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Conservation Projects Report

By Mike Beagle - ORC VP Conservation Projects

The Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers wants to be more proactive about supporting the regional clubs around the state with their individual habitat conservation projects. Even if clubs do not need financial help, we would like to publish the individual club's habitat conservation activities in the Oregon Flyfisher. Getting the word out about the good deeds that so many clubs and volunteers throughout the state are conducting will help improve the public's perception of the fly fishing community.

The Oregon Council recently awarded a \$500 grant to Dr. John Anderson of the Central Oregon Fly Fishers in March. Anderson, a retired Professor of Entomology from UC-Berkeley, is conducting a 12-18 month macroinvertebrate study at several sites on the Crooked River in Oregon. With a group of volunteers from the Central Oregon Fly Fishers, Anderson has conducted both daylight and night time studies along the river. His study has three major objectives:

- Determine and quantify the macroinvertabrate fauna caught in drift nets operated at two sites along the river
- Determine the density and diversity of macroinvertabrates found on rocks and submerged vegetation in the two areas where drift nets will be operated
- Determine the stomach contents of redband trout and whitefish caught in the general area of the two sites where drift nets will be operated.

Being that there has been very little macroinvertebrate study in east side streams, Professor Anderson's study potentially will have some exciting conclusions.

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have conducted numerous conservation and habitat activities including salmon carcass distribution at West Evans Creek, riparian tree and shrub planting each year with Forestry Action



Committee, Illinois River watershed, various riparian work with ODFW and the Middle Rogue Watershed Council. They have also been working with the Applegate River Watershed Council on Slate Creek and Waters Creek restoration and enhancement work. "We have worked and participated in this project through each stage; assessment, placement of log and boulder structures, and riparian planting. We will be involved in monitoring the effects of the work and assessment of the results for spawning and rearing of coho, chinook and steelhead," said Redge Heth, president of the club. The club is also investigating the possibility of working on the Wood River in the Klamath Basin and has numerous other activities planned with students, schools and public land agencies in the region.

The Santiam Flycasters have also had an active year and recently worked on cleaning up their adopted section of Highway 22. They are also doing a salmon carcass placement project with ODFW in late September or October on the Santiam River. Last year they donated money to the Deschutes Basin Land Trust to purchase land along Lake Creek, a tributary of the Metolius River. Dan Shimek, conservation officer for the club, said that they have been talking with the Deschutes Basin Land Trust to plan future conservation projects on Lake Creek. One of the goals that the Deschutes Basin Land Trust has for Lake Creek is to





By Tony Brauner

The Federation of Fly Fishers of Oregon has provided leadership in fly fishing for many decades and this trend continues into the first decade of the 21st Century. As many of you know, there are 14 FFF Councils across the United States, many of them representing a multi-state region and thousands of FFF members.

Many of these Councils have difficulty obtaining votes from their constituents on candidates for officers and National Directors in their Councils. One large Council with 2,000 FFF members has recently sent out a mailing to their membership and had received a meager return of many less than 100 ballots. This situation is surely not true here in the Oregon Council as the ORC for many years has had voting results that have ranged between 25% for a low to a 35% plus for a high for ballot returns for voting for our (2) National Directors. As of this writing, which is mid-June, the ORC has sent out 665 ballots to FFF members here in Oregon and we currently have 24.3% of our membership that have expressed their vote for ORC National Directors, and we are still counting ballots until June 25th!

Many thanks from the ORC Officers, Board of Directors and National Directors for your participation in this voting process and continued support of the Oregon Council.

The Council Board of Directors has voted the past three years to fund projects for the Lewis A. Bell library at the Federation of Fly Fisher's Fly Fishing Discovery Center in Livingston, Montana. This ORC Board of Director vote has placed \$6,000 in the hands of FFDC Director Bob Wiltshire and the Discovery Center to provide much needed book shelving, file cabinets and computer software to facilitate a compilation of the library's book inventory. The Oregon Council has been the sole financial supporter for the Bell Library and has again in 2004 been approached to help fund additional projects for the Bell facility; the Board will vote on this funding at the Summer Meeting of the Council.

