



The Tippet

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Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



A Message from President Lynn Youngblood:

Hello Fellow CFCers. It appears that prime fly-fishing time is around the corner....and I'd say it's about time! This will be my final note from the President as my better half, Kay, assumes the reins for the last half of 2022. I know she shares with me appreciation for those of you who have returned to our meetings. We look forward to seeing an increased turnout for our regular meetings in the fall. But let's hope that takes a while and what will feel like a lazy summer provides us with opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors that we are blessed to have here in the Pacific Northwest. I once read an autobiography of sorts where a life-long fly fisher had come to the point where he no longer cared whether he caught fish or not....he was just happy to be on good water! I'm not quite to that point yet where all it takes to fulfill me is good water, but I'm getting close! May you all find good water to be satisfying in the months ahead.

Lynn

Upcoming Fish Outs:

June 16-17, 2022: North Fork Coeur d'Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground.

July 15-17, 2022: St. Joe Fish Out, Meet and camp at Fly Flat Campground

Back cast:

Ron McFarland presented "How a dyed-in-the-wool bait angler was transformed into a generally inept, occasionally back-slipping fly thrower" at our meeting this past May. Ron took us through several of his published books revealing his experiences while converting from a bait fisher to a fly fisher on Idaho lakes and streams. Several of his recently published books were available at the meeting for purchase and for autographs by the author. Ron (pictured at the right) received the "Prevaricator Award" from President Lynn Youngblood at the conclusion of his presentation.



Conservation Committee:

Last week [CCA issued a statement](#) about the ridiculous recent decision by WDFW and ODFW to approve a mainstream small mesh gillnet fishery for spring Chinook – in direct conflict with six years of precedence under the Columbia River fishery reforms, the \$14.4 million buyback approved by the Washington Legislature, and as the agencies deliberately reduced this spring's recreational fishery by 20% at the cost of 14,000 angler trips worth an estimated \$1.6 million.

It was [recently disclosed](#) that the May 23 small mesh gillnet fishery, which was primarily driven by WDFW, saw just four gillnet boats participate with landings of 19 adult spring Chinook worth about \$940! Many, many times more than this was spent in taxpayer dollars for agency staff to propose and authorize this irresponsible fishery at a time when WDFW has been directed to implement a \$14.4 million gillnet buyback. In a fitting irony, the four gillnet vessels reported catching 3,201 shad – that is 168 shad for every single Chinook caught in this self-proclaimed “selective” fishery.



WDFW NEWS RELEASE

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More days added to Columbia spring Chinook fishery, which marks its best return since 2015

OLYMPIA – As the number of upriver spring Chinook continues to exceed expectations, fishery managers from Washington and Oregon on Wednesday agreed to allow 11 more days on the lower Columbia River for recreational spring Chinook fishing beginning Tuesday, May 24, in addition to two days upstream of Bonneville Dam.

Earlier this week, fishery managers increased the run-size forecast for adult spring Chinook returning to the Columbia River upstream of Bonneville Dam in 2022 to 180,000 adults, up from the pre-season forecast of 122,900. Fishery managers continue to see good passage over Bonneville Dam, which is promising news. To date, this is the 11th best cumulative count since 1980.

“We continue to see strong counts daily, which supports the increased run size estimate leading to more fishing opportunity,” said Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River fishery manager with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Managers previously agreed to open the area downstream of Bonneville Dam for two distinct openings, with the first occurring now through Sunday, May 22. The second opening will take place starting Tuesday, May 24 through Wednesday, June 15. Fishing will be open on these dates from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank), plus bank angling by hand-cast only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

“By taking these measured steps to re-open, it has allowed us to provide additional opportunities while ensuring we remain within harvest constraints,” Lothrop said. The fisheries and run will continue to be assessed regularly.

The spring Chinook fishery upstream of Bonneville Dam reopens May 26 and May 28 only from the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border, plus bank angling by hand-cast only between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

Anglers should review the permanent rules for the waters they plan to fish in the Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations>, as well as check for any emergency rule changes – available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/> – before heading out.

Permanent rules remain in effect through June 15 on all days (shad retention open river-wide, and steelhead and jack retention below I-5). These areas revert to permanent rules as listed in the 2021-22 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet.

Members of the public can sign up to receive Columbia River fishery updates at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/lists>.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife works to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

Fly of the Month: “Klinkhammer Special”

(Courtesy of Fly Fishers International website May 2022.)

Hans Van Klinken created this fly to imitate an emerging caddis fly with the body sitting below the surface while the parachute hackle floated the fly in the surface film. The hook is a curved, but the thorax area of the hook is flattened out to give it the appearance of floating on the surface film as it is escaping from its nymphal shuck. This fly has saved the day many times on the water when nothing was hatching or using it as an indicator for a dry fly/dropper set up.

You can also use poly yarn for the wing, but I like the CDC feather as the wing post. Give more of a challenge when tying a parachute hackle around the wing.



Materials:

Hook: Klinkhammer Size 12

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Tan dubbing

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Wing: 2 Gray CDC Feathers

Hackle: Dun hackle tied Parachute style

CLICK [RE](#) FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STEPS TO TIE THIS FLY

Membership:

The Clearwater Fly Casters club operates on an Academic year calendar from September through August. Members are encouraged to renew their membership this September by sending a check for their dues to Lynn Youngblood, P.O. Box 394, Pullman, Washington 99163. **CFC membership dues are \$25/yr. for individuals, \$35/yr. for families, \$10/yr. for students, \$50/yr. sustaining, and \$300/lifetime.**

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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. 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.