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TO: WCTU OFFICERS, STAFF, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, COORDINATORS,
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Minutes of the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited Meeting Executive Board meeting, held September 20, 2008 at the Saranac Building in Spokane. Meeting was hosted by the Spokane Falls Chapter.

Chapter and Membership Attendance:

Name	Chapter
Thireault, Dennis	Ballard Trout & Salmon
O'Neil, Larry	Ballard Trout & Salmon
White, Jerry	Spokane Falls
Bee, Gary	Sky Valley
Mace, Sam	Spokane Falls
Moore, Alan	TU National-Portland Office
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Morrison, Harvey	Spokane Falls
Abrahamse, Bill	Spokane Falls
Lang, George	Icicle Valley
Taylor, Mark	Bellevue-Issaquah
Madison, Bart	Tacoma
Harshman, Gene	Tacoma
Krafton, David	Spokane Falls
Nye, Dick	Olympia
Muramatsu, John	Duwamish-Green

Mark Taylor (WCTU President) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Welcome and Announcements:

Mark Taylor, President distributed the day's agenda.

Minutes were seconded and approved unanimously.

There were several quick chapter announcements and Mark noted that **Andy Batcho is a finalist for the Sportsman of the year award by Field and Stream Magazine.**

**Executive Board Meeting
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1600 Gateway Blvd NE
Lacey, WA 98516
Host: Olympia Chapter**

WCTU Meeting Schedule FY 2008-2009

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**President's Meeting
Friday & Saturday January 9 & 10, 2009
Host: WCTU
Tumwater Comfort Inn
1620 74th Ave SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
Main: 360.352.0691**

**Executive Board Meeting
Saturday March 21st
Host: Sky Valley
Monroe PUD**

**Presidents Meeting
Friday May 15, 2009 7:00PM-9:30 Bar B Q and presidents meeting
State Council Meeting
Saturday May 16, 2009 9:00-4:30
Host: Icicle Valley
Quality Inn Leavenworth
1-800-693-1225 OR 509-548-7992**

Tribute to Dee Norton (Long Time Northshore TU Member read by Gary Bee)

Dee Norton was a long time member of the Northshore chapter of Trout Unlimited. He served for 4 years as vice president and also was the conservation chairman for several years. Dee was also an active member of the state council as conservation chairman. Dee was an active conservationist; he believed that the fish must come first and strived to do what he could to protect salmon and steelhead. Dee and I toured Barr creek one morning after some recent flooding and decided together that the creek needed some serious help. With his help we put together a plan to restore the creek. I can remember the two of us wading around in high water trying to figure out where logs should go and how we could make the creek a better place for the fish. It was fun to work with Dee, he always had a lot of enthusiasm for the projects and he was willing to go the extra mile to help out. Even after his health began to fail Dee would do what he could to help out. His wife Jackie and Dee provided the meals of hot chili and goodies for our Barr creek work parties; they were a driving force to get our jobs done. Dee used to fish a lot in his early days of TU, but later I think he found more enjoyment in participating in the Kids fishing clinics and the projects at Barr creek. He loved the kid's clinics; I think those events were the highlight of his TU experiences. Dee also helped the chapter toss salmon carcasses on the Skykomish tributaries on several occasions, a smelly job indeed. Dee helped to organize and get letters out about our fund raising banquets; his participation in the chapter was never ending. Dee also initiated a partnership with the Lake Forest Park stewardship foundations, he helped them to work on plans to restore Brookside creek. Dee was often very vocal in his ideas, he never hesitated to do a little arguing about issues that mattered to him, and he stood up for what he believed in. I respected his views; we often had the same vision about conservation of our fisheries. In Dee's last few years he began to suffer from diabetes and Alzheimer's and had trouble making the meetings on his own, but he wanted to come anyway, so TU member Larry Holley would pick him up at his home to bring him to the meetings, and I would take him back. Dee will not be forgotten in the Northshore chapter, we will miss his contributions and his spirit. I wish we had more members that would be as involved and motivated as Dee Norton was.

