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◆◆ Club Meetings ◆◆

Club Meetings

Place: Holiday Inn of Issaquah
1801 12th Avenue NW
Issaquah, WA 425-392-6421

Time : 6:00 PM Cocktails & Tales
7:00 PM Dinner

Board Meetings

Place: Issaquah Library
10 West Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA

Time : 6:45pm to 8:58pm

Chubski Roundtable

Place: Brew Pub (across from Issaquah Library)
35 West Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA

Time : 6:30pm Check for date changes

◆◆ OFFC Calendar ◆◆

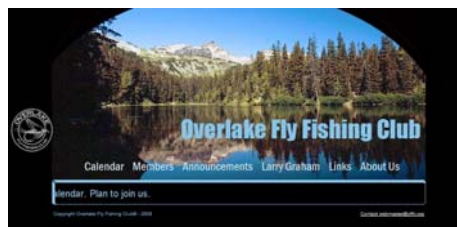
November

- 4 Board Meeting
- 10 Chubski Roundtable
- 25 Dinner Meeting-Coastal Conservation Association-Gary Loomis

December

- 2 Board Meeting 6:45
- 9 OFFC Holiday Party

◆◆ Visit our website ◆◆



OFFC's website is a great resource for up-to-date information. With links to contact officers; Library info; Flytiers page; Topo Maps; Entomology; Post a Picture; Bulletin Board; Calendar dates; Outing times and Locations; etc...

Please send picture files to:
webmaster@offc.org for publication.

OFFC website, make it your resource
<http://www.offc.org/members.htm>

President's Message



As we approach the end of the year, our calendars are getting fuller and fuller. Keeping this in mind, I wanted

to remind you of several club events that I hope you will be able to attend.

But first here's a summary of the last membership meeting in case you weren't there. The roster of proposed 2009 officers from the nominating committee was introduced. They are as follows: President, Dick Lange; 1st VP Membership, Joe Kristof; 2VP Programs, Tim Allen; 3rd VP Education, Mike Simi; Secretary, Richard Powell; Treasurer, Lee McKenna; Trustee, Dave Nielson. There were no further nominations from the floor but there will be another opportunity at the November meeting just prior to the vote of the membership. Please don't forget to come to the Nov. 25th meeting so that you can vote on this slate of candidates. The program was presented by club members Ed Kane and Ron Romig. Ed talked about bonefishing in the Caribbean, most in the Bahamas and had a number of interesting slides to illustrate the talk. He was followed by Ron who spent some time sharing his secrets on how and where to successfully fish the Grande Ronde in southern Washington. Both presentations sparked quite a bit of conversation

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and questions. (It was a lot of fun putting my part of this program together. So much so, that I will go back in March of next year to take more pictures and, by the way, catch more bonefish.)

The upcoming meeting in November has been billed by our VP Programs, Joe Kristof as the "one meeting everyone should really try to attend". The program will be presented by Gary Loomis on the Coastal Conservation Association a very effective lobbying group that got its start working for recovery of the sports fish population along the Gulf Coast. They have recently begun a similar effort on the West Coast. This group is spearheading an effort directed toward the recovery of Salmon and Steelhead by addressing the commercial over-harvesting of these fish stocks. CCA began in 1977 after drastic commercial overfishing along the Texas coast decimated redfish and speckled trout populations. Fourteen concerned recreational anglers created the Gulf Coast Conservation Association to combat commercial fishing excesses and conserve the resource. In 2007 CCA opened chapters in Washington and Oregon completing an active presence on all three coasts. They have been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for more than 2 decades. The CCA Advocacy Fund has been used to defend net bans, implementation of by-catch reduction devices and support pro fisheries legislation. CCA's presence in the federal court system has been critical in conserving America's fisheries. I'm sure that the presentation will be very enlightening and informative. Come prepared to listen, ask questions and learn what we might do to help.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that our Holiday Party will be on Dec 9th where we will honor the officers for 2008, pass the responsibility for the Club to the 2009 officers, honor some of our members for their outstanding contributions and enjoy the annual slide show featuring our membership. Dinner is by reservation only and the deadline is Nov 25th. In anticipation of a large turn out we will open the bar at 5:30 and will enjoy live music during the cocktail hour and through dinner.

Hope to see all of you there.

Tight Lines!
Ed Kane

November OFFC Club Meeting – Gary Loomis

All members and the public are invited!

