



The Tippet

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Clearwater Fly Casters
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April Program: Liza Mitchell, Spatial Patterns of Marine-Derived Nutrients in Salmon Spawning

Management efforts to restore wild salmon runs throughout the Pacific Northwest have typically focused on habitat restoration and improved fish passage. Recent research indicates the importance of other conditions for fish recovery, including productivity and cross-ecosystem subsidies. Productivity in stream ecosystems can be fueled by nutrients that originate from terrestrial, atmospheric and hydrologic pathways, however rarely are marine derived nutrient (MDN) subsidies considered in this context. Spawning activities and remnant carcasses from anadromous salmon provide a pulsed nutrient input into typically oligotrophic headwater streams. Using a paired watershed approach within a wilderness watershed (Big Creek, ID), this study aims to quantify the incorporation of MDN to food webs in headwater streams in the presence and absence of salmon-derived nutrient subsidies.

Liza Mitchell is pursuing a M.S. in Water Resources through the interdisciplinary Waters of the West program at the University of Idaho in Moscow. She completed her B.A. in Environmental Science at Colorado College and graduated with honors in 2008. Since then she has worked with watershed conservation non-profits in Colorado and Alaska doing fieldwork, education and outreach, monitoring and writing. She also worked in the Alaskan wilderness as a field guide and instructor on canoeing and mountaineering expeditions for at-risk youth.



Currently she is researching the impacts of spawning Chinook salmon in the Big Creek watershed, Idaho. Last summer was her first introduction to fly fishing, and she caught a nice rainbow trout on her first day out, and then had a summer-long struggle to balance time between hiking, fishing and conducting field work! This fall she learned to tie flies (thanks to CFC's very own Cliff Swanson) and is awaiting her return to Big Creek next summer to try catching a fish with her own fly.

Presidents' Message (Kay and Lynn Youngblood)

A Season of Promise: Any of us involved with a church in the Moscow area are likely familiar with a program called Family Promise, an initiative where many churches are collaborating to find solutions to homelessness in our community. For fly fishers, the warming weather of late also points to a season of promise as we anticipate heading out to the beautiful waters of our area to enjoy what nature provides us. For our Clearwater Fly Casters, we have a program full of promise coming up. The promise is embodied in young people who have won scholarships awarded by CFC. Both Liza Mitchell (UI) and Conor Giogi (EWU) will be telling us about their award-winning research.

Calendar

Apr 10: CFC Mtg, Liza Mitchell, Salmon Spawning Research

May 11: Amber Lake Fishout

Jun 23-9: NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy (see p. 5 of February On-line Tippet for details)

Jul 12-13: St. Joe Fishout, Fly Flat CG

Information

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site. Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor.

Meetings 2nd Wed:

**Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Backcast to March Meeting

Guests: Mike Malcolm, Marc Ratzlaff's fishing buddy, attended and joined the club.

Committee Reports were skipped this time so we could get on with the auction.

Dates to Remember: VP Roger Willemsen, filling in for the Youngbloods who were out of town, announced the next Executive Committee meeting on April 1 at 5:30 at the Thai Ginger in Pullman and the next regular club meeting on April 10 at the Best Western in Moscow. He reported that the Exec. Committee recommended moving the Amber Lake Fish Out date from April 27 to May 11 so Idaho residents wouldn't have to buy a season license. Dave Tharp moved, Andy Kleinhofs seconded, motion passed to have the Amber Lake fish Out on May 11. The St. Joe Fish Out will be July 12-13 with the potluck at 6:00 pm on Saturday at Fly Flat Campground.

Announcements: Bob Clark talked briefly about the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo on March 22-23 at the Red Lion in Lewiston. Special guests were Al Buhr and Marty and Mia Sheppard.

Paul Agidius reminded folks to pay dues if they hadn't already paid this year. He has a list to check to see who has paid and who hasn't.

Cliff Swanson said that the auction helped support the club's scholarship fund, so bid high and bid often. This year's scholarship winner, Conor Giorgi, will receive his check at the April meeting. Last year's winner, Liza Mitchell, will present the program.

Steve Bush mentioned that he had put three flyers on each dinner table: one for the Trout Unlimited banquet on April 6 in Sandpoint, one for the Washington State Council of the FFF fly fishing fair on May 3-4 in Ellensburg, and one for the FFF International Fly Fishing Fair on September 24-28 in West Yellowstone.

Auction: Before the live auction, a surprise anonymous raffle was drawn for and won by Paul Agidius. The prize was a hook remover and first-aid kit. We suspect that all the names in the drawing were Paul's!

Roger thanked all the businesses and agencies that donated auction items: IDFG, Shur Shot Sporting Goods, Idaho Cedar Sales, Mimi's Bakery in Palouse, the Animal Clinic, the Barber/Fly Shop, Willy's Blues, Brew, & BBQ, Landgrove Coffee, and the Sunset Mart in Troy.

