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5046 BOSTON HARBOR ROAD NE

WDFW SHARED VALUES ALLIANCE

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Bear Dogs



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Program

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Program and Agency has a strong desire to expand citizen awareness and to invite active public involvement and participation. We are offering an opportunity to be part of an alliance that has a positive influence on conservation, the outdoor heritage, public safety, and the state's natural resource based communities.

We are calling that opportunity a Shared Values Alliance. This alliance forms an open line of communication to identify existing and potential problems facing our natural resources and the communities that are impacted by them. This open communication line allows for constructive problem solving and discussion, to achieve positive results for forward progress. This project-oriented approach ensures that Fish and Wildlife Police Officers and the Agency are connected with changing public and resource-based industries' values and needs. We welcome the opportunity to engage with local chapters to provide awareness, listen to your ideas, and encourage active participation within this statewide conservation endeavor.

There will be light refreshments and a raffle following the presentation.

Bio

Becky McRoberts is the newly hired Community Outreach Liaison with the Washington Fish and Wildlife Police. Becky wears many hats, but her main mission is to connect with local communities through the formation of a Shared Values Alliance. Although new to the program, she has held several community outreach positions in the past, focused on both agriculture and natural resources in Oregon, California, and Michigan. Becky.McRoberts@dfw.wa.gov

TROUT UNLIMITED'S MISSION

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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Chapter Meetings:

The chapter holds a meeting, open to all members and the public, the 4th Wednesday of each month (usually) at the North Olympia (Fire) Station 83, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia, at 7:00pm. November 2017 meeting will be the 15th (1 week earlier) to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving Day. There is no December meeting due to holidays.

The chapter holds a Board meeting, open to all members, the first Wednesday of each month at North Olympia (Fire) Station 83, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia.

Memberships:

Become a member or renew your membership on-line at www.tu.org. It's the quickest and provides the greatest accuracy of information. No access to the internet? Bring your check to a meeting or mail it to the chapter address.

There are only TU National dues – no extra dues at the State or chapter level. Below are the membership types:

BU (Business) \$295/yr

FA (Family) \$55/yr

FL (Family Life) \$1,300

GC (Griffith Circle) \$1,000

LI (Life) \$1,059

MO (Magazine Only)

RE (Regular) \$35/yr

SE (Stream Explorer) \$12/yr

SP (Sponsor) \$100/yr

SR (Senior >61yr) \$20/yr

TE (Teen) \$14/yr

TR (Trial) 1st yr free

Currently, the Olympia Chapter has 330 members. Welcome new members: Timothy Benson, Chehalis; Andrew Wilson, Lacey; Chris Utzinger, Olympia; and Anna Sims, Rochester.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Pat Prichard

Tom Schroedel passed away Tuesday the 8th, there is more in the newsletter, but I wanted to acknowledge his work for the Chapter. He loved the meetings and was an integral part of bringing in the speakers that entertained us for many meetings. He was responsible for contacting and scheduling speakers, and making sure the word got out through the newsletter and the local paper. You would also recognize him as an enthusiastic participant in the raffle, his way of contributing to the Chapter coffers. On the Board, we would draw upon his experience to provide sound advice and counsel to his colleagues. We will miss him.

In July, along with J Michelle Swope, I tended the Olympia TU booth at the Puget Sound Fly Fishing Fair in Tacoma. The Puget Sound Fly Fishers put on a nice event with some excellent presentations on Coastal Cutthroat, Steelhead, Salmon, Smallmouth Bass, Kayak Fishing and fishing off the beach to name a few. Regional fisheries biologists and guides provided their perspective on the conservation issues facing the south Sound along with some healthy hints on the how-to's. J Michelle represented well for Oly Women on the Fly and the TU Women's Fly Fishing Initiative. We were a bit of a pair convalescing wing injuries but managed to do OK since we had one good arm each.

Coming up:

Not to be Missed: Our speaker for August is Becky McRoberts of the WDFW Enforcement Division. IF YOUR PICTURE IS NOT ON THE WALLS OF THE DFW OFFICES YOU SHOULD NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY. Becky gives an excellent perspective on the work of the Enforcement Division and will regale with some "scratch your head" anecdotes about some of the characters the Division run into.