The Overlake Fly Fishing Club is holding their monthly meeting on November 25th at the Issaquah Holiday Inn. We are very fortunate to have Gary Loomis as our speaker. Gary is not only a rod building visionary but the founder and leader of the Pacific Northwest Coastal Conservation

Association. This is a night you will not want to miss. Gary is going to share the frustrations that brought him to form the Pacific Northwest Coastal Conservation Association chapters and what benefits are generated from having CCA monitor and lobby on behalf of recreational fishermen. If you are happy with the condition of our salmon and steelhead fisheries - stay home. If you are frustrated and wonder where all the fish have gone and how to turn things around - attend the meeting! A brief overview of the Coastal Conservation Association follows.

The CCA Story

Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) is a non-profit organization comprised of 17 coastal state chapters spanning the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific Northwest. CCA's strength is drawn from the tens of thousands of recreational saltwater anglers who make up its membership. From South Texas to the upper reaches of Maine, CCA's grassroots influence is felt through state



capitals, U.S. Congress and, most importantly, in the conservation and restoration of our coastal marine resources.

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CCA's spirit of conservation and stewardship started with the "Save the Redfish" campaign and soon swept across the entire Gulf Coast. By 1985, Gulf-state chapters had formed from Texas to Florida. By decade's end, state chapters were founded through the mid-Atlantic region, and by the early '90s, development of the New England state chapters was completed. In 2007, Washington and Oregon opened CCA chapters.

CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels.

CCA's unmatched breadth and depth of volunteer involvement has made it the largest marine conservation group of its kind. Its grassroots network and unique combination of membership, fundraising and advocacy have enacted positive change on all levels of coastal marine conservation and management. When called into action, the impact of CCA's grassroots machine is unparalleled.



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conserving America's fisheries. CCA's legal defense fund has been used to defend net bans and the implementation of bycatch reduction devices, and to support pro-fisheries legislation and battle arbitrary no-fishing zones.

CCA and its state-chapter network are engaged in hundreds of local, state and national programs and projects related to marine conservation, including initiating scientific studies, funding marine-science scholarships, building artificial reefs, creating finfish hatcheries, initiating hydrologic and contaminant studies, monitoring the quality and quantity of freshwater inflows, supporting local marine law enforcement and more.

Through broad-based recreational angler support, a strong legal and legislative presence, more than 25 years of experience and an unwavering vision for the future of U.S. and global marine resources, CCA will continue to battle for the health and longevity of our coastal fisheries and for recreational anglers' interests in them.

A Few Facts About COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

CCA has more than 206 chapters of organized anglers throughout 17 coastal states with a current combined membership of more than 90,000, the highest level ever. CCA's state and national staff members coordinate more than 400 chapter events and fundraisers each year.

CCA has more than 80 state and national committees, 150 national board directors, more than 900 board members – on local, state, and national levels – and tens of thousands of active volunteers contributing to the organization's daily development and growth.

CCA is recognized by fisheries managers as instrumental in the recovery of redfish, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, speckled trout, striped bass, Gulf grouper, and Atlantic weakfish.

CCA helped establish game fish status for billfish and redfish, net bans in four states, and the prohibition of many

destructive gear types. We have been instrumental in establishing far-reaching conservation legislation on both the state and federal levels.

CCA has a legal defense fund that has been used to defend net bans and bycatch reduction devices, support pro-fisheries legislation, and enforce existing regulations.

CCA had led the battle to protect recreational anglers' freedom to fish. When it is adopted into law, the Freedom to Fish Act will provide reasonable guidelines for the use of Marine Protected Areas by fishery managers and restricts the use of no-fishing zones for recreational fishermen to instances where all other fishery management tools have failed to fix the problem.

CCA has a registered lobbyist in Washington D.C. and has been active in critical fisheries since 1984. We currently retain as many as 17 state and federal professional lobbyists.

CCA members include a former U.S. President, former Cabinet members, Congressmen, Senators, ICCAT Commissioners, Fishery Management Council members, Governors, State Legislators, and state and federal fisheries managers.

CCA makes decisions from the bottom up, involving our membership in all regional and national policy positions. We operate as a three-tiered organization – local, state and national.

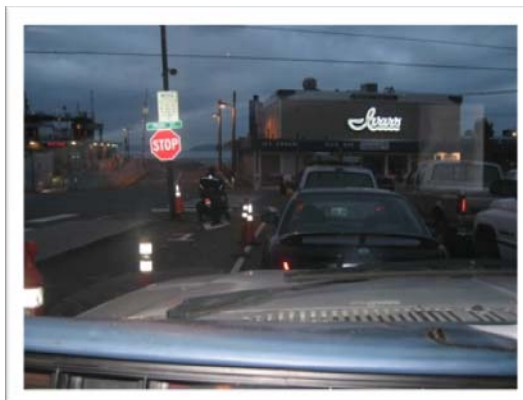
CCA has an award-winning national publication, TIDE magazine, a special youth publication, Rising Tide and numerous state newsletters.

