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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: January 20, 1982 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PROGRAM: Lawrence Summers discusses fly fishing for blue sharks. That right folks!!!! These babies are what we refer to as the "big grabbers". See details inside "CAST".

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday January 13, 1982 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday February 24, 1982 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Herbert Slater Junior High School
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to bring you all up to date on our project to develop a casting pool. For several years, this goal has seemed beyond our reach. Now I'm happy to tell you that it may well be within our reach. Briefly, this is why:

In October, the Casting Pool Committee (Ben Cummings, Craig Johnston, Emil Lewis, Dick Yaeger, and myself) began meeting to identify what it was we needed and how best to get it. Rationales for various approaches were presented. We agreed that the most ideal approach would be a public facility---publicly owned and maintained---and open to everyone for the purpose of practicing any kind of casting. We chose to approach the City of Santa Rosa regarding the project---hopefully to work out an arrangement with them.

The reception by various City officials has been quite positive so far. They seem to agree with this as something that the people of the City and surrounding areas need; something that would complement the growing interest in fishing in this area.

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BIG SULFUR CREEK PROJECT UPDATE

As those who signed up for the project are aware, progress---however slow---is being made. Bill Cox, the DFG biologist in charge of the project reported that the Department's licensed blaster would be blasting apart the largest boulder in the stream, which is the first step in improving the steelhead migration in the area. Due to the storms and water run-off, cleanup operations and stream reconstruction will be delayed until Spring. Bill promises he will call us to pitch in when the water level goes down enough to permit work. When he does, be ready to lend a hand or a strong back!

GIVING THANKS!

A sincere thank-you from the Board of Directors to all members and friends who so generously participated in donating/purchasing in our December Raffle and Auction. This puts us on a really solid financial footing (see the Minutes of any Board Meeting for the Treasurer's Report) and this allows us to maintain our high program standards and to allocate part of our conservation budget for worthwhile projects when they come up.

SPEAKING OF WHICH . . .

At their December meeting, Board members were privileged to preview a nearly-completed documentary film originally commissioned 18 months ago by the Eel-Russian River Commission. Desigend to be both instructive and thought-provoking, it focuses on the yearly life cycle of the un-harnessed North Coast rivers, particularly the Eel, and presents a strong pro-river message.

This film is really impressive---very professionally done---the kind of thing you see on Channel 9. (It also has some of the best salmon and steelhead footage you will see.) As a matter of fact, KQED (Channel 9) has agreed to show it both as soon as it is complete, and again later in the year. Additionally, they plan to have it satellite-broadcast to the other PBS stations in the West.

So far, the film has been financed by some very prestigious and reputable organizations (CalTrout, for instance). A small percentage of the total cost of production still must be raised, and that's why our club was approached at this time. Your Board felt this was an excellent conservation investment, considering its quality, strong message, and wide potential viewing audience. For these reasons, your Board voted to appropriate half (\$500.00) of the club's yearly conservation budget to assist with the film's completion.

When the film is done, we will receive a copy of the film, in addition to being listed as a sponsor of the film. We're looking forward to showing it to the entire club---or having you see it on TV.

“CLEANER WATER — BRIGHTER STREAMS”

FELT SOLES UP by JOHN R. GANTNER

The following is a bit of humorous advice from the talented but sometimes awkward John Gantner. I think I can get away with this statement because I have fished numerous times with John and he knows that I know. HA HA!!!! Seriously, John is a talented author as we all know and he has graciously allowed me to take some excerpts from a varied assortment of his work. The following is an excerpt from an article he published entitled "Felt Soles Up". Thank you John.

The Editor

A little sense can keep us from serious mistakes. When ice is stacking in your rod guides and your hands are shaking so badly that you're in danger of dropping your half pint of ninety proof antifreeze in the water, then you know it is serious cold and you should not risk filling your waders with trout stream. Waders are like guns, once loaded they become lethal.

Waders once cost me the loss of irreplaceable mementoes collected on an extended fishing trip through British Columbia. I had purchased a classy Perrine all aluminum fly-box, and had collected one or two local favorite fly patterns from each tackle shop along the route. One hundred or more unusual or original flies, to commemorate the trip, adorned the fancy fly-box that was lost to the treacherous tricks of a pair of turncoat waders.

After wading watch-pocket deep in the copious cascades of the Deschutes River, on our return from Canada, I managed to hook and net a fine, fat, nineteen-inch rainbow. Excited to excess by this turn of good fortune, I fairly scampered across the fifty yards of fast water between me and shore to show the net-entwined trout to my companion far downstream.

Within three or four yards of the far bank, one leg of my wanton waders was waylaid by an underwater willow branch, admitting a bootful of glacial flow. Immediately heavier than a foot should be, this newly unbalanced appendage caused a misstep, a dance, and a full turn with arms akimbo and still gamely clutching the captured trout, a front one-and-a-half dive with complete immersion. A classic dive, but expensive. Although the trout somehow remained in the net and my favorite fishing hat was recovered floating downstream by my understandably curious friend (he couldn't see my performance), my fly box and collection of Canadian curiosities went unrecoverably to the bottom, ne'er to be reclaimed.

Nor was this the full extent of the drama. When finally erect but with one full boot, I attempted to exit the stream. The force exerted by the water, seemingly becoming heavier as it lost support of surrounding water, propelled my spirited but graceless headlong re-entry into the freezing flow; at which point, in a fit of rage, I ripped and wriggled out of my wasted waders, discarding them to

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President's Message, Continued

It appears that the City may be able to appropriate a 3 acre parcel in a developing City park for this purpose. This is a real step forward! Expectedly, though, the City lacks the funds necessary to pay for the construction of the pool---they simply don't have that kind of money. (Our first estimate, strictly retail, is about \$50,000.)

So if this works out, what we will have to do is fund the construction. If we can show the City Council (who makes the final decision about such an appropriation of land) that we can do this, they are much more likely to decide in favor of this project. Craig Johnston, Brian Kahn, Jack Long, Jack O'Neel, Dennis Hunter, and Frank Bertaina have been appointed as the Finance Committee to work on this particular problem. The plan they come up with will be presented to the City; in late January or early February, the entire project will hopefully be presented to the City Council.

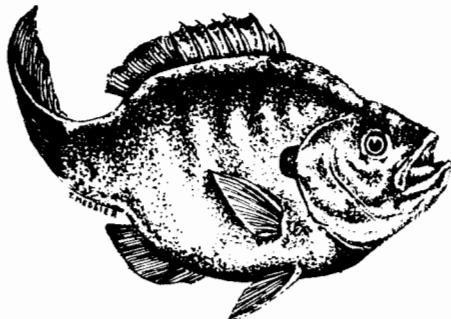
I hope this sounds as exciting to you as it does to me! What I need from you is:

1. Come to the January meeting so we can tell you more and answer your questions. Give us any ideas and advice you have!
2. When we notify you that there will be a City Council meeting, please make an effort to be there. Nothing is guaranteed so far---we need to sell them that this is worthwhile.
3. Your ideas on financial support for the project---you can give them to any member of the finance committee.

I hope to see you at the next meeting!

To perfect casts!

Liz Wray



CPR

Club members who are CPR instructors (Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) are again volunteering their time to train and certify interested club members in CPR techniques. CPR isn't just something hospital employees need to know; none of us knows when we may need to use it on our husband, child, mother, next door neighbor, fishing partner, or fellow shopper in the grocery store. Doing it right is possible only if you've been taught---you can't learn from watching TV. Classes for new certification (never taught) will be in March. A Recertification class (for those with recent CPR cards) will be held Thursday, February 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. It's easy to forget exactly everything you were taught, and a yearly review is necessary to maintain certification (and the security that you know what you're doing). If you're in this group and would like to be included in the recertification class, call Bob Wray at 526-4968.

FELT SOLES UP (continued)

float down where they, too, were salvaged by my particularly perplexed partner now standing amidstream, prepared to encounter and salvage any manner of flotsam (or jetsam).

Wader jeopardy seems surprisingly severe far from the deepest flows. Pushing my waders to their limit, allowing but an inch or two or freeboard, seldom sets a problem. I tempt fate more frequently in a foot or two of water. I once managed to saturate my every stitch in only six inches of depth. In fact, waders cause me grievous trouble on dry land. It seems so simple, really. You just lean against the side of the car and step first into one boot and then the other. Button a suspender here, another there, splash into the water, and you're wading.

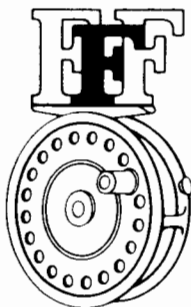
Sounds simple, but I frequently find the roughest part of fishing in waders is just getting to the water. While wearing waders I have tripped down trails, been chased by cows, dropped off docks, tumbled over trees, fallen through beaver dams, snagged on barbed wire, fallen over, under, around, and about rocks of every size and configuration. I once joined a group of wader-clad anglers taking a beer break in a central Oregon tavern. After a couple of Henry's best, I rose to answer nature's call and caught my boot heel on the rung and sprawled burlesquely in the peanut shells and sawdust. Although some of my companions insinuated that perhaps this fall wasn't the waders' fault, it does point up the hazard that can be even far from the water. But all of this is fishing to me. I see no satisfactory alternative.

You can't accomplish anything worthwhile without some risk. Why should you expect to fish without risk of an occasional dunking?
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EDITOR'S NOTE: (Anyone who knows John knows that this is the complete truth and hasn't been over exaggerated. I personally have witnessed John hit the water everytime I have been fishing with him. In this field he is the King Supreme and his chief understudy is Jim Gribble.

Fortunately for me, both of the aforementioned big men have a good sense of humor. We will be hearing from John Gantner in the next issue of the "CAST" and I will probably hear from Jim Gribble the day he gets this issue.)

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

At our next meeting we will be voting on a proposed change in our by-laws. The change is as follows:

Article II, Section 10, paragraph c.

Present wording:

c. Family Membership: Regular members may specify their membership as a "family membership" upon paying annual family membership dues. Family membership includes spouse and dependents under 16. Family members other than the regular member shall have the same rights and privileges as junior members.

Proposed wording:

c. Family Membership: Regular members may specify their membership as a "family membership" upon paying annual family membership dues. Family membership includes spouse and dependents under 16. Regular member and spouse shall have the same rights and privileges as regular members, including one voting right each. Dependents under 16 shall have the same rights and privileges as junior members.

EDITOR'S NOTE--WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Every month we would like to include articles written by our members. We want to hear about your fishing experiences and so do the other club members. It doesn't have to be typed, fancy, dramatic etc. Just write down whatever grabs you or your line and mail it to us. Or you can give it to Jim Hakel or Ben Cummings at our club meetings.

MAIL TO:

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Ben Cummings 3340 Miraloma Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95404 542-4276



VICTORY

Editor's note: The RRFP supported Gail Lucas and her cause to withdraw SB 720. The following is a copy of a letter received from Gail dated August 19, 1981. I apologize for not printing it sooner but the "CASI" has certain size restrictions. Here is the letter.

CONGRATULATIONS! WE WON A BIG BATTLE

With your help we forced the timber industry to withdraw SB 720 (the bill to remove forest practices from CEQA protection) from the Assembly Energy and Natural Resources committee. They didn't have the votes, so the Forest Protective Association (industry lobby) instructed the author, Senator Greene from LA to withdraw the bill.

This victory is due to your letters, telegrams, and phone calls which convinced the eight democrats on the 13 member committee that there is a real constituency for better forest practices.

Pat yourself on the back for this well deserved victory and relax a bit til January, when this issue will probably resurface. I hope we can call on your help again if needed.

Sincerely,

Gail Lucas
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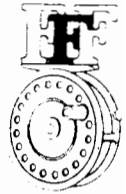
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ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER? (Lifted from the newsletter of C.F.F.U., who lifted it from somewhere else)

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetins, and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home, and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part, to help the work **along**,
Or are you satisfied to be, the kind ~~that~~ "Just belong"?
Do you push the cause along, and make things sort of click,
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled, that you must have heard about,
And we'll appreciate if you, will come and help us out.
Some come to meetings often, and help with hand and heart.
Don't just be a member, but take an active part.
Think this over carefully, do you know the right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you "just belong"?



CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

Club Meeting- the next meeting will be held at Slater Junior High on Sonoma Ave. It will be February 24 which is the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. We have changed the date so it doesn't conflict with the anglers expo which begins Feb. 17, the third Wednesday. Our speaker will be Richard C. Parks of Gardiner, Montana. Mr. Parks operates Parks Fly Shop in Gardiner and has been a guide in the Yellowstone area for the past 20 years. Mr. Parks program will be on the Bighorn River, which has been described as the greatest trout fishery this side of Alaska.

Jim Mengle
Program Director

Brian Kahn appointed to state commission

Former Sonoma County supervisor Brian Kahn has been appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the state Fish and Game Commission.

Kahn, who in 1980 made an unsuccessful run for the House of Representatives, was appointed to the five-member commission on the recommendation of Assemblyman Douglas Bosco, D-Occidental.

"Wildlife, and the protection of its habitat, has been of major interest to me since I was a kid," Kahn said Tuesday. "It's been clear for quite a while and even more clear in the past year that there are serious threats to the protection of wildlife. That has been demonstrated by federal policy under (Secretary of the Interior James) Watt.

"I hope that by being a member of the commission I will be in a position to influence wildlife policy."

Bosco said Kahn expressed interest in serving on the commission "six or seven months ago, so I discussed it with the governor."

"I'm very proud to have someone from the North Coast to represent our fishing interests on the commission," Bosco said.

Kahn served as First District supervisor from 1975 until 1980. He recently resigned from the state Board of Corrections, on which he served four years.

The appointment for the unpaid Fish and Game Commission post is for six years.



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SALMON GET A BIG BOOST FROM BOSCO (Information prepared by Assemblyman
Bosco's Office)

"Landmark legislation aimed at restoring North Coast salmon and steelhead runs to their historic levels passed the Legislature last year and was signed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.."

"Authored by Assemblyman Doug Bosco the measure committed \$925,000 toward a variety of non-profit salmon and steelhead restoration programs on the North Coast."

"Bosco also convinced the Legislature to include an additional \$3 million in this year's budget for state stream restoration programs."

Names of the groups to receive funds, as well as the location and type of work they will perform are as follows:

SONOMA COUNTY

- Circuit Rider Productions for stream restoration on tributaries of the Russian River;
- Sonoma County Water Agency to build a fish ladder at Healdsburg Dam and improve habitat on the Russian River;

MARIN COUNTY

- Marin Builders Exchange to clear barriers on Corte Madera Creek;

MENDOCINO COUNTY

- Center for Education and Manpower Resources for stream restoration in the Hollow Creek and Eel River drainage systems;
- The County of Mendocino to construct fish passage devices, remove rock barriers and restore streamside vegetation on the Russian and Eel River drainage systems;
- New Growth Forest Service for stream restoration on Salmon Creek;
- The Gualala River Steelhead Project to raise salmon and steelhead on the Gualala River;
- The California Salmon Research Committee to restore pools for adult salmon on Ten Mile River, take eggs on Ten Mile River and Hollow Creek, and to establish hatchboxes on Big River;
- The Save Our Salmon Group to raise salmon and

steelhead in the Garcia River drainage system;

DEL NORTE COUNTY

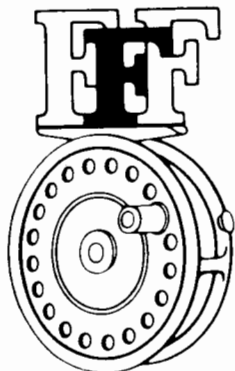
- The Northwest Steelheaders Association for log jam removal on Myrtle Creek;
- The Kiwanis Club of Smith River to maintain Rowdy Creek Hatchery;
- The Guide to restore habitat on High and Hunter Creeks, which are tributaries of the lower Klamath;
- Association of Northwest Steelheaders to establish a hatchbox program on the Klamath;

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

- The Mattole Watershed Salmon Support Group to trap adult salmon on the Mattole, spawn them and hatch the eggs in hatchboxes and rear them;
- The Rotary Club of Garberville to rear fish in ponds at the mouth of Sprowell Creek;
- County of Humboldt to improve and make permanent the existing Freshwater Creek egg-taking operation;
- The Coastal Headwaters Association to engage in stream survey and clearance work and erosion control on the Upper Mattole and Indian Creek drainage systems;
- Jacoby Creek Canyon Community for habitat improvement and inventory on Grouse Creek, a tributary of the south fork of the Trinity River;
- Hoopa Valley Business Council for stream restoration on the Klamath and Trinity River drainage systems;

SISKIYOU COUNTY

- Know Nothing Creek Water Group to construct a fishway and ladder on the creek.