President's Report:

2 things were reaffirmed in my 2 ½ months in Kodiak. The first is that neither the world nor the council fell apart without me, and the second is that none of our fisheries are limitless or invulnerable. Salmon runs failed to materialize everywhere. From the Gulf of Alaska to the Sacramento fish showed up late and in smaller numbers than forecasted. Purse seiners in Port Lions said it was the worst season in decades! We all speculate as to the why- climate change, foreign fleets, pollution, over fishing etc. The point is that we need to be more vigilant than ever. We need to let science and common sense guide our efforts in speaking for the fish, and we need to keep speaking for the fish. Here in Washington we have our hands full. Rapid growth with inadequate regulation has destroyed a lot of habitat, barriers from culverts to dams are blocking fish from spawning grounds, plans to put up more dams to combat the threat of climate change, the continual fights over which group gets how many fish and how much water are all contributing to the decline of all of our 9 species, dozens of subspecies and countless runs.

The council has been struggling these last few years, but we are making progress! We have chapters moving forward and doing exciting things! Our host chapter, **Spokane Falls**, is starting to make significant progress on protecting native **Red Band Trout**. With their hard work and passion I'm sure they can change Spokane from the Lilac City to the **Red Band City**! The **Icicle** chapter has finally received their last permit to build a natural steelhead smolt rearing pond that will serve as a kids fishing pond after the smolts have left. The **Duwamish-Green** has received national attention with their work on Walker and Miller Creeks. One member, **Andy Batcho**, is a finalist in the Field & Stream Conservation Heroes program. My own chapter, **the Bellevue/Issaquah chapter**, is working hard to save the Lake Sammamish Kokanee from extinction. We are working at reactivating, reinvigorating, and consolidating chapters that are in need. TU National has finally seen fit to put a real on the ground staff person here in Washington. **Rob Masonis** is our new VP of Western Conservation. While his duties will take him from New Mexico to Alaska he is well aware of the issues we have here and is already moving to help by bringing the **Western Water Project** into our state. TU has also been directed by the **Board of Trustees** to provide Washington with more funds for on the ground staff and projects, finally making good on their commitment to rebuild TU in Washington. My plan and goals for 2009 are as follows:

Goals-Capacity building, chapter activation/reactivation, increase projects, improve communications

Methods-

1. Contact agencies, RFEs, other NGO's to identify projects in each area
2. Identify funding sources

3. Set up meetings/contacts in each area starting with known contacts and then “cold calls”. Explain goals, programs and support available to chapters.
4. Outreach to other organizations-FFFA, PSA, WSC, other NGOs
5. Give presentations to groups and offer membership and/or partnership
6. Publish monthly online newsletter to let members know what we are doing.

Who-

1. Kittitas Valley-On #1 trout stream in state. Have active chapter, but ready to fold due to leadership burnout.
2. Tacoma-Active chapter unable to bring in new blood. Some stirring from younger member, potential star, but unable to follow up. Lots of projects and resources available.
3. Northshore-Barely breathing chapter with good project. Younger members discouraged by old timers. One member expressed interest in starting wilderness/river program for handicapped and/or under privileged folks (kids and adults) even to the extent of starting own non-profit. Would like to follow up and make this a TU thing. Potential star.
4. Ballard-Active, barely breathing, lots of fly fishing members that don't participate. Potential for fundraising projects and some urban stream work. Can also do projects out of area.
5. Olympia- Active, lots of hard working volunteers and lots of hard feelings towards TU. Mainstay for the kids camp, other projects. At least 50 % of previous board quit, leaving the chapter very short.
6. North Kitsap-small active chapter. Lots of projects, but little new blood. Will probably be merged with defunct Bremerton and Bainbridge.
7. Others include Klickitat. Small chapter, but lots of funding available for projects on the Klickitat. Okanagan region. Lots of habitat, great fisheries, abandoned mines, no formal presence. Moses Lake area, lots of water issues, small fly club with TU members.