Last year in 2003, the ORC Board of Directors voted a second scholarship to have two students in fisheries science at Oregon State University to receive a \$1,500 stipend to further their academic career. In May, 2004, Nancy Allen, Chair of the OSU Scholarship Committee informed the Oregon Council of the selection of George Boxall and Scott Miller for this year's Council Scholarship awards. Mr. Boxall is working on a Master's degree in Fisheries Science and has done a thesis research abstract on "Lehontan cutthroat trout: factors responsible for their isolation and decline." Mr. Miller is striving to complete a Doctoral program for a PhD in Fisheries Management.

The FFF – Oregon Council is leading the way, just as it did in 1965 when all of this path began!

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Keeping Your Right to Fish and Boat on Oregon Waterways

By Lawrence Edwards

For those of you following this issue, and I hope that most of you are, the following history will shed even more light on it. As I continue to research the public's right to use Oregon's waterways for recreation, I uncover new facts. One thing remains constant, however, the Oregon State Legislature has made an absolute mess out of this and they will continue to make matters worse unless folks just like you get involved.

OREGON HAD MONTANA ACCESS LAW UNTIL 1973

How come the most senior of citizens knew that they had a right to fish below the high water line on all the streams in Oregon, but all the younger guys muttered something about navigability and the Division of State Lands?

That simple question surfaced after I had talked to hundreds of Oregonians during the Feb. Sportsman's show in Portland. To discover the answer, I spent the better part of eight or nine weeks digging through the Oregon State Archives and the Oregon Supreme Court Law Library. Guess what? I found it!

From 1921 to 1973 the state of Oregon had a Montana-style stream access law on the books. From 1917 through 1957 virtually every stream of consequence within the state of Oregon was considered under state law to be a navigable waterway. From reading 1917 legislation, it appears that the state of Oregon had also exercised a title claim over the bed and banks of all navigable waterways up to the high water mark! And it appears that in 1923 the people of Oregon amended the Oregon State Constitution to protect public ownership and use of all navigable waterways within Oregon.

It gets even better. In 1940 the United States Supreme Court ruled that, "When once found to be navigable, a waterway remains so." Yet in 1957 the Oregon State Legislature overturned the comprehensive navigability declaration instantly nullifying the navigable status of thousands of miles of state owned streams.

How this will all play out, no one knows, but here's the details for those of you interested.

In 1917 the Oregon Legislature passed a law (Chap. 128, Sec. 5 & 6) that reads in part as follows:

Section 5. All navigable waters in this State shall be deemed public highways, and said corporations shall be declared public corporations for the purposes of this Act; and the improvement of such streams, sloughs and waters shall be deemed and declared a public use and benefit. ...

Section 6. Any stream or its tributaries in this State upon which logs or other forest products can be floated during certain periods of the year is hereby declared to be a navigable stream and subject to the granting of a franchise corporation as provided by this Act.

The legislation then goes on to set up a system by which the state of Oregon could sell franchises to control the log booming services on any stream within the State of Oregon. How could the State possibly sell franchises to control the activities on property which it did not hold title to?

This law remained on the books from 1917 through 1957 when the entire section of Oregon law dealing with the log booming industry was overturned because it was no longer relevant.

Going back to the supreme courts we find this. In the case of Loving V. Alexander, 745 F.2d 864 (1984), a Federal Judge ruled as follows:

[2,3] Recent disuse due to the development of alternative modes of transport or artificial obstructions will not alter a watercourse's historical navigable status. "When once found to be navigable, a waterway remains so." Appalachian Electric, 311 U.S. at 408, 61 S. Ct. at 299. This rule recognizes the reality that many streams which may have supported considerable commerce in their day are now superseded by the trucks and railroads of the modern era. Navigability in fact is not diminished and the power which may be exerted under the commerce

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clause is not relinquished when a better means of transport is developed.

I read the original testimony from the Legislative hearing that overturned the state declaration of navigability. The Public Utilities Commissioner said that because the state had not sold a booming franchise since the thirties and had not collected any franchise revenues for over two years, the law needed overturning because streams were no longer being used to run logs. Trucks had replaced the need.

AND WHAT OF THE MONTANA LAW IN OREGON?

In 1921, the Oregon Legislature passed An Act, Chap. 153, Sec. 35, which read as follows:

Section 35. Navigable rivers, sloughs, or streams between the lines of ordinary high water thereof, of the state of Oregon, and all rivers, sloughs and streams flowing through any public lands of the state, shall hereafter be public highways for the purposes of angling or hunting thereon, and any rights or title to such streams, or the lands between the high water flow lines or within the meander lines of navigable streams hereafter acquired by any person, shall be subject to the right of any person owning an angler's or hunter's license of this state who desires to angle or hunt therein or along their banks to go upon the same for such purpose.

