



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Longview Country Club Card Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 PM at Longview Country Club

PROGRAM: Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

The 2018/2019 Lower Columbia Flyfishers program season opener, October 2nd, will be a night learning about the efforts of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

Steve Manlow, Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) will be joining us October 2nd, to tell us about the work being done to help restore salmon recovery across our region. LCFRB covers 5 counties and 18 watersheds in SW Washington, extending from the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to and including the White Salmon River.

See you there.....btw remember to bring a fly of your choice for the raffle!

Cowlitz Cutthroat Outing - Saturday, October 6

Sounds like we have a great group, maybe 18 or so, signed up for the Cowlitz Outing next Saturday. We'll have a sign-up sheet at Tuesday's meeting or you can contact Ron Pihl or Jim Williams to get on the list. Questions not answered here will be fielded at Tuesday's meeting.

Up to the last couple weeks the word is catching has been pretty tough. Hopefully that has turned around some as clearly the Cowlitz is running pretty low and that both concentrates fish and opens up access some, especially for waders. Pitch your favorite fall patterns, oh, say October Caddis, in likely holding water and you should hook up if they're there. I will continue to champion fishing the colors of the season, oranges, yellows, creams, blacks, whites in fall, and leave those pretty colors to spring. One glaring exception is the Spruce Fly, which seems to defy this convention and fish well in the fall. I guess we can call it the color of Christmas so it qualifies.

If you're new to fall sea-runs fishing a 6 weight or better is wise as there's always a chance to tag a steelhead this time of year and you can run into wind. The Blue Creek to Mission drift is ideal for the picnic, but likely to get hit pretty hard so you may consider stretching it out to other locations. Should be some wading opportunities and both up and downstream of Blue Creek boat launch works well.

We'll meet up mid-afternoon at the Mission Launch just East of Toledo. Let's say we'll eat around 3 so I have time to wet a line, Fall cutthroat is my favorite. Should the rain-gods frown on us we'll have a couple shelters up to keep the food warm and dry.

The menu this year will center on pulled pork with the usual fixin's and maybe a surprise or two in the mix. We'll have beer and wine and other drinks but if you prefer the distilled spirits you might want to pack those along.

Should be a great time, you'll find directions to the pic-a-nic-a grounds next page.

Directions to Cowlitz Cutthroat outing Picnic

For anyone not familiar with Mission Bar (also has gone by Massey's Bar) launch, head East from I5 to Toledo. Take a left (North) on SR500, the main drag once in town, which is either 5th or Kellog Way depending on where you pick it up. Go to top of the hill and turn right across from the High School on Jackson Highway. A mile or two down the road is an old St Vincent DePaul mission, now owned by the Cowlitz Tribe, take a right there on to Spencer road. Spencer will bend to the left after a short way, stay on Spencer for maybe another mile and turn right on Buckley. Mission launch is at the end of Buckley, which winds down as a gravel road from the upper plateau to the river.

Buchman finally scores! You know Bob, always on the prowl. Ever the bridesmaid, never the bride. Well Bob proudly announces he's finally bagged a beauty and snuck photos to prove it. He says he's been prowling for action up Hoods Canal way. Bob also sent the second photo, I think he's fantasizing they're mud-wrestling over him



BTW with 2018 mid-term elections coming up soon don't forget to vote for Bob as a write-in candidate.

Montana 2018 - a pretty fair group of folks made the pilgrimage to Montana again this fall, spending week of Sept 8-16 on Georgetown Lake. Thanks Jeff for finding a house literally across the road from a marina with the second group finding a house just up the hill. In addition to Georgetown, day forays to Rock Creek, Clark Fork, Flint Creek, and the Blackfoot River were made. Conversation with some locals confirmed the group's experience that fish weren't quite as plentiful, there had been a significant fish kill due to late freeze on the lake this year. That being said.....fishing was still excellent and a number of +20" fish were tagged. Moose sightings were nearly every day and one evening there was a cigar and cocktail celebration of Norm, we sure missed him.



Kenagy scores on Rock Creek !

LCFF Board News...since we haven't been meeting or have been out on one expedition or the other, there really isn't any. Yet. Regular monthly Board meetings have begun and anyone is welcome to sit in.

Oh, October does officially begin a new Club fiscal years your 2018/2019 LCFF dues are now due.

We are going to throw a twist into the **mystery water of the month** and move out of the local area to combine a little history of our passion. My original thought was to focus on the waters where fly fishing originated, it's generally accepted that Macedonia, around 200AD was the first recorded observation of using artificial flies. Chances any of us might recognize and water from there seem pretty slim, so I will start this series focusing on the US water and where fly fishing was first practiced here. And after very little research I got quite a surprise in that the **first recorded mention of fishing with a fly within the US boundaries did NOT come from the Northeast trout streams, but here. And where are we?** (answers will be considered correct by the state and locality, not the specific water as that is not known).



Greased lines

.....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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