



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Lv. Country Club Dining Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 PM at Longview Country Club

PROGRAM: Last of our Summer Open Mic nights

Last meeting before we start formal programs so bring tales of your favorite fishing expedition from this summer and enjoy a little extra time to share it.

LCFF Coldwater Lake Outing Report – August 10th

Tales of 40 fish days and dry fly action at the August 6th general meeting had many of us excited to go. The reports leading up to the Coldwater lake outing were looking good, reports from Monday through Thursday, warm days and mild winds blowing moths on to the surface created reports of fish, fish, fish. Friday's report changed to more dismal reports of cloudy, rainy, stormy and little to no fish. Saturday saw more of the Friday's weather, of the group that showed up there were probably 6 -8 fish caught. We broke for a sandwich bar and picnic lunch around 2:00, consisting of beverages, make your own sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, chips and oatmeal raisin cookies for dessert. Many of us went back out in the afternoon and fished till heavy rains drove us off. Terry

Addendum...Ron Pihl. Terry was right on about tough catching until Glenn figured out hucking some larger dry attractor, maybe a 10-12 or so, would bring the fish up during the early evening. Glenn ended up with a pretty decent day from my view, and I caught handful enough that we wouldn't have starved. Sounded like it was largely an evening show on the Lake.

Cowlitz Outing next up – Saturday September 28th

I have heard reports of cutthroat sightings on the Cowlitz. Meet for Lunch at Mission Bar in the afternoon. Still looking for hosts for this event. Terry

"Unofficial" LCFF annual pilgrimage to Montana coming right up

For those who may be interested in sampling some of the best Montana has to offer a couple groups of us are making our annual trip mid-September. You are all welcome to swing over for whatever days you want and share the experience. Basically we are wrapping both weekends around the Sept 16 week focused on fishing Georgetown Lake and a couple of the neighboring rivers and streams.

Regrets our group has filled the house we rented on the Lake, but there are many lodging options to pick from if you can make it ranging from campgrounds to VRBOs to hotels. Is always fun to share a few libations and experiences as we wind down the evening. You will need a floating device on the Lake if you choose to fish it, but with many day-trip river options everyone will find something to satisfy. If you have interest come to the meeting Tuesday and get your questions answered as well as recommendations on where to stay.

Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp Directors stepping down

If you haven't heard Mike Clancy and Jim Brosio have announced the 2020 Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp will be their last. They will be retiring after next year's event and are actively soliciting volunteers to take over. Incoming Directors would be invited to participate in next year's camp to get hands-on tutoring. If you have interest please contact either Mike or Jim for more info. Here is Mike's letter;

2020 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 21-27, 2020 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The Staff will be contacting over 50 dedicated volunteers to contribute their time for the success of the Academy and for the kids. This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to teach them the basics of fly fishing and conservation, etc.. The event is one full week with the staff and youth living at the Gwinwood Center and boarding in cabins. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fly fishing gear.

The event is supported by WCTU and WSCFFI and members of South Sound FF, Olympia Chapter TU, Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma and local companies and private individuals.

The enrollment fee for each student is only \$300, sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, WSCFFI fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funds.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2020 until April 15, 2020. Applications may be downloaded from our website – www.nwycffa.org, via email to mtclancy39@comcast.net or call 253-278-0061 and Jim Brosio, brosioj@q.com. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why THEY want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor.

The 2020 Academy will be Jim and my last year as Directors for The Academy. It's time we passed the reins on to new folks interested in carrying on with The Academy. The new folks are welcome to attend the 2020 Academy, to shadow us and we will help for as long as it takes to counsel the new Directors. The event is a two person task. Jim and I have enjoyed our time with the event, it's time we move on.

We are very proud of The Academy, this has been a life changing experience for many of our youth.

Bring out the rye and mustard, Baby, it's.....Grand Coulee time - ???

Oooo, Brian Davern just forwarded quite an intriguing opportunity for any and all, suggesting we might consider even making an outing of it. Precious little info to date on this late-breaking news but is familiar turf for a few of you.

Check this out.....which seems to have taken a page from our local Pikeminnow reduction program;

The Grant, Chelan and Douglas Public Utility Districts are contributing to an effort by tribes and state agencies to control Northern Pike, a voracious predator that, if not contained, could set back decades of salmon recovery efforts across the Pacific Northwest.

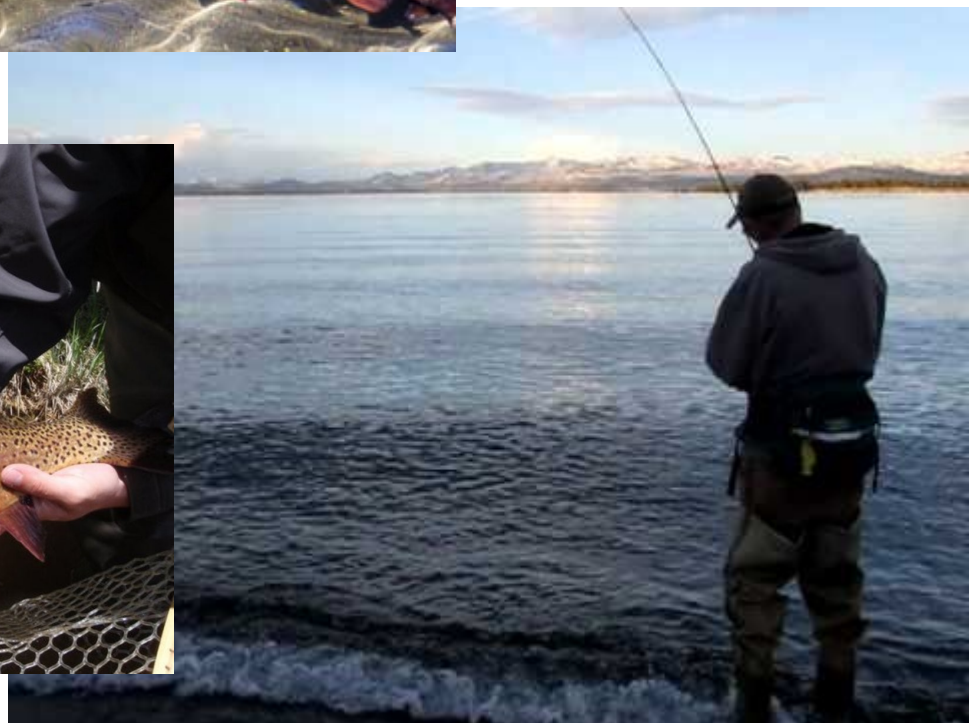
PUDS, TRIBES ASKING FOR HELP FROM ANGLERS IN REDUCING NORTHERN PIKE NUMBERS ABOVE GRAND COULEE; \$10 FOR EVERY PIKE HEAD

For those who have fished the upper Columbia near Canadian border there seems to be a new game in town, and potentially quite rewarding as well. I'm guessing a few of us have also solved the local Tiger Muskie fishing in Merwin and Mayfield Lakes and would have a bit of an advantage on the rest. Having lived in the Midwest most of my youth I can tell you Pike fishing can be quite explosive and generally fished on or just under the surface in shallow water.

For more info sign in online at www.cbbulletin.com , Columbia Basin Bulletin Fish and Wildlife News website.

Its time to crank up the Cutthroat challenge again. When we last left it Brian continued his winning ways correctly identifying the Paiute Cutthroat and Silver King Creek in east slope of California's northern Sierra Nevada's. Remember, gold star for naming the cutthroat subspecies with bonus points for identifying the water.

I think we should strike up this banner with something we actually have a reasonable opportunity to experience....which is....????????????



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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