In September, we are going to be asking your help in supporting work on McLane Creek. The heavy duty mechanical lifting is done and log jams, courtesy of South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group, are in place. We will be helping with willow and vegetation planting along the creek to provide stream cooling and start to shield out unwanted reed canary grass. We will need lots of volunteers so expect the notices to continue.

In the meanwhile, continue to enjoy the summer and we will see you soon.

YOU CAN BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

The Olympia Chapter has numerous activities throughout the year. Take the opportunity to make an impact. Just call the number. If you have an interest in other activities or projects, contact any Board member and discuss it. We are always seeking topics and speakers of interest to our members for the monthly membership meetings. Send suggestions to any Board member.

- Aug 23** Chapter General Meeting
Pat Prichard, 360-491-0879
- Aug 29** Hops & Hackles
J. Michelle Swope, 360-349-0743
- Aug 26** Woodland Cr Preserve Restoration
Kim Malcom, 360-456-8424
- Sep-Oct tbd** McLane Cr Riparian Plantings
John Hicks, 360-870-0520

Our Project Committee may use an electronic "News Flash" approach to notify you of opportunities to participate. E-mailings go to about 2/3 of our members. Those folks all provided emails in their profile with Trout Unlimited. **Don't Miss Out! Update Your Profile!** Go to tu.org and click on MY TU then follow the path to Edit My Profile. If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved in any of our areas of focus let us know.

MCLANE CR RESTORATION REPORT by Jerilyn Walley, SPSSEG

McLane Creek supports a variety of wildlife and several salmon runs including cutthroat, steelhead, coho, fall Chinook, and chum. The drainage is made up of four major tributaries: Swift, Perkins, East Fork McLane and Beatty creeks which have approximately 18.5 miles of fish habitat. The project is focused on the lower half mile of the creek.

This project enhances habitat in the lower reach of the stream, providing foraging areas for juvenile fish that leave the basin and resting places for adult migrating into McLane Creek and its tributaries. Large wood structures have been placed in three locations in the lower portion of the system. The structures provide increased hydraulic complexity, potential for wood accumulation and pool formation. The structures also increase refuge for juvenile salmon to avoid predation.



McLane Cr Accumulation Structure

photo by R Holtcamp

SPSSEG will host volunteer events this fall to install 1,211 riparian plants to increase stream-side shading, 8,400 willow stakes to treat reed canary grass in the

floodplain and treat 900 square feet of knotweed. Plants are being purchased with a grant from Thurston Conservation District.

Olympia Trout Unlimited provided funding and are conducting site citizen science monitoring events. They are submitting a grant to continue monitoring efforts at the site. Their request would support a Benthic Indicator of Biotic Integrity (BIBI) survey at the site. The process involves getting in the stream, collecting bug samples, counting, and measuring the bug samples, recording findings, and then tracking findings. The goal is to engage local volunteers to get into the stream and collect samples over the course of a year.

WOODLAND CR PRESERVE TRAIL by Wayne Marion



Woodland Cr Preserve Trail Extension

photo by R Holtcamp

Ron Holtcamp and I showed up this morning [**July 29**] at the Woodland Creek Project and each spent about 2 hours there. We got the trash picked up along the highway and trail entrance, as well as a tire from along the trail. Also, we hacked and trimmed the trail back to the second wood duck box. In general, things look pretty good there now.

[Note: There is still an English bike (in questionable condition) sitting propped up at the second bench. Kim, please take your bike HOME with you next time!] Just kidding!!

TOM SCHROEDEL REMEMBERED

The Olympia Chapter and TU lost a long time member and tireless supporter with the passing of Tom Schroedel on **August 8**. Tom was a member for almost 30 years serving in many roles, including Chapter President in 1991 and 1992. Among his talents was writing successful nominations for State and National awards (but never for himself). Perhaps the most prestigious and the one that brought him the greatest satisfaction was TU National issuing the 1991 Golden Trout Award to the Olympia Chapter as the best chapter in the nation.

An obituary is scheduled to appear in the Sunday (20th) issue of *The Olympian*. Currently a remembrance service is scheduled for Friday, **Sept 29th** at the South Sound Manor Banquet & Events Center, 455 North St SE, Tumwater. More info in next newsletter issue.

