



The Tippet

December, 2019

Clearwater Fly Casters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



October Program:

Idaho's Salmon and Steelhead:

The last best place for recovery

a presentation by

Eric Crawford

*North Idaho Field Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, and
Member of TU's Sportsmen Conservation Project*

DECEMBER 11, 2019, 7:30 PM

BEST WESTERN UNIVERSITY INN, MOSCOW, AT THE
CLEARWATER FLY CASTERS' MONTHLY MEETING.

COME FOR THE WHOLE MEETING! COME FOR JUST ERIC'S TALK!

DRY FLY HOUR AT 5:30, DINNER AT 6:30

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***Students eat
for just \$8!***

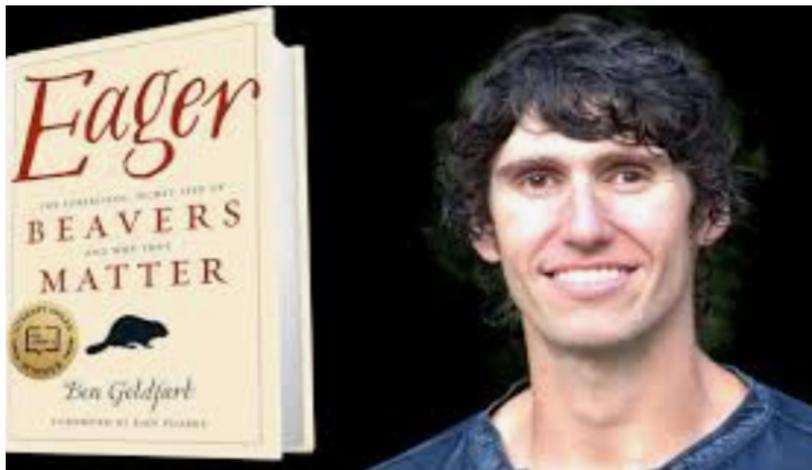


TU's Sportsmen Conservation Project works to protect coldwater fisheries and their watersheds through enhanced public lands protection and sportsman engagement. Eric works on restoring and maintaining *Abundant, Resilient and Self-Sustaining* wild salmon and steelhead populations in the Snake River Basin, to provide angler opportunities for restricted harvest of wild salmon and steelhead, while maintaining a strong economy centered around salmon and steelhead that local and regional businesses can rely on. Eric will review the current status of Idaho steelhead, the issues affecting their recovery, and discuss opportunities for engagement.

Presidents' Message (Karen Zacharisen)

Wow....what an excellent program from Ben Goldfarb on "Beavers Their Landscapes, Our Future". I know I personally learned a lot about Beavers and the important role they play in our environment. His presentation was top notched!

My Presidency will be coming to an end next month and I still need a successor. If any of you would consider being the next President of the club, please contact any of the executive committee or myself. The club is also getting ready to celebrate 50 years as a club in 2020. The executive committee is planning on getting all members a 50-year pin to commemorate the occasion. Thank you also for pledging \$2,000 towards the purchase of some land on the Grand Ronde, to be controlled by Fish & Game. Keeping a public access available for all to use is a good thing! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I also hope to see all of you on December 11th for the next Clearwater Fly Caster meeting at the Best Western.



Back Cast:

Ben Goldfarb, pictured below, highlighted and talked about his book "Beavers Matter" at our meeting in November.



Information

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site:

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Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor

Meetings 2nd Wed (except June, July and Aug) University Best Western Inn, Moscow, ID

Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner: 6:30 pm; \$16, students \$8

Menu:

Smokehouse Buffet: smoked Tri Tip roast, served with Burgundy gravy, Texas Toast, caramelized onions and mushrooms, with whipped Yukon potatoes, spring greens salad, seasonal vegetables, and assorted desserts, coffee/tea/soda

Program: 7:00 pm

Forward Cast:

Important Dates and Events

December 11, 2019: CFC Club Meeting, University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID Wet Fly Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm and Program at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend. Bring a student!

January 8, 2020: CFC Club Meeting, University Inn Best Western, Moscow, ID Wet Fly Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm and Program at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend. Bring a student!

January 15, 2020: CFC Fly Tying group will meet at 6:30 pm at Steve Bush's office

May 16, 2020: Amber Lake Fish Out

June 12-13, 2020: North Fork Coeur d'Alene Fish Out, Meet at Devils' Elbow Campground.

July 10-11, 2020: St. Joe Fish Out, Fly Flat Campground

Moscow Elks Vets Fly Tying and Casting Program

The group is still looking for any used clothing or fly fishing gear you might want to donate. They are mainly in need of wading boots and waders for men and women. Even though this is an Elks program the majority of the helpers are members of Clearwater Fly Casters. If you have gear you are willing to part with, please bring the items to the next meeting of the club. Cliff Swanson will be collecting the items and passing them on to the Elks program.

NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy - by Mike Clancy

The 2020 Academy is in the planning stage and will be held at The Grinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey again. The weeklong Academy is a venture of the WCTU, and supported by WSCFFI, South Sound Fly Fishers, Puget Sound Fly Fishers and the TU Olympia Chapter. The dates for the Academy are June 21-27, 2020.