Projects for strong chapters-

1. Salmon Creek culvert removal for DG chapter. Will hopefully convince land owner of sincerity to do work necessary downstream.
2. Bellevue/Issaquah-Lake Sammamish kokanee-Removal of culvert under I-90. Plan in place by DOT, but on back burner. More money and volunteers needed to build and man fry traps on all tributaries. \$10,000 + needed for acoustical tagging project in the lake. Lots of invasive plant removal, bank stabilizing, water redirection needed. Help with marketing strategy.
3. Turn Spokane into the Red Band city rather than the Lilac city.
4. Icicle Valley-Expand salmon in classroom throughout valley. Need \$65,000 to complete steelhead acclimation pond. Culvert projects.
5. Edmonds-Has hatchery to run and maintain. Has more money than council. Has indicated willingness to give grants for other chapters projects. Large board.

Council Projects- help develop new state steelhead management (good stuff for staff to work with each area's chapters)

There are clearly more needs than this, but even this is an overwhelming amount of work. If each chapter can get a little more active and we can get folks to step to do one thing at the council level we will be in awesome shape for the TU 50th anniversary celebration.

This is also the final year for chapters to be re-chartered or go away. All of our even barely breathing chapters have been recommended for re-chartering by the FEB. 2009 BOT meeting. We are going to give the rest a chance to get going again. The chapters that do not re-charter will be put into a big **WA At Large** chapter. We must also submit a coherent plan to TU national stating our states criteria for re-chartering. I recommend the following criteria beginning on October 1st 2009.

The National Leadership Council (NLC) has set up a program for the re-chartering all chapters in all councils. Each state is to determine its own criteria for chapter re-chartering. We have set up some guidelines and criteria that will identify a chapter as active and functioning and fit to be re-chartered.

- 1) The chapter maintains a slate of officers that are active in the chapter.**
- 2) Hold annual elections.**
- 3) The chapter maintains regular meetings with a minimum of 6 per year.**
- 4) The chapter participates in community conservation and education projects with at least one documented per year.**
- 5) Completes the Annual Financial Report as required.**
- 6) Annually performs a Chapter Effectiveness Index (CEI) to better improve the chapter.**
- 7) Sends a delegate to at least 1 of 6 state council meetings per year.**

These are the basic guidelines set forth to help re-charter chapters. Every four years chapters will be required to fulfill all or most of these to be submitted for re-chartering to national at the discretion of WCTU. It is expected that in subsequent years a chapter that does not meet all requirements will use this criteria to help improve the effectiveness of their chapter. As long as you are really trying, you will be re-chartered. NO chapter will ever be compared to any other as all chapters have different strengths and weaknesses.

Finally, 2009 will be my last year as council president. I truly appreciate those that have served and are serving on the council. Everyone has worked hard and done their best. Thank you. We need more of you. Over the past 2 years I have been Council President, Web Site Editor, Raffle Chair, Membership VP, Kokanee Chair, etc. all at the same time. As a result a lot goes by the

wayside. Piling on to our active volunteers just burns them out. If we could get folks to step to do 1 job and only 1 job we will have a truly magnificent organization. Ron Holtcamp takes care of the Puyallup Fair, Dick Nye (newly rejoined member) runs the Conservation Camp, Bill Gerdts is our web master. All of these things are invaluable to our organization. We need folks to step and take on the following jobs- Web site editor, newsletter editor, raffle chair, banquet chair, education chair (Salmon/Trout in the Classroom), & anything else anyone can think of. These folks can be from any chapter at any level. No active council member will be allowed to take on more. They won't be given jobs without a lot of help and a clear understanding of what is expected of them. We have what we need to be successful except the most important thing, active members. Please do what you can to help whether it be recruiting from your chapter or stepping up to a job yourself.