When the above law was passed, and almost all the time it was in effect, according to Oregon law virtually all streams of consequence were declared navigable for purposes of commerce. It also appears that the state had exercised legal title ownership over the beds of all of them. Also note that the legislation made a distinction between those navigable waterways flowing through private and public lands, however, it does not make a distinction regarding the public's right to use them.

Remember how all the most senior of citizens knew it was okay to be on any stream below the high water mark. Now you know why.

The Oregon Legislature quietly repealed Oregon's stream access law in 1973 when an omnibus bill revamping and renumbering the state's fish and game laws was passed. Guess what committee killed this section of the law? The Agriculture Committee!

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE

I now firmly believe our right to be below the high water mark on any stream in the state of Oregon is firmly protected by the Oregon State Constitution. Please bear with me as I give you the background for that belief. While searching for information regarding navigable streams in Oregon, I ran across two pieces of legislation from 1919 and two from 1923 regarding commerce and navigability that I have not seen mentioned in any other document regarding navigability in Oregon. When reviewed sequentially, they may have a significant impact on the question of what is and is not a navigable waterway for purposes of commerce and title within Oregon.

In 1919, Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon State Constitution read as follows:

Private property shall not be taken for public use nor the particular services of any man be demanded without just compensation;—nor except in case of the State, without such compensation first assessed and tendered.

In order to assure the orderly and rapid development of Oregon's highway system, thus promoting transportation for commerce, the 1919 Oregon State Legislature passed An Act to expand the authority of the "state highway commission" to acquire title to land beneath any existing roadway, even foot trails created by repeated use.

To guarantee the state's power of eminent domain over what may have been nothing more than adopted pathways, the 1919 legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 17 and referred the issue to the people of Oregon. Because of the passage of that referendum, Article I, Section 18 of the 1920 Oregon State Constitution read as follows:

Private property shall not be taken for public use nor the particular services of any man be demanded, without just compensation; nor except in case of the State, without such compensation first assessed and tendered; provided, that the use of all roads and ways necessary to promote the transportation of raw products of mine or farm or forest is necessary to the development and welfare of the state and is declared a public use. (Emphasis added)

Because of an Oregon State Supreme Court decision regarding "due process," as set forth in the 1917 law, the 1923 legislature passed An Act to amend Section 6165 of the then current Oregon laws. This legislation still declared streams navigable if they could float forest products for even a portion of the year. In part, the 1923 legislation read as follows:

Sec. 6165. Streams Navigable for Portion of Year Deemed Navigable Streams; Rights of Companies and Owners of Adjacent Lands—Any stream or its tributaries in this state upon which logs or other forest products can be floated during certain periods of the year, save



and except Oswego lake, is hereby declared to be a navigable stream and subject to the granting of a franchise to corporations as provided in this act. ...

This act fixed the "due process" problem with the original 1917 act that I referred to earlier. The act also granted "corporations" the right to go on these navigable streams and make improvements to the channel and bed to enhance the stream's ability to convey forest products to mills and markets. It appears that this legislation reaffirmed that all Oregon streams capable of floating a railroad tie were part of our public highway system, were owned by the state, and were available for public use. If not, how could the state sell franchises to control what happened commercially on those streams? And how could the state dictate that franchise holders make navigational improvements to those streambeds?

Remember, at the time the above amendment was passed, all Oregonians with fishing or hunting licenses had full access to the bed of any stream in the state declared navigable as long as they stayed below the high water line. And virtually every stream in the state was already declared navigable

PROTECTION GIVEN IN THE OREGON CONSTITUTION

The 1923 Oregon State Legislature seemed concerned enough about this act's longevity, they once again sought to change the Oregon State Constitution. With the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, they referred the issue to the people of Oregon. To secure the navigability status of all streams currently in use or capable for future use, in the commercial transportation of forest products, the people of Oregon voted by an over 2 to 1 margin to again amend Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon State Constitution.