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Crackdown on Illegal Fishing Nets Convictions

In the first major crackdown on illegal gill-netting of Klamath River salmon, state law enforcement officials last year obtained felony convictions against two Klamath men.

Walter McCovey Jr., convicted of selling gill-netted salmon to a buyer in San Jose, was sentenced to a 90-day jail term, a \$3,500 fine and four years probation. His partner, Lance Wilkie, was handed a \$500 fine and one year of probation.

The state Department of Fish and Game reports that eight other suspects have been arrested for illegally taking fish by gill net and are awaiting trial in Sacramento.

The prosecutions are being conducted under legislation by Assemblyman Doug Bosco that made it a felony to sell gill-netted fish.

The new law, which went into effect Jan. 1, 1982, passed the Legislature almost unanimously but became law without the governor's signature.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. commented at the time that he thought the penalties were too severe.

"Tough laws and strict penalties," responded Bosco, "are the only way we will save the salmon resource from further degradation."

Bosco cited statistics showing a 70 percent decline in salmon escapement over the past five years to bolster his argument in favor of tougher laws to combat illegal gill-netting.

The decline in the number of Klamath spawners stems from a number of factors, according to Bosco. The 1976-77 drought, increased fishing pressure by the offshore fleet and illegal gill-netting have all played a role. Degradation of the salmon's natural habitat through dams and diversions and erosion caused by road-building and past poor logging practices have also taken a toll, biologists and fishermen say.

Public and private programs to restore degraded spawning grounds are gaining momentum, according to Bosco, and the offshore fishing season has been cut back severely the past few years. But federal agencies' efforts to restrict illegal gill-netting have met with little success.

"Since the federal government doesn't seem to be able to control the gill-netters on the river, the state is going to have to step in," Bosco said. "If we can dry up the market, the abuse will stop overnight."

Bosco said he will introduce legislation this year to increase penalties for buyers of illegally taken salmon.

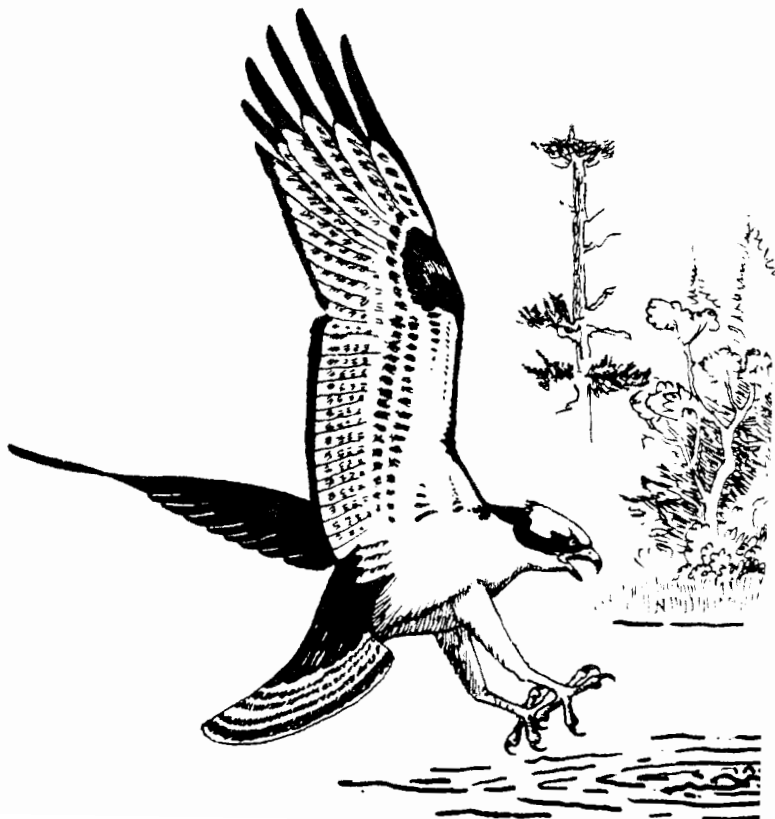
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Walt Christensen

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Sportsmen's Exposition set

THE INTERNATIONAL Sportsmen's Exposition will celebrate its sixth year by opening its largest show ever at the new Moscone Center in San Francisco, from Wednesday, Feb. 17 to Sunday, Feb. 21. Show hours will be noon to 10 p.m. on weekdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 6 to 16; children under six free.

Robert Brown of All Media Associates, who is familiar with all of the details of the show, had this to say about the event:

"An unrivalled constellation of angling stars will be on hand to inform and entertain show visitors. Bass-busters will welcome the seminars of "Mr. Flippin" Dee Thomas, "Mr. Bass" Dick Kotis, and Stan Fagerstrom, the five-time winner of the annual competition for the biggest bass caught in Oregon. Casting stars will include Maggie Meriman, one of only two women in America who teaches fly fishing to women as well as world casting champion Steve Rajeff, noted writer and casting coach Lefty Kreh, perennial champion Doug Swisher, and Southern California saltwater expert Rex Gerlach. Well-known sporting journalists like Outdoor Life's wildlife editor Dwight Schuh, Field & Stream's boating editor Bob

Stearns, and Mike Fong, editor-in-chief of The Flyfisher, will share years of professional experience with eager audiences.

"Fans of Northern California fishing will hear from some of their all-time favorites like Abe and Angelo Cuanang, the accomplished sturgeon & bottom fishers of San Francisco Bay. "Mr. Catfish" George Powers of Clear Lake will disclose, not only his secrets for catching the wily critters, but the best techniques for cooking them. One of the West's most articulate fly fishers, Chuck Stranahan, will expound on the famous Hat Creek.

"Anglers with an appetite for exotic travel can ask advice of Fishing International's Bob Nauheim and Mel Kreiger of Club Pacific, both specialized tour operators with a long tradition of satisfying customers. Closer to home, Alaskan and Mexican adventures will be discussed by Jim Repine of Alaska Outdoors and "Mr. Baja," Tom Miller.

"Over 100 exhibits from around the world will feature new innovations in tackle, more efficient sportfishing craft and RVs, and several new product introductions. More tackle and boat manufacturers will participate in this year's show than ever before. "Whatever you want to know about fishing

equipment or technique, we'll have it for you," says Exposition producer Ed Rice. "Our move to the Moscone Center has enabled us to schedule an absolutely comprehensive show — the biggest sportfishing show in California."

"This year's Exposition will include first-time events and displays — like a seminar on whitewater kayaking and canoeing by Geyserville river guide Ann Dwyer, who recently completed a record-breaking 318-mile solo kayak descent of the Colorado River. New displays at the show will include the Perma Float hook, a revolutionary new dry fly hook with a foam plastic flotation body formed onto the shank; and a cassette course on duck calling by champion Harry Boyle of Orvis-San Francisco.

"Back by popular demand will be Ed Neal's Huck Finn Trout Pond, staffed by the San Francisco Tyee Club. Designed to teach youngsters the basics of trout fishing, the pond will be open to young anglers during the entire show, with bait and tackle provided. A contribution of \$1 for each two fish caught will be donated to local youth fishing programs."

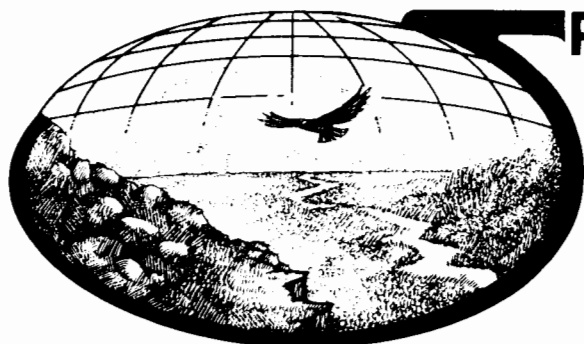
There you have it. It should be an excellent show for the outdoor set.

CLUB OUTING___WE ARE GOING TO THE SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION FEBRUARY 21, 1982 AT THE NEW MOSCONE CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO. LET'S GO BY CARPOOL. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BEFORE I KNOW YOU WILL BE COMING AGAIN THIS YEAR AND IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BEFORE DON'T MISS THIS TREMENDOUS EVENT. CALL CHARLIE SCHELTZER AT 539-0200 FOR FURTHER INFO. WE WILL MEET AT THE AAA PARKING LOT AT 1500 FARMER'S LANE, SANTA ROSA AT 11:00 A.M. SEE YOU THERE.

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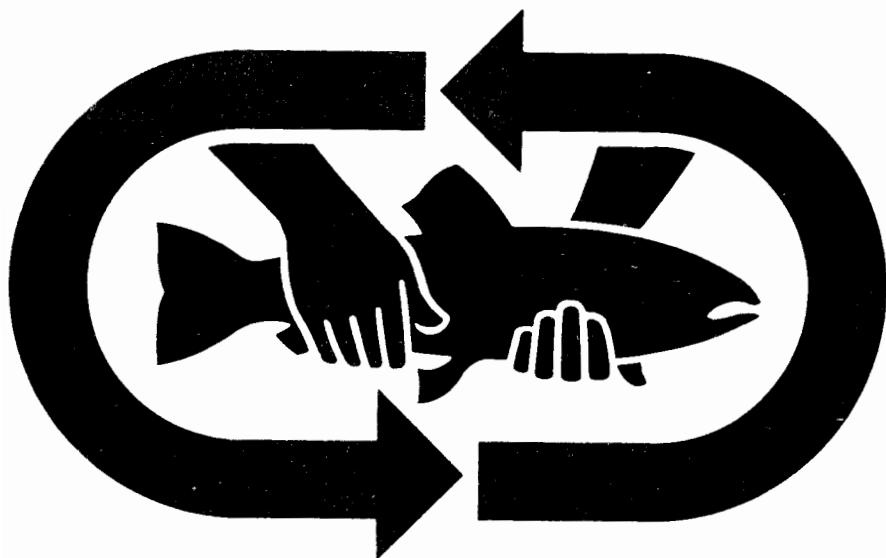
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PUTAH CREEK - The following information was an excerpt from the Napa Flyfishers newsletter. Their president, Larry Duncan, filed the following report:

"In my message for the October newsletter, I wrote of the proposals the Department of Fish and Game had for making Putah Creek a year-round, anything goes, fishery. I have since been informed, that due to opposition and the obvious adverse impact this proposal would have had, the DF&G has decided to drop these proposals and continue enforcing the old regulations. This is especially good news since there have recently been reports from fellow fly fishermen of substantial improvements in insect activity and fishing success on the creek. Also, with a promise of a wet winter in store for us, Putah may get the flushing out it so drastically needs to return to the fine fishery it once was."

CPR - Anybne interested in taking a recertification class call Bob Wray at 526-4968.

CASTING POOL- We are getting closer and closer to realizing our goal of establishing a fund and constructing a casting pool. Our president and many members having been working very hard. At our next meeting Liz Wray will present and talk and slide show on our progress to date. It is pretty exciting info!!



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VOL. 6

March 1982

NO. 3

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: March 17, 1982
WHERE: Los Robles Lodge
925 Edwards Ave.
Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Chuck Stranahan from Hat Creek Anglers will give us a presentation on the Fall River. This is one of our big dinner meetings with a giant raffle. See inside "CAST" for details.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: March 10, 1982
WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: April 21, 1982
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's quite easy to be somewhat unaware of the amount of effort that it takes to pull something off, let alone do it well and with grace. The programs which are currently being put on and planned for the Club take a great deal of time, thought, and effort on the part of those involved. Several meetings ago, I talked about the things some of the Board members are doing, to keep things running smoothly (and enjoyably). I think they deserve to be complimented---they can't toot their horns, but I can.

Now is the time of year, though, that some of them are thinking, "It's been great, but I'm glad it's almost over!" Several members of the Board will be ending their two-year terms in July. Nominations for new Board members will be taken in May. This seems a long time away, but it really isn't, for those of you who may want to consider one of these positions. Most of the Board members feel they would really like to see new ideas and people on the Board. That's what keeps things moving forward. Therefore, I'm asking for club members who might be interested in serving on the Board to exercise some thought, ask some questions, and show your interest to those of us on the Board. Having a position there is work, but fun; however, it's not a clique. We'd love to see you in there, too.

Think hard,

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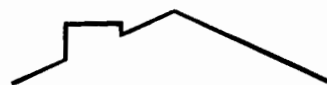
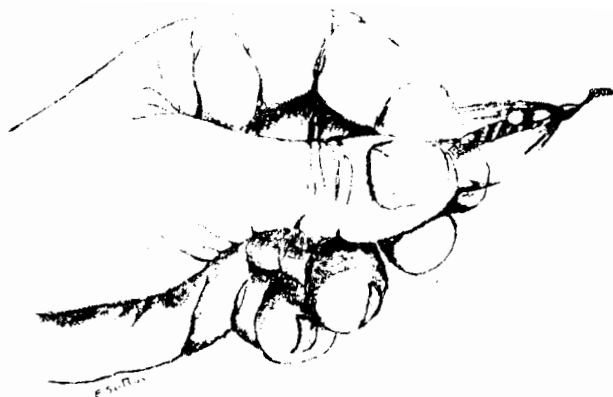
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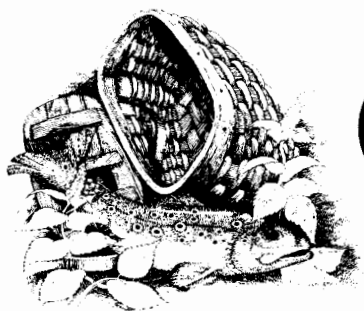
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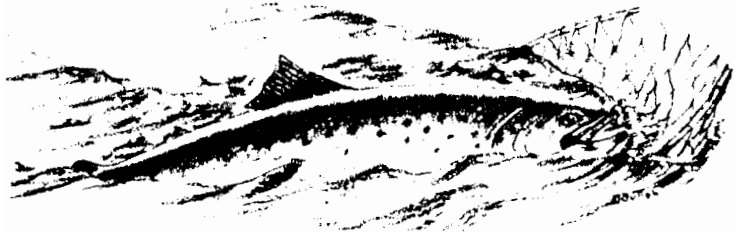


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From now until the last day of Conclave '82, (that's Saturday, August 14th) you can compete for fantastic prizes in FFF's "Double in '82" membership campaign.

Just make copies of the application blank on this page, or write to the West Yellowstone office for additional copies, and start signing people up. Use the same form if you make gift presentations of membership.

Here's a list of the prizes:

Top Prize Week for two in Alaska

The fly fishing trip of a lifetime at a famous guiding operation.

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Fishing Trip to famous spot in your area.

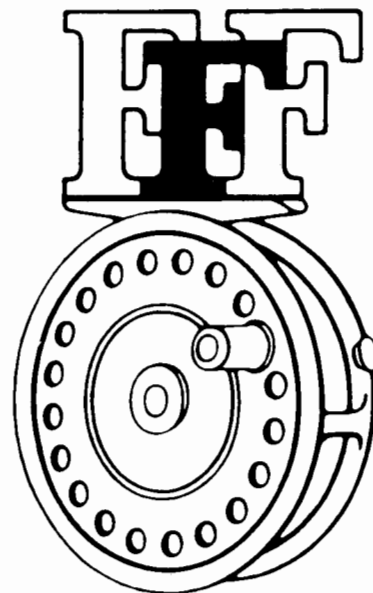
East Coast winners may go to Labrador or Florida. Southern winners may go to tropical location. Western winners could go to Montana or Canada.

Sell 10 Memberships Win A Graphite Fly Rod

Sell 5 Memberships Win A Fly Reel

Sell 3 Memberships Win any one of assorted Fly Fishing Prizes Tackle, Flies, Books, etc.

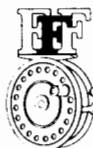
EDITOR'S NOTE:
Here is a great way to promote the sport we love & win a prize also!!



Note:

The \$7.50 Youth Membership is still available, but will not be counted in the "Double in '82" campaign. If you send in Youth Memberships, make a note on the application.