Thanks for your continued support, Mark

Officer's Report:

- **Paul Sparks, VP Conservation (Via email, was unable to attend due to surgery)**

September 17, 2008

As many of you are aware, I have been working my way through some health problems for the last few months. In March, I experienced a mild stroke which produced no lasting effects but appeared to be related to a heart problem that I previously was unaware of. This became more of a problem in the first part of the summer. Finally, on the twenty third of July, I underwent a cardio version procedure which was successful in bringing my life a large step back towards normal. I was optimistic enough afterwards to contact Mark and indicate my willingness, if all continued to go well, to take on a second year as Vice President for Conservation. On Thursday, I will go back into the Hospital for an angiogram procedure and possible repair of a couple of arteries. According to my cardiologist, I will be home within 24 hours and, if there are no complications, I will be back up to speed within two weeks. I have stayed plugged into most of the activities that I have pursued since I started last October. There is a drop off in direct participation in the latter part of July and most of August when, by necessity, my role became more that of an observer than a direct participant... even so, I still racked up more than a thousand miles on the job over the summer. Here is a list of what I have been doing, since my last report at the President's Council meeting in Leavenworth followed by brief addendum to and elaboration of the report that I sent to Mark and the Conservation Committee in July:

12 May, SAARC Meeting, Department of Ecology Headquarters, Lacey, WA

14 May, Environmental Caucus Meeting, Seattle, WA

31 May, Steelhead Summit, SeaTac, WA

6 Jun, Environmental Caucus Meeting, Seattle, WA

9 June, SAARC Meeting, Department of Ecology Headquarters, Lacey, We.

16 June, Puget Sound Partnership Executive Committee Meeting, Bellevue, WA

18 June, Environmental Caucus Meeting, Seattle, WA
26 June, Cowlitz Hatchery Meeting, Centralia College, Centralia, WA
9 July, Environmental Caucus Meeting, Seattle, WA
11 August, SARC Meeting, Department of Ecology, Lacey, WA
13 August, Environmental Caucus Meeting, Seattle, WA
8 September, SARC Meeting, Department of Ecology, Lacey, WA

1. The Cowlitz: As noted in previous reports, the issue here is Tacoma Power's failure to set up a successful smolt collection program. The meeting I attended was set up to introduce Tacoma Power's hatchery renovation plans. Most of the remodel funds will go into the upstream facility which will be used almost exclusively for recovery efforts. This is good and a positive change. They will also release smolts based on migratory behavior rather than handling efficiency which is another plus. The raceways and rearing areas will be rebuilt or remodeled, but there will no effort to simulate natural conditions in the rearing regimes. The system will use a semi-automated electroshock system to sort incoming fish. It was rationalized that this system was necessary and justified on the basis of both efficiency and budget constraints, and that such systems have been used elsewhere with some success. The mood of the audience in this meeting was one of open hostility, which meant that a lot of energy went into conflict at the expense of a clear picture of what was going on. There were attempts to raise questions about the new smolt passage and collection scheme. The most pointed of these addressed allegations that this year's collection rates are, in some instances, half of last year's which were already deficient. This, if true, suggests a crisis situation. The Tacoma Power people were not willing to address downstream passage at this meeting except to say that things are not as grim as they look and everything would be dealt with in detail in a public meeting in Centralia in the first week of August. The WDFW Rep assured the audience that they felt that they were close to a solution for the existing problems and that the WDFW would not sign off on any plan they felt was unworkable. I missed the follow up meeting dealing with the fix for the smolt collection problems but hope to be on top of the issue enough to report on it at our next meeting in Olympia.

2. Geoducks: The SAARC committee recessed for July, and reconvened in August to make a stab at starting to cobble together a rules process and updating SMP's and GMA's as they relate to shellfish aquaculture. The recess came as a surprise but may have been the result of early warnings of the flap over alleged illegal operations by Taylor Shellfish on DNR lands in Totten inlet which I reported in some detail in July. Since the beginning of this process, our policy has been not to directly confront Taylor or the shell fish industry but to work to air our concerns about the potential for shell fish aquaculture to disrupt near shore environments and the risks that poses to forage fish spawning habitat and salmonids. This policy of non-confrontational involvement has been increasingly difficult to maintain for several reasons: Taylor has been the spokesman for the industry in the SARC process and has the lion's share of acreage in Geoducks and most of the new acreage planted atop forage fish spawning beaches and has injected an initiative into the SARC process for extending the protections that the GMA applies to upland agriculture to shellfish aquaculture. As the rule making process moves forward, environmental concerns have become more important and our involvement on the sidelines has become more visible. Additionally, the last two months has produced a string of allegations and some concrete proof of unethical or illegal activities by