The 2019 Academy was very successful with 20 enthusiastic boys and girls, 12-16 years old, enjoying a week of fishing, field trips and classroom studies in conservation. Some had never held a fly rod, much less cast one, but with a few lessons and practice with our casting instructors, they were casting with ease. Many also caught their first fish on a fly they learned to tie.

The Academy can be a life changing experience of our youth's attitude about stewardship, conservation and fishing. The knowledge they learn about the abundance of life in our rivers and streams is invaluable and it is imperative that we preserve this event for our current youth so that they will become our conservationists of the future.

Each applicant must write an essay, stating why "they" want to attend the Academy and provide a letter of recommendation from their science teacher, school counselor or scout master, etc...

We are in the process of preparing the announcement for the 2020 Academy, requesting clubs, chapters and individuals, to support the event with candidates and finances. Please visit our website: www.nwycffa.com to learn more about the Academy.

The 2020 Academy will be Jim and my last Academy as Co-Directors. We are going to be replaced by 3 solid individuals that will take over in 2021. With the help of Brad Throssel, Chair – WCTU, these individuals were recruited. After 2020, Jim and I will support the new Directors for as long as it takes. It has been a great ride for Jim and me, but it's time to pass the reigns, while we can. The Academy has a wonderful reputation, it has been recognized nationally by TU and FFI. But it couldn't have happened without the support of the TU Chapters, FFI Clubs and many individuals and businesses.

If you have any questions about the academy, please contact Mike @ 253-278-0061 or email nwycffa@comcast.net or mtclancy39@comcast.net, Jim 360-943-9947 @ brosioj@q.com

Conservation Committee:

Conservation committee Chair, Doug Baldwin, attended the “Salmon, Steelhead & Outfitting Industry Forum” at Lewiston this past week and came away with some interesting information regarding these anadromous species. The continued decline of the fish runs has devastated local communities resulting from hundreds of motel and fishing trip cancellations throughout the region affecting local economies and outfitters livelihoods. With Bonneville Power having extended financial difficulties, the prospect of removal of the dams on the Lower Snake may become a distinct possibility. Doug described some excellent speakers at the forum and is hoping to attract one or more to make presentations at future club meetings.

Conservation Preserving Access on the Grande Ronde

It's a rare opportunity when you get a chance to preserve fishing access on one of the West's great steelhead rivers. The Wild Steelhead Coalition of Seattle in cooperation with The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club in Spokane has struck a deal to acquire 8 acres on the bank of the Grande Ronde River in eastern Washington. The land, a great deal at \$25,000, stretches along nearly 2,000 feet of riverbank along some of the best summer steelhead water in the state. At our November meeting, the Clearwater Fly Casters agreed to contribute \$2,000 to support the land acquisition and secure access to this popular section of the river.

Officers of the Washington Council of FFI urge members to join the campaign and donate to acquire this valuable access point on the Grande Ronde. For more information, contact VPCommunications@wscffi.org. To donate, send checks with a note on the bottom that the funds are for the Grande Ronde Land Acquisition and mail to:

Wild Steelhead Coalition
117 E. Lousia St. #329
Seattle, WA 98102

Catch and Release the Right Way:

Let the fish fully recover before releasing it. Hold the fish underwater, in an upright position or secured in the landing net. Make sure it's ventilating before release—you should see the gills opening and closing. If the fish has difficulty regaining its strength, then face the fish into the current. The fresh oxygenated water can pass gently over the gills helping the fish “catch its breath.” Let it swim away on its own.

In fast moving water, consider moving the fish to calmer water where it can recover and swim away on its own. Fast-moving or turbulent water can sweep away or injure a weakened fish. This is particularly important for fish released from a boat in midstream.

Membership:

Dues for the current year, which coincides with the academic year, are overdue for some club members. Dues are \$25/yr. for individuals and \$35/yr. for families.

Fly of the Month: "Stealth Bomber"

This fly pattern is courtesy of Fly Fishers International. Details on tying this fly can be found on their website:

<http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying/FlyoftheMonth.aspx>

Fly designed by Kent Edmonds. This pattern acts like a diver/slider.

Can be tied for Freshwater Bass, Bream and tied on a Saltwater hook.

I first saw this pattern when I was in New Orleans and was watching Buster Wolf from Hattiesburg MS at the New Orleans Fly Fishing Expo



Materials:

Hook: Depends on the hook size. For Size 10 Use a standard dry fly hook. For a Size 6 and 2 use a Bass Stinger Hook.

Thread: 3/0 white

Body: Pearl Ice Dubbing

Overwing: Krystal Flash

Tail: Chartreuse bucktail over Pearl Krystal Flash over White Bucktail

Foam Overbody and Head: Stealth Bomber cut foam any color.

Legs: Rubber Legs 4 on each side

Foam Cutter: Stealth Bomber from River Road Creations

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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 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.