SCIENCE AND SALMON RECOVERY

Lackey, R.T. 2017

Dept of Fisheries and Wildlife Oregon State University

[Editors Note: the following are excerpts from Mr. Lackey's 22 page paper.]

Efforts to restore declining wild salmon runs in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho have evolved into a "salmon recovery industry" with multiple local, state, and federal government bureaucracies and the associated contractors. ... The vast bureaucracy and massive quantity of science have, however, failed to reverse the long-term decline of wild salmon. [p2]

More specifically, to effect a long-term reversal of the downward trajectory of wild salmon, a broad, interdependent, and complex suite of important public policy issues must be considered and effectively dealt with to successfully recover wild salmon to significant, sustainable levels: [p5]

- *Hydroelectric energy — how costly and reliable does society want energy to be given that wild salmon ultimately are affected by providing the relatively cheap, carbon-free, and reliable energy produced by hydropower?*
- *Land use — where will people be able to live, how much living space will they be permitted, what activities will they be able to do on their own land, and what personal choices will they have in deciding how land is used?*
- *Property rights — will the acceptable use of private land be altered and who or what institutions will decide what constitutes acceptable use?*
- *Food cost and choice — will food continue to be subsidized by taxpayers (e.g., publicly funded irrigation, crop subsidies) or will the price of food be solely determined by a free market?*
- *Economic opportunities — how will high-paying jobs be created and sustained for this and subsequent generations?*
- *Individual freedoms — which, if any, personal rights or behavioral choices will be compromised or sacrificed if society is genuinely committed to restoring wild salmon?*
- *Evolving priorities — is society willing to continue substituting hatchery-produced salmon for wild salmon and, if so, will the ESA permit this?*
- *Political realities — will society support modifying the ESA such that salmon recovery expenditures can be shifted to those watersheds offering the best chance of success?*
- *Cultural legacies — which individuals and groups, if any, will be granted the right to fish and who or what institutions will decide?*
- *Indian treaties — will treaties between the United States and various tribes, negotiated over 150+ years ago, be modified to reflect today's dramatically different biological, economic, and demographic realities?*

- *Population policy — what, if anything, will society do to influence or control the level of the human population in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho or indeed the U.S. as a whole?*

- *Ecological realities — given likely future conditions (i.e., an apparently warming climate), what wild salmon recovery goals are biologically realistic?*

- *Budgetary realities — will the fact that the annual cost of sustaining hatchery and wild salmon runs in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho exceeds the overall commercial market value of the harvest eventually mean that such a level of budgetary expenditure will become less politically viable?*

These are all key policy questions germane to the public debate over wild salmon recovery policy and they highlight how scientific information, while at some level relevant and necessary, is clearly not at the crux of the policy debate. [p6]

FARMERS SEEK RELIEF ON SALMON RULINGS

by Keith Ridler, Associated Press

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Boise, Idaho

A group that represents farmers is calling the costs of saving imperiled salmon in the largest river system in the Pacific Northwest unsustainable and is turning to the Trump administration to sidestep endangered species laws. The Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association wants the government to convene a Cabinet-level committee with the power to allow exemptions to the Endangered Species Act.

The irrigators association is frustrated with court rulings it says favor fish over people, claiming the committee could end years of legal challenges over U.S. dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers and bring stability for irrigators, power generators and other businesses that rely on the water. Environmental groups call the request a publicity stunt and say it could hurt fishing companies and others that rely on healthy runs of federally protected salmon and steelhead. The association sees hope in a series of pro-industry environmental decisions by President Donald Trump.

HAPPY 90TH MR. COLE

Few current members of the chapter are around that were part of the start (1979) of a cooperative project between the (then) Department of Game, Olympia Chapter, and property owner Noel Cole. That effort was to provide a near natural rearing facility for watershed origin steelhead on the North Fork of the Newakum River in Lewis County. Only used during the winter months, an additional activity - Barrier Free Fishing Week (June) - was added in 1993. Those combined efforts earned Mr Cole WDFW's 2007 "Landowner of the Year" award presented to him by Director Jeff Koenings. Though the steelhead rearing effort has ceased, Barrier Free Fishing has continued through this year.

And Mr Cole continues to continue! His family is having a birthday celebration for him at the end of August - his **90th !!** SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOEL - MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE!

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