both Taylor specifically and the shell fish industry in general. The most disturbing of these allegations revolve around the use of pesticides in prepping beaches in estuaries here in the South Sound and possible evidence from the discovery process in a law suit against the State Department of Agriculture in Willapa Bay of the shell fish companies suppressing the results from an industry sponsored study showing a high level of fatality to juvenile salmonids from the use of supposedly approved pesticides and herbicides. I was interviewed in August for an article in the November issue of Audubon Magazine by Ted Williams who many of you may know from his articles in Fly Rod and Reel. At that time, I pointed out our respect for the Shellfish industry's advocacy for clean water and energetic efforts at cleaning up the Sound but was careful to separate out and underline our concerns about the possible consequences of geoduck aquaculture on an industrial scale in the near shore.

At this point, I think we can point to some successes with our efforts in this area. Even without a seat on the committee, we have succeeded in raising our concerns about forage fish and have a commitment for an EIS as part of the rule making agenda from the Department of Ecology staffers. We need to stay engaged to have some say in the scope of the EIS and to insure that the rule making process produces a set of regulations or guidelines specific enough that they will set a minimum standard for protecting the near shore. The most important unresolved issue revolves around the industry push for protected status for shellfish aquaculture under the provisions of the GMA, which if it were to occur, would create a precedent for similar protection for all aquaculture. Finally, the language of the bill that established the SARC directed that the committee guide and direct the Sea Grant research. The committee has not done well with this. The Sea Grant staffers have closely controlled this process and none of the research funded to date deals directly with any of the environmental questions that articulate our concerns. In the weeks to come, it would be worth our time to lobby both the committee and the Sea Grant folks to see if we can make our questions a part of the prospectus in the next call for research proposals.

3. Puget Sound Partnership and the Environmental Caucus: In late June, the Environmental Caucus met with Executive Committee of the Partnership as part of the Executive Meeting agenda to press for our concerns that the final version of the Partnership's Action Agenda should advocate funding for enforcement of existing regulations addressing habitat, water quality and quantity as well as addressing the removal of existing institutional barriers to success in this area. This is a constant refrain in action area meetings that has come up in many of our own discussions within the caucus, and probably will be a key part of the first cut of the Action Agenda. To give you an idea of where we were going with this included an early draft of our recommendations to the Partnership as part of my report in July which I forwarded to Dennis for circulation along with an interview of David Dicks addressing some of his ideas on implementing the Action Agenda.

The Environmental Caucus represents a wide range of interests and organizations the majority of them from Seattle and the immediate area. There is a solid consensus within the Caucus that habitat is an important issue for the Partnership to address but not a sense of agreement about which kinds of habitat to prioritize. Near shore issues have swelled in importance in a way that pushes nearly everything else to one side. Given this, I have seen it as being in our interest to continue to advocate for riparian habitat (unlike the near shore, the upland streams are subject to intense pressure from development) in the battle for resources

and to forcefully underline the fact that even in the unlikely possibility that we fix all the habitat, we could still lose the fish if we don't reform hatcheries and manage harvest.

4. Revised Prospecting Regulations I would be remiss if I don't say something here about Thomas Shuda, a long time TU member and Forest Service Biologist from Colville who called our attention to the generally flawed nature of WDFW's proposed new regulations for prospecting and placer mining. Thomas wrote the draft of our letter of comment to the WDFW. With Tom's assistance and some input from Sam Mace. We squeezed this one in just before the deadline for the comments period. The issue here was a substantive threat to a number of streams from liberalization of the WDFW rules governing placer mining practices. This raises the question of whether or not we should be giving some attention to this issue in a broader sense. The boom in recreational prospecting, the rising price of gold and the general decline of the economy suggests pressures in places and ways that we never have really thought about before. There is no shortage of important issues for us to consider, but this one raises enough questions that it might justify a longer more detailed look at recreational prospecting and its impacts on fish. Anyhow, we owe Tom a vote of thanks for bringing the issue to our attention and then taking the lead in framing our response. Finally, as Dick Burge has reminded me, there will be an opportunity for us to have some influence in the facilitation of the new Steelhead Management Plan. Given the investment we have had in creating the plan we would be shortsighted not to see it through all the way to implementation. The folks working with Steelhead Advisory Group, in all probability, will take the lead on this issue but from my perspective the ideal way to get the job done would be to do it in a way that requires some input and participation from all of our chapters.

