



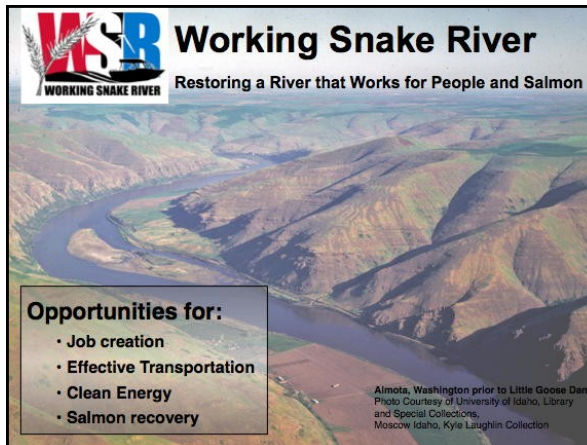
The *Tippet* May, 2009

Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



May Speaker: Jerry White, Jr. – “Restoring the Snake River for Salmon and People”

The Working Snake River (WSR) Project promotes a thoughtful, comprehensive solution to restore wild Snake River salmon that benefits farmers, fishermen, local communities and the Inland Northwest economy. The project reaches out to businesses, sportsmen, farmers, conservationists and citizens committed to restoring Eastern Washington's lower Snake River corridor and endangered wild salmon by replacing four aging and costly dams with modern transportation and clean energy alternatives.



Removing the four lower Snake River dams will restore more than 60 rapids and 30,000 acres of parklands, wildlife habitat and public access. Increased fishing, tourism and recreation along with transportation and energy investments will provide jobs, improve quality of life and expand local economic opportunities. The WSR presentation also includes a remarkable set of photos that show the river in its healthy, free-flowing state prior to 1975. These photos point the way in creating a Northwest supported by sustainable jobs, recreational opportunities and a high quality of life for future generations.

Save Our Wild Salmon is a coalition of sport fishing groups and businesses, conservation organizations, commercial fishermen, clean energy advocates, taxpayer groups and others working to restore wild salmon and steelhead to the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Jerry has been with Save Our Wild Salmon since May of 2008, and he is principally involved with the Working Snake River Project. Born in Corvallis, Oregon, he was raised in Eastern Washington and received his undergraduate degree in anthropology from Western Washington University. Jerry worked as an archaeologist for the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and then taught history and English in middle school for 12 years before taking a position with Save Our Wild Salmon. Jerry is a Trout Unlimited volunteer with the Spokane Falls Chapter and passionate about the conservation of salmon, steelhead and trout. He feels that clean rivers and healthy fish populations contribute to a high quality of life for the communities that live with them.

Calendar

May 13: Regular Meeting — Jerry White, Jr., Restoring the Snake River for Salmon and People

May 16: Amber Lake Fishout

July 10-12: St. Joe Fly Flat Fishout

July 28-Aug 1: FFF Conclave, Loveland, CO

Sept 9: Annual BBQ

Oct 14: First Regular Meeting of the Fall

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
(buffet, \$16 per person)
Program: 7:30 PM**

President's Message

Many thanks to all the contributors to our biennial auction! The auction was a great success and netted over \$2,000 for club activities including the annual scholarship. There were over 70 items contributed and the bidding was fast and furious and well orchestrated by our own Dave Tharp as auctioneer. Thanks Dave!

We had four applicants for the Alspach-Engerbretsen Scholarship that were reviewed by the Executive Committee and also by many club members. I apologize to the members who did not receive the applications, as I did not have a complete email list. All the applications were well-prepared and described interesting areas of research on fish populations and migration. However, the application submitted by Mr. Jens Hegg was especially interesting to most of the members who responded, as well as the board members. As a result, Mr. Jens Hegg was chosen as the 2009 recipient of the Alspach-Engerbretsen Scholarship. I have notified Jens and invited him to our May 13th meeting to receive the scholarship and to say a few words about his project. His project will study salmon survival and migration. Congratulations Jens!

The Federation of Fly Fishers is holding their Five Rivers Sweepstakes (see article in this issue of *The Tippet*). Tickets will be available at our May club meeting.

The Amber Lake fishout on May 16th is rapidly coming up, and so we should be ready for some excellent fishing. Based on reports from many of the members, the fish are large and numerous in the lake. Let's have a great turnout and see first hand the excellent size and fighting ability of Amber Lake fish. Details will be discussed at the May CFC Meeting.

I hope to see you all at the May 13th club meeting. Tight lines!