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*Applicable only through August 14, 1982

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION & CASTING CLINIC

Grant King, Maggie Merriman and Ron Vaughn will be conducting a fly tying demonstration and a casting clinic for two days on Saturday, April 3, 1982 and Sunday, April 4, 1982.

Maggie will be teaching the casting clinic from 9A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday. This class is for beginning fly casters and you must bring your own equipment. The casting class on Sunday is from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. and is geared toward people who know how to cast but need some brush-up advice and practice with an expert's help. These classes are for everyone; men, women and teenagers. The location for the clinics will be announced at a later date at the Western Angler on College Ave.

The fly tying demonstration will be on Sunday from 9A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Western Angler. Grant King and Ron Vaughn will be simultaneously demonstrating fly tying techniques at two separate tables.

These classes have been set up because of a verbal demand and the enrollment is limited so sign up soon or call the Western Angler and make reservations. The fly tying demonstration fee is 5 dollars and the casting clinics are 10 dollars each.

This sounds like a great way to get ready for opening day!!!!

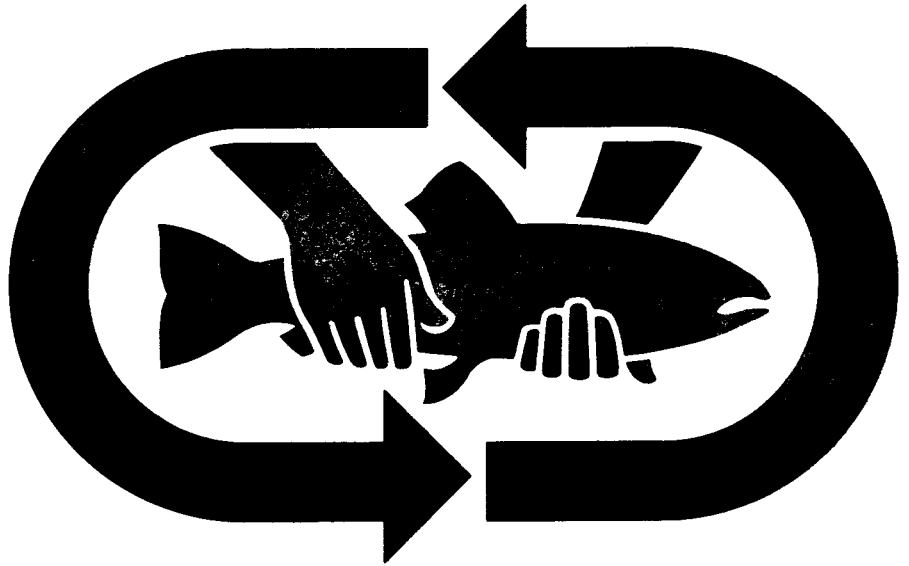


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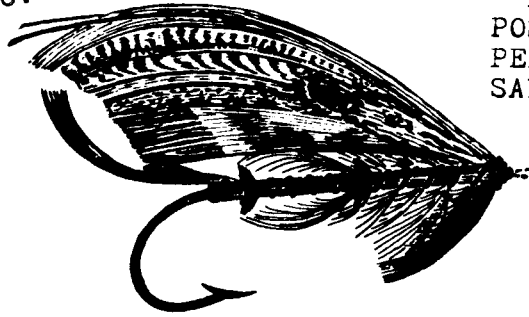
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State may pay costs in gill-netting case

Press Democrat Bureau

SACRAMENTO — The state would pay for the prosecution of 22 persons charged with the illegal gill-netting of salmon under legislation jointly sponsored by Assemblyman Douglas Bosco, D-Occidental, and Sen. Barry Keene, D-Elk.

Del Norte County officials say the cost of trying the 22 suspects could reach \$250,000, an amount equal to the county's annual budget for prosecuting criminal cases.

Bosco believes illegal gill-netting of fish is a major cause of the decline in the Klamath and Trinity River salmon fisheries, and as a result, of the fishing economy of the entire North Coast.

Del Norte County, one of the state's smallest, has been hard-hit by revenue declines resulting from mill closings and unemployment in the timber industry.

"Beside the fact the county simply can't afford it," said Bosco, "I think the state has a responsibility to help. The statewide concern about the problems on the Klamath make this more than a local issue."

The Bosco-Keene bill would appropriate money from the state Renewable Resources Investment fund.

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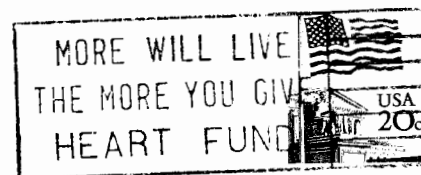
We are always looking for better ideas and ways to improve our club. We want to hear your ideas. If something is "bass buggin" you or if you have any other concerns or suggestions please call Liz Wray at 526-4968 or get in touch with any of the board members. WE ARE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT HAVING A GOOD CLUB AND A GOOD TIME!!!!

CLUB OUTING The next outing is going to be at Putah Creek on Sunday March 21, 1982. We will all meet at the bridge below the dam at 9:00 A.M. Call Charlie Schelter at 539-0200 for car pool and other info.

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SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 23, 1982

4:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers
100 Santa Rosa Avenue

Charles Hoefer, Director of Recreation and Parks Department, will bring his recommendations regarding our proposal for a casting pool before the Council. The Council will be asked to approve a section of Dan Galvin Park for the pool.

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WILL HELP TO ASSURE
A POSITIVE OUTCOME.

Thanks in advance!

Liz



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: April 21, 1982 Wednesday
WHERE: Slater Junior High Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PROGRAM: We will be seeing a great film on fishing for tarpon with the fly rod. We have shown this once before and the demand for it is so great we are showing it again. This film is absolutely fantastic!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: April 14, 1982 Wednesday
WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: May 19, 1982
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A major step toward our goal of developing a casting pool was achieved March 23, at the afternoon City Council meeting. Following a fine presentation by Charles Hoefer, Director of Recreation and Parks, the Council unanimously voted to approve our proposed usage of the land in Dan Galvin Park. Thanks to the 25 or so faithful members who came to the meeting to show support of the plan, we had no trouble having this approved by the Council. Several of the Council members noted how unusual it is to have a group ready to take over a project in order to get it completed, rather than simply coming for a handout. You should be congratulated!

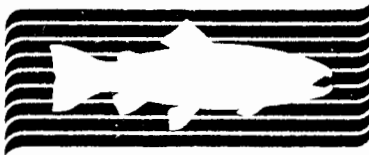
Now the big job's ahead---fundraising and finding ways to keep costs down. Your finance committee is hard at work on this topic, but wouldn't turn down any ideas or help! We'll keep you posted on how things are going.

Finally, many thanks from both Jim Mengle and myself for the many cards, visits, and calls we both received while in the hospital. All were much appreciated, with Chuck Cadman's remarks at the last dinner meeting leading the way. Seriously, though, thank you.

Liz **C.O.R.C.**

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NOTICE

Effective immediately and until further notice, The California Trout Foundation property on Fall River at Island Road Bridge, Shasta County, California, is off-limits to "commercial users" and "group users" as defined below, except under terms of special use permits as described herein. "Personal users" will continue to be provided limited free access.

Use of the property by commercial and group users, except as provided, is prohibited and shall constitute illegal trespass.

"Personal Users" defined: Individual fishermen using their own fishing and boating equipment, and unconnected to a "commercial" or "group" use.

"Commercial Users" defined:

1. Fishing guides and their client(s).
2. Fishermen using non-owned fishing or boating equipment provided by any commercial enterprise.

"Group Users" defined:

1. Students of any commercial "fishing school" and their instructor(s).
2. Participants in any (commercial or non-commercial) organized group outing consisting of five or more persons.

Commercial Users, upon approval of submitted application for special use permit and upon payment of applicable fees as billed, will be provided an exclusive parking space behind lock and key. Each single space will carry with it permission to launch and recover no more than two boats per day per vehicle parked in reserved spaces. Available spaces are limited in number and will not be increased once the angling season begins. Space holders may permit others (commercial or group users) to utilize their reserved space(s), and may collect a fee from such users.

Group Users must apply for a special use permit no less than two weeks in advance of their scheduled event. A fee, payable in advance, shall be charged. Approval will be granted on a first-come first-served basis, but only for those group events which will be compatible with other uses. Due to the nature of the Fall River resource, use by large groups is discouraged.

FEES

Personal Users:	no charge
Commercial Users:	\$600. per season per space reserved \$100. per season per boat stored at the property
Group Users:	\$ 10. per person per day

Credit will be given against the above fees for the value of contributions to California Trout Inc. during the calendar year.

Commercial Users are urged to apply for reserved parking and boat storage spaces immediately, stating the number of spaces desired. Reservations for the season will be closed on April 9, 1982. Announcement of space allocation, special use permit agreements, and fee invoices will be distributed on or before April 16, 1982. Access keys will be distributed upon receipt by California Trout of signed agreements and payment of fees.

Group Users are encouraged to apply immediately for special use permits for specific dates, including the number of persons in the group and the character of the event.

This offer applies only to the 1982 angling season. The purpose of the management plan is to limit and control traffic on Fall River, to provide for high-quality fishing adventures, and to reduce complaints from anglers and landowner/neighbors. Additional restrictions may be imposed in future years if this purpose is not realized. All users are encouraged to exercise the highest standards of ethical sportsmanship and mutual cooperation to preserve The Fall River Experience.

March 8, 1982


Richard H. May, President
CALIFORNIA TROUT INC., Trustee for

THE CALIFORNIA TROUT FOUNDATION
Owner

SPRING NO-KILL FISHERY OPENS ON M.F. EEL RIVER

California anglers will be privileged to enjoy, beginning this spring, a top-quality experimental fishery for rare and magnificent spring-run "Summer Steelhead" in a section of the Eel River watershed long held off-limits to fishing. CalTrout proposed it, DFG eventually concurred, the Fish and Game Commission approved. The fishery will test fish and fishermen.

Whether the fishery will remain open to angling depends in large measure on how we fishermen treat this valuable, fragile treasure. Abuse it, and we lose it.

When the Middle Fork Eel River strain of this great ocean-going trout dwindled to just a few hundred survivors in the late 1960's, the state prohibited fishing in its prime spawning areas and main migration route. Emergency measures were taken by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Forest Service to avert extinction, extensive studies of the fish were conducted, and in 1980 the agencies adopted a joint Management Plan designed to preserve, restore, and protect the remnant runs of Summer Steelhead in the Middle Fork Eel. CalTrout influenced the plan.

By 1981, the run was 1,600 adult fish . . . not many, but vastly improved over the few hundred survivors of only ten years earlier. Despite these sparse numbers it has been estimated the Middle Eel is home for 80% of all the trophy-sized "Summers" remaining in the whole state of California. Truly, it is a precious resource.

In order to implement the widely heralded Management Plan and to provide Californians a rare sportfishing experience, California Trout Inc. proposed and won approval for a special three-month (March-May) "no-kill" catch-and-release season beginning in 1982. The intent is to provide for sportfishing enjoyment of the fish while not impairing their recovery from near extinction. Only the lower section of the Middle Eel is open to angling. The holding, spawning and nursery area remains closed, and no doubt always will be a strictly protected Sanctuary for these fish.

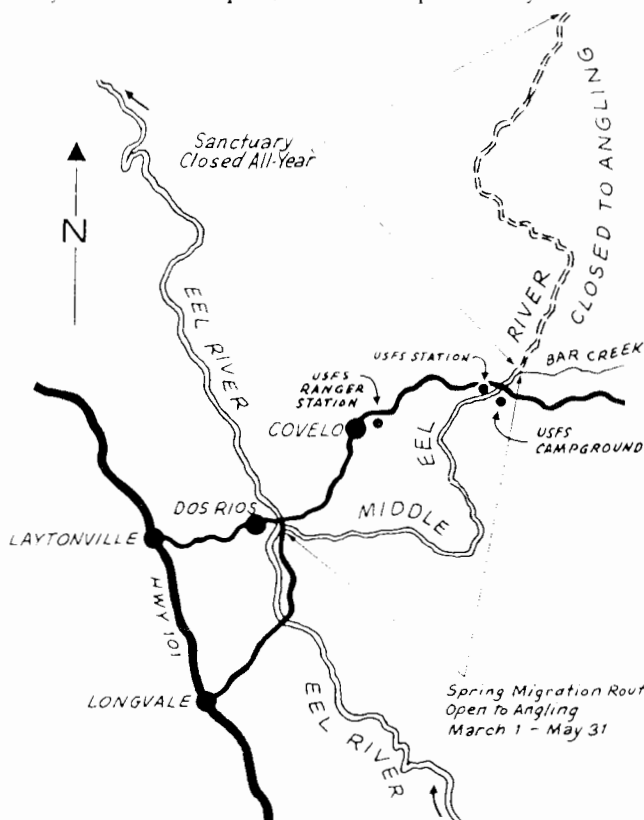
Things You Should Know About SUMMER STEELHEAD — A SPECIAL FISH

Summer steelhead differ from their more numerous winter-run cousins. Both are anadromous rainbow trout, but California's spring-run "Summers" are special for six reasons:

1. Summer steelhead enter the Middle Eel from the Main Eel mostly between March and June and remain, often in land-locked pools, until the following spring when they spawn and begin their return trip to the ocean. Their fall/winter-run relatives, as their name implies, migrate in late fall and winter and do not "summer over" like this. The latter enter streams, spawn, and get out relatively fast . . . sometimes over the course of a few weeks, sometimes mere days.
2. Summer steelhead require special summer holdover habitat: deep, clear, cool pools generally in remote headwater streams free from man and animal predators. This habitat is strictly limited, extremely fragile and has been designated a Sanctuary. Angling cannot be permitted

in these sanctuary areas of the Middle Eel (above Bar Creek); they are closed to fishing all year and heavily patrolled.

3. Summer steelhead also have strict habitat requirements for spawning, and rearing. Few streams meet this combination of holdover, spawning and rearing requirements, and much in California has been destroyed by natural events and man's activities. While much of these habitat needs are held in common with winter run fish, it is recognized that clean gravel and clear, cool streamflows are essential to the preservation of both runs.
4. Within the Mendocino National Forest portion of the Middle Fork Eel River drainage, all land management decisions are influenced by newly adopted policies directing that summer steelhead and their habitat be maintained at a level where the fish will not become endangered. Outside the Forest, future threats include the construction of roads, opening access into the sanctuary for poachers, and logging which causes siltation and removes canopy on tributary streams causing lethal heating of summertime water. Natural disasters such as the devastating winter storm of 1964 will continue to pose a future threat to the resource throughout the entire drainage.
5. Remnant populations of summer steelhead are found only in a few California streams. California's largest population is in the Middle Fork Eel River system.
6. Populations of summer steelhead fluctuate widely from year to year, particularly in the Middle Eel. Because of their scarcity, vulnerability and widespread loss of habitat they have been declared a "sensitive" species in California by the U.S. Forest Service, the agency responsible for land management of most of the areas through which summer steelhead streams flow. Recently the Eel River was included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, due, in part, to this unique fishery.



MIDDLE EEL . . .

ANGLING RULES — LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Special Season - March 1 through May 31 (**but see Special Notice below)
- Area Open - Main stem Middle Fork Eel River from its mouth at Dos Rios upstream to its confluence with Bar Creek
- Bag Limit - Zero (0) Trout or Salmon
- Methods of Take - For all species of fish, only artificial lures with a single barbless hook may be used. (Barbs may be pinched down *flat*.)