- **Tom Van Gelder, VP Operations**
 - Mark gave a brief update for Tom Van Gelder by email
- **Dana Smith, Treasurer,**
 - Was not present, but handed out the latest Budget Report (~\$44,000 in the bank)

Lunch: The Spokane Falls Chapter hosted the lunch. Thank you to Sam Mace, Harvey Morrison and the Spokane Falls Chapter for hosting an excellent lunch. Rachael Osborn of CELP (Center for Environmental Law and Policy) will give an overview of the Columbia River initiative, new dams, etc. She is very, very good at explaining complex water law to those of us who are not lawyers. It was an extremely good presentation and a total eye-opener on the amount of groundwater being tapped in WA and the proposed dams (**Lower Crab Creek, Hawk Creek, and Sand Hollow Creek**). For more information go to www.CELP.org, their motto is Clean, Flowing Waters for the West.

Afternoon Presentation (Spokane Falls Chapter):

Spokane Falls Red Band Trout Conservation Project Overview (Presented by Jerry White, Spokane Falls and Sam Mace, Spokane Falls)

Members were treated to a brief PowerPoint presentation on the history, status, and ongoing activities with regards to the Red Band Trout conservation project in the Spokane River. Very

good presentation that was informative and demonstrated the scope and size of the Spokane Falls Chapters Project.

What are Red Band Trout?

These Red Bands or resides as they are commonly called are native to the Columbia basin east of the Cascade mountains and the upper reaches of the Fraser River drainage in Canada. Some major popular fishing rivers within their native range include; the Yakima River, the Spokane River, and the Methow River of Washington, and the Deschutes River of Oregon. These fish have both a resident and an anadromous variety (Red Band Steelhead). Red Band steelhead have to travel much further inland than Coastal Steelhead, and while they have the ability to spawn more than once, very few of these fish survive to spawn a second time. Unlike Coastal Steelhead which have commonly winter and summer runs, Red Band Steelhead only have a summer run.

Resident Red Bands in small streams tend to have an average size of between six and ten inches, and spawn at around two years old, with a life span of three to four years of age. In Washington these trout are often found in small spring creeks across the desert of the Columbia Basin, or streams draining the eastern slopes of the cascades. While these fish were native to the Yakima River, they have pretty much been completely replaced by hatchery rainbows. Every so often one of these fish is caught in the Yakima though (such as the fish in the lower left), and these fish have most likely been flushed downstream out of tributary streams during floods or high water.

Description: These trout got the name Red Band from the red coloration that they have along their lateral line and. These fish have large spots spread across their body and fins, and orange or yellow coloration on their lower half. Lake residents and Red Band steelhead often have a silvery coloration that hides their spots and the coloration that is typical of stream residents. These fish get confused with cutthroat at times, because they often have yellow or orange colored slashes under their lower jaw. They also have rosy gill plates, like other subspecies of rainbow trout. For the latest on the Red Band Trout and Spokane River

Committee Reports:

Academy Update (Dick Nye, who rejoined TU by the way):

2008 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy Report

The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers recently hosted their fourth annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy located on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. With parents attending the opening session, Dick Nye, the camp's founding director, introduced the Academy Steering Committee and camp staff. The presidents of the hosting organizations, Gary Kellogg of the South Sound Fly Fishers, and Ron Smorynski of the Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited were called upon to make opening remarks. Also introduced to make brief statements were Carl Johnson, President, Washington State Council Federation of

Fly Fishers; and Paul Sparks, Vice President for Conservation, Washington Council Trout Unlimited.

