



## September, 2007 Newsletter Fish First In this newsletter

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### **First General Membership Meeting of the Season**

**18 October at the Oak Tree Restaurant in Woodland WA. 7 p.m.**

We're starting off the Fall - Spring Meetings of Fish First by making it both rewarding and entertaining. It's going to be rewarding for one of the members who will win a \$100 gift certificate, thanks to the Vancouver Sportsman's Warehouse, just for being there.

It's going to be entertaining with a presentation from one of our great local fishing guides. There will be both a presentation and a question and answer period where you can pick up valuable tips for making your time on the stream more productive. In addition we plan to ask Matt Olson, the Washington State President of CCA (Coastal Conservation Association) to

update us on CCA's organizational efforts and goals as they are establishing themselves to be an effective political voice on behalf of the salmon and steelhead in the Northwest.

Fish First is a strong supporter of CCA and FF President Gary Loomis is providing leadership in getting CCA up and going in the NW. Every FF member should also join CCA.

Cut this out and save where you will see it.

**Meeting Dates and Contact Information for Fish First**

**General Membership Meetings 2007-2008**

Always on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7 p.m.,

Always at the Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland, WA

Oak Tree is at Exit 21 off I-5

North bound I-5 take Exit 21 and it's straight ahead when you hit the stoplight

Southbound I-5 follow frontage road to stoplight, left and under the overpass

**Meeting Dates:**

October 18, 2007

November 15, 2007

December 20, 2007

January 17, 2008

February 21, 2008

March 20, 2008

April 17, 2008

May 15, 2008

On the Internet: [www.fishfirst.org](http://www.fishfirst.org)

Contacts: John DiVittorio, Executive Director 360-713-7460

Jerry Sauer, Membership Chairman, 360-607-1646

Jerry Brown, Newsletter Editor 360-600-8559 for newsletter ideas

**Fish First donates start-up funds to CCA**

The Fish First Board has voted a \$30,000 donation to the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Northwest as seed money to help fund the

start up costs of getting the Oregon and Washington CCA up and going. A total of over \$200,000 is needed just in organizational funds to set up the State organizations and their local chapters and hire Executive Directors for each State. The Executive Directors are people familiar with the CCA and who have the ability and experience to organize and operate at the State level including the advocacy mission of CCA. "We feel strongly that CCA is exactly what we need in the Pacific Northwest" said John DiVittorio, Executive Director of FF. "Their system, strategy and structure is a proven asset in successful marine conservation." CCA is the largest marine resource conservation group in the country, with more than 30 years of fisheries management experience and more than 96,000 members. CCA National President David Cummins states "Clearly there is an ethic and a passion for fisheries conservation among Pacific Northwest anglers that is unmatched." FF President Gary Loomis was instrumental in convincing CCA to expand to the Pacific Northwest.

## **Gary's Column**

By Gary Loomis

- **Congressman pushes for Selective Harvest, Mass Marking**
- **Hatchery Reform**

### **Selective Harvest and Mass Marking**

Congressman Norm Dicks of Washington's sixth district has brought up the issue of selective harvest and mass marking of fish (cutting the adipose fin) of all hatchery fish so that the sport and commercial fishermen know the difference between hatchery wild fish. This proposal is finding good reception but is having problems with the commercial fishing industry accepting it.

For example, WDFW made available almost a half million dollars for the selective harvest and the commercial fishermen wouldn't accept money or accept the idea of finding selective ways to harvest.

## **Hatchery Reform**

I have been asked to sign a letter supporting the hatchery reform proposal but chose not to sign it because I think the Fish First Board needs to discuss more before we take a position.

This hatchery reform proposal has nothing in it about using the excess hatchery fish they want to harvest for nutrient enhancement and they are trying to take too many of the hatchery fish off the spawning beds. The proposal assumes that returning fish would at best be 15% wild and out of this less than 3% would be native. The proposal advocates the elimination of most of the hatchery fish from the spawning areas. A large portion of wild fish are from these fish and if we remove them what portion of the wild fish are we going to have the next generation? And at the same time it is proposed to remove a portion wild fish out of the river and spawn them in the hatchery fish to increase the gene pool of the hatchery fish. We have so few wild fish today that in the name of best science this action could cause the fish to go extinct.