The use of bait is prohibited solely because fish frequently swallow baits and become deeply hooked. this can cause internal bleeding, makes unhooking and quick release difficult, and can result in a high percentage of accidentally killed fish. For the same reason, *artificial eggs or roe should not be used.*

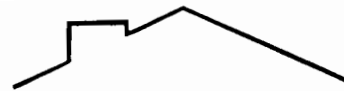
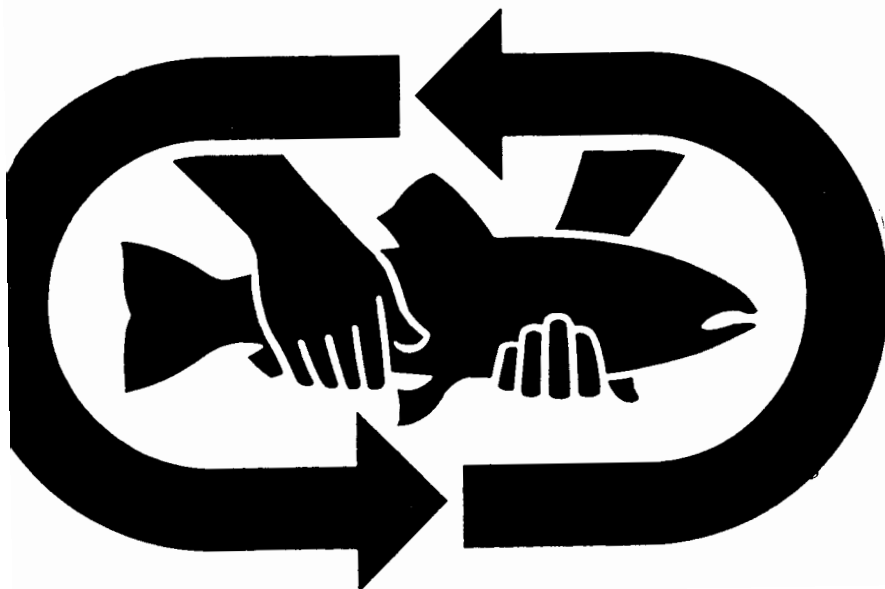
****Special Notice****

In order to assure this special experimental fishery will not impair survival of these rare fish, the California Department of Fish and Game has been given the unusual authority to close the river to angling *with no advance notice*. Before embarking on a trip, call DFG at (707) 944-4460 to avoid disappointment.

You can assist enforcement of rules and help assure continuation of this special season by observing other anglers and reporting suspected violations.

CalTIP: 1-800-952-5400
DFG Regional HQ:
(707) 944-4460
Local DFG Warden:
(707) 983-6956

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The film mentioned in the article below will be aired May 31, 1982 at 8 P.M. on Channel 9. It will be broadcast statewide & will be the first of three films that evening all based on similar subjects.

EEL RIVER VIDEO READY FOR 1982 POLITICS SCENE

An hour long video film depicting the enormous value of the Eel River as a natural river and disclosing the many threats to it from California water politics is nearing completion. It will be finished this spring.

Produced by John Harnish Productions of Ukiah, under the sponsorship of the multi-county Eel River/Russian River Commission, the film has been nearly two years in preparation and was financed primarily by The California Trout Foundation. CalTrout raised \$18,000 for the \$30,000 project.

The production is excellent and likely will be aired by PBS TV statewide. It contains interviews with three CalTrout members and it could play a pivotal role in voter decisions on SB 200 in June and the Water Policy Initiative in November (see separate articles). Also it will be extremely useful for educating legislators and other public officials in the years ahead, until such time that schemes to dam the Eel finally and permanently are buried.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: May 19, 1982 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PROGRAM: We will be showing the film " The Eel-the Life of
a Threatened River."

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: May 12, 1982 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: June 16, 1982 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A very difficult decision is going to face you as a voter on June 8. A referendum brings SB200 to us as Californians to approve or reject. The issue at hand, commonly known as the Peripheral Canal, has raised loud debates on both sides.

The choice might be obvious to us as Northern Californians except for the fact that it is linked to the fate of Prop. 8, already passed by the voters in November 1980. As you will see later in this Cast, the real question is whether you want to accept the Peripheral Canal as the method for transporting water to Central and Southern California---AND thus accept the safeguards of Prop.8 regarding the North Coast rivers---OR throw out both and begin again, hopefully to do it better.

California water policy ideas regarding the North Coast rivers are rather frightening. Ask Bill Archuleta for his hard-gotten copy if you don't believe so. What happens to our rivers is probably most important to us. Please read on.

Choose wisely-

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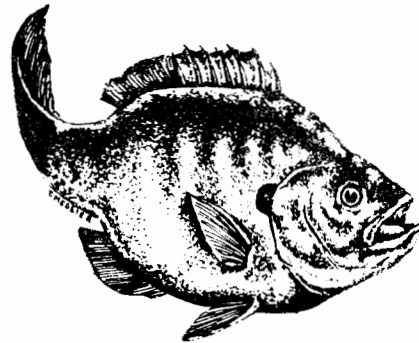
Folks, this is the one we are all waiting for every year. Our annual get together for bass & panfish at Indian Valley Reservoir. It is scheduled for May 15 & 16 however, I am sure many hearty souls will be there on Friday May 14. Everyone will be receiving a flyer in the mail with all the details and map. In case you don't hear about the details or for further info call Charlie Schelter at 539-0200.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS-

In June we will be electing some new board members. If you would like to become a board member or would like to nominate someone come to the next regular meeting May 19.

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Remember that the board members work for you and your club. If you have any advice or questions please contact them in person or by phone but please let them know your feelings.

PERIPHERAL CANAL-

A large portion of this "CAST" has been devoted to this subject because of its tremendous importance to all of us. We hope that the following articles will help clarify some of the issues and stimulate you to vote.



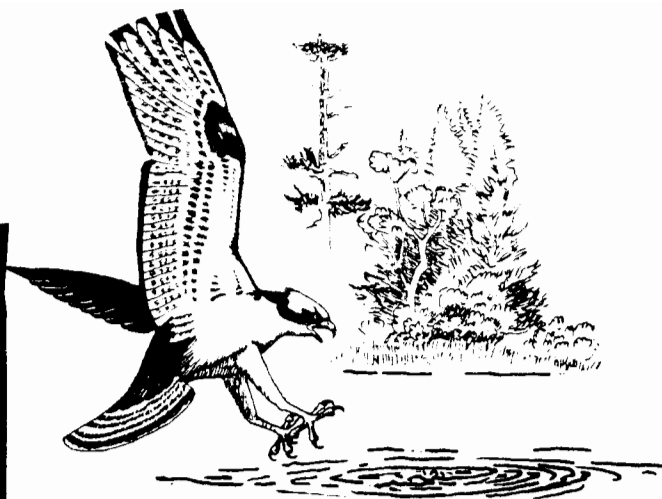


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More canal controversy over impact on rivers

SACRAMENTO — Like most aspects of the Peripheral Canal controversy, the project's potential impact on North Coast rivers is a subject which invites disagreement.

Ronald Robie, the director of the state Department of Water Resources, says there is no connection between the canal and a longtime proposal to dam the Eel River in Mendocino County.

But other water development

promoters, some who support Proposition 9 and some who don't, continue to view North Coast rivers as a significant, untapped source of water.

And most North Coast residents appear to believe the canal — in the words of Sen. Barry Keene, D-Elk — would "put the plumbing in place" for exporting North Coast water to the central and southern

regions of the state.

North Coast officials don't like the prospect and are almost unanimous in their opposition to Proposition 9 — despite companion legislation which would prohibit dams on North Coast rivers without voter approval.

Most argue those protections would crumble under Southern California political pressure once the canal was in place.

The most likely site for a dam is on the Eel River at Dos Rios.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers almost began construction there in 1969 until then-Gov. Ronald Reagan intervened because the project would inundate the town of Covelo and the nearby Round Valley Indian Reservation.

Water from a Dos Rios project would be pumped east through a mountain tunnel and released into the Sacramento River.

Once there, it would supplement the water supply available for satisfying the competing needs of the Sacramento River delta, and State

Water Project contractors in central and southern California.

For now, Delta farmers and State Water Project contractors are bitter rivals over construction of the canal, but the damming of a river farther north might provide a project they could agree on, North Coast opponents warn.

Robie, the chief architect of the current Peripheral Canal plan, opposes an Eel River project, and says it is unfeasible, environmentally and economically.

It was Robie's boss, Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., who successfully sought state and federal "wild rivers" protection for the Eel, along with the Trinity, Smith and Klamath rivers.

The Brown Administration effort angered pro-development groups, including the California Chamber of Commerce and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, who continue to view the northern rivers as a potential source of water for central valley farms and southern cities.

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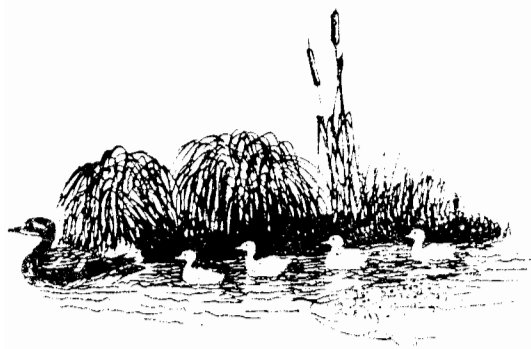
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riorization was linked to tough standards for water quality in the Sacramento River Delta and San Francisco Bay, and to a prohibition on new dams on the "wild rivers" of the North Coast — including the Eel River in Mendocino County.

Those protections cannot be removed without a vote of the people, Brown pointed out.

In effect, Brown was arguing northerners better accept the current proposal with its built-in protections, or face a new proposal with none.

After Brown signed the bill, an unlikely coalition of northerners and environmentalists, who don't believe the the protections will stand up, and wealthy corporate farmers, who believe the canal wouldn't be efficient enough in drawing down Sacramento River water, quickly qualified a referendum.

For a time, Gov. Brown considered calling a special election because proponents said delays would increase construction costs and because June, 1982, candidates — Brown among them — worried about the divisive issue's impact on their individual ambitions.

For a variety of political and financial reasons, Brown decided not to call a special election.

A "yes" vote on Proposition 9 will ratify state leaders' 1980 decision and allow construction to begin.

A "no" vote will reject the legislation.

The centerpiece of this controversy is an idea first proposed by a state-federal water task force 17 years ago: a 43-mile-long, 400-foot-wide channel carrying water from the Sacramento River, which drains most of Northern California, around the east side of the delta.

The channel would begin at Hood and empty into the southern delta at Tracy, near the intakes of the southbound California Aqueduct.

Related facilities would include storage reservoirs in Contra Costa and Glenn counties, ground water storage projects in the San Jose, Central Valley and southern California regions, wildlife habitat improvements for Suisun Marsh, and new water conservation and reclamation programs.

The end product would be an ad-

ditional 700,000 acre-feet of water for 31 central and Southern California water agencies holding contracts for the water.

Those contracts, now 20 years old, call on the state to supply 4.3 million acre-feet of water, but existing facilities produce only 2.3 million.

Experts for the state and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California say the canal also will provide important environmental benefits for the river delta: More fresh water in the south delta, elimination of cross-delta flows which interfere with fish migration, and other measures to restore historic levels of fish and wildlife to the area.

Opponents' experts reach just the opposite conclusions about the project's impact, saying the canal will draw needed fresh water from the delta, leaving it stagnant.

Sharp conflicts also appear on the price of the canal, and about who will pay it.

Sponsors say construction will cost \$5.4 billion, even accounting for escalating costs over the next decade.

Opponents say the cost will be \$18 billion, or more, after adding interest costs on construction loans, electrical pumping costs, and other contingencies.

The electricity to pump an acre-foot of water to Los Angeles, they say, would serve a family of four for a year.

Sponsors say construction costs will be paid entirely by water contractors and their customers.

Opponents say all Californians will subsidize construction by underwriting construction loans below commercial rates.

In addition, according to opponents, Southern California residential users would be heavily subsidizing projects which primarily benefit large farm and oil interests in Kern County.

Through 1981, recent state Department of Water Resources figures show, the Kern County Water Agency has used 47 percent of the water delivered by the State Water

Project, but paid only 11 percent of the total costs.

At the same time, the Metropolitan Water District, which wheels water to Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and three other counties, paid 66 percent of the costs, but received only 22 percent of the water.

The disparity occurs because Metropolitan Water District, with 11 million customers, originally agreed to pay at least 48 percent of State Water Project costs and was guaranteed 48 percent of the water.

But the huge water district doesn't use its full entitlement.

For surplus water, Kern County farmers pay only the price of pumping, as little as \$3 an acre-foot.

Los Angeles urban users pay as much as \$130 an acre-foot.

The high cost to urban users was the major theme of a recent anti-canal advertising blitz, featuring Lt. Gov. Mike Curb, who is backed by a group of valley growers who believe the current proposal is too restrictive on water exports.

One apparent result was that Curb's gubernatorial fortunes unexpectedly improved in last week's California Poll.

That prompted observers to wonder whether Curb's ads would also produce a shift away from pro-canal sentiment in Southern California.

But Friday's poll results showed no such trend.

But the canal could yet emerge as the wild card in the gubernatorial race.

Curb's opponent, Attorney General George Deukmejian, takes a more conventional approach for a Southern California politician. He supports the project.

On the Democratic side, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley is a long-time proponent.

But underdog John Garamendi, a state senator from Walnut Grove, has sought to rally Northern Californians to his candidacy as a symbol of opposition.

The ongoing fight over water

"Few controversies excite such passion as those connected with the use of water. The world for centuries has seen people fight over water. In the west and in California, the disputes have been bitter and they have gone on from one generation to the next."

— Gov. Edmund G. Brown

By PETE GOLIS

Press Democrat Bureau

SACRAMENTO — A generation ago, California voters were asked to authorize the State Water Project, a series of dams, reservoirs and aqueducts that would transport water from the north to the semi-arid regions of central and southern parts of the state.

The measure, sponsored by Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, passed by a slim majority and only after sometimes bitter debate.

Twenty-two years later, state voters in June will decide whether to expand this water delivery system — this time measuring a proposal from a new governor, Pat Brown's son, Jerry.

Billions of dollars are at stake, and the campaign for public opinion will be appropriately expensive and acrimonious.

The question of Proposition 9 is simply stated: Should California construct the Peripheral Canal and related projects?

But this seemingly straightforward issue is laced with contradictory scientific testimony, wildly divergent assertions about the cost and impact, and a maze of political cross currents.

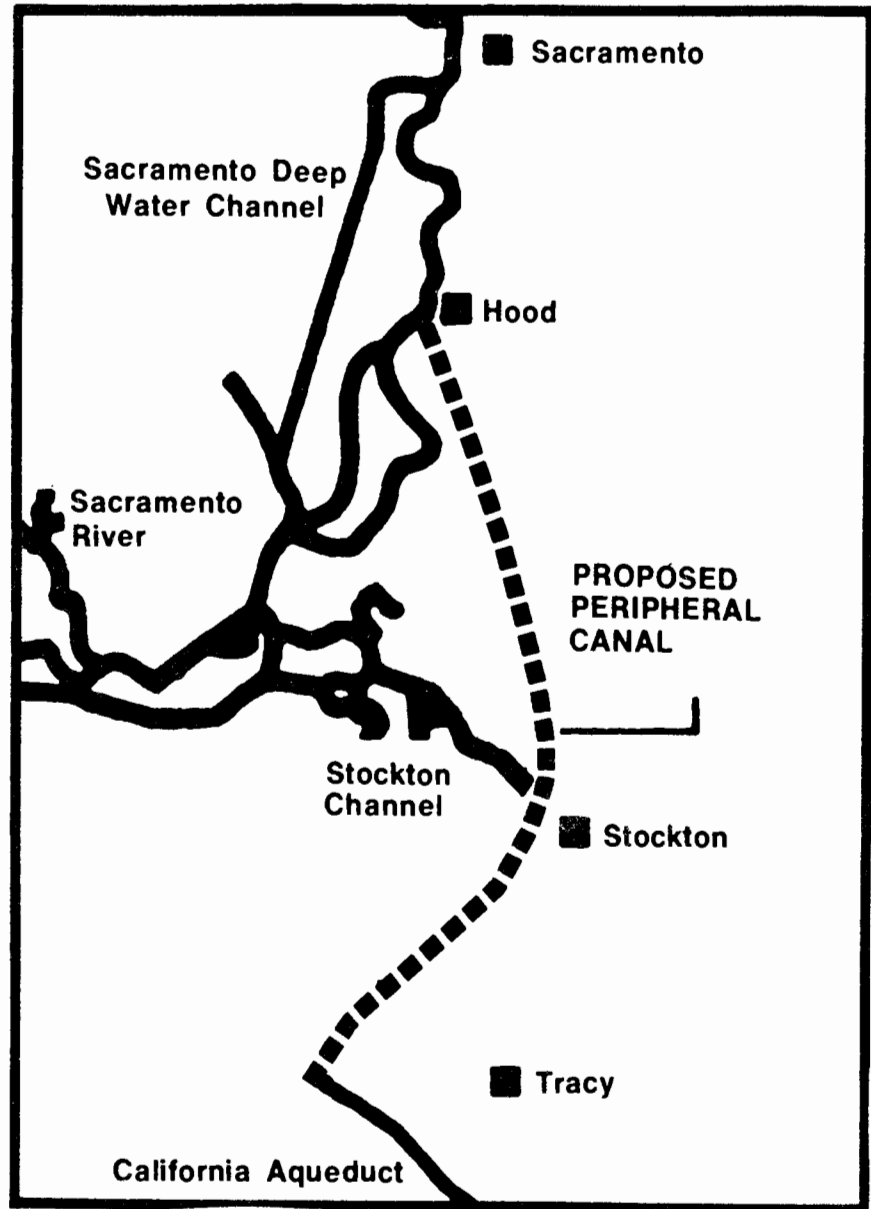
One example: Groups 180 degrees apart on the subject of water export form the nucleus of opposition to Proposition 9. One group is convinced the canal will export too much water and the other thinks it will take too little.