Please recall that the last time the Citizens of Oregon amended this section, they gave the State Highway Commission the power eminent domain over established and/or adopted highways to promote economic growth within Oregon. With a November 4, 1924 vote of the People of Oregon amended Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon State Constitution to read as follow:

Private property shall not be taken for public use nor the particular services of any man be demanded, without just compensation; nor except in case of the State, without such compensation first assessed and tendered; provided, that the use of all roads, ways and waterways necessary to promote the transportation of raw products of mine or farm or forest or water for beneficial use or drainage is necessary to the development and welfare of the state and is declared a public use. (Emphasis added)

The amendment declared all "water for beneficial use or drainage" to be a "public use." I for one can think of no stream in the state of Oregon that does not provide the benefit of drainage, and the United States Supreme Court has ruled that recreation is a beneficial use.

I am not an expert on Oregon constitutional law, however, I believe the intent of the 1923 Oregon State Legislature was twofold: 1) Assure the public's right to use any stream capable of transporting any type of raw or finished forest product to market for both commercial and recreational purposes. 2) Alter the Oregon State Constitution in such a way as to secure that right for present and all future generations.

I believe that the Oregon State Legislature reaffirmed the ownership of all land beneath all but the very smallest of waterways within Oregon with the 1967 passage of O.R.S. 274.025. That statute reads in part as follows:

274.025 Jurisdiction over submersible and submerged lands generally. (1) The title to the submersible and submerged lands of all navigable streams and lakes in this state now existing or which may have been in existence in 1859 when the state was admitted to the Union, or at any time since admission, and which has not become vested in any person, is vested in the State of Oregon. The State of Oregon is the owner of the submersible and submerged lands on such streams and lakes....

Surely, this includes all streams declared navigable by the legislature in 1923 and referred to in Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon State Constitution.

In 1923 the state of Oregon declared all streams capable of floating even poles and railroad ties, to be navigable streams for use in commercial activities. In 1921 the state of Oregon granted all licensed anglers the right to float, anchor, wade, and walk below the high water mark on all navigable waterways. In 1924 I believe the Citizens of Oregon agreed with the Legislature and voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution of the state of Oregon to secure that navigability declaration and all the rights inherent in it, for all future generations. That amendment remains in effect today.

Looking at this in light of the 1940 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that, "When once found to be navigable, a waterway remains so," it would appear that the question of whether any stream capable of floating even a pole to market is or is not navigable to be a moot one. Oregon not only did declare them navigable, but also took title control over them. Furthermore, the people of Oregon protected their right to use them when they amended the state constitution accordingly. At least that is the way it looks to me.

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In all my previous research regarding your right to use Oregon waterways for recreation, I never saw any reference to the 1923 legislation regarding navigability of streams in Oregon or any reference to Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon State Constitution. It appears both have significant importance to the issue. I have forwarded some to this information to the DSL.

I have to go back to a singular concern. Why did the Oregon State Legislature make such an absolute mess of something that appears to have been crystal clear prior to 1973 – the people of Oregon have the right to use any stream in the state for recreational activities as long as they stay below the high water mark? I keep coming up with the same answer. A handful of people want to privatize Oregon's waterways for their own selfish private gains. They have been working toward that goal since 1977 and they will continue to do so unless we stop them.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

First, please copy this article and the article in the last issue of this newsletter and share them with your friends and relatives. The more people that become aware of the legislative attempts to take away their right to use our waterways, the easier it will be stop those attempts in the future.

Second, many Legislators have resigned or will not win reelection. Consequently, many appointed or newly elected Senators and Representatives will sit in on the next session. These folks don't know how the game is played and will be pressured by guys like Senator Ted Feriolli to vote like he tells them to. Remember, Feriolli introduced many of the bills that would have stripped you of your right to use Oregon waterways for recreation. Highly paid, special interest lobbyists will also put pressure on your legislators to vote the way the big money interests want them to vote.

Please contact your Legislature and let them know how you feel about this issue. It's important! You can find the name of your legislators at the following link. Please look them up and **let them know you want your right to float, anchor, wade, and walk below the high water mark protected**. Do it now, before they feel the pressure of being "in session."

http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/findset.htm

Third, please visit the Coalition for Oregon River Rights (CORR) website and add your name to the email alert list. CORR will keep you informed of new developments and discoveries regarding this issue. We will also keep you posted on events as they unfold in the Oregon Legislature.

Like you, I'm just a fisherman. Everything you just read is my opinion and I am not an attorney. I do have copies of the originals of the legislation and court decisions I refer to. You can also find all of them at the State Archives and/or the Oregon Department of Justice Public Law Library in Salem.

