



The Lower Columbia Flyfisher

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Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Lv Country Club Dining Room

Next board meeting - Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 PM at Longview Country Club

PROGRAM:

Bob Buchman's Alaska

Bob is our speaker to open to 2019/2020 club year programs putting on a show in his trip to Alaska. With Bob on the mic you know this'll be entertaining if nothing else.

We **should get some lively fishing reports**. In addition to the Cowlitz outing a good number of the club hitting various Montana locations as well as Dry Falls over the past several weeks.

Remember to **bring a fly of your choice** as we will be firing up the monthly fly box **raffle**.

November will feature Ron Pihl with a program on fishing Scotland's River Spey and England's River Test.

LCFF - 50 year anniversary!

In year of our Lord 1970 Dave Carlson proposed to a band of local fly anglers, "hey, why don't we form a club so we can have an excuse to get out of the house and drink adult beverages together, preferably gin-based" "We can use the excuse of promoting fly-fishing to escape and party" "Think of the possibilities.....we could periodically claim to 'go fishing' calling it a club outing, maybe even for several days, even a week or so at a time!"

And so it was.

OK maybe there was some actual conservation, education, and otherwise altruistic intent to go along with the camaraderie. Hard to believe 50 years have passed so quickly but come January here we are. Quite a milestone.

So, we need to celebrate! Expect some discussion over the next several club meetings on just what and how we should. All ideas are welcome. The only thing we have set so far is our revered founder Dave Carlson will headline the event.

October Cowlitz Outing was held this Saturday, Sept. 28. Weather looks good for fishing as long as the River didn't rise too much from recent rains. Muchas Gracias to President Terry for stepping up to provide the grub as we were lacking on outing sponsor. Yours truly regrets missing this one as it is my fav of the year.....look forward to the fishing reports.

Club Dues are now due for the current year. Reminder our club year, including fiscal, is October 1 through Sept. 31. We plan to continue to offer an LCFF club calendar featuring Ray Green's art, God rest his soul, and will be available to all members current on their dues. Reminder dues are \$25/year, \$10/year if you are over 70 and have been a member in good standing for over 15 years.

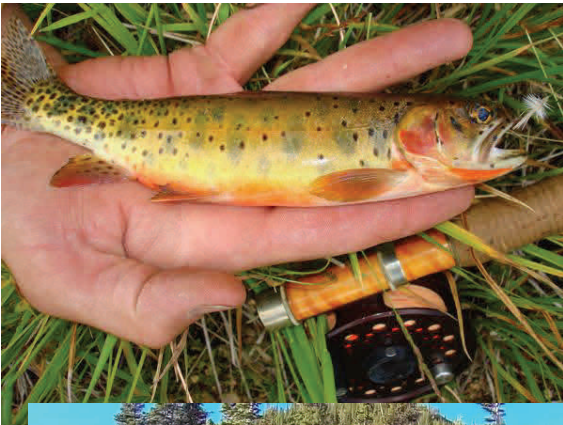
LCFF Board voted unanimously to endorse a letter of support for WDFW to receive State funding for suppression efforts to control, hopefully eradicate, Northern Pike in the upper Columbia. Voracious predators, Pike are an invasive species threat to anadromous fisheries should they continue migrating downstream. Large enough to become the apex predator where they reside, Pike also are prolific breeders. Program is intended to try to hold them above anadromous zone of the Columbia system.

Residence for the LCFF club library have resurrected as they have been living in Terry's garage long enough to qualify for rent control. Among ideas for disposition is to disband the library altogether. Ideas? Volunteers to manage and store this?

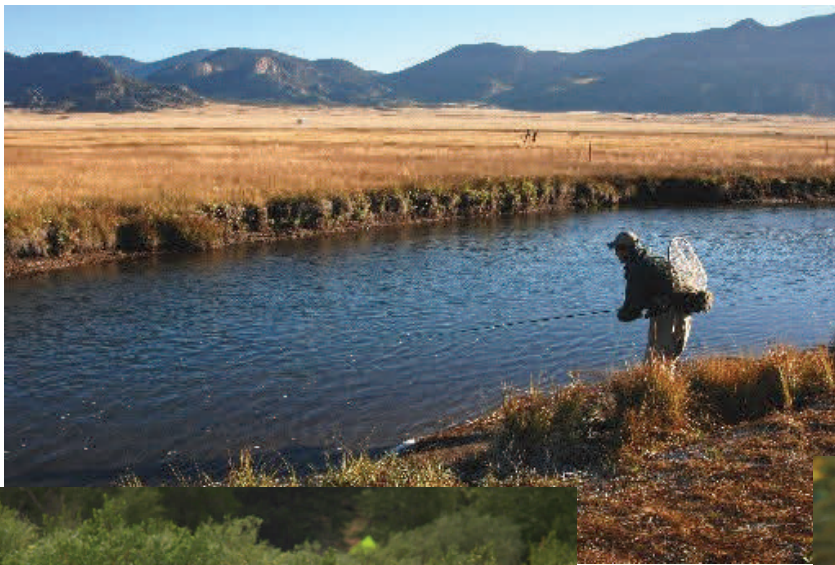
Hal reports a notable improvement in fish returning to local hatcheries. Kalama Steelhead and Toutle Chinook numbers have improved, enough so that Hal was able to get a 250 fish tote of salmon carcasses for nutrient enhancement this past Friday. Hopefully this is a trend that will improve as returns have been otherwise dismal this year.

I don't recall getting any guesses at last month's **mystery Cutthroat, the Yellowstone**. I thought featuring Yellowstone Lake would be a dead giveaway. The Yellowstone cutthroat is a major subspecies of cutthroat trout that is native to the Yellowstone and Upper Snake River drainages with the single largest population residing in Yellowstone Lake. Yellowstone Cutthroat populations were on a significant decline within the lake and spawning streams after Lake Trout were discovered to have been illegally planted and thriving there. Mandatory catch and keep regulations and aggressive commercial gillnetting for the Lake Trout have begun to show positive results as the cutthroat populations have begun bouncing back.

So this month we are venturing a little ways from Yellowstone to ?????



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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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