At some future date, one partner is certain to be disappointed.

But in the meantime, circumstances confirm the old cliché about politics and strange bedfellows, the unlikely roommates in this case being Bay Area environmentalists and billion-dollar farm corporations from the central valley.

As the debate begins, the one certainty is that, with few exceptions, this is a regional controversy, reflecting economic, environmental and even philosophic differences between north and south.

Farm corporations in the San



Joaquin Valley and business groups in urban areas further south see the new water source as crucial to continued economic prosperity, noting Southern California later in this decade will lose its share of Colorado River water.

Northern Californians view the canal as a raid on their resources, the plumbing to drain the north state dry, and a threat to the economic and environmental well-being of their region.

The Field Poll released Friday showed 71 percent of Northern Californians opposed the canal, and only 16 percent of northern residents believed the project had merit.

In Southern California, politakers found 68 percent supported con-

struction and only 15 percent were opposed.

Statewide, Field found, Southern California's greater population produced a favorable view of the project by a 46-39 margin.

Opponents admit their cause will be lost unless they can convince Southern California homeowners the canal is a bad buy.

The message will become a key theme in opposition advertising.

Senate Bill 200, authorizing construction of the canal and related facilities, passed the Legislature in 1980 after six years of debate and false starts.

After a long delay, Gov. Brown went on statewide television and signed the bill.

Brown noted the construction au-

PERIPHERAL CANAL DEBATE: "WHO'S ON FIRST?"

Voters in June will decide whether to approve legislation SB200, passed in 1980 by the California Legislature which authorized an array of water projects including the infamous Peripheral Canal. The vote also will decide whether Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment passed by the electorate in November 1980, will become effective or die.

A yes vote on the June Referendum will mean SB200 becomes law — as limited, strengthened and refined by Prop 8. A no vote will kill both measures and the whole package of issues — including the canal and the status of wild rivers — will go back to square one, first base.

CalTrout and its leaders have been at the center of these water controversies for the better part of twenty years. We know the issues better than most, yet we cannot advise members how to vote (a dilemma we shall explain). However, it is clear that a great amount of misinformation is being spewed by opponents and proponents alike. Unfortunately, even when the facts are known, it is difficult to decide. It boils down to a question of judgment, and faith. Follow us, please:

What is SB 200? It is a legislative package designed and passed in 1980 to complete the California Water Project which was authorized by the legislature and voters in 1959-60. The 1959-60 laws make vague references to future dams, including possibly north coast, and a "delta facility" (SF Bay-Delta) to transfer water south. SB 200 seeks to complete the state Water Project without going to the north coast and it identifies and authorizes the Peripheral Canal as the "delta facility". SB 200 contains considerable language, some of it loose, pledging the state to protection of the SF Bay-Delta and restoration of fish and wildlife "to historic levels."

What about Prop 8? Conservationists led by CCO2M/CalTrout felt SB 200 provisions for protection of the Bay-Delta were too fragile, too easily reversed, and it contained no assurance the north coast would not be tapped and pumped through the Canal. Prop 8 placed the protective provisions of SB 200 in the State Constitution making them more difficult to reverse. Prop 8 also strengthened north coast river protection by requiring two-thirds vote of the legislature to tap those rivers.

Catch 22 — Prop 8 becomes effective only if SB 200 becomes effective. ("Linkage")

Just What Is The Peripheral Canal? Water for southern cities and agriculture now is pumped from the south end of the Delta, drawing water across the delta channels from north to south. The amount of water removed, and this method of removal, already is very damaging to fish and wildlife. The Canal is a huge earthen ditch which would change the method of removal by tapping the water at the north end and sending it around the periphery of the delta. The canal is sized to enable it to move large amounts of water in winter and spring when huge amounts are often available.

How Much Water Will Go South? A lot. The state has binding contracts with water agencies obligating it to deliver about four million acre-feet per year by the end of the

century. Currently it delivers about half of that. SB 200 is intended to provide the ways and means to meet current and future commitment, supposedly in the least damaging most efficient way. The canal is only part of the package to accomplish this, and deals only with the method — not the amount.

Are The Water Contracts Unbreakable? No. The state must make "best effort" to comply, so theoretically it could get out of the obligations if water was not available to develop and deliver. Considering the legal standing, economic and political power of the contractors, this is not going to happen. The water will be developed somewhere, and it will be delivered some way.

Then What Is The Best Way To Deliver It? Biologists and conservationists most familiar with California water issues and the Bay Delta predicament are agreed: The Peripheral Canal, *properly designed and operated*, is the only method which can protect and restore the fish and wildlife of the Bay-Delta. The only preferable alternative to it is to significantly reduce water export (pumping) from *present* levels. As we have learned, the latter is not going to happen. More likely, pumping will increase.

Then Why Don't All Conservationists Support SB 200? Several reasons. Most importantly, there are varying opinions whether the canal will be "*properly designed and operated*" as required to make it environmentally acceptable. There is a lot of verbiage in SB 200 about protecting the delta and restoring fish and wildlife. As a result of Prop 8 these provisions become constitutional. Yet, some analysts feel the SB 200 Prop 8 assurances and guarantees are window dressing at best and certain to wither under the political pressures sure to rise in the next century or even sooner. But nobody has a crystal ball. *Nobody knows.*

Why Wasn't SB 200 made stronger? It was made as strong as the political realities of the 1980 legislature would allow. It is stronger than what could pass that body today. But clearly it is incomplete, so several organizations conceived a scheme to bypass the legislature and take the unfinished business direct to the people in the November 1982 election. The California Water Conservation and Efficiency Initiative is gathering petition signatures now and is near-certain to qualify. The measure would fill some SB 200 holes, shore up its weaknesses, and in so doing lessen the likelihood the canal, if built, could be abused or misused. (See separate Initiative article.) Trouble is, the canal vote comes first (June) and we expect a tough uphill battle to campaign the Initiative to victory next November.

Why Does A Trout Group Like CalTrout Care? CalTrout was the first sportsman's group to point out many years ago the dangers of the canal and its potential link to north coast rivers. Since then we have worked ceaselessly to lessen the dangers and to prohibit a northcoast connection to "the plumbing".

We have wrought much: The California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (1972), defeat of several canal bills (1974-79), the protective provisions in SB 200 (1980), Proposition 8 (1980), federal wild rivers status for north coast rivers (1981). Is all this good enough? *We don't know for sure, but we conceived and helped write the aforementioned initiative because we're worried it isn't good enough.*

If SB 200 Fails To Pass, Then What? There will be strong

attempts to authorize other ways to move water south. Whether to move more water to meet contract obligations, will not be the issue; the *method* of transfer will be addressed. Strongest contender will be the "Cross Delta" plan which visualizes some manipulation of delta islands and channels, massive new water to keep those channels flooded with fresh water, and increased pumping at south delta. The scenario is an environmental disaster for Delta fish and wildlife and probably for the north coast rivers whose waters would be needed to keep the Delta channels fresh.

Who Are The Players, And Why Do They Play? This issue has created a strange assortment of bedfellows.

Opposed to SB 200

Radical Eco-groups: Some have more logical reasons than others. Many say "water conservation" can solve all our water problems. (They are out to lunch.) **Sierra Club:** Agrees PC is best plan but dislikes and distrusts the SB 200/Prop 8 package. A respectable position. **Half the Farmers:** they want Dos Rios Dam (Eel R.) and a cheap "Cross Delta" transfer system. **Delta Counties:** They want all southbound water to pass through the delta so they can get theirs free. **Some Sportsmen's Groups:** They may be right, but their reasons are largely wrong due to lack of homework. **Bay Area Newspapers:** Not a single well researched article has appeared. They oppose the canal, but for all the wrong reasons.

Supporters of SB 200

Dept. Water Resources: They feel SB 200/Prop 8 is a balanced package which will allow fulfillment of state water contracts without development of northcoast rivers and will protect SF Bay and Delta. **Dept. Fish & Game:** Worried about present conditions for fish and wildlife in Delta, they support Canal as best chance for protection, even restoration, in the face of increasing water exports. But they fear the threat of future abuse. **Some Sportsmens Groups:** They've decided the Canal is best and, based largely on faith, won't be abused. They reject the "death ditch" demagoguery. **About Half the Farmers:** They expect to get water from the plan and are willing to pay its high cost. **So. Calif. Water Agencies:** They want good quality water to serve their urban customers and assurance the water will be available as guaranteed in their hidebound state contracts. They dismiss the notion they would ever harm the north as "nonsense", that modern laws won't permit another Owens Valley ripoff.

What About Cost? If all the facilities authorized in SB 200 for water storage and transfer ever are built it will cost many billions. The canal cost itself is a small fraction of the total. Nobody knows what the costs will be. Each project must be justified economically before it is built. Bonds must be sold, at unknown interest rates, to finance each stage of development. But the cost issue largely is a phony propaganda ploy, because those who receive the water must pay its cost of development and delivery. There is only a little, incidental, indirect, public subsidy involved in the State Water Project. Those who want state water will pay through the nose, and properly so.

So What Are Our Choices, Really? It's Hobson's Choice for sure. Do you trust that SB 200 Prop 8 protections are good enough and will hold? That the water reform Initiative later will pass and help hold the fort? Or do you vote down the canal, roll the dice and hope some better idea springs up? Your answers will depend upon your judgment and

your assessment of the current political realities and of the economics and politics of the future.

What Is CalTrout's Position? On December 15, 1981, the Board of Governors voted to take "no position" on the Referendum because it is a no-win situation. If SB 200 passes, the canal may not be properly designed and operated. The assurances and guarantees are pretty good, but certainly not iron clad, and they are now, and will be in the future, under attack. This threatens our primary concern: the north coast wild rivers. But if SB 200 fails, Prop 8 dies too . . . and with it our hard-won constitutional protection for the north coast wild rivers. Furthermore, one of the cheaper alternatives for maintaining and ultimately increasing water export pumping could very well be rammed down our throats, spelling disaster for the Bay, the Delta, and especially the Eel River. It is the classic rock-and-hard-place dilemma.

SB 200 Referendum Summary

1. SB 200 authorizes (but does not fund) several non-northcoast water storage projects and one water transport facility, the Peripheral Canal.
2. The Peripheral Canal, *properly designed and operated*, is needed unless present levels of pumping water from the Delta are significantly reduced. That won't happen.
3. SB 200 contains language attempting to assure the Canal will be properly designed and operated to protect the SF Bay-Delta and to restore fish and wildlife to "historic levels". There is disagreement whether the language is adequate, workable, or will be effective.
4. As good or bad as it is, the protective language becomes part of the state constitution if SB 200 passes, in accordance with the provisions of Prop 8 passed by the voters November 1980.
5. Prop 8 also constitutionally provides that no north coast river may be dammed unless approved by two-thirds of the legislature or a vote of the people. But this provision too will die if SB 200 fails.
6. Both proponents and opponents of SB 200 are waging propaganda campaigns designed to emotionalize rather than inform voters.
7. The cost issue is largely phony.
8. CalTrout takes "no position" on the Referendum.
9. CalTrout is behind a November Initiative campaign which seeks to improve our position regardless of the June Referendum outcome.

Good luck in the voting booth. We hope the citizens of California make a decision which turns out well. CalTrout is working hard to assure it will, regardless of the way the vote goes.



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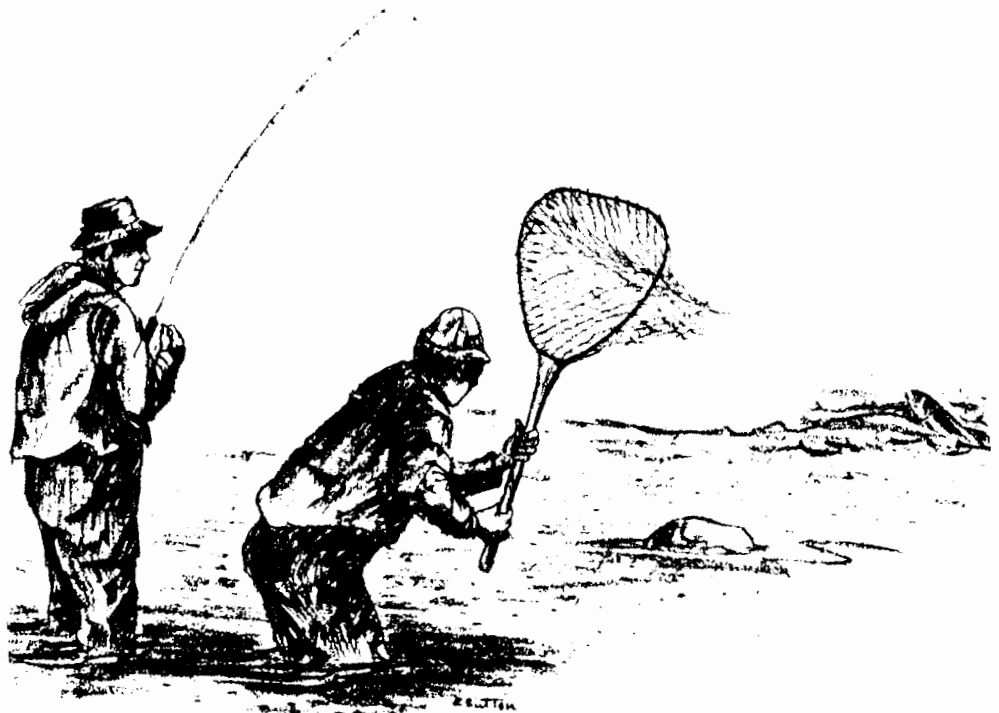
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: June 16, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Bill Cox, D.F.G. Fisheries Unit biologist
will speak on the Department's program for
stream improvement in the Russian River drainage.
John Dienstadt, D.F.G. on wild trout program
with slide show for Lat Creek, Hot Creek, M. Walker
and Martis Lake.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: June 9, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: July 14, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Installation Dinner at Los Robles

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For our Club, June is a time for tying things up, changing some of the leadership, and moving on to the next year's plans and projects.

This month will see our conservation budget monies used in helping to fund the Eel River film for telecast statewide, and in furnishing materials for reconstruction of the streambed in Big Sulfur Creek.

June is also the month for elections. This year the nominating committee has proposed retaining incumbents in the President and VP positions. Three members have been nominated as board newcomers. (Remember, 5 positions are elected each year, with 2-year terms). This helps create continuity---plus add fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Nominations are certainly open from the floor---so please come to the June election meeting.

This month finds the Casting Pool committee still working on fund-raising for the project---the whole project will carry over into the next year. Don't feel left out---we can use all the help we can get and will soon be calling each one of you to help with some aspect of the project.

June is also time to hook a trout or a tarpon on a fly!

Good fishing

C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

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IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

Since its beginnings back in 1976 your club has been a continuing success. We have had a series of programs at our meetings that have featured speakers of worldwide fame.

Things like this don't just happen of themselves. Some very talented and dedicated members in our club made them happen.

These people have generally been members of your board of directors, and they are doing a whale of a job for us. Three of our board members who have contributed greatly to the success of our club are Dixon Browder, Chuck Cadman, and Jim Hakel.

Dixon's expert input into the creation of our by laws has given us a formal structure that has kept our organization running smoothly. His faithful attendance at all meetings and outings together with accurate and complete recording of the minutes of meetings has given us a very valuable record of our activities for future reference.