According to Nye, the weeklong camp is best described as a course in environmental science with fly fishing instruction. Participants were required to submit an essay on why they wanted to attend along with a letter of recommendation from their school science teacher or counselor. The curriculum is structured not only for students to learn the basics of fly fishing but to provide them with a background in fundamental science and to educate them about the importance of conservation and natural resource stewardship.

To develop the students' fly fishing skills, the twenty-four students were divided into three groups of eight rotating through three skill development sessions that included casting, fly tying, and knot tying. Before being turned loose for fishing, students were required to demonstrate their knot tying capabilities to staff members.

Highlighting the academic side of the curriculum was Dr. James Karr who returned to his third camp as an instructor in aquatic entomology. Dr. Karr is the developer of the Index of Biological Integrity (IBI), a system for determining the health of a stream that has been adopted by many state and local agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency. After Dr. Karr's morning presentation, the students boarded two vans and headed to a local stream to see how aquatic entomology field research is conducted.

An addition to this year's curriculum included a field trip to the Nisqually Reach Nature Center. Daniel Hull, Executive Director, provided a lesson focusing on marine and estuarine ecosystems and the broader environmental concepts such as food webs and adaptation. As part of the lesson, the students participated in a shore crab research project that included the collection, counting, and determining the sex of the crabs.

Interspersed among field trips and skill development sessions, wildlife professionals from various agencies provided instruction on such topics as ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, watersheds, wetlands, invasive species, and trout biology and behavior.

Instructors during the week included Tammy Mackey, biologist for the Corps of Engineers at Bonneville Dam; Wayne Marion, Ph.D., Western Washington Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Jamie Glasgow, research scientist for Wild Trout Conservancy; Kevin Aitken, biologist from U.S. Fish and Wildlife; and Kathy Hamel, biologist from the Washington Department of Ecology.

Mel Hurd, a member of the Academy Steering Committee and prominent South Puget Sound area casting instructor and guide, headed the fly fishing instruction segments of the Academy. Skip Morris, noted fly fishing author and fly tier, and well-known commercial tier, Janet Schimpf, provided fly tying instruction.

Kevin Ryan instructed *Streamside Ethics and Etiquette* and *Knot Tying* while George Grinstine taught *Gear Selection and Care*. Both Ryan and Grinstine are also members of the Academy

Steering Committee. Kim Malcom of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Boating Safety Council taught *Boating and Water Safety*.

A typical day found campers awake and fishing shortly after 6:00 am on Hicks Lake until breakfast. Students began their morning classes at 9:00 am until lunch at noon. Additional classes resumed following lunch until dinner. Following the dinner hour, volunteers from local fishing clubs took youth to various fishing locations throughout the area including our local Deschutes River.

Academy staff included Matt Tuttle, a retired U.S. Army major who served as camp director; Tammy Mackey, whose role consisted of being assistant director, girls counselor, and instructor; and, Matt Paluch, an Eastern Washington fly fishing guide and editor of flyfishinglifemag.com, who also served as an assistant camp director. Serving as dorm counselors were past campers Jared Remington, Darius Scotto, and Kevin Kurfurst.

Organizations sponsoring and sending youth to the Academy included the Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited (TU), Icicle Valley Chapter TU, Bellevue/Issaquah Chapter TU, Clark County Chapter TU, Sky Valley Chapter TU, Rainshadow Chapter TU, South Sound Fly Fishers, Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Club, Lower Columbia Fly Fishers, and the Greywolf Fly Fishing Club. Other sponsoring organizations included the Tacoma Chapter TU, Edmonds-Laebugten Chapter TU, Northwest Fly Anglers, and the Alpine Flyfishers.

