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Member Catch of the Month



I fished from 6:30 AM until 5 PM on this day in September and finally got a bite. I was fishing by myself and hooked this 44 pound fish about 100 yards from the dock. I had just told my wife Diane that I'd only be another five minutes before calling it a day and then bang, fish on! I was able to keep him out of the dock pilings with a little smoke coming from my thumb and using the motor to tow him back out into the river. This is the largest fish that has been brought into Coyote Rock Resort this year. Fishing has been very slow.

Don Wenzel



Fishing Report

For mid-coast Fall Chinook anglers, it's been slow, slow, slow for most. The resorts are reporting very low catch rates and the RV parks are all but empty on the Alsea. A recent trip this past week to the Alsea tidewater was a waste of time. We trolled from Kozy Cove to almost Drift Creek and back through high slack tide and most of the outgoing tide and only briefly hooked one Coho. We didn't even see a Chinook roll in seven hours! Two fish were rumored to be caught; one up high on bobber & bait and one low by trolling. There were probably a few more in the lower area. The Siletz has been very slow also. The Siletz and Yaquina are full of Coho now, although they are almost all wild and must be released since the Yaquina quota of 500 has been met. This will no doubt be the worst fall fishery these three systems have seen in many years, if not ever. Those that were able to spend a great deal of time fishing have managed to get their two-fish season limit. Those anglers willing to travel much farther from home have found good success either north (buoy 10 or Columbia) or south (Umpqua or Winchester Bay).

The good news is that jack numbers are up and that means more adults next year!

Summer Steelhead & Spring Chinook Counts

As of September 26th, 14,897 summer steelhead have crossed Willamette Falls. This compares to 14,715 by this date last year and 13,880 in 2007. Fall Chinook numbers this year are 1,131. This compares to 1,298 by this date last year and only 120 fish in 2007. The Coho count is now at 10,783! This compares to 1,827 last year and 471 by this date in 2007.

Foster counts through September are: 4,512 summer steelhead (3688 in 2008 & 4,069 in 2007); 2,593 Spring Chinook (1,502 in 2008 & 1,385 in 2007). But they have trapped a whopping 573 jacks so far this year!

So, as steelhead numbers remain fairly stable, Chinook numbers should improve significantly next year, based on these great jack returns.



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Lon and Dianne Jackson had a good time and good luck fishing at Diamond Lake during the 2nd week of September. Three very nice sized rainbows among a limit of smaller ones were boated. Another 25 were caught and released to bite again another day. The weather was perfect, warm with a variable breeze. The scenery is terrific at Diamond lake with Mount Thielsen to the East, Mount Bailey on the west, and Crater Lake just south. We were trolling worms and Thomas lures behind big spinners on the south side just out of the weed bed in 20 to 24 feet of water in an East/West direction. Others were doing well fly fishing in the weed beds and still fishing as well.



Hello Steelheaders!

This is to invite your attention to the new Northwest Steelheaders website at <http://www.nwsteelheaders.org/>.

The site was activated on October 1 and will be the Association's chief source of communication to the nearly 1,000 members with internet access. A bevy of links are available for a visitor's choosing.


Staff will continue to enhance and improve the new website in the coming weeks such as populating the back pages linked by the **Your Corner** block (targeted to the young demographic) in the right margin of the home page and adding information to each chapter page as information is forwarded to the Association office by chapter communications directors. We ask for your patience during this process.

Also, please note the advertising opportunities available for businesses. Click on the **Become a Sponsor** tab in the left margin to view the terms.

I hope you will find the new website useful in your continuing support for our mission.

Warmest regards,

Paul J. Cathcart, Executive Director



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October Program

October 7th at 7:00 pm Albany senior center

The program for the October meeting will be presented by premier guide Bill Sanderson on the North Santiam river. Bill will outline the opportunities for Chinook, Summer Steelhead and trout that will be of benefit to both bank anglers and boat fishers alike. Bill has guided on the North Santiam for many years and offers both guided fishing trips and sight-seeing raft trips on the river. This program should be of interest to all as the river supports good runs of Chinook, Steelhead, trout and has a great deal of river access. This is a don't miss program.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 7th– Chapter meeting at 7:00pm
October 12th– South Santiam Hatchery Volunteer BBQ
October 21st– Chapter Board of Directors mtg. 7:00pm
November 4th– Chapter meeting at 7:00pm

South Santiam Hatchery BBQ Set

This years Barbeque is scheduled for Monday, October 12th with dinner to start at 5:00 pm at the hatchery. We invite you to arrive at the hatchery after 4:30 to visit with the staff and other volunteers before the dinner begins.

We appreciate the time you volunteered this past year and hope you can join us for this event. Spouses and children are welcome. **Fish, Chicken, Salad, French bread and Beverages** will be furnished. *A potluck side dish or dessert would be welcome.*

Hatchery staff

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2009-2010 ANWS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For nearly fifty years the Association of Northwest Steelheaders has been effective as a result of these efforts:

Advocacy
Conservation
Membership
Fundraising
Communication

To be effective in the next 50 years, we must recruit new members. As an **incentive**, we are launching a membership campaign that **will reward those members who help us reach our goal!**

Our goal is to grow membership by 50 percent! To do that we will employ several different strategies, including introductory memberships, direct mailings to existing and lapsed members, extensive print ad utilization (*Salmon Trout Steelhead* and *Salmon Steelhead Journal*), radio air time (Outback Angler), physical appearances at various shows and events, and more.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The ANWS Membership Drive will reward members who recruit new members starting immediately, and running until February 10, 2010. Valuable prizes will be awarded to those who help us achieve our goal; every new member signed up is good for at least one chance in our quarterly drawings. These awards include:

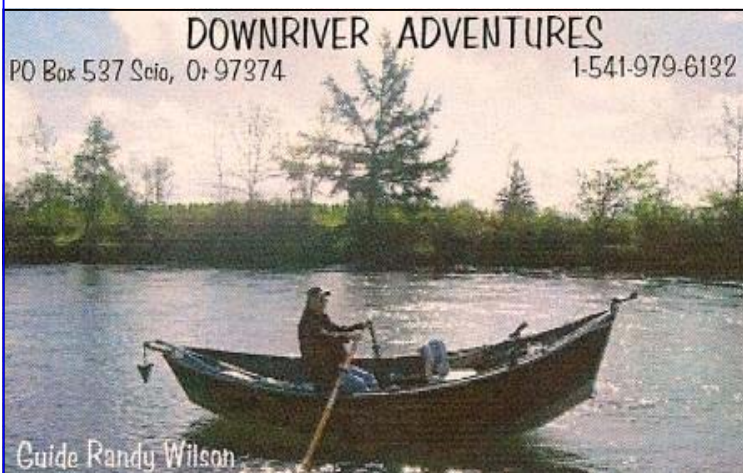
Guided Fishing Trips
Rods
Reels
Tackle
Limited Edition Art Prints
And more gear!

There are several ways to gain additional chances. Remember that each new member gained automatically earns you one chance in the drawings. Should you recruit a new Business or Life Membership, you gain ten more entries. As an added bonus for those who recruit 10 new members, they will automatically receive an additional ten chances for every ten members they recruit. Top recruiters will also be recognized for their efforts!

QUESTIONS, RULES, ETC.

Full "Rules" copies will be available at the Member's Meetings, or by notifying Richard Smith at 541-924-0248. Good luck and let's help GROW ANWS!

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