Chuck Cadman's unwavering scrounging of raffle prizes plus his persuasive salesmanship of raffle tickets has been the financial lifeblood that has made this club go.

Jim Hakel, over and above the effort involved in keeping his contracting business afloat during these times of depressed building activity has virtually single handed kept the East going to our members on time.

These gentlemen are leaving the board after many years of fine service, leaving a gap in our ranks that will be challenge for their successors to fill.

Election of new members to fill the vacancies (5) on the Board for the term 1982-4 will be held at our June 16 meeting. The following club members have been nominated thus far:

Board Members:	Jim Mengle (incumbent)	President:	Liz Wray
	Bill Archuleta (incumbent)		(incumbent)
	Terry McNally	Vice Pres:	Jim Mengle
	Jonah Freedman		

Directors may be nominated by any member prior to the meeting and during the meeting, so let's have some names of your favorite people and mail your nominations to Russian River Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, California, 95405.

CLUB PICNIC

Reserve sunday afternoon, June 20 for a picnic get-together at Santa Rosa's Spring Lake Park. Beer and soft drinks will be supplied, bring your own food.

The picnic site will be the Jackrabbit picnic area on the highground on the west side of the Lake near the boat ramp parking area. Take the Newanga Avenue entrance off Summerfield Road to the Park entrance station and thence follow the RRRF arrows to Jackrabbit. If you have any questions, call Charlie Schelter at home--539-0200 or office--544-1010.

STREAM IMPROVEMENT

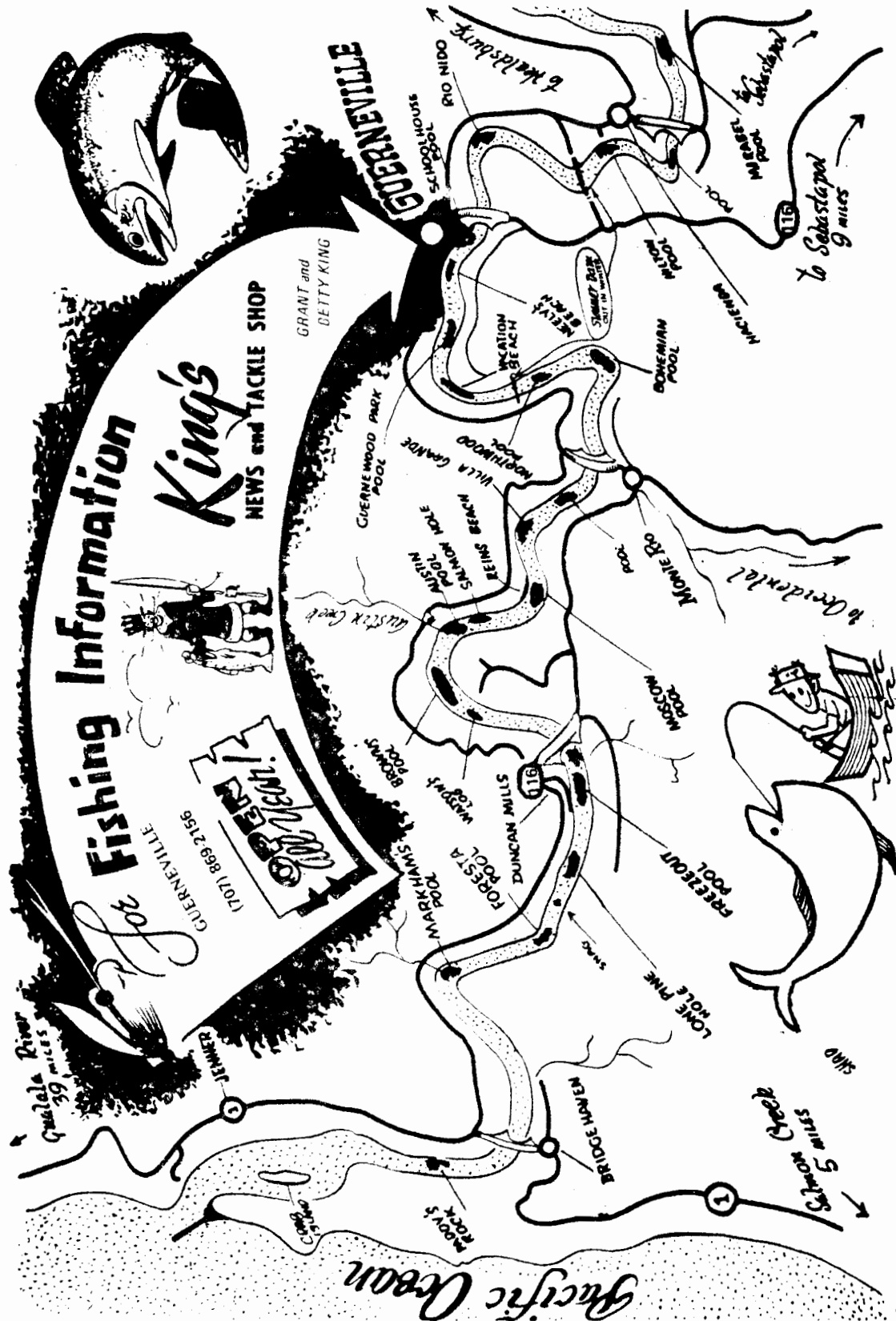
As was stated in the President's Message, our Big Sulfur Creek project will probably be accomplished this month. Bill Cox, the DFG Fisheries Unit Biologist for Sonoma County would appreciate knowing any stream improvements that are needed in Western Sonoma County--particularly on the South Fork of the Gualala or on the Austin Creek Drainage--as there is a conservation camp out that direction looking for projects. Bills phone number--823-1001.

KNOW YOUR RIVER

For your information, a Feasibility Report for the Russian River Basin Study, prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been completed. It addresses many problems of local concern, among which is the fishery.

Copies are on file at our local libraries if you are interested.

With his kind permission we present his map of the river that gives the location and names of the famous steelhead holes from Mirabel to Jenner.



ABOUT OUR CASTING POOL PROJECT

Our proposal to the City of Santa Rosa to construct a fly casting pool to be located at the east end of Dan Galvin Memorial Park off Bennett Valley road has been well received and approved by unanimous vote of the City Council.

We have had excellent support from Recreation and Parks Director, Charles Roefler and his staff.

Now the ball is in our court.

It will take around \$45,000 - \$50,000 to prepare the ground and build the first phase of the pool. Our job is to raise this amount of money before any construction can start. A financial committee consisting of:

Craig Johnston--Chairman

Frank Bertaina

Dennis Hunter

Brian Kahn

Jack Long

Jack O'neel

are preparing a campaign to raise the money by year end with the hope of beginning construction in 1983.

A major consideration in donating to this project is the fact that all contributions to the fund are fully tax deductible.

We will attempt to keep our members informed as the program develops.

Remember--no small donation is too small

no large donation is too large!

You, your children, and their children will enjoy the fruits of the expertise arising from the many pleasant hours spent with fellow anglers while developing skills at casting; so let's all pitch in and get this one going!



ABOUT THE MC CLOUD RIVER PRESERVE

To those of you who plan to include a visit to the portion of the McCloud river within the Nature Conservancy holdings, please note that certain visiting regulations are in effect.

Fishing Access

For any one day a maximum of 5 reservations are accepted.

However, a maximum of 10 rods per day is permitted. This means that in addition to the 5 persons with reservations, 5 other fishers may be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Furthermore, as morning anglers leave, others, who may be waiting, may take their place on the river.

This is a no kill area with a large population of wild trout. The river has a rich population of caddis which emerge in the late fall.

In recent years the fall fishing has been poor due to heavy turbidity due to F.G. & E's drawing down the water level in the McCloud Reservoir upstream, causing the silt in the inlet delta to wash into the river below.

Tom Jesseldenz, the preserve manager, will attempt to reach an agreement with F.G. & E. to delay the drawdown until the fishing season and fall runs are over.

LAND USE PROBLEMS

A number of tributaries to the McCloud in the Nature Conservancy area lie within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and some timber harvest plans would lead to heavy siltation of both the tributaries and the river itself.

A National Forestland and Resource Management plan (LMF) is being prepared. Public input on this plan, when it becomes available, will have substantial influence on the future of the quality of the McCloud River fishery.

By notifying the Forest Supervisor's Office of your interest you will be placed on the mailing list to receive a draft copy of the LMF for comment. The Beetle-Dee timber sale is involved in the plan and will have a direct impact on the fate of the McCloud.

Send your letters of request for draft copies of the Proposed Beetle-Dee Timber sale and the draft copy of the LMF to both of the following

Mr. Steve Fitch, District Ranger
Shasta Lake Ranger District
6543 Holiday Road
Redding, Ca. 96003
(916) 275-1587

Mr. Barney Coster, Forest Supervisor
Shasta Trinity National Forest
2400 Washington Plaza
Redding, Ca. 96001
(916) 246-5222

MINI CONCLAVE

A group of fly fanatics will get together with the Golden Gate Fly Fishers at the Golden Gate Casting Club in Golden Gate Park at 10 a.m. June 12. This should be a good opportunity to learn more about casting pools and casting clubs in general. See Liz Wray for details.

WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

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STRIP MINE THREAT TO THE SMITH RIVER

The last undammed, unpolluted, river in California, the Smith is in jeopardy. California Nickel Corp. has already spent \$15 million in preparation to strip mine and process ores for cobalt nickel and chromium on Hardscrabble Creek, a tributary stream near Gasquet.

The operation, involving 3000 acres, imposes a heavy threat of silt pollution, coupled with acid pollution from the processing mill.

Assemblyman Doug Bosco of Eureka has promoted AB 2214 which would remove the Hardscrabble Creek drainage from the protection of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Should the Governor sign this bill, cross off the Smith River from your fishing stream list.

OPINION ON KIDS AND CREEKS

An editorial in the Press Democrat of April 26, 1982 was strongly critical of action by the D.F.G. closing to all fishing the tributaries of the Russian, Eel and other major rivers of the Empire.

The editor deploras the act denying the opportunity to our children to continue to play the role of the picturesque "barefoot boy with the willow pole and a can of worms" on a babbling brook full of trout.

Evidently nostalgia has superseded good sense in this instance.

Sure, kids still prowls our trout streams, and they catch a lot of trout, mostly out of season.

Unfortunately the trout they catch and take home are the one and two year old, young steelhead, that have the best chance to survive an ocean sojourn and become adult spawners essential to the perpetuation of the species.

The Press Democrat, in criticizing efforts by our professional biologists, does a disservice to our efforts to protect and restore a valuable fishery that belongs to all of us.

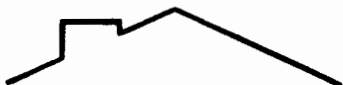


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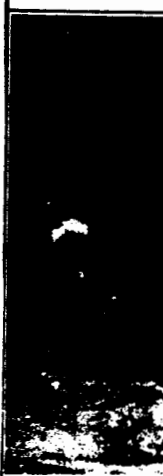
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FLY OF THE MONTH

DEER HAIR ANT

After this winter's big Sierra snow pack melts it will leave high levels in a lot of little lakes in the high country.

Trout cruising the shorelines will be looking for those big carpenter ants that fall from the trees and bushes along the lake shores.

A good floating imitation of the ant will work well at such times, so here is one that's easy to tie:

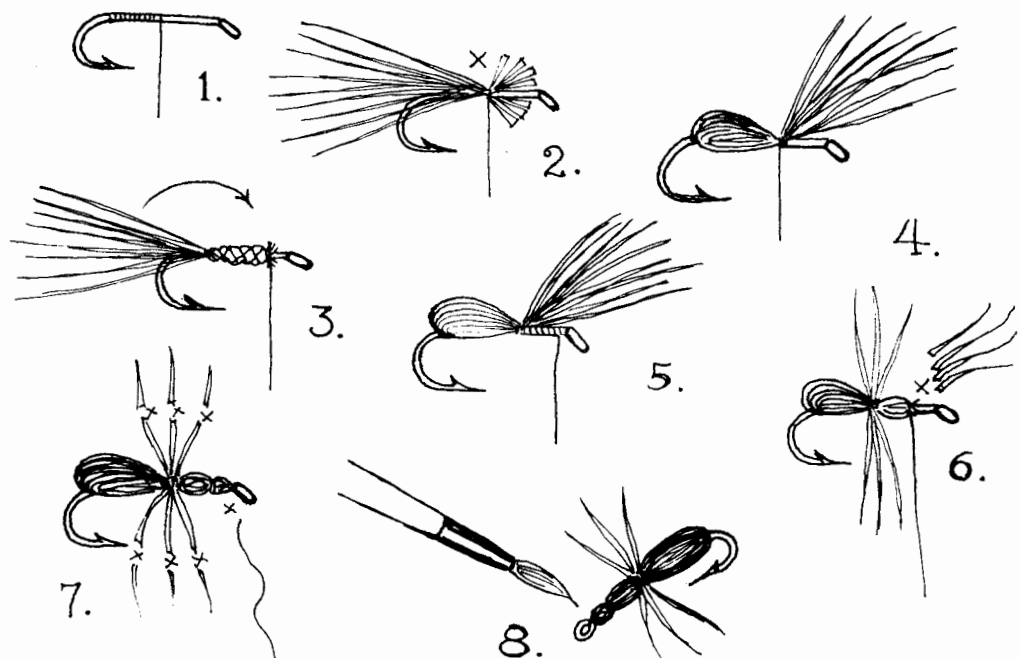
Hook: Mustad 94840 - sizes 12, 14, 16

Thread: Black

Body: Black deer hair

Procedure:

1. Wrap hook with thread, starting at tail position, directly above point of barb, forward to mid point of hook.
2. Tie in small bunch of deer hair with two turns of thread. Clip butts of hair flush with hook.
3. Bind down deer hair by wrapping with widely spaced turns of thread back to tail position above point of barb and forward again to midpoint of hook.
4. Bring deer hair over top of hook toward the eye and tie down with two turns of thread at the midpoint of the hook.
5. Wrap remaining hook shank to the eye with thread.
6. From the deer hair which has flared, pick out three hairs on each side to represent the legs. Pull the remaining hair forward toward the eye of the hook and tie down with two turns of thread. Clip hair as close to hook as possible.
7. Whip finish and cement head.
8. Clip legs in proportion to body size.
9. Varnish fly with two coats if desired.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

(Dinner meeting) \$11.00

WHEN: July 14 1982

6:30 Wet Lines

WHERE: Los Robles Lodge

7:30 Dinner-(London broil of beef)

925 Edwards Ave, off Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: "BIGMOUTH" A milestone in documenting the life cycle of the largemouth bass.

To attend please send your reservations to:

Russian River Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 2673
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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: July 7, 1982

7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: August 11, 1982

WHERE: Slater Jr. High School Cafeteria, 3500 Sonoma Ave. Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Political change comes slowly---particularly when the question is policy which affects both millions of people and powerful corporate interests. With much credit to voters in Northern California, Proposition 9 was defeated in June. As you'll see elsewhere in this Cast, however, this was the easy part. The proposed California Water Conservation and Efficiency Act, scheduled for the ballot in November, will make some big and much-needed changes in California water policy and in so doing, should re-arrange official thinking about the North Coast rivers as the solution to water ills. Getting this passed will be a chance for all of us as fishermen to really show what we care about.

To speak for a moment about the Club elections, I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve another term as President. Thank you! You have also elected some excellent new Directors. Please join us July 14 for a great program, installation of these new officers, awards, surprises from Chuck Cadman, and good times with each other. See you there!

Fish on!

Liz

C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

Following our June elections we have some new members for our Board of Directors: They are--

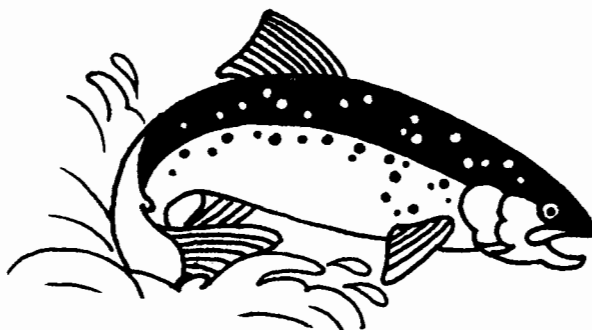
Eric Elliott, Jonah Freedman, and Terry McNally.

