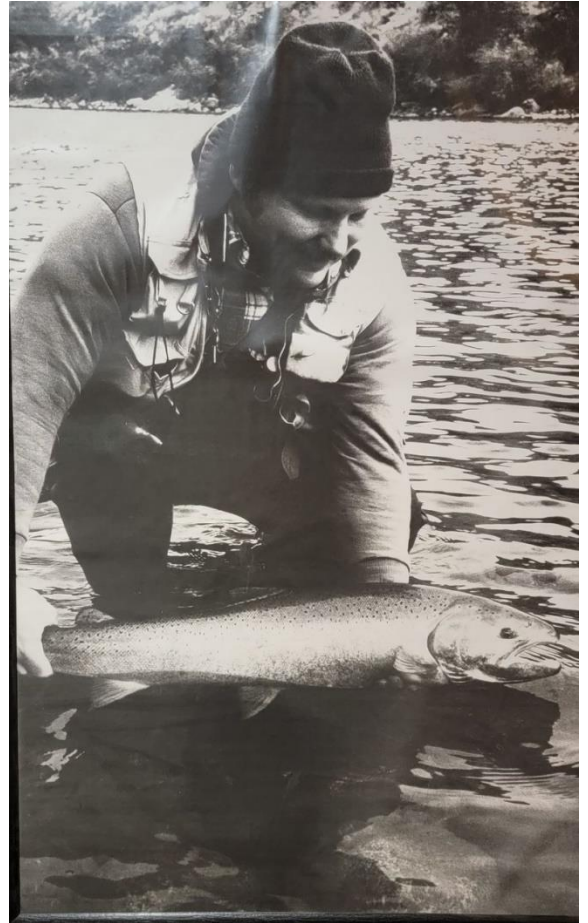
In Memory of Joe Slepki

His Last Cast

We each see our world through lenses of our own design. Some of us are takers. Some of us are givers. And some of us are champions.

Joe Slepki decided to protect people and wildlife. His life's journey ended in the Cowlitz River Nov. 2 as he cast to perhaps his favorite quarry, searun cutthroat trout.

Some of us first met Joe at Boeing where he was a manager of classified programs in Kent. What struck me about Joe right off the bat was his fierce protection of the people in his organization. Due to the classified nature and controls placed on classified and secure government programs, his staff could not talk about their accomplishments and how their Government customers depended on their services to seamlessly provide for our national security. So, in the never-ending rounds of layoffs and budget cuts, Joe went to battle for his people, often standing in the cross hairs of finance geeks ignorant to the importance of these vital programs. Scores of Boeing engineers in his care owe their longevity at Boeing to Joe's willingness to stand up for those who were restricted from justifying their worth.



Joe brought that same level of commitment and sacrifice to conserving our priceless fish resources. He was the president of our local Trout Unlimited chapter as well as a long-time board member of the local Puget Sound Anglers chapter. He was one of the founding members and president of the SeaTac Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association, one of the first CCA chapters in Washington. He cultivated a team that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for fish conservation and helped raise awareness of the declining health of our fish populations.

He was never hesitant about getting his hands dirty (or wet), helping kids catch their first trout at local kids' trout derbies, planting trees, rewilding and improving spawning streams, and volunteering for all kinds of fish conservation projects spanning several decades.

He also brought his considerable leadership experience to bear in the fish politics arena. As a shining example, He faced down the City of Tacoma when they refused to provide fish passage at the Green River's Howard Hanson Dam. They eventually instituted a trap-and-truck process to restore wild steelhead to the pristine waters of the upper Green's watershed. Much of the credit goes to Joe and the unlikely coalition of usual enemies he cobbled together. That powerful group included City bureaucrats, US Army Corps of Engineers dam experts, citizen volunteers, WDFW biologists, Tribal biologists, fish managers, and recreational fishermen.

A few years ago, he took on the ambitious task of repopulating Puget Sound with native Olympia oysters, starting at Penrose Park. Once again, Joe sought the involvement of many different groups to establish the credibility of his concept, secure funding for the implementation and maintenance of the oysters, and nurture community involvement to ensure continued widespread support.

