



TIGHTLINES

OFF pitches in for conservation.



Perrinville Creek's restoration, led by Edmonds Seaview teacher Bob Shepard, is one of the good causes OFF members are supporting this year. For more project, see "CONSERVATION"Page 3

Carrao gives OFF members whirlwind tour of lower B.C. fish options.



Vic Carrao of STS.

Vic Carrao, of STS Guiding Service, Mission, B.C., took OFF members on a tantalizing tour of the Fraser, Harrison, Vedder and Pitt Rivers, plus assorted lakes, at our regular May meeting.

Carrao spent 225 days on the water last year and guided for all five species of salmon as well as sturgeon, steelhead and other indigenous trout. He admits that it doesn't all happen on the fly.

"If you want to fish twelve months a year in B.C. you're See "STS" Page 4

Calendar

Meetings:

June 14: General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Writer, conservationist & fly fisherman Les Johnson, author of *Fly Fishing for Coastal Cutthroat Trout*.

June 28: Board Meeting

July: No meeting.

August 9: Club Picnic, near Lake Ballinger

Upcoming Speakers:

September 13: Dave Ames, author of *True Love and the Woolly Bugger*.

Special Events:

June 7: Fly Tying Round Table, 7 – 9 p.m. Frances Anderson Center, Edmonds, Room 302. Eric will be tying two bass flies, Waterman's Silver Outcast and Burk's Aggravator. Join the fun.



Bud shows off his "Line to Oarlock" cast at Blue Lake. To find out what happened next, go to Page 2



Photos by Barry Hutton and Mike Truax.

Blue Lake, crowded, and a crowd pleaser.

Ten members made the trek over the mountains for Opening Day at Blue Lake, near Conconully this year and despite the "crowds" (which you can see in the photo to the left) everyone had a great time.

Mike Truax hosted the trip and was joined by Mike Bunney, Bud Camandona, Lyle Chrisman, Jim Gauntt, Jim Hagy, Barry Hutton, Doug Pendleton, Phil Sacks and Randy Sobczak.



Who caught the biggest fish? Randy Sobczak (above) or Lyle Chrisman (below)? Clearly, it's no contest. These photos definitely prove that Lyle's fish was at least a foot longer.



Above, Barry and Lyle camped out close to the action. Mike Truax suggests we might wait until after opening day for next year's trip.

left, Bud lands a scrappy 18" rainbow. Or is that the bottle of beer he was cooling?





OFF helps fund projects to enhance salmon and trout stocks in local waters.

Twelve years ago, Scotch Broom flanked this section of creek near the Perrinville Post Office. That's when Bob Shepard and his fifth graders began restoring habitat.



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Salmon have been sighted in Perrinville creek in recent years and, if the City of Edmonds can adjust the height of a culvert, greater numbers of salmon and cutthroat trout may once again make the trip upstream to spawn.

At least that's the dream of Edmonds Seaview School teacher Bob Shepard. Shepard, with the help of OFF member David Wiegand, whose daughter, Kate, was one of Bob's students, received a \$300 grant from the Club to continue riparian restoration and maintenance as well as water quality monitoring. The creek is a drainage for the Blueridge, Seaview Heights and Perrinville neighborhoods.

"This has been a great experience for the students because it helps them understand the vital importance of the environment around the stream in creating a healthy environment in the stream," says Bob. "We've had some successes with chum salmon and this grant will help us keep the project moving forward."

Stilly - Snohomish Task Force

The Stilly - Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force also received a grant from the Club for \$500.

The Task Force is a non-profit founded in 1990 with a mission to ensure the future of salmon in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish Rivers and Island County watersheds, an area of more than 2,400 square miles.

The Task Force has been very effective in bank planting projects, developing partnerships with landowners to help reduce barriers in spawning streams, and in working with communities and small forest owners.

Help for Lone Lake

The Club also gave \$100 to Northwest Fly Anglers to help in its efforts to reduce Egeria infestation at Lone Lake on Whidbey Island.

You're invited to lend a hand-at Griffin Creek.

Griffin Creek, near Carnation, is a major spawning stream for

coho salmon in the Snoqualmie River system. It also provides significant habitat for steelhead.

Improving and maintaining riparian habitat along the banks has been an ongoing project of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

The WFFC is hosting a work party at the creek on Saturday, June 17th from 8:30 to 12:30 followed by a barbecue. Any Club members who'd like to help are welcome. And Perry Barth says the food is great. For directions on getting there, contact Doug Schaad at: dcschaad@comcast.com

Here are other projects in the area that can use volunteers:

June 24: Beach Expo and clean up at Howarth Park, Everett 9 a.m. - Noon.

July 8: Beach Expo and clean up at Mukilteo Lighthouse Park 9 a.m. - Noon.

August 6th: Beach Expo, clean up and ivy out at Kayak Point Park, Tulalip 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

August 25: Stillaguamish River Clean up, at fishermen sites in Silvana, Arlington and Darrington 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



The OFF Beat

Why is this man smiling?



Read the story and see the photos from Corbett in our July issue.

Fishing Reports

Quite a few members went fishing last month. We had reports from Beda Lake, Blue Lake, Alta, Dry Falls, Rattlesnake, Coffee Pot, Martha Lake, Erie, Lone Lake, Cottage Lake, Blackman, Big Twin and Kings. Joe Conner fished for permit, bonefish and tarpon on the flats near Cancun, Mexico and Doug Pendleton fished for Bass on the John Day River in Oregon.

In fact just about everyone caught fish and, despite some wind and unpredictable weather, they all had a great time. And then, there's Perry Barth.

Whatever comes his way, Perry always manages to have a smile on his face and a song running through his mind. His many years as Music Director at Ballard High School probably contributes to the latter.

Last year when he totaled his truck and trailer on a trip back from Idaho, he handled it all with a smile, a good natured shrug, and a happy to still be here attitude.

This year, Perry tells us he's had two unfortunate "incidents." Last month at the WFFC outing to Lone Lake, on Whidbey Island, Perry put his fly box on his bumper and, you guessed it, drove away.

Then, later in the month, driving up to fish the Sauk, he experienced the unfortunate downside of a poor choice in dinner entrees from the evening before and projected the results in the general direction of his dashboard while enroute. On top of



Perry visits with Island County Noxious Weed Control Director Susan Horton, at recent meeting.

that, he got skunked on the river.

But Perry takes it all in stride. Regarding his two recent mishaps, he commented genially:

"Fish two. Perry zero."

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going to be using hardware some of those months," says Carrao.

Vic says the best fly fishing opportunities are from late summer through November.

The Fraser and its tributaries are the primary destination for fly fishermen. Five Pacific salmon species as well as steelhead spawn in the river and it holds resident rainbow, bull and cutthroat trout. Vic also likes the gin clear waters of the Pitt system for sea run bull trout.



General Information

The General meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the South County Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave., Edmonds, WA. Social hour: 6:00 p.m.

The Board meeting is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Alf's on 196th Avenue, Lynnwood, WA. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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He'll also pick you up at the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel and drop you back after a day of fishing. *Now that's the way to go!*

For lake fishing, Vic suggests Lundbom, Island, Logan, Harper, Community and Roach Lakes.

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