Dave Tharp, auctioneer extraordinaire, worked through over 40 items and groups of items up for sale. The auction raised \$2566 which was really very good considering there were only 23 members in attendance. Items won included:

John Read hand-made fly box with flies - Fraziers
Books - Marc Ratzlaff, Steve Bush, Cliff Swanson, Dave Tharp, and Gary Evers
Pecan pies made by John Read - George Hinman, Jolanta Kleinhofs
Fish Pond waist pack - Roger Willemsen
Fly Tying kit - Steve Bush
Jewelry box - Mike Malcolm
Packages of fly tying materials - Gary Evers, Cliff Swanson
Dr. Slik scissors sets + fly tying material - Steve Bush
Vest refresh kit + fly tying material - Doug Young
Willy's Blues, Brew & BBQ gift certificate - Fraziers
System 2 reel with 2 extra spools + leader in leather case - Doug Young
Cowgirl Chocolates gift basket - Doug Young
Wine Basket and coffee - Joy Lunsford
Lord of Lenice kit and box of flies - Steve Bush
Stoneware settings for four - Sylvia Evers
Dinner for four at Youngbloods - Fraziers
Sturgeon fishing trip with IDFG - Doug Baldwin
Home-baked breads and cookies - Steve Bush, Jolanta Kleinhofs, Jill Dacey
Bob Clark bamboo fly rod - Ray Dacey
Gun case - Gary Evers
Bill Hendrix hand-crafted net - Gary Evers
Alison Mayer photos - Paul Agidius

Fishing rods - Doug Young, Steve Bush, Gary Evers
Framed Bob Harwood print - Gary Evers
Fly box with 3 dozen flies - Mike Malcolm
Fly tying materials + calendar - Gary Evers
Orvis 4 pc travel rod - Mike Malcolm
Korkers camp slippers - Steve Bush
Neoprene wading socks + whistle - Cliff Swanson, Steve Bush
Fly rod and reel - Steve Bush
Hand-made table runner, placements, and napkins - Youngbloods
Chuck Stranahan fly box with assortment of MT flies - Fraziers
Flashlight - Paul Agidius
Six dozen flies tied by members - Roger Willemsen
Troy Sunset Mart gift certificate - Cliff Swanson
Six month supply of dog food - Roger Willemsen

Casting For Recovery Spring Events by Peg Kingery

Casting for Recovery North Idaho/Eastern Washington is busily preparing for our second retreat in June 2013. For those of you who aren't familiar with CFR, it is a national non-profit organization that provides retreats specifically tailored to women who have or have had breast cancer. Our local CFR group touched the lives of 14 women from eastern Washington and northern Idaho at our retreat last June. We're working now to secure the funds to bring this same healing experience to more women who are living with the affects of breast cancer in our home area. Some events are listed below:

Moscow Food Co-op: Donate bag deposits anytime. Also, information tables on April 6 and 13.

Banquet/Auction: Coeur d'Alene Inn, April 27

Annual Golf Tournament: Bryden Canyon Golf Course, May 11

For more information on Casting for Recovery Spring Events, see the April On-line *Tippet* at the CFC web site.

Fly of the Month: Balinderry Olive

From FFF by Bob Bates. See web site below for details:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Portals/0/FlyoftheMonth/PreviousIssues/2013-03%20March%20-%20Balinderry%20Olive.pdf>

Materials:

Hook: DiRiki 740 size 10 2x1

Thread: 6/0 olive

Rib: Brassy size ultra, chartreuse

Thorax: Any dubbing, yellow-green, olive

Hackle: Hen saddle, tan

Wing: Bronze mallard and red dyed golden pheasant tippets



Bob's Notes: Dick Nicklas was tying this interesting pattern at the 2012 FFF Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane, Washington. It is a variation of an old Irish lough (lake) fly. Dick told us that two materials for the fly originally tied by master fly fisher T. J. Hanna are difficult to find legally: thinly dubbed olive seal for body and red swan mixed with bronze mallard for wing fibers. His substitutions are olive thread body with a close woven chartreuse wire rib and mixed bronze mallard and red dyed golden pheasant tippets for wing. The story is that it a great lake fly. So it is fished wet with a floating, sink tip or full sinking line depending on water depth. Let the fly sink and then start a retrieve. I usually start near the bottom and if I hook weeds then I shorten the sink time.

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CFC membership dues are \$20/yr for individuals, \$30/yr for families, \$10/yr for students, \$50/yr sustaining, \$300/lifetime. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday, September through May, at the Best Western University Inn, 1516 Pullman Rd, Moscow, Idaho. Wet Fly Hour 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM and Program at 7:30 PM.

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Moscow and Pullman residents who shop at the Moscow Food Co-op have an easy way to help us out. Casting for Recovery North Idaho/Eastern Washington was awarded the Dime in Time (DIT) grant moneys for the month of April. All Co-op shoppers who bring their own grocery bags have the option of taking a 10 cent refund per bag or donating their refund to the DIT recipient. So we're asking anyone who shops at the Co-op to bring lots of bags! And to shop often! We will have information tables at the Co-op on April 6th and April 13th.

We also have our major fund-raiser for the year coming up on April 27th. Our supporters from the North Idaho Flycasters have been putting in many hours to make our annual banquet/auction a fun evening and a financial success. It will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Inn. At this event, there will be silent, bucket and live auction items available to bid on. One of our first CFR attendees, Jane Freed, will be our guest speaker. Tickets for our banquet/auction can be purchased by contacting me at 208-669-1858.

For those of you who like to swing sticks on the golf course, we'll be having our annual tournament on May 11th at Bryden Canyon golf course. This is a four-person, best ball scramble. Your \$65 entrance fee includes 18 holes of golf, your cart and lunch. As part of the event, there will be a bucket auction courtesy of a donation of their signature "pink bottle beer" from Rogue (which was a huge hit last year!)

All of us involved in Casting for Recovery North Idaho/Eastern Washington are grateful for the support you've given us and hope to partner with you in all our future events.