We lost a tireless giant for fish and wildlife conservation when Joe made his last cast. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that remembrances be made to CCA.

<https://ccawashington.org/donation/>



Joe Slepski with his children Amanda and Joey



Photos Needed for Christmas Banquet

Send your fishing pictures to Rich Gregory ASAP so he can start putting the slide show together for the Christmas Banquet. You can bring your electronic photos to the club meeting via USB drive identified with your name, or you can send them electronically via email to Rich at sof.psa@hotmail.com.



****Save the Date! Christmas Banquet December 9th ** Please note change of date****

This year's Chapter Christmas Party will be held December 9th at the **Swiss Sportsman Club located at 9205 198th Ave E, Bonney Lake, 98391.**

Doug Williams is our party chairman and will bring signup sheets and discuss this event at our October and November meetings. Sign-up will be for attendance, potluck dish and other various duties. Our chapter will provide the turkey, ham, water, coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer. Each member should bring a dish to share for the supper.



Please bring all items for the silent auction to the facility as early as possible. Donations of items other than fishing gear are encouraged to keep our non-fishing family members interested.

We will have a Smoked Salmon contest again this year. Bring your favorite recipe for tasting. Everyone will have an opportunity to vote on the best recipe and a prize will be awarded by the club. The prize is yet to be chosen, but a filet knife has been suggested.

We are also asking everyone to bring a special lure to hang on the "Lure Tree" which will be displayed in the hall. Everyone will be given a ticket and there will be a drawing for the Tree after dinner. Bring lures worth about \$5.00 to make it a special gift. Doug Williams will be in charge of this project and will be giving out the tickets that evening.

Start sending pictures in for our end of the year slide show to Rich Gregory at sof.psa@hotmail.com. It should be great!

We had a great turnout last year and it was a special time of celebration with our chapter members and their families. It is truly the highlight event of the year full of fun, joy, fellowship, and fantastic food. Come join in and enjoy this year end event.

Election of Officers for 2024 & Board of Director Openings

We will be electing our officers for 2024 at our November 15th meeting. If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer this is your opportunity. We have an excellent board of directors and there is considerable experience, knowledge, and support to help new officers transition if elected.

Being a board member is a great way to prepare for one of the offices as well. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 7pm. Some of the business we conduct is review minutes from previous meeting, membership status, financial status, monthly speakers, raffle status, Newsletter, Website, Events, Outings, Projects, Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) status, and new business

Founders Award

The board of directors established the Founders Award to recognize the member that has gone above and beyond the "call to help with the club". The first annual award was given to the founding fathers of the Save Our Fish (SOF) Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers. The board of directors will begin accepting nominations for this year's award at the October general meeting. There will be ballots and a secure ballot box at the meeting. If, for some reason, a member is not able to vote by ballot at the meeting they may send a nomination to Rob Larsen by email (topfishingguy@gmail.com) up to the day before the November 8th board meeting. It will be placed in the ballot box. The winning member will be chosen by the board of directors.

Criteria for nomination of a member:

- Participation in chapter activities
- Hard work for the chapter



Rob Larsen receives Founders Award 2022

- Support of fellow members
- Goes above and beyond what is expected
- Takes initiative to further chapter goals/objectives

The nomination must have a brief explanation of why the member is being nominated, as the board of directors must have an understanding of why this member is being considered for this award. There will be space on the ballot for this explanation.

This process will not be by voice vote on the floor. A ballot must be presented to the board. The board will make the decision at the November board meeting and present the award at the December 9th meeting, which will also be the Christmas dinner party.

Tip of the Month – Fishing Safety

from Rob Larsen

- Wear a flotation device when boating or even when wading. The self-inflating units don't take much to put on and could save your life.
- Fish with others when possible and be extra cautious when you are alone.
- If you are wading with waders, wear a wading belt so if you go down your waders do not fill. Use a wading staff.
- Tell someone where you will be.
- Remember as we age some things we did when we were younger are no longer a good idea.
- If there is any question don't push it.