WATERWAY INFORMATION ONLINE

The following web sites offer additional information regarding your right to use Oregon's waterways for recreational purposes.

Division of State Lands:

http://statelands.dsl.state.or.us/naavigintro.htm

National Organization for Rivers

www.nors.org

Coalition for Oregon River Rights (CORR)

www.riverrights.org

To find your legislator:

http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/

To read the Oregon Admissions Act:

www.leg.state.or.us/orcons

If you would like to have a CORR representative speak at your club meeting, please contact Lawrence Edwards to arrange a time and place:

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Education Report

By Mark Williamson - ORC VP Education

This year the Oregon Council took on the task of putting on two seminars, one for youth and one for women.

Both of the seminars were a success. The youth seminar was on March 21 at Alton Baker Park in Eugene following the Oregon NW Fly Tier's Expo. The women's seminar was April 24 at Roaring Springs Trout Camp in Scio.

The first women's event was such a success that the council decided to do another at the same location on June 5.

A great deal of thanks goes out to the clubs and individuals that sponsored both of these events.

The Cascade Family Fly Fishers and McKenzie Fly Fishers clubs sponsored the youth seminar. The Women's seminar was sponsored by the Santiam Flycasters in Salem.

We want to especially thank those council members that dedicated their time to come and present portions of the program. Rather than attempting to list the names of those helping, and surly missing someone, I am just going to say a BIG THANK YOU from those who participated and the Oregon Council.

With regard to the youth seminar, it is fair to say that generally we think of teaching middle school students like metaphorically herding chickens. That was certainly not true with these kids. In my thirty years of education I have seldom observed and worked with a more pleasant, polite, and responsible group of young people. These young ladies and gentlemen worked hard all day and they were at all times attentive to the instruction given.

The weather was wonderful, the food was great and the location was perfect for teaching.

The ladies seminar was, as mentioned above, a grand success. There were seventeen ladies in attendance at the first event. Roaring Springs Trout Pond was unbelievable for teaching a seminar like this. A big thank you goes out to the Santiam Flycasters of Salem for providing staff and the continental breakfast and lunch.

The ladies were very happy with the seminar and the responses were very positive. Several ladies commented on the fact that they appreciated the fact that there were other ladies there helping with the instruction.

As said before, the women's seminar was such a success that the council planned another on June 5 at the same location.

Next year your Oregon Council intends to continue the youth and ladies seminar again. The time, dates, and locations are still in the planning stages at this time.

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restore the native Sockeye run to the Metolius River and Lake Creek Basin. For more information about the Deschutes Basin Land Trust and the Lake Creek/Metolius Preserve go to:

www.deschuteslandtrust.org/metroliuspreserve.htm

Those clubs interested in obtaining OCFFF conservation/habitat grants need to contact Conservation Project coordinator Mike Beagle at or 541-865-7775. Please follow the format below when applying for OCFFF grants:

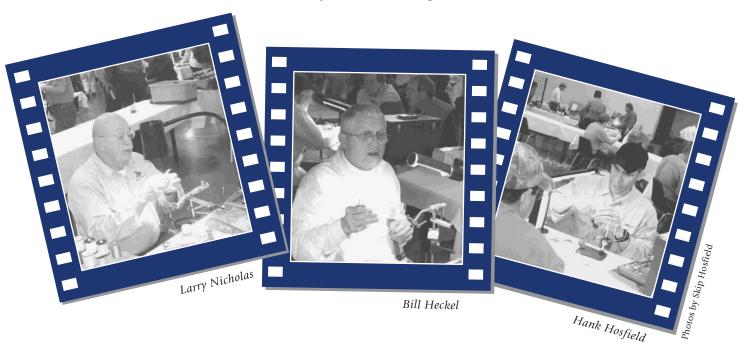
- Include your contact information including address, phone number and email address.
- Name the conservation project and how it will help fish habitat.
- Include the stream name or watershed (projects away from streams help fish as well).
- Outline exactly what work will be done and what long-term benefits will be accomplished.

- State how your club will monitor the project even after its completion.
- If possible, how many volunteer personnel and hours will be included?
- Is your club working with other conservation organizations, public agencies or private land owners on this project? If so, please include their POC information.
- Have you contacted the local press about this project? Specifically, what financial support have you already received and what funding assistance from the Oregon Council do you need?
- Please make all requests at least two weeks prior to scheduled OCFFF meetings, which are held quarterly. This will ensure timely processing and communication.



