



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Lv Country Club Dining Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, Sept 24. Board meetings have been suspended through the summer

PROGRAM:

Open Mic

There will be no official program for the June 4th meeting. Enjoy each other's company, with table talk and tales of fishing.

Let's enjoy a LCFF Summer of Fishing. This summer's programs will consist of who has been fishing, what were you fishing for, where are you going fishing next, when are you going, why are you going there and how can I find time to fish more.

During June meeting there will be no master of ceremonies as club leadership will all be off having an adventure of their own celebrating restoration of The Road To Chopaka Lake. I think it should make a fine book title.

We will continue to hold summer meeting schedule of first Tuesday of the month; June 4, July 2, August 6, and Sept 3. Formal programs will resume for the official first meeting of the club's fiscal year, October 1.

To that end, please mark your calendar with the club's summer outings. They will be discussed with sign-up sheets at the month's meeting prior to the outing. We are seeking volunteers to sponsor these outings so if you feel so moved please contact any Board member. Here is the summer schedule;

Saturday, August 10th Coldwater Lake – Trout

Saturday, September 28th Cowlitz River – Cutthroat

Note also that formal LCFF board meetings have been tabled for the summer. Club business will be conducted via email and phone contact between board members. Contact any board member if you have an issue or question you would like addressed.

Newsletters may be spotty during the summer months due to your newsletter editor's summer schedule. Among my excuses, which I hope you will find satisfactory, is spending most of the month of July in the UK. While there I will be spending the date of July 18 on River Spey learning the 2-handed namesake for Atlantic Salmon, and July 28 at Wherwell Priory beat on River Test seeing if my dry fly skills measure up to British standards.

LCFF Bluegill Outing Report

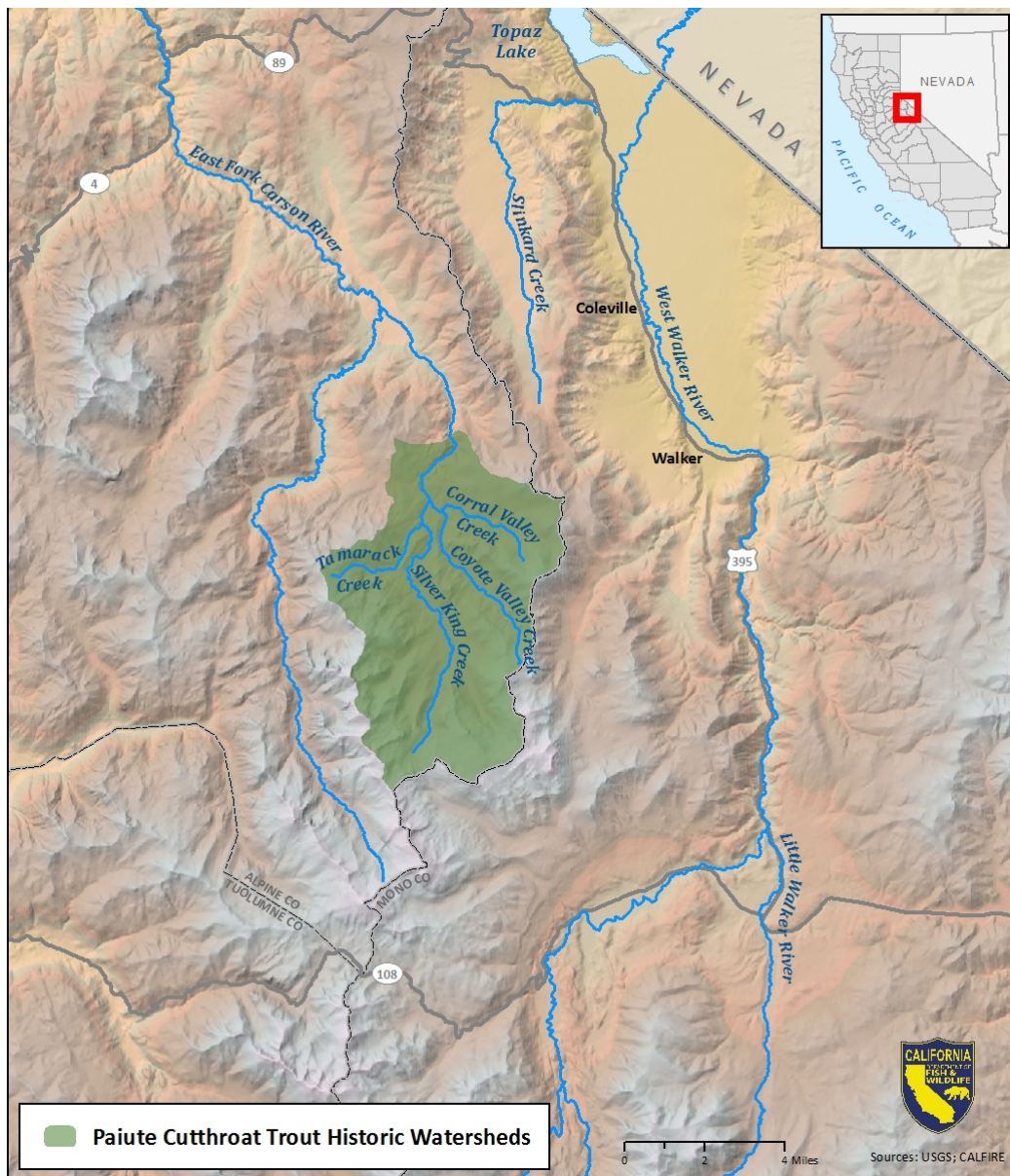
Saturday, May 24th Swofford Pond - Bluegill with fish fry – Hosts, Jerry Schroeder and Terry Frost. Had a good turnout. Everyone who fished caught Blue Gill. The weather held in the morning, became drizzly for lunch, and finally started to pour down as we were packing up. Jerry cooked them up, they were great as usual. Plenty to eat, fish, macaroni salad, Pea salad, Baked beans, beverages and Oatmeal cookies.

Cutthroat.....and Water.....of the Month

Unfortunate this wasn't the final question for Jeopardy as James Holzhauer's reign would surely be lost to Brian Davern on this one. James wouldn't stand a chance and Brian would've sent him home crying to his mama. Brian whipped back "what is Paiute Cutthroat and Silver King Creek" as the answer to May's Cutthroat sub-species and local water.

Now anyone recognizing the Paiute as the species shouldn't have had a hard time identifying Silver King Creek as the water given that is the only recognized habitat the Paiute is native to. It is recognized as inhabiting the uppermost headwaters of the East Fork Carson River after successful efforts to introduce them to streams neighboring Silver King. Location is entirely in California just across the Nevada State Line and just on the west side of the Sierra Nevada divide. None are known to exist anywhere else.

Paiute cutthroat trout were one of the first animals in the nation to be listed as Endangered in 1967 under the Federal Endangered Species Act. In 1975, they were downgraded to Threatened to facilitate recovery actions. California Fish and Game jealously protect the Paiute with a zero tolerance for fishing in the streams where they are currently found. There are plans to expand its range to where it has been presumed to exist historically, at which time there may become a very limited fishery opportunity, hopefully within my lifetime.



Regrets the next installment of Cutthroat sub-species will be in a future newsletter.

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.....Thanks to all of you that have submitted articles.....I really appreciate them and...If you have not seen your submitted articleI will be using them in future issues.....Thanks again and keep them coming.

.....If any of the rest of you have an article, editorial or fishing story for the newsletter, submit it to the Editor at least 10 days before the first of each month:

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