If we take all the hatchery fish out of our rivers, we'll have no wild fish that are offspring of the naturally spawning hatchery fish. For example, Cedar Ck has been a win-win for everyone. The fish that are going up and spawning are hatchery fish but what is coming downstream are all wild fish. I just don't believe we can start a hatchery reform program and write off all the wild but not purely native fish. This proposal could be the end of our net pen program as we are using hatchery eggs in our net pens

I don't think we should start hatchery reform until we have selective commercial reform and the fish that are taken out are killed and left in the river for nutrients.

## **Newsletter Delivery to Change to email for Most Members**

We want to keep getting the word out but mailing charges for the newsletter are expensive and take funds that could be better directed to projects and project support. Beginning with this issue all members who have an email address will receive their FF Seasonal Monthly Newsletter via email. We will double up for this issue only, which will go out to all members by mail

and to those with email via that means. After this issue, those members who do not have an email address will continue to receive the Newsletter by US Postal delivery but the rest will get it via email. If you have an email address and haven't provided it to FF please do so by emailing to Jerry Sauer, the Membership Chairman: [gtsauer@comcast.net](mailto:gtsauer@comcast.net)

### **Financial Support From Our Friends**

Daina McLean, FF's newest Board member worked hard to get her employer, Wells Fargo, to provide grants totaling \$12,000 to Fish First. \$2,000 was from Wells Fargo Community Development Fund for Oregon and SW Washington and \$10,000 was from the Wells Fargo Environmental Affairs Fund in Partnership with Wells Fargo Foundation.

Daina was also in the right place at the right time staffing a FF table at the La Center "Our Days" celebration when she was given the first information about a donation from a Summer Bible School Children's group. Here is the wording of the letter that accompanied it and explains the donation: "The enclosed donation is a result of our Vacation Bible School at Highland Lutheran Church in La Center. The kids brought change from home each day and then selected an organization to receive the donation. It was amazing to us that they collected \$373.93 - a lot of change!! In the past they have supported many organizations and this year they have selected Fish First. Please accept the enclosed check for your good work."

J. Price, Treasurer,

In addition to her fund raising skills she is revamping a lot of the FF information on the internet. She was a lead person in reworking our project book and tying it in with a marketing tool to help FF raise funds for its projects.

### **Recognizing New and Renewing Members**

We want to recognize all the new members and wish them welcome and let them know there is plenty of volunteer work to go around. Members will shortly receive a survey in the mail asking about their specific interests with FF and their willingness to volunteer. The volunteerism is at the heart of FF's ability to achieve its mission. Please volunteer to help.

## Life Members

Craig	Hargreaves		Woodland	WA
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## Sponsor Level members

John	Petrovski	Arlington Heights	Ill
Craig	Sorenson	Brush Prairie	WA
Jeffery	Petrovski	Chicago	Ill
Tony	Bouneff	Gaston	OR
Jeff	Owens	Happy Valley	OR
Willis	Andersen	Healdsburg	CA
Daniel	Hyduchak	Newport	OR
Robert	Barnett	Vancouver	WA
Ben	Dennis	Vancouver	WA
David	Jahn	Vancouver	WA
Shannon	Meadors	Vancouver	WA

## New Oregon Regular Members

Mark	Schmidt	Aurora	OR
James	Gilmer	Clackamas	OR
Dave	Schamp	Cornelius	OR
Stanley	Steele	Corvallis	OR
Tony	Bouneff	Gaston	OR
Jeremiah	Moore	Gaston	OR
Ryan	Bethurum	Gresham	OR
Jeff	Owens	Happy Valley	OR
Samuel	Sickles	Hood River	OR
Daniel	Hyduchak	Newport	OR
Dean	Fischer	Oregon City	OR
Russ	Lawrence	Oregon City	OR
Lynn	Easton	Portland	OR
Ed	Fast	Portland	OR
Don	Getman	Portland	OR
Jack	Hanselman	Portland	OR