Lone Lake Outing - Report

A tail of two lakes - Lone Lake October 25, 2008

By Lee Mckenna

On Saturday, I got up early for the last outing of the year for the Overlake Fly Fishing Club. Our destination was Lone Lake on Whidbey Island. The hour long drive from my house to the ferry terminal started a little after 6:00am under overcast skies and a few rain drops hitting the windshield.



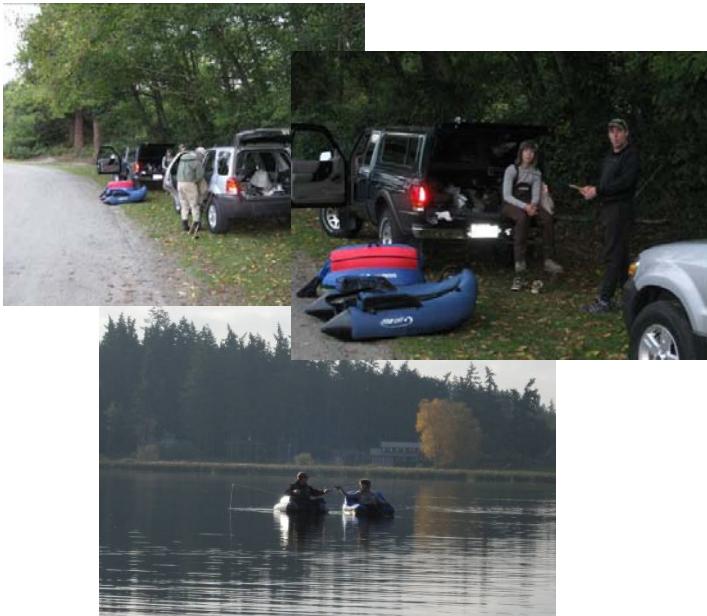
Waiting for the Ferry on a Saturday Morning

As it turns out, the ferry wasn't nearly full, and I could have arrived just before sailing. Next time, I'll sleep in a little more.

Being unsure of the ferry traffic, I arrived at the Mukilteo ferry terminal 7:00am for an 8:00am sailing. I paid my \$6.85 and found myself the third vehicle in line.

We got loaded onto the ferry and were off right on time for the short, 15 minute ride to Whidbey Island. There were several vehicles with various forms of boats on the ferry, almost all of which turned out to be going to Lone Lake. A 15 minute drive from the ferry terminal brought me to Lone Lake. At the lake, I met Ray, Michael and Nick for the club outing. The parade of vehicles with boats from the ferry terminal quickly filled up the little trailer parking lot had me a little worried about crowding on the 92 acre lake, but since the lake is in a broad meadow, the fishing pressure spread fairly evenly with plenty of room to spare. Many of the other boats on the lake seemed to know each other, leading me to believe that we were not the only club making the outing. Taking my time getting rigged and loaded, I was on the water about 9:00.

Lacking much clear structure or inviting shorelines, I started a slow troll around the lake. The clouds were breaking up thru the morning, and by the afternoon the sky had cleared and the wind picked up slightly.



I started with my intermediate sink line and a black leach pattern. I wasn't having much luck, although I did see others picking up some fish. By 2:00pm after several fly changes, I had four 16-18" fish to the boat, with a few more on and lost. Fishing had been slow for about an hour, and a power boat had shown up with some kids doing barefoot waterskiing, so I figured it was time to call it a day. I was at the far side of the lake, so for the troll back I decided to change out to my full sinking type 4 line, and put on a size 8 black wooly worm with a red tail, and a size 8 black and yellow Montana nymph as a dropper.

I don't know if it was the time of day, the line change, the flies, or the barefoot skiers, but I hit on the secret formula. I had just barely gotten my fly line out when a nice 18" rainbow hit my black wooly worm. Again, I had just gotten my fly line when Bam, another 18"er took the Montana nymph. Over the next two hours, I landed at least 20 fish, all in the 18" range. I had a bald eagle flying over head several times, but every time I got out my camera to take a picture, a fish would interrupt by sucking down my wooly worm. I had several attempts at leaving since I wanted to get home in time to un-pack, but the fish kept calling me back by smacking my flies.

