

NORTH KITSAP/BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED

Monthly, actually another bimonthly,

Summary of Plans and Activities July 7, 2009

BULLETIN

As agreed, there will be no regular monthly meeting during July.

Special Meeting on August 10, 7:00 p.m. at Central Market

**Speaker: Tom Johnson, WDFW Fisheries Biologist for Kitsap, Mason, Pierce and
E. Jefferson Counties**

**Pizza provided, will need RSVP to
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For those of you who received the previous issue of this newsletter, and perhaps didn't understand where it was coming from, this is an informal newsletter from the newly combined North Kitsap/Bainbridge Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Since we had some misunderstanding of the previous issue, we will repeat a short explanation.

We'll start with an explanation of the purpose and content of this "monthly summary" newsletter. Rather than have a printed newsletter, the N. Kitsap Chapter a year or so ago began doing our newsletter by e-mail. In it we include minutes of meetings, calendar of events and a short summary of our activities over the last month. We also look to the future, including plans and dates for activities yet to come.

Meeting of June 8, 2009 at Central Market, Poulsbo.

Members present: Bob Winkel, David Schwab, Ruth Greb, Bill Lindsay, John Endresen, William Browning. Our sincere wishes for speedy return to good health for: Dennis Lytle, recovering from surgery, and Cecil Branstetter in recovery therapy. Alan Miller is in West Virginia with his family.

Note: There being insufficient members present to constitute a quorum, the meeting could conduct no official business.

Minutes of the meeting of May 11 were accepted by the group, unofficially.

Ruth Greb presented the Treasurer's report. Balances are unavailable at this writing. See next month.

Update on rearing ponds. We have approximately 3000 fish remaining in Webster's Pond of 150,000 initially raised. They did not go out when we drained the pond. Since considerable natural food is present and continuously replenishing in the pond, feeding has been halted, the outlet dam boards and screen have been removed. It is hoped that as they grow hungrier the fish will seek finer pastures and go

out the exit to the stream. Note: As of July 7, many fish are still present and very active. No mortalities have been seen.

Dove Pond: Of the 1300 coho initially placed in the pond, a few, perhaps 2 or 3 hundred, escaped leaving about 1000 fish in the pond. Feeding at the rate of about 1 cup per day is continuing. Note: As of July 7, the fish are active and growing well. Flow through the pond is good and no signs of predator attack.

White Horse possible opportunity. Bill Browning shared with us his observation that White Horse Golf Club has a large beautiful lake on it with no fish living there. He suggested the possibility of taking cutthroat trout from Dogfish system and populating the White Horse lake. There was some interest in looking into the possibility. Patrick Allen will talk with Paul Dorn, Suquamish Tribe fisheries biologist, regarding the limitations that might exist on transferring fish from one drainage to another.

Update on Island Lake Kids Fishing, June 20. Bill Lindsay got \$125 gift certificate for feed volunteers from Tom Hall, General Manager of Central Marketing. The limit of 300 participants has been reached and C.A.S.T. Foundation is looking for another lake for next year. Note: Since we are not having a July meeting, we will report here that the event had 323 children participants, and 45 adult volunteers, not including parents or other adults with kids. Our application to the Suquamish Tribe for sponsorship was honored for \$250 and was forwarded to C.A.S.T. Foundation. There were a total of 33 sponsors/partners supporting the event. John Endresen suggested that we sponsor 10-20 kids next year who cannot afford the \$5 entry fee. To be decided.

Summer Barbecue: Everyone was in favor of summer BBQ sometime in late July or August. Discussion centered around location. County and State Parks were mentioned, but expense of renting shelter if we wish to have beer or wine was a concern. Webster's Pond was a preferred spot, but lack of sanitary facilities and cost of renting Sanikan was concern. Will see what can be done. Note: As of July 7, it appears that the best venue would be the Cowling Salmon Center, Virginia Cowling's home that she gave to the Suquamish Tribe for use as a resource center and meeting place. It has kitchen and bathroom facilities. Now to decide a date. Keep posted.

Scholarship for Fly Fishing Academy for Julia Swanson. We received an application for a partial or full scholarship to the Olympia Chapter's Fly Fishing Academy from Julia Swanson. The application included an essay and recommendations from school officials. Amount could vary from \$150 to full scholarship of \$250. The choice of amount was left to President Winkel. One proviso was that Julia attend a Chapter meeting and share her experience. As of July 7, President Winkel decided on a \$200 partial scholarship and instructed Treasurer Greb to forward to Olympia Chapter, TU.

Suggestion from David Schwab and Ruth Greb. We should have a welcoming party for Bainbridge Island Chapter members that are now part of our combined chapter. Maybe part of fall barbecue, or a wine, cheese and crackers reception. Think about it.

Respectfully submitted,

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