Fred Muehlbauer, President, CFC

Backcast—April Meeting

Fishing Reports

Kay Youngblood reported that she and her husband Lynn had recently fished below the dam on the Owyhee. They fished some fairly quiet water and tried small stuff, but when they switched to big attractors, they started to catch fish. They caught 15 fish in the 20 to 24 inch range!

Mike Decker fished the Clearwater, where he turned a number of fish before discovering his hook was broken. Dave Tharp fished Amber Lake, where he was skunked in the weed beds at the south end, but hooked about eight and landed half in other parts.

Doug Young fished the Tucannon Ponds, doing well on a Wooly Worm, and then switching later to a small Mepps. Gerry Vidergar did some steelheading on the South Fork of the Clearwater, getting about 20 in the week, with some in the 20 plus pound range, but with bad weather most of the time.

Conservation Report

Cliff Swanson and Nancy Miller attended the public meeting on the proposed land swap between the Forest Service and Western Pacific Timber, which was held this same night in Moscow. Steve Bush tried to get in, but the room was over-capacity when he got there. The formal public comment period was reported to be over, and this was intended to be an informational meeting run by the Forest Service with Latah County Commissioners in attendance. It was obvious that the vast majority of attendees were opposed to this swap, and that there is a lot of controversy about it in this region of the state. The Forest Service will still accept and consider written comments about this matter. There seems to be little doubt about the importance of the swap relative to improving the lands the Forest Service would receive in the Upper Lochsa Drainage, however, there are many reasons people object to the lands being proposed by the Forest Service in the Idaho Panhandle Region falling into private hands. There are important recreational lands directly involved, and others that would become less desirable if heavy timbering were to occur on adjacent lands. There are rare plants on other lands, and questions are being raised about potential development after the timber is removed. (continued on page 3)

If members have interest in having input on this matter, they should contact the Forest Service or their congressional delegation. More information can be found on the Forest Service web site: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/Projects/Upper_Lochsa_LEX/Upper_Lochsa_LEX.htm. Organizations such as Friends of the Clearwater also have considerable information regarding the proposed exchange on their website.

CFC Biennial Auction

The Clearwater Fly Casters had a very successful biennial auction at their April regular meeting. It was well-attended, and many items were sold at good prices by auctioneer Dave Tharp, who was witty and patient with all the bidders, as usual. The club netted about \$2000, which will help support our conservation, scholarship, meeting and social activities during the coming years. Members brought a variety of items for auction, which were greatly appreciated. The club would like to recognize the following donors:

The Fly Shop
Edgewater Designs
Northwest River Supplies
Tri-State
Sure Shot Sporting Goods Company
Terry Nab (November speaker)
Dan Landeen (February speaker)
Rich Landers (March speaker)
Rick Welle of Madison River Outfitters

Five Rivers Lodge Sweepstakes

The Federation of Fly Fishers is holding their **Five Rivers Lodge Sweepstakes**, with the drawing scheduled for June 20, 2009, at the Conclave in Loveland, Colorado. The Sweepstakes is for the benefit of local FFF clubs, FFF councils and the National Office. The grand prize is a trip for two to Cinco Rios Lodge in Chile. The first place prizes include 4 days guided fishing, 5 nights lodging for 2 people at Five Rivers Lodge in Dillon, MT, including travel (an estimated value of \$6300). Two additional trips will be drawn during the conclave. There are also second place prizes including hats, shirts, rods, reels, and other gear. Our club has been allocated 30 tickets that are being sold at the rate of \$20 for one and \$100 for six. Tickets will be available at the May club meeting and for an additional 3-4 weeks.

Information on Coastal Conservation Association

We can have fish in the rivers and in the restaurants and markets, but not if we continue indiscriminant harvest. The Coastal Conservation Association is gathering all the disparate groups of sportsmen into one large group to advocate for the preservation of the resource. First organized to save the redfish fisheries in the Southern US, the CCA is organized now into state and local chapters, which are currently active on all three major US coasts. Check out their web site to see their many successes, which are too numerous to list here: <http://www.joincca.org/>

Adams Deer Hair Sedge

Originator: Charles Szuberla Tied by Ashley Strutt

See the Virtual Flybox for tying instructions:

<http://www.virtualflybox.com/patterns/pattern.php?id=1074>

Thread: Black Uni
Hook: Dai-riki 300 Size 12-18
Wing: Deer Hair
Hackle: Grizzly and Brown Cock
Abdomen: Muskrat Underfur



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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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