All good things must come to an end, and my end started when I broke off my flies. When I looked in my box, I did't



Another one takes the Wooly Worm

have another black wooly worm, and only one more Montana Nymph. I tied on a dark olive wooly worm with an orange tail, and my last Montana Nymph. Most fish continued hitting the Nymph, with a couple of takes to the worm. When I broke off the Nymph, and tied on a smaller version I did pick up a couple of more fish, but the pace had definitely slowed. This time, I was able to make it to the launch ramp without landing a fish (although I did have a couple of hits), so I took it as a sign and pulled out of the lake about 4:30pm.

I loaded up, and made the 5:00pm ferry. On the way home, I got a call from my wife inviting me out to dinner. A fine end to a fine day!

Lessons Learned:

1. You don't need to show up for the ferry an hour early on Saturday morning
2. Don't be afraid to change out line types
3. Don't have only one copy a fly in your box!

Election of 2009 Officers – November 25th Meeting

The election of Officers for 2008 will take place during the meeting. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate, but you will be able to nominate additional candidates for each position. The slate is as follows:

President, Dick Lange

1st VP Membership, Joe Kristof

2nd VP Programs, Tim Allen

3rd VP Education, Mike Simi

Secretary, Richard Powell

Treasurer, Lee McKenna

Trustee for 2009-2010, Dave Nielson



Overlake Fly Fishing Club

2008 Annual Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Issaquah Holiday Inn

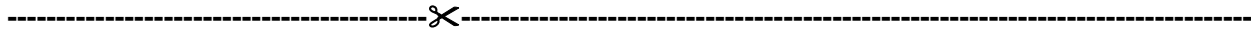
Olympic Room
1801 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, 425-392-6421

Cocktail Hour 5:30 pm
Music (Marian Sussman, Harpist)... 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Sit-Down Dinner..... 7:00 pm

You are cordially invited to our 2008 Holiday Dinner – a relaxed, sit-down dinner including your choice of Prime Rib (in garlic au jus) or Chicken Electra (stuffed with crab, cheese and hazelnuts wrapped in puff pastry), side dishes, rolls & butter, salad and coffee, tea or soda. We will also have a special raffle with great merchandise. After dinner we'll say farewell to our 2008 officers and committee chairpersons and inaugurate our 2009 officers and welcome our 2009 committee chairpersons. And, of course, we all look forward to another excellent slide presentation of our club members' fishing exploits by Lory Watkins to end our year.

Families, spouses, and significant others are encouraged to join the fun.

You must submit the form below and payment to our treasurer, Christy Leer, by Tuesday, November 25, 2008 to join us. There will be no payment accepted at the door ... admission is by pre-paid registration only.



2008 Holiday Dinner Reservation Form

Please indicate names of attendees and please check an entrée for each person.

	Prime Rib	or	Chicken Electra
Name(s): _____	_____		_____
_____	_____		_____
_____	_____		_____
_____	_____		_____

Number in Party: _____ **Amount enclosed @ \$29.00 per person:** _____

Make check payable to OFFC. Mail to: Christy Leer
7571 Westside Road
Cle Elum, WA 98922
206-310-7013

Payment Required no later than Nov. 25 !!

Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force



Please Contact Kristin Marshall at 425-252-6686 or kristin@stillysnofish.org with questions or to sign up for any upcoming event.

Tree Planting along the Pilchuck River

When: Saturday November 22, 2008, from 10am – 2pm

Where : Lake Stevens – Contact for directions

Plant a tree – help save salmon! Come plant native trees and shrubs along the Pilchuck River at one of the Task Force's summer instream project sites. All tools and snacks are provided. Please RSVP.

Tentative Fish Flings

When: Dec. 2, Dec. 3, ADDITIONAL DATES TBA (w/in a week or two)!

Where: Near the Stillaguamish Tribal Fish Hatchery in Arlington

Come have some slimy fun with the Task Force as we distribute salmon carcasses throughout streams in the Stillaguamish watershed. These carcasses provide vital marine-derived nutrients to our freshwater ecosystems. Fish Fling dates are VERY TENTATIVE because we will be flinging only when the salmon are running, and we don't always know when that will be! The flings will take place in the afternoon from approximately 3-6pm. If you are

interested in any of these dates please contact Brian Slaby and BE FLEXIBLE with dates changing: 425-328-7670 or brians@stillysnofish.org..

Holiday Slide Show

The presentation of the annual OFFC Holiday Slide Show is only a couple of months away and with that in mind I would like to have images of your fly fishing outings by November 17th. Also, I am looking for images, slides, or photos of Bill Mackay fishing. If you only have a few images you can email them to be at lorywat@cs.com. Otherwise, put them on a CD and give them to me at an OFFC meeting, or mail them to me at 16932 Maplewild Ave SW, Burien, WA 98166

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