2004 Northwest Fly Tyer's Expo Wrap-up

By Garren Wood - Expo Chair





The 16th annual Northwest Fly Tyer's Expo was held in Eugene, Oregon on Saturday, March 21, 2004. Over 180 fly tyers demonstrated their art to help make this annual event another great success.

This year's fly tyers included Buz Buzek winners, Oregon Fly Tyer of the Year winners, professional tyers, along with accomplished amateurs. This group of tyers tied everything from Atlantic salmon flies down to tiny trout flies. A wealth of information was exchanged throughout the day.

The materials table and silent auction were busy all through the day with people looking for a good deal. A special thanks goes out to all of the people who donated items for these events.

I would like to thank all the clubs who helped out with the event; the Cascade Family Fly Fishers who staffed the gate, the McKenzie Flyfishers for organizing the materials table, the Mid-Willamette Flyfishers and Linn-Benton Family Flyfishers for manning the youth tying area, and the Santiam Flycasters for their work with the silent auction. Also a big thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped setup the event and worked during the event.

The Northwest Fly Tyer's Expo was a great success and it couldn't have been possible without all of the tyers and volunteers giving their time and expertise to the event.



16th Northwest Fly Tyer's Expo DONORS

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations that have made our Expo the financial success that it has become over the past 16 years. We strive to keep records of all of our donors, but some do slip through the cracks. Please let us know if we missed your donation.

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2004 Oregon State Fair Fly Tying Competition

The 2004 Oregon State Fair Fly Tying Competition saw the greatest number of entries in recent memory. We received 55 entries from around the state in the six categories. The judging was done on August 23 and the flies were on display through the run of the State Fair from August 26 to September 6.

We would like to thank the following individuals who gave of their time and talent to show fairgoers the art of fly tying on Saturday, August 28: Cliff Adams, Skip Hosfield, Harry Gross, Michael T. Williams, Dwight Klemin, Stan Steele, Jim Ferguson, Jerry Gibb and Tony Brauner who also set-up the Oregon Council Booth at the tying display.

Next year, Jim Ferguson has agreed to chair this event and entry forms should be available shortly after the first of the year. Jim can be reached at flytier@NCN.com.

| | 1st Place | Harry Gross | Silverton, OR | |
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| | 2nd Place | Garren Wood | Corvallis, OR | |
| | 3rd Place | Henry Hoffman | Warrenton, OR | |
| Trou | ıt Nymph | | | 200 |
| | 1st Place | Harry Gross | Silverton, OR | |
| | 2nd Place | James Ferguson | Salem, OR | |
| | 3rd Place | Hank Hosfield | Portland, OR | |
| Stee | lhead Fly | | | |
| | 1st Place | Al Brunell | Corvallis, OR | |
| | 2nd Place | Harry Gross | Silverton, OR | |
| | 3rd Place | Henry Hoffman | Warrenton, OR | |
| Sea- | run Cutthroa | ıt | | |
| | 1st Place | J.D. "Skip" Hosfield | Eugene, OR | |
| | 2nd Place | Al Brunell | Corvallis, OR | |
| | 3rd Place | Benjamin Stetzer | Portland, OR | |
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| | 1st Place | James Ferguson | Salem, OR | |
| | 2nd Place | J.D."Skip" Hosfield | Eugene, OR | |
| | 3rd Place | John Peterson | Waldport, OR | |
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| Juni | 1st Place | Megan Humphrey | Portland, OR | |
| Juni | | Megan Humphrey Hunter Finnerty | Portland, OR Cottage Grove, OR | |



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Clackamas Flyfishers P.O. Box 268 West Linn, OR 97068

Columbia Gorge Flyfishers 220 Methodist Rd. Hood River, OR 97031

Klamath Country Flycasters P.O. Box 324 Klamath Falls, OR 97601

*Knot-Me-Leaders 153 Alice Ave. S Salem, OR 97302

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Mid-Willamette Fly Fishers P.O. Box 22 Corvallis, OR 97330

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*North Santiam Spey Casters 1077 Nona Ave. NW Salem, OR 97302

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Medford, OR 97501 Santiam Flycasters P.O. Box 691

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