Major sporting goods sponsors and contributors included Cabela's who donated fishing vests for each of the youths and Sportsman's Warehouse who provided flies, fly boxes, and leaders for the Academy. In addition, two employees of Sportsman's Warehouse volunteered at the camp: Karen Royer, known in the South Puget Sound area as a premier realistic fly tier; and, Eric Swanson, manager of the fishing department, who built rod racks for the Academy. Other contributors included Outcast Sporting Gear who donated several pontoon boats and OfficeMax who provided photocopy service for student notebooks that contained information and materials presented throughout the weeklong session.

- **Conservation:** Paul Sparks (Chair)
 - See VP Conservation Report
- **Project:** Bart Madison (Chair)
 - Bart spoke about some current proposals
- **Communications:** Mark Taylor (Chair)
 - Brief Update on Website
- **Membership:** Mark Taylor (Chair)
 - No Updates
- **Raffle:** Mark Taylor (Chair)
 - Drawings for MOR (Members Only Raffle) Winners

- **First Place: Alison Corby Bellevue-Issaquah Chapter**
- **Second Place: Nancy Gilberts Ballard Chapter**
- **Third Place: John Riley Spokane Falls Chapter**
- **Fourth Place: Pat and Tom McCann Duwamish-Green Chapter**
- **By Laws:** Terry Turner (Chair)
 - No Updates
- **Nominating:** Tammy Mackey (Chair)
 - Bart Madison presided over nominations for 2008-2009 Officers
 - Mark Taylor-President / CE
 - Paul Sparks-Conservation V.P.
 - Shirley Vanderveen-Operations V.P.
 - George Lang - Membership V.P.
 - Dennis Thireault-Secretary
 - Bill Abrahamse-Treasurer
 - Robert Stroup-NLC Representative
- **Ways and Means:** Mark Taylor (Chair)
 - No Updates
- **Awards:** Mark Taylor (Chair)
 - No Updates
- **Audit:** Dana Smith (Chair)
 - No Updates
- **Kokanee:** Mark Taylor (Chair)
 - The BI chapter is doing great work for the kokanee of Lake Sammamish. Volunteers spent hundreds of hours trapping fry on Lewis Creek with poor results. It appears that the Dec. 3 flood took out over 90% of the kokanee redds as we counted only 192 fry in late April early May as opposed to 2500 fry in 2007 from late March to mid May. Our effort to protect the fish under ESA is now under consideration by USFWS. We hope to have a positive outcome in late October. The City of Issaquah has removed a major concrete blockage known as the Spooner Dam in July and will do repair of the stream around the 185th street bridge to damage caused by the Dec. flood. TU will be replanting after the city is finished. There are plans to acoustically tag kokanee and cutthroat in the lake to help determine habits and movement in the Lake. This will partially funded by an adopt a kokanee program to be started by the chapter at Issaquah Salmon Days in

Oct. There will also be a huge fund raising event at the Issaquah Brewhouse on Wed. Oct. 8th. Sponsored by Rogue Brewery and TU, the event will feature Lake Sammamish Redd, a beer brewed exclusively by Rogue for the kokanee. We will also have prizes, raffles, free food and live music by the Bobbers-The Fishing Music Band. Spawners will also be taken this fall/winter for a first try at supplementation at Issaquah hatchery.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm. A motion was seconded and approved. By the way it was extremely hot that day.

REMINDER: For meeting reports to be included in the minutes of Council and Executive Board Meetings, all reports must be e-mailed to the Secretary, Dennis Thireault–Dennis_Thireault@hotmail.com in WORD as an attachment within one week of the meeting. To ensure the accuracy of a meeting's minutes and reduce the time involved in preparing the minutes for distribution to the Council, the Secretary will no longer summarize "oral" reports that are presented at meetings.

REMEMBER:

The next two meetings and locations are:

**Executive Board Meeting
Saturday November 15th
Cabela's Retail Store-Lacey
1600 Gateway Blvd NE
Lacey, WA 98516
Host: Olympia Chapter**

**President's Meeting
Friday & Saturday January 9 & 10, 2009
Host: WCTU
Tumwater Comfort Inn
1620 74th Ave SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
Main: 360-352-0691**

Olympia Chapter will be providing directions. Please RSVP as soon as you can.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Thireault
Secretary
Washington Council of Trout Unlimited