



The Tippet

December 2020

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



Message from the Executive Committee:

Your Executive Committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17th and have some information to share with the membership:

Participating Executive Committee Members from top left to bottom right are: Kay and Lynn Youngblood (Treasurer), Fred Muehlbauer (Tippet Editor), Cliff Swanson (Scholarships), Tony McDonnell (Secretary), Steve Bush (FFF Representative). Doug Baldwin (Conservation Chair) participated in the meeting by phone is not pictured.



Items discussed at the Zoom meeting:

- **Addition to the Executive Committee.** A motion was made and passed to add two at-large Directors to the Executive Committee. The additional Directors are expected to assist the Committee in planning Club activities and provide additional insight to interests of club members. Any member wishing to participate in the next virtual Committee meeting please contact Fred at f.muehlj@gmail.com for the Zoom ID number and password needed to access the meeting.
- **Communications with the Best Western.** Best Western has agreed to continue hosting our meetings when the Covid pandemic has passed. Best Western is eager and willing to continue working with us as we move beyond the current crisis.
- **Virtual Meeting Possibility.** The Committee is considering holding a general club virtual meeting in February. Kay indicated that we could have as many as a hundred Zoom participants should the need arise. Cliff will put a notice to all members on our web page that we hope to conduct a “virtual meeting” via Zoom in February.

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- **St. Joe Ranger District Proposal.** Christine Plourde of the St. Joe Ranger District requested a letter supporting needed improvements along the St. Joe River. On behalf of the club Lynn prepared and forwarded a letter supporting Christine's proposal.
- **WDFW Columbia River Fishing Advisory Board.** Doug reported that he hasn't heard a word from the WDFW concerning his nomination to serve on the Advisory board. Our club is hoping Doug will be selected given his knowledge of the issues and his desire to protect the Columbia River fishery.
- **Committee Reports.** Cliff stated that he has sent all appropriate *Scholarship Application* information to both universities and is hopeful we will receive several applicants.
- **Calendars:** Steve has three calendars available for sale at his Moscow office. Two versions of the calendar are: "This is What Fly Fishing Teaches Us and "The Art of the Fly."
- **Next Meeting Date.** Our next Virtual Executive Committee meeting will be January 12th at 6:00 pm.
- **Mawdsley Fishing Lodge.** Steve Bush has a reservation with Mawdsley Fishing Lodge for the first week of June 2021. He is looking for people who might be interested in joining the group. Anyone interested should contact Steve for details.

In Memoriam

Long-time Club member Jolanta Kleinhofs passed away on December 9, 2020. Jolanta and her fishing mentor and loving husband Andy spent many a September on Kodiak island in Alaska fly fishing for Coho salmon. Here is a nice Coho she caught on the Pasagshak river.



Pictures:



Top left is Paul Agidius on Amber lake in his pontoon boat looking for some action; on the right is Jim Palmersheim on the Clearwater river December 8th with a wild buck steelhead caught using a 13 foot 7 wt. Spey rod; and lower left is Marc Ratzlaff climbing out of Birch creek, a tributary of the Teton river in Southeast Idaho while on the Cut Slam trip in July 2014.

Membership Dues: Given the fact that we are unable to hold general meetings due to Covid-19, it was proposed and agreed to by the committee that membership dues paid in 2020 will also cover dues for 2021. Thus, members will have two years of membership for the cost of one year of dues. Members wishing to take advantage of this option should send a check for their dues to Lynn Youngblood, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, Washington 99163.

Fly of the Month: “The Rusty Nail Chronomid”

Tim Cavalier contributes this fly and says: “Here's your modified Phase 2 Idaho lockdown fly of the month; No need to worry as you sit at your bench in the comfort of your own home and tie flies. Yes, chronomids are used a lot in the spring so you may as well get a jump on them now.”

Rusty Nail Fly Pattern Recipe:

Materials -

Hook: Mustad Signature
C49s or similar #10-16
Bead: White brass or tung
Underbody: UNI-Stretch
Thread: Wine 8/0 70d
Rib: Micro tubing,
Bug Legs (FTD), or Super
stretch Floss
Body: Mirage tinsel
Overbody: head cement or
Bonedry clear (UV resin or
similar)



For details of how to tie this fly see:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWXPwiM_zKQ



House approves legislation to end use of drift gillnets

Legislation to phase out "walls of death" passes House, heads to President's desk

This morning (12/10/2020) the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act which outlaws destructive drift gillnets from the last region of the country that still allows it - the federal waters off California. The final push to phase out the gear has been a huge priority for CCA California and the recreational fishing community across the country.

"This is something that CCA California has been focused on for years, and it is a huge win for anglers and our marine resources," said Bill Shedd, chairman of CCA California. "CCA members from across the nation activated and sent in thousands of messages to their elected officials urging them to pass this common-sense measure and their perseverance paid off. We are truly grateful for their efforts and proud to have been a part of the national effort to get this bill over the goal line. It is large, grassroots efforts like this that have made CCA successful for decades."

California was the only state that still allowed a small number of commercial fishermen to use large mesh drift gillnets, which are a mile long and float along the ocean surface ensnaring anything in their path. While they "target" swordfish, more 70 different species get captured, including sportfish, marine mammals and sea turtles. Over half of the catch is discarded, much of it dead. Frustrating conservationists even more is the fact that the nets can be eliminated while also increasing the total catch of swordfish by using deep-set buoy gear that results in far less bycatch and has been developed in California since 2011.

"This is a great way to finish a most troubling year, said Wayne Kotow, executive director CCA California. "We could not have accomplished this without all of our valuable coalition partners. We can finally see the end of this gear type that hurts the overall resources."

The Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act now heads to the President's desk as the last piece of the puzzle to phase out the deadly gear. The Senate version of the bill was approved in July and the State of California passed similar legislation by a vote of 119-1. California state law has already initiated a transition program that will help finance the few dozen drift gillnet permit holders to move to more efficient gear, but because the activity takes place in federal waters, the federal bill was needed to close the loop and fully initiate the transition.

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Membership and Monthly Meeting:

CFC membership dues are \$25/yr. for individuals, \$35/yr. for families, \$10/yr. for students, \$50/yr. sustaining, \$300/lifetime. When the Pandemic is behind us, meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May. Meetings are 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.