Pat	Hoglund	Portland	OR
Greg	Jones	Portland	OR
Kenneth	Karst	Portland	OR
Matthew	Klara	Portland	OR
Walter	McGovern	Portland	OR
Kevin	Mellor	Portland	OR
Lance	Scrivens	Portland	OR
Keith	Blanchard	Roseburg	OR
Bruce	Polley	Sherwood	OR
Devon	Russell	St. Helens	OR
Linda	Heim	Tigard	OR
Troy	Moncrief	Tillamook	OR
Jack	Smith	Tillamook	OR
Nick	Bouneff	Tolovana Park	OR
Rod	Brobeck	Troutdale	OR
Bradley	Staples	West Linn	OR
Dennis	Olson	St. Helens	OR.

## New Washington Regular Members

Phillip	Thomas	Vancouver	W
Faron	Evans	Kalama	WA
Billy	Carlsile	Amboy	WA
Rick	Masser	Amboy	WA
Craig	Bottemiller	Anacortes	WA
Darren	Cahoon	Battle Ground	WA
Shawn	Keller	Battle Ground	WA
Celeste	Smith	Battle Ground	WA
Todd	Thomasson	Battle Ground	WA
Allen	Estes	BattleGround	WA
Paul	Larson	BattleGround	WA
James R.	Speich	BattleGround	WA
Steve	Thayer	BattleGround	WA
Don	Heavirland	Brush Prairie	WA
Matt	Olson	Brush Prairie	WA
Michael	Ryba	Brush Prairie	WA
Craig	Sorenson	Brush Prairie	WA
David	Wetchler	Brush Prairie	WA

Troy	Caulkett	Burlington	WA
Kyle	Feeder	Camas	WA
Rich	Gunderson	Camas	WA
Nathan	Phillips	Camas	WA
Michael	Brinton	Hansville	WA
Mitch	Searles	Kalama	WA
David	Jackson	Kelso	WA
Melissa	Morgan	Kelso	WA
Neal & Nancy	Thibodeaux	LA Center	WA
Donna	Van Horn	LA Center	WA
Ross	Miles	LA Center	WA
Doug	Kempf	LaCenter	WA
Tex	Hanson	Longview	WA
David	Erickson	Lynnwood	WA
Bill	Warlow	Olympia	WA
Gfreg	Johnson	Ridgefield	WA
Doug	Tangen	Ridgefield	WA
Michael	Harris	Roy	WA
Eric	Redman	Seattle	WA

Gregory	Glass	Vancouver	WA
Peter	Barber	Vancouver	WA
Robert	Barnett	Vancouver	WA
Hugh	Barrett	Vancouver	WA
Ed	Bell	Vancouver	WA
Carl	Burger	Vancouver	WA
Casey	Collins	Vancouver	WA
Ben	Dennis	Vancouver	WA
Eric	Ernesti	Vancouver	WA
Peter	Guhl	Vancouver	WA
Andy	Hofer	Vancouver	WA
David	Jahn	Vancouver	WA
Alfredo	Julian	Vancouver	WA
Bob	King	Vancouver	WA
Shannon	Meadors	Vancouver	WA
Russ	Monett	Vancouver	WA
Scott	Neilsen	Vancouver	WA
Dean	Patterson	Vancouver	WA
Lawrence	Sefton Jr	Vancouver	WA
Dick	Stanton	Vancouver	WA
Brad	Thompson	Vancouver	WA
Jerry R.	Thorp	Vancouver	WA
Lary & Jean	Williams	Vancouver	WA
Ken	Winkleblack	Vancouver	WA
Harry	Barber	Washougal	WA
Chris	Marlahan	Washougal	WA