We welcome them, and wish to let them know how sincerely we appreciate the good work that our Board is doing to make the Russian River Fly Fishers one of the best groups of its kind.

Board of Directors---1982-1983

**	1.	<u>Bill Archuleta</u> (Gail)	3149 4th Street, Santa Rosa 95404 Treasurer	545-3339 (home) 525-7376 (work)
*	2.	<u>Spencer Bader</u> (Sandy)	3310 Conifer Drive, Santa Rosa 95404 Membership	527-5878 (home) 525-1400 X 2841
**	3.	<u>Elliott, Eric</u> (Pam)	3363 Hermit Way, Santa Rosa 95405 Director at Large	575-9204 (home) 523-0680 (work)
**	4.	<u>Jonah Freedman</u> (Judy)	431 Buena Vista Drive, Santa Rosa 95404 Director at Large	528-0579 (home)
*	5.	<u>Dick Maddax</u> (Maggi)	1333 W. Steele Lane #109, Santa Rosa 95401 Director at Large	528-3747 (home)
**	6.	<u>Terry McNally</u> (Michelle)	1949 Knolls Drive, Santa Rosa 95404 Raffle Chairman	575-9844 (home) 528-0804 (work)
**	7.	<u>Jim Mengle</u> (Donna)	6063 Country Club Drive, Rohnert Park 94928 Program Chairman	584-7527 (home)
*	8.	<u>Frank Norman</u> (Virginia)	3625 Midway Drive, Santa Rosa 95405 Publicity	545-5453 (home) 542-0224 (work)
*	9.	<u>Charlie Schelter</u> (Irma)	1708 San Ramon, Santa Rosa, 95405 Outings	539-0200 (home) 544-1010 (work)
*	10.	<u>Liz Wray</u> (Bob)	2039 Montecito Avenue, Santa Rosa 95404 Chairman of Casting Pool Committee	526-4968 (home) 546-4650 (work)

* 1981-1983 Board Members
** 1982-1984 Board Members



RUSSIAN RIVER FLOAT TRIP

Sunday--July 11th, 1982

WHEN: Launch Time 7:00 a.m.

WHERE: Trowbridge campground on the river off Alexander Valley Road
(Access fee charged per car, usually \$2.00)

TAKE OUT: At Del Rio (Palomar) beach off Fitch Mountain Road, Healdsburg.

By the river the distance is about 11 miles. Allowing 4 hours for fishing and lunch and a swim plus travel time of about 6 hours, expect to be on the river 10 hours. Bring lunch, drinking water, sunscreen ointment and a shady hat, plus, of course, fishing tackle suitable for smallmouth bass, the fightiest fish you ever met.

The early morning launch is advisable to avoid the rush of canoeists that usually builds up to a peak about noon.

Fishing is rather poor in the Alexander Valley portion of the river, but improves below the mouth of Mayacamas Creek at the lower end of the Valley. Therefore it is well to move down river to get into the good fishing water early in the day.

If you need a boat, canoes can be rented from Trowbridge's at Memorial Beach in Healdsburg. Trowbridge supplies a shuttle service to various points on the river.

For further information call: Charlie Schelter 539-0200 Home
544-1010 Office

A PLACE TO FISH

We all know what happens when publicity hits our favorite trout stream. The fish may survive, but some of the fun is lost.

Where traffic is heavy the trout become nervous, and all too often there are some would-be fishermen who leave their manners at home when they take to the woods and waters.

Your editor offers for your consideration a place that is just far enough off the beaten track to provide some uncrowded fishing.

It is in the Granite Gorge on the North Fork of the King's River.

To get there, take the road from Fresno to Pine Flat dam on the King's River and continue to the head of the reservoir and up to Balch powerhouse on the confluence of Dinkey creek with the North Fork of the King's River. From Balch, take the road to Wishon Reservoir. About 8 miles below Wishon Dam, the road forks. Take the left fork about 1/2 mile to U.S.F.S. Campground at Sawmill Flat.

From the campground follow the creek along the left bank all the way to the bottom of Granite Gorge on the North Fork of the King's, a vertical distance of about 2000 feet. A string of timber reaches all the way down, and this is the only way down without using ropes!

If one is camped at Sawmill Flat some walking can be avoided by driving back 1/2 mile down the road toward Balch and then turning sharp left back on the road toward Wishon. About 1/2 mile along this road a P.G.&E. road leads down to a P.G.&E. quarry. This road is blocked by a locked gate. Leaving the car at this road access, one can walk down the P.G.&E. road to the quarry. At the quarry, cross to the left bank of Sawmill creek past the mouth of a tunnel and pick a route downhill through the timber. There is a ducked route down to the river, but the trail is very indistinct. The way is quite steep and one should stay on the left side of the stream all the way.

The bottom of the gorge is like a tiny Yosemite Valley and the waterfalls and enormous granite pools are splendid. Trout are not numerous, but the ones seen were well conditioned and 14"-18".

With the heavy snowmelt at this time of the year the river is not wadeable, but by early August it should be quite accessible.

BHC.

PROPOSITION 9 AFTERMATH

The defeat of Prop. 9 in the June election carried with it the protective measures that the environmentalists had appended to it.

It was those environmental protections that generated opposition to Prop. 9 by certain agribusiness interests. They are now working on a new campaign to get northern water without environmental protection, so the war goes on.

The Eel River is the next target for the water-hungry southland. The middle fork is one of the few rivers on the west coast to support a strain of summer run steelhead. The recent film, partly paid for by your club, describes the value of this stream as a fishery and has been shown on national television.

However, the overriding demand for agricultural produce far outweighs any consideration for a sport fishery, and we who cherish those steelhead must think of some way to satisfy that demand while still providing for the survival of that strain of fish.

For a start we might emphasize ground water recharge of depleted subterranean aquifers during periods of heavy runoff such as occurred during the past winter. Enormous quantities of water are wasting to the sea now from the big Sierra snow pack. The cost of pumping that water back into the aquifers might well be less than the cost of a Dos Rios dam and attendant canals and tunnel.

The disastrous Trinity River Project destroyed the spawning capability of the downstream waters because there is no provision for heavy releases to flush the silt out of the river bed. If future dams are to be constructed, stream flow regimens should be developed to provide suitable spawning and nursery environments downstream.

A disturbing hint of things to come appeared in the June 18 issue of the Press Democrat wherein it was reported that the U.S. Attorney General William French Smith has renounced a federal claim to scarce water resources in the West. The previously held claim under the Carter administration ruled that the federal government retained rights to water on or under federal land unless congress had clearly granted authority to the states over that water.

If this policy should be pursued to its ultimate development we can look forward to all sorts of diversions, developments and ruination of our lakes and streams in national forests, national parks, etc.

This appears to be another outgrowth of the sagebrush rebellion under James Watt.

Be warned! Support the proposed California Water Conservation and Efficiency Act of 1982 as outlined on the next page!

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ENTRY NO. 35

MAY, 1982

WATER POLICY INITIATIVE VOTE SET FOR NOVEMBER

Over a half-million petition signatures were submitted to county registrars around the state April 28th by campaign workers for the proposed California Water Conservation and Efficiency Act of 1982. Only 346,000 valid signatures are required to qualify for the ballot, so the measure is virtually certain to face a decision by voters in November.

The proposed statute would require water districts to enact water conservation plans before importing water from large new water projects, would require local agencies in eleven over-drafted ground water basins to implement locally designed management plans for those basins, and would permit agencies and individuals to approach the state Water Board with requests to appropriate water for in-stream uses. The measure also contains language to discourage "water welfare" subsidies to wasteful water users, particularly with respect to the infamous New Melones project.

According to campaign committee chairman Harrison Dunning, a U.C. Davis law professor, the initiative seeks to enact several recommendations of Gov. Brown's blue ribbon commission which reviewed California's water laws over a two year span, all of which were ignored by the legislature because of powerful special-interest lobbying. "If enacted it will represent the first significant reform in California water policy in more than 60 years," Dunning declared.

CalTrout leader, Richard May, who is Treasurer for the campaign committee and was deeply involved in planning and writing the proposed new law, projected the total cost for a successful election campaign at \$1-2,000,000. "Our opponents have been holding four aces for 60 years, they don't want a fresh deal of the cards, and they began organizing their "No" campaign the day after we submitted the petitions," he said.

Already, however, the initiative has attracted the endorsement of what the *San Francisco Chronicle* labled "a distinguished group of Californians." Legislators, former legislators, jurists, Republicans, Democrats, northerners, southerners, government water leaders, conservationists, sportsmen, commercial fishermen, businessmen, the state Fish and Game Commissions, and activists on both sides of the Peripheral Canal issue have embraced the measure. May said the new law will enhance the economic health of the state while at the same time relieving pressure to dam up our last remaining rivers. May was organizer and also Treasurer of the winning 1980 Prop. 8 campaign. "So far I'm undefeated," he laughed.

CalTrouters are urged to make generous donations to help fund this massive effort. Send checks to: "Water Protection Council," c/o CalTrout, P.O. Box 2046, San Francisco 94126. Think about sending a check a month from now until November.

A WEEKEND ON FABULOUS FALL RIVER

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JOAN & LEE WULFF FISHING SCHOOL AUGUST 11 and 12 (Wednesday & Thursday)

This is a 2 day school (9:00 am - 5:30 pm) which is suitable for beginners and experienced fly fishers alike. Areas of study will include knot tying, lines and leaders, reading water, casting and fly selection. Students are responsible for providing their own tackle. Fee: \$35. Enrollment 75.

DAN BYFORD FLY FISHING SCHOOL AUGUST 13 and 14 (Friday & Saturday)

A unique presentation designed to give a learner a reasonable degree of skill after 2 days of classes (8:00 am - 5:30 pm). Selected flies are presented step-by-step through slide presentations and individualized instruction. All materials will be provided although use of personal equipment (vice, etc.) is recommended. Fee: \$25. Enrollment 25.

CLASSIC ATLANTIC SALMON FLIES by Jim Carpenter and Wayne Luallen AUGUST 13 (Friday)

For the more advanced fly tyer this 7 hour (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) workshop will provide excitement and challenge. Participants are responsible for providing vice, tools and bobbin with black thread. All other materials will be provided. Fee: \$10. Enrollment 20.

YOUTH CONCLAVE

AUGUST 11 and 12 (Wednesday & Thursday)

An enjoyable education in ALL aspects of fly fishing focused on helping the young fly fisher to maximize their home environment. A full spectrum of topics will be covered. This is a complete 2 day program so interest and enthusiasm will be helpful. All materials will be provided as well as transportation to and from the conclave location. A bar-b-que is planned on the evening of August 12 for participants and is free to those enrolled in the youth conclave. Adults may attend the bar-b-que for a nominal fee (\$3). Enrollment 80.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND

- ★ A workshop on the Whitlock-Vibert Box presented by Bob Cunningham, the VWB service head.
- ★ Dyeing, Bleaching and preserving fly tying materials (Tom Schmeucker).
- ★ Warm and cool water fishing (Dave Whitlock, Larry Dahlberg, Dan Blanton, Gary Borger, Howard West, et al).
- ★ A seminar on Entomology presented by the most notable entomologists of the North West—Rick Hafele and Dave Hughes.
- ★ The key to successful writing as presented by Nick Lyons, Dave Engebretson and Derrell Martin.
- ★ Tips and hints on improving your photography by Mike and Christine Fong, editor and staff photographer of *The Flyfisher*.

WHERE CAN YOU LEARN HOW TO TIE

- ★ Trout flies from Arthur Mikulak, Jay and Kathy Buchner, Mike Lawson, Boyd Aigner, Frank Johnson, Bob Jacklin.
- ★ Saltwater flies from Chico Fernandez, Wayne Luallen, Dan Blanton.
- ★ Bass flies from Billy Munn, Tom Schmuecker, Larry Stoner.
- ★ Specialized flies from Dick Nelson, Monty Montplaisir, Larry Dahlberg, Darwin Atkin.

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WHERE CAN YOU LEARN AND HEAR ABOUT

- ★ "Hoppertunity Time" by Dave Whitlock.
- ★ "Preparing for Your First Bonefishing Experience" by Chico Fernandez.
- ★ "Coping With Caddis" by Gary LaFontaine.
- ★ "Nymph Fishing" by Charlie Brooks.
- ★ Fresh water fishing by Larry Solomon and Gary Borger.

WHERE CAN YOUR CHILDREN LEARN

- ★ The basics of equipment, fly tying and fly casting in a 2 day session planned with the young fly fisher in mind.

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Space prohibits listing all programs/workshops/participants.

The above is only a partial list.

The CONCLAVE '82 Registration Fee is \$20.00 per individual, or \$25.00 for family registration packages (includes two adult family members plus children).

Registration does not include meals during the Conclave. A Pre-Conclave early registration major meal package is being offered at a reduced rate for people who pre-register before August 1, 1982. The meal package includes two meals—the President's Dinner, and the Bar-B-Que—available for \$20.00 per person. A youth conclave weiner roast will be held, but is not included in the meal package.

- ☐ Enclosed is \$20.00 for my registration.
- ☐ Enclosed is \$25.00 for my family registration.
- ☐ There will be _____ attending the youth conclave.
- ☐ Enclosed is \$20.00 per person for the Meal Package.
- Total number of Meal Packages _____
- ☐ Enclosed is \$25.00 per person for the Byford Fly Tying School.
- ☐ Enclosed is \$35.00 per person for the Wulff Fly Fishing School.
- ☐ Enclosed is \$10.00 per person for the Salmon Flies Workshop



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BUY-A-BIOLOGIST PROGRAM: WHERE DID YOUR MONEY GO?

A report from DFG's John Deinstadt

A year ago this time the "Buy-a-Biologist" Program (B/B) was advertised as a way for private money to help to support California's Wild Trout Program. The funds donated would provide additional student seasonal aid help not available in 1982 due to a tightening of Fish and Game finances. Many anglers in California, primarily through CalTrout affiliate club contributions, donated to the program. We now wish to report on what your assistance has helped accomplish.

TRUCKEE RIVER

An intensive two year program of collecting baseline data on fish populations and angling was begun in 1980. The B/B program funded three months of angler surveys during 1981. Preliminary results show overall angler use is much greater than anticipated and angling success less than expected. These results are now being combined with other data into a series of management recommendations for the river.

MARTIS LAKE

Martis Lake was opened to anglers as a zero limit Lahontan cutthroat trout fishery in April 1979. While catch and release angling for cutthroat is well established in some areas of the West, Martis represents a break through in California. To determine how successful the program really was and what approaches should be taken to solve some of the current management problems at the lake, an increased creel census and population monitoring program were planned for 1981. B/B funds covered six days of angler censuses per month over a 4 month period plus assistance during population surveys.

Results show that fishing success for cutthroat continued to be good through the third year of the program. Over 40% of the cutthroat landed were reported to be of trophy size (more than 16 inches). The adverse effects of green sunfish on summer angling was quantified and it was tentatively concluded that as long as early and late season cutthroat fishing remained good, a revised management program was unnecessary. Several other cutthroat lake projects are now underway based on the results of the Martis project.

S.F. KINGS RIVER

A management plan for the South Fork Kings River was completed three years ago. Before the plan was published,

angling regulations were revised and a year later revised again. An evaluation of the impact of these changes upon angler use and fishing success was considered to be an important part of updating the plan. B/B funds helped complete the needed field survey. A revised management plan for the stream has been completed and will be published later this year.

LOWER OWENS RIVER

Due to reduced brown trout abundance and high flows, anglers use on the lower Owens River has been declining steadily for a decade. As part of a program to turn around this decline, the bag limit was lowered to two-trout in 1981. To begin to evaluate the impact of this change, plans were made to monitor the angling during the spring, summer, and fall of 1981. B/B funds helped provide the seasonal aid time needed to analyze the resulting data.

The impact of the new regulations upon fish populations has yet to be determined. Results show, however, a substantial increase in the number of brown trout released. Surprisingly, few anglers complained about the reduced limit. Most felt it was needed.