Raffle News

November 2023 Raffle News

This month's featured item in the raffle will be a Berkley Air IM7 9'6" medium action spinning rod. These are great rods. I have the same rod in the bait-caster version and use it all the time. As usual, we will have an assortment of other items to choose from. I'm going to search my garage for some other nice items to include this month.

Do we have any SCUBA divers in the group? I've got an extra Pneumatic speargun that I could donate. It would work great on large halibut if you don't have a harpoon.

Hope to see you all on Wednesday.

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



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 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.

Click here to pay: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FlZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-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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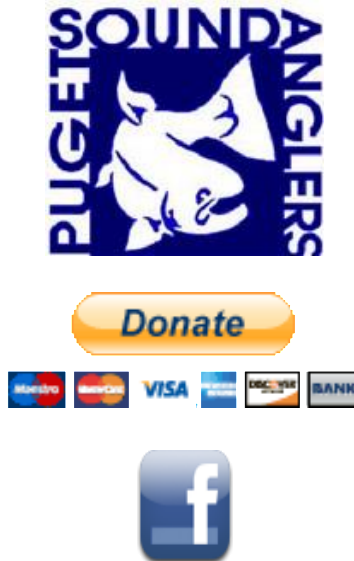
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You can also get to this Donate link via our main web site <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

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.

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 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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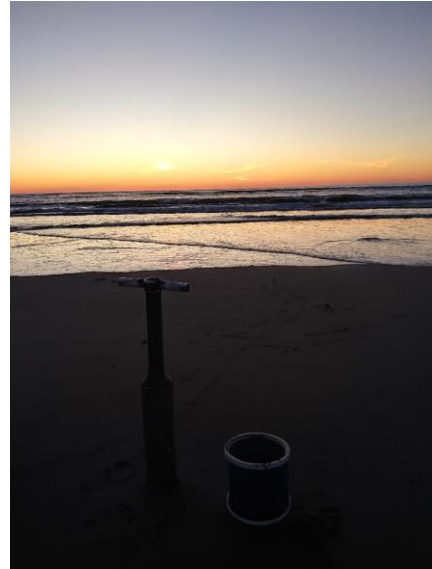


[Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant](#) – Carbon River Cleanup



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.



Shane Conrad and friends enjoying beautiful weather for clam digging in Surfside. Everyone got their limits!



Rob Larsen has turned his attention to Chanterelles

Recipe of the Month

Walnut-Rosemary Crusted Salmon



You can't beat this delicious Walnut-Rosemary Crusted Salmon dish for good nutrition, since both salmon and walnuts are great sources of omega-3 fatty acids. This is a simple salmon recipe that will wow your family and impress your friends.

- **Author:** Norann Oleson
- **Prep Time:** 10 minutes
- **Cook Time:** 10 minutes
- **Total Time:** 20 minutes
- **Yield:** Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 3 tablespoon panko breadcrumbs
- 3 tablespoon finely chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 (1-pound) skinless salmon fillet, fresh or frozen
- Olive oil cooking spray
- Chopped fresh parsley and lemon wedges for garnish

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Combine mustard, garlic, lemon zest, lemon juice, rosemary, honey, salt, and crushed red pepper in a small bowl.
3. Combine panko, walnuts, and oil in another small bowl.
4. Place salmon on the prepared baking sheet. Spread the mustard mixture over the fish and sprinkle with the panko mixture, pressing to adhere. Lightly coat with cooking spray.
5. Bake about 8 to 10 minutes, until the fish flakes easily with a fork, depending on thickness.
6. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with lemon wedges as garnish, if desired.

Find it online: <https://foodgardening.mequoda.com/recipe/walnut-rosemary-crusted-salmon/>



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2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i>):		
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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 if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
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Juvenile: 17 and younger – annual dues \$15	
Senior: 62 and older – annual dues \$20	

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

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