Stan	Brogdon	West Richard	WA
Marshall	Allen	Woodland	WA
Dave	Audette	Woodland	WA
Patrick	Ballweber	Woodland	WA
Jerome	Brown	Woodland	WA
Zeke	Estes	Woodland	WA
Jim	Gilmer	Woodland	WA
Maggie	Gilmer	Woodland	WA
Scott	Grout	Woodland	WA
Craig	Hargreaves	Woodland	WA
Wayne	Horne	Woodland	WA
Kelly	Kochonen	Woodland	WA
Michael	Larocca	Woodland	WA
Jim	Lebson	Woodland	WA
Tom	Marinetti	Woodland	WA
Terry	Ramey	Woodland	WA
Elizabeth	Seyler	Woodland	WA
Ken	Snyder	Woodland	WA
Shane	Tapani	Woodland	WA
Jerry	Tyrell	Woodland	WA
John H.	Webster	Woodland	WA
Ed	Jenkins	Yacolt	WA
Chris	Swindell	Yacolt	WA
Stan	Juve	Kelso	WA
Bob	Wile	Vancouver	WA

## Idaho Regular Member

Lawrence Cragwick Salmon ID

If your name or location is misspelled or incorrect please let us know. You can write to FF PO Box 1505, Woodland WA 98674, Attention: membership chair or contact the membership chairman, Jerry Sauer via email: gtsauer@comcast.net

## Project Reports

**A. The continuing story of Dave Brown's one man rescue operation -with some help from Fish first and other friends.**

**This year:** Fish First donated money along with Clark-Skamania Fly fishers the Native Fish Society and Friends of the East Fork to purchase an all-terrain-vehicle for Dave's work on Mill Ck North.

**Previously:** Fish First partnered with Dave to upgrade the system to reduce maintenance requirements and to expand the capacity to rear 20,000 juveniles.

**Background:**

In 1992 Dave Brown, landowner and fisherman, noticed that wild juvenile salmonids were dying in tributaries to the East Fork Lewis River as these tributaries dried up in the summer. In conjunction with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, he started a pilot program to save these fish by collecting and rearing them in ponds on his property until the fall rains came and releasing them back into the streams. The site has excellent cold-water springs to support large numbers of juveniles over the summer.

This project has grown over the years and been funded mostly by Dave with some small contribution of materials from WDFW and Friends of the East Fork. This project's momentum is building as more adults return each year and correspondingly more juveniles are found in the streams in the summer. Most of the fish in this project are Coho salmon, although some Steelhead juveniles are rescued as well.

The Vancouver Columbian Newspaper published a story about Brown that you can read by going here:

<http://www.columbian.com:80/news/localNews/08072007news179619.cfm>

## **B. Roundup of other Habitat Projects for 2007 Season**

The Gren Fels Project construction was completed in early September. This is a spawning and rearing area for wild EFL steelhead below Lewisville Park. It is currently being re-vegetated and the next step is to seed it with aquatic insects. It's coming in below budget. Local landowners are very involved with the planning and construction. The water quality is quite good.

Permits for Manly Road Creek are in process but WDFW is not allowing the streamlined JARPA process thus far. This is a project on county property to rehabilitate a stream and repair a pond that was illegally excavated by the previous owner of the property. The result will be increased and improved rearing and spawning habitat. We visited the site with WDFW folks a week ago. Some changes were requested and have been incorporated. We continue to pursue permission to use the streamlined process so we can get this done in 2007.

Permit applications for the Edwards project were submitted after visiting the site with WDFW folks. Some good suggestions were made and incorporated. This is a continuation of the Doty Project on Cedar Creek with lots of large woody debris, side channel re-activation and rock vanes to hold spawning gravel.

The Willie Culvert project is not designed yet. A funding extension was acquired so we can do it next year. This culvert is a fish passage barrier and the project constructs step pools so fish can get through.

The Cliff House Project both stabilizes a severely eroding stream bank, which is threatening some homes and creates improved fish habitat on the East Fork of the Lewis River. We have run into some snags with the floodplain engineering work on this project and will probably not get it done in 2007. We are still looking for an additional \$120,000 dollars needed to finalize it. Total cost of this project is \$348,000.

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