



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Next Meeting Date October 25, 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:

October

25 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

Speaker:

December

9 – Christmas Party 6:00pm

13 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

November

8 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

15 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

January

10 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

24 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

Those of us that went on the club outing had a good time. I was expecting high water after the heavy rain but what we found was low clear water. I hope to have more of you at our future outings.

Well, it seems like it's one thing after another. The Wild Fish Coalition has filed another petition to stop all steelhead fishing in the State of Washington. I'm working with the WDFW to find out the plan to respond. The petition was to the Wildlife Commission and at some point WDFW will have to make a presentation on the topic to the wildlife commission. They are currently formulating their position.

Several of us in the club are trying to figure out how we can use the whole adult fish quota in area 11 next year. We will be doing much prior to the NOF meetings. There are many other things going to happen. I could go on and on but I won't.

It is the time of year when we're looking for additional board members. If you want to be more involved here is your chance. I would like to thank Steve Fulkerson for his 6 years of outstanding service as our secretary. That said, we really need a new secretary because I can't function as a president without one. As your president I am putting out a plea to anyone that would be willing to fill this role. It is very important. Please let me know if you would be willing to help out.

There are many fishing opportunities right now from lakes, streams, rivers to saltwater although salt water is winding down. It has been a good year with some notable disappointments. Area 11.

I am very pleased that our club has been able to get involved with the nutrient enhancement project on the Puyallup River watershed. See the article in this newsletter and contact Bob Holzberger if you want to be a part of that.

I will be out of town hunting and will not make our next meeting but it should be a great meeting and I hope you all attend.

Tight Lines,

Rob Larsen
SOF PSA president

September Speaker – Bob Buchanan from Beau Mac

Bob Buchanan from Beau Mac will be speaking on shellfish. Bob has a wealth of knowledge and shares freely. He will share how to be much more successful at catching your share of crab and digging clams. He will give you the opportunity to ask questions and have the answers you always wanted to know. Come learn from his vast knowledge of shellfish.



Humptulips River Outing Recap

The water on the Hump was low and clear and although there were fish, they had other ideas than being caught. Day one Tim and Scott managed to get their limit of Coho. My boat with Hal and Bart struggled. We had 2 really nice fish on for a good while, but the fish won the battle and got off. Ron and Jim struggled as well. The second day we slept in and took our time. We ended up landing 4 nice fish, 3 kings and 1 silver. Let's just say we earned the fish that we got.

Dinner was great with some yummy pork done by Jim and venison stew made by Rob. It was served with hot sourdough French bread and butter. Hal brought apple pie and definitely no one went hungry.



Day one second float it was a little slow. This is Hal not sleeping.



Bart with a nice King



Rob with a nice shiny King



Rob with his King and jumbo Coho

Puyallup water shed nutrient enhancement

There have been 900 fish carcasses spread in the Puyallup water shed so far this year. This is a celebrative effort between us and the Gig Harbor chapter who has the lead on this effort. Bob Holzberger is our chapter lead so far. Bob, Russ Carver and Rob Larsen have helped out. There will be some additional days.

Contact Bob and get involved. It is a lot of fun.



Both clubs working together



Bob throwing a slimy king

State Agency Seeks Input From Anglers

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is hosting a series of online public meetings this fall to discuss development of the 2023-24 coastal steelhead fishing season.

Fishers and anyone interested in steelhead management and conservation along the Washington coast can attend the first of these public meetings beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 25.

The primary goal of the first town hall meeting will be to solicit fishery proposals from the public for the upcoming season. Fishery managers with WDFW will also present information on the steelhead management framework, trends in coastal steelhead abundance and environmental indicators, upcoming forecasts, and summarize the 2022-23 season.

For more information on this and other upcoming virtual town halls, or to provide comments or suggestions online, please visit WDFW's coastal steelhead webpage at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/steelhead/coastal.



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 October 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
- Support of fellow members



Rob Larsen receives Founders Award 2022

- 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 – Tips for catching Chum

from Kathy Carnino

Where to fish- Hood Canal, Satsop River, Green River, Chehalis River, Humptulips River, and many other areas. Check regulations to make sure that the river is still open for chum fishing and limit.

When to fish - end of October till the end of November

What to use - 3 to 5 foot leader length on a float (1/2 to 1 oz. float) can use a 1/4 to 3/8's ounce leaded jig head, tipped with a shrimp or prawn. You can also twitch a jig for chum in deep pools. The shrimp or prawn can be salt brined (non iodized or sea salt) or use your special scent. Chum love shrimp/prawn flavor. By brining the shrimp/prawn it will stay on your hooks better when you cast. You can also use herring or anchovies in the salt water, placing the head of the fish facing downward on a hook. Chum will also bite on corkies and yarn, bottom bouncing.

Colors of jig - pink, purple, green or chartreuse. **Top color for Commercial Fishermen in Alaska is purple hoochies in Sitka, Alaska.

Hook size - 1 and larger

Leader - 12 to 20lb.

* Be ready for a fight on your hands if you catch one. Beware they are not called "Dog Salmon" for a reason; they have large teeth that look like dog teeth! Chum can reach up to 15 pounds in our waters.

* Smoked Chum can be very good if smoked correctly.

Raffle News

October 2023 Raffle News

So here is the deal with the featured item in our raffle this month. I have a real nice pair of Pro Line stocking foot breathable waders..... but here is the deal, the size is a L S, which I think means Large / Slim. They are definitely made for a tall person and not good for a really heavy person.



If you are the first one drawn and they are not for you, I will have a nice Tica line counter reel for a backup prize.

As usual, we will have a number of other items to choose from.
Hope to see you all at this month's 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 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.

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

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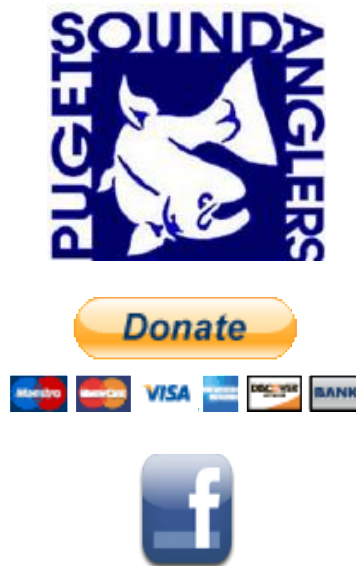
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Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

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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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.



Rob Larsen's granddaughter, Addison
Slaying Kokanee at Alder Lake





Stanley Prescott: Hog river coho. The Hoh doesn't have a hatchery for salmon but I caught this clipped fish floating between Allen's bar and G&L shake take out. She must have fell in love with one of Hoh River bucks.

Recipe of the Month

Clam Fritters

from my neighbor Sharron Casapulla

Ingredients

- 2 c. ground fresh razor clams
- 2 c. raw grated potatoes (Sharron uses reconstituted dehydrated shredded potatoes)
- 3 eggs
- ½ c. Bisquick
- Salt and pepper to taste (Sharron also uses some Old Bay seasoning)
- a little onion if desired

Instructions

1. Beat all ingredients together and put in fridge for 2 hours or so. (Sharron makes this up the night before. They taste a lot better if they sit overnight. The batter may turn dark from the starch, but that won't hurt anything. Just stir.)
2. Make into patties and fry like a pancake. (The original recipe says to use butter in the pan while cooking, but Sharron uses olive oil.)
3. Enjoy!





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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 if you have any questions.

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