EAST WALKER RIVER

The East Walker River, like Hat Creek and Hot Creek, is one of California's long-term wild trout study streams. Since the 1976-77 drought, brown trout populations have increased several-fold and the stream, managed as a trophy trout fishery with a 14-inch minimum size limit, has become a favorite of many California anglers. Monitoring the fishery in 1981 was considered critical not only for successfully completing the ongoing experimental angling regulation studies, but to justifying further consideration for adequate winter flow releases. The B/B program provided the six days per month of seasonal aid time and associated expenses needed to continue creel census studies from July through October 1981. Early season results in 1981 showed angling quality was well above baseline years. Data on angling use and quality have contributed significantly to helping develop "the case" for protecting the East Walker River.

On behalf of the Department I sincerely wish to thank those of you who contributed to the B/B program in 1981.

John M. Deinstadt
Associate Fishery Biologist
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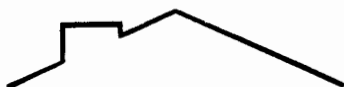


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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, August 18, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, California

PROGRAM: Joe Kimsey, Fishing guide on the Upper Sacramento River
will demonstrate fly tying and describe fishing methods
for those waters.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, September 8, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room
4700 Hoen Avenue, Santa Rosa, California

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, September 15, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: To be announced in the next CAST

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the past few days, I've spent some time reading the minutes, correspondence, and newsletters that have been generated since our Club's beginning. I was really struck by the amount of effort expended by so many individuals during the founding of our Club and over the last 5 years. Big and little jobs, contributions, and ideas, so easily lost to recent memory, made this club.

You, too, make the Club. Your interest, time, and contributions are most valuable. What's more, I hope you're enjoying and learning. What you put into it will make it for you. Going fishing with some of the other members---maybe a new member---is a great way to get to know them and to build up the group.

Giving your ideas really helps, too. Two quite new Club members are already Directors due to the interest they expressed. I'm excited to see how their fresh ideas will change and improve our thinking as we plan for the coming year.

Here's to an excellent 1982-83! Hope to see you August 18.

Keep friendships; release fish---

- Liz

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN

In a separate mailing you will be receiving a statement of membership dues. Please get your payments in the mail via the envelopes that will come with your notice.

After October 1, delinquent members will be dropped from our mailing list.

---OUTINGS---

We're sorry to announce that the Lava Creek Lodge trip had to be canceled because of lack of participation, but we offer the following as a substitute:

A CLUB PICNIC FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 29th

For sometime now, we have been searching for a convenient place where we could have a picnic and at the same time practice a little fly casting.

We don't have all the details in hand yet but we have permission to have a picnic on the property of Balverne Vineyards, east of Windsor. (see route map below)

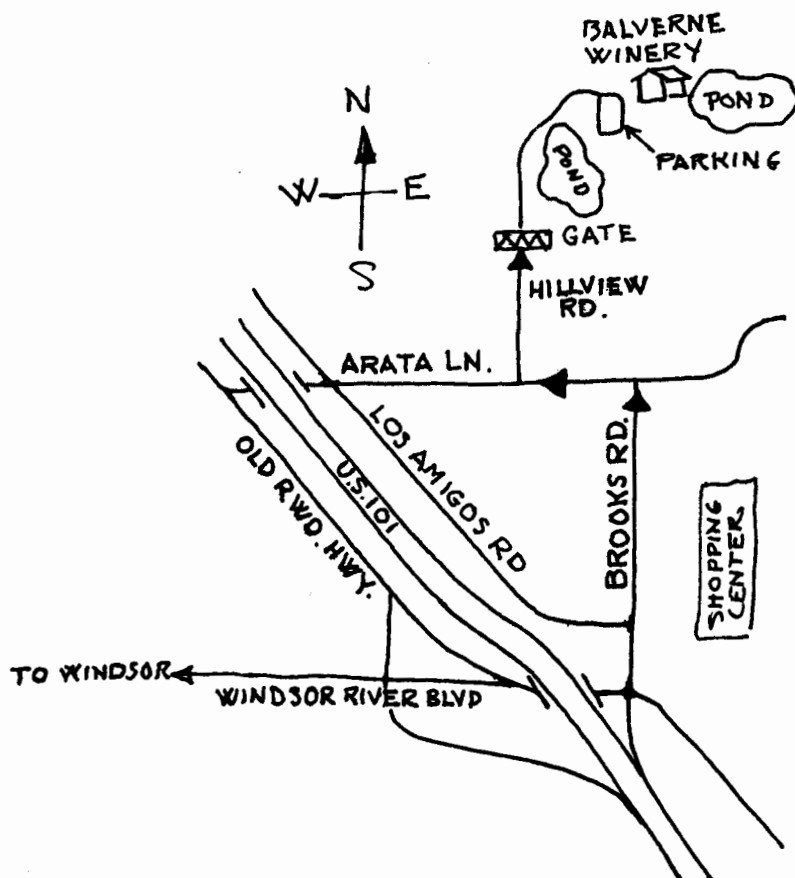
There is parking for perhaps 30 vehicles and picnic tables for seating 50-60 persons plus barbecue grills for about 30 persons.

There are two small ponds used for irrigation that contain bass. At the moment these ponds are rather low because of current irrigation activity, and the fishing is somewhat questionable. However, they provide a place for casting practice without the problems of backcasts hitting passersby.

The property is private and access is via a locked gate on Hillview Road. The winery does not give public tours nor does it offer tastings of its vintages.

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WHAT IS IN STORE FOR LAKE SONOMA?

If you have followed your local news you will know that Federal Budget cuts have targeted for elimination the development of the recreational features proposed for Lake Sonoma above Warm Springs Dam.

Carried to its proposed limit, this budget cut would render the lake off-limits to the public.

The lake is now filling, and soon will be above the levels planned for boat launching ramps.

It is time to get those ramps in place before the fall rains fill the lake. Letters to Congressman Don Clausen and to Mr. William Gianelli, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20314 requesting at least enough funding to provide for boat launching access construction and maintenance personnel will help prevent loss to the public of this potentially valuable fishery.

MEMO TO MEMBERS

Your club is fortunate in consisting of a group of very talented, interesting people.

Up to now these talents and capabilities have largely remained hidden, a valuable resource under-utilized.

Your Board of Directors feels that there is much merit in making this resource more readily available to our membership.

Accordingly, the next membership roster will include, in addition to names and addresses, something about the member's business and professional affiliations.

TOWARD A WIDER MEMBERSHIP

We include, in this issue, a form of application for membership in the RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS INC. We suspect that there are many in our community among our acquaintances who would like to join our membership and would do so if presented with an application.

Therefore we have included such a form as an insert in this issue as a convenience.

SHORT CASTS

Knots and Splices

Recently on Henry's Fork and Armstrong Creek where 6x tippets are essential, your editor had problems with AEON leader materials working loose despite 6 turns on barrel knots. Also the same problem prevailed on various jam knot types on leader to fly connections.

It seems that the hardness and slipperiness of AEON is a part of the problem. Nevertheless we love the strength of AEON where large trout are to be encountered in very clear, shallow waters.

For leader to hook attachment we went back to the old Turtle Knot, backed up by a stop knot. This seemed to work reliably. We had good reports on the surgeon's knot for leader to tippet connections, but have no personal experience with it.

We would like to have more reports on AEON knot experience from our members.

EXPERIENCE ON MONTANA'S BIGHORN RIVER

Based upon two days fishing July 20 and 21, it would seem that success on the Bighorn River below the Yellowtail Dam would depend largely upon water release schedules.

Comments by one Billings resident who has fished it expensively would indicate that late summer and early fall would lead to low water, good wading & better fishing.

BEGINNERS CORNER

CATCH AND RELEASE

Hopefully at this point in your fly fishing experience you have enjoyed the excitement of catching your first fish. As your heart begins to calm from the event the thought may cross your mind - WHAT NOW? Hopefully the answer to that question will usually be to return that splendid creature to the water from which it came. Why you ask? There are several reasons but for me the best one is that a fish released today is one more available to be caught tomorrow. To release fish successfully requires care in handling. The following are some Do's and Don'ts for releasing fish:

*Try to land fish in a reasonable amount of time. The longer some fish are played the more lactic acid builds up in their blood stream and the more difficult it becomes to revive them. When handling fish make sure your hands are wet. This will prevent damage to the mucous film on the fish.

*When you remove the hook do it as if the local SPCA president was casting an eye over your shoulder. A barbless hook makes this process quick and easy. Hold the fish by the tail or jaw with one hand and remove the hook with the other. Medium and small fish can be cradled in one hand while removing the hook. If you can't get the hook out without harming the fish it is best to cut the leader, leaving the fly in the fish. Among other attributes fish have a built in mechanism which will dissolve the hook in a matter of days.

*A net can prevent fish flopping and thrashing over rocks in shallow water and can be an aid in landing fish in waist deep water. The only caution here is to be careful that the fish (especially the gills) do not become entangled in the net. Squeezing is also out. Remember fish have vital organs and the kind of pressure a hand exerts can easily damage a fish. TROUT WILL STRUGGLE LESS IF HELD BELLYSIDE UP

*Do not release a tired fish until it has COMPLETELY recovered. Firmly hold a played-out fish by the tail with one hand under the belly in an upright position in fairly slack water. By moving a fish back and forth in this position the gills will begin pumping oxygen into its system while at the same time allowing the fish to rest and regain strength lost during the battle. Fish being revived in this manner will often attempt to escape before they are completely recovered. A good rule of thumb is not to let the fish swim away the first time it attempts to. It doesn't hurt to revive fish a bit longer than you feel is necessary.

*A harmless, quick way to measure fish is to mark off measurements on your rod. Simply slide your rod alongside the fish in the water and you get an accurate measurement.

STEELHEAD & SALMON CLINICS

Clinics on fly fishing for steelhead and salmon by Michael Fong will be given at the Eddie Bauer Store, 220 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94108. (415) 986-7600

DATES AND TIMES:

There will be two sessions daily. The morning session will begin at 9:30 and conclude at 12:30. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 and conclude at 4:30. Each session is identical and not different courses. The clinics will be held on the Saturdays of August 21, August 28, and September 4, immediately prior to the beginning of the major runs of steelhead and salmon in California.

REGISTRATION:

The registration fee is \$35.00 payable to the Eddie Bauer Store prior to the clinic. Reservations must be made in advance in order that accommodations can be prepared. If attendance is too great for one session, you may be advised to select the other. However, every attempt will be made to accommodate your choice of time and date.

The clinic is designed to aid anglers in successfully pursuing steelhead and salmon. It is not a casting class and no demonstrations on casting will be given. It will be assumed that the attendee is an able caster in order that all the time may be used to examine the most important aspect and that is how to make the steelhead or salmon come to the fly. The course is directed to the advanced angler, but beginners will benefit immensely if they are unfamiliar with these species.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Introduction to the species: Life history of steelhead and salmon, range, major fishing streams in the Pacific Northwest and timing of the runs.

Tackle and Equipment: Rods, reels, lines, leaders, knots, flies, boats and accessories.

Presentations: Dry line, sink tip, shooting tapers, mending (repositioning of line on water), drift, drag, etc.

Recommended literature: Books, articles, etc.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Michael Fong is a native Californian who has fished extensively from Alaska to the southern hemisphere in both fresh and saltwater. He has taken most species of game fish with a fly including striped bass, steelhead, salmon, tarpon, bonefish, bonito, dorado, northern pike, sailfish, all species of trout, char, grayling, spiny ray, and many others. Currently, he is the editor of *The Flyfisher*, the magazine of the Federation of Fly Fishers and a contributing editor to *Fly Fisherman Magazine*. His wife Christine is the staff photographer of *The Flyfisher* and both are on the staff of *Angler Magazine*. They have contributed to all the major outdoor publications and in addition to being an advisor to Fishing International, a travel agency catering exclusively to outdoorsmen, Michael is on the promotional staff of Fenwick. They are members of California Trout, Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, United Anglers of California, and The Nature Conservancy.



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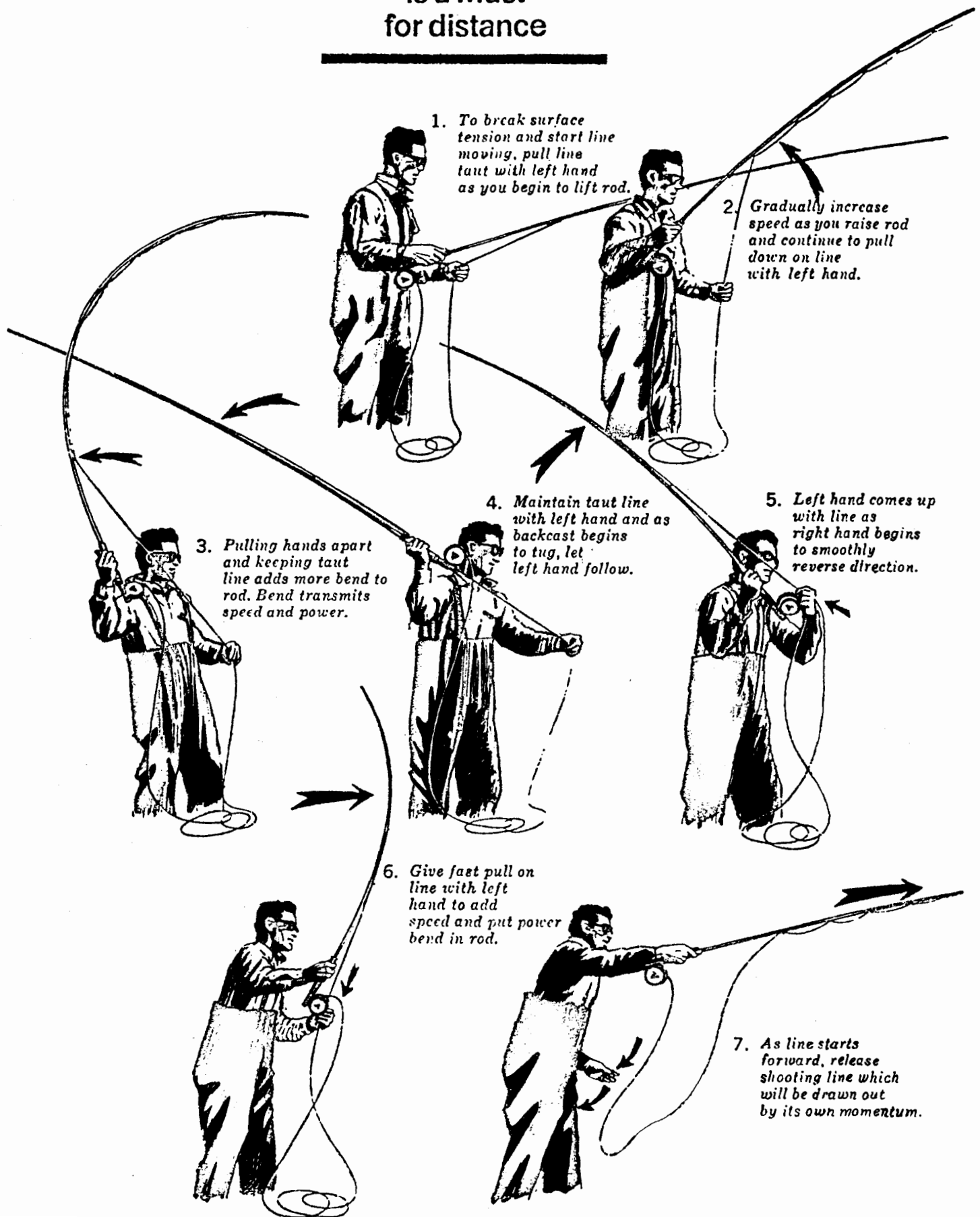
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TARPON FISHING: A COMPREHENSIVE REFLECTION

Tarpon fishing is doubtless the most exciting, demanding, and challenging of angling experiences.

The size, acrobatic behavior, strength, and sheer determination of these marvelous fish make them the ultimate match for the flyrod enthusiast.

Casting to and having a 6 foot long gamefish track your fly that you know, once hooked, will vault like a silvery Polaris missile really gets the adrenalin circulating . . . not to mention making the hair on the back of your neck stand straight up!

There is room for less than 1% error in this sport, all things considered. Your hook must be sharp, all your knots tied perfectly for one hundred percent breaking strength, and all your tackle in tip top order. An accurate and delicate cast must be made and that's only the beginning. The fish must be enticed into "eating," be adequately hooked, then be aggressively, but smoothly played, allowing for all its jumps and gyrations, and successfully landed, revived and released.

No better money could be spent by the would-be tarpon hunter than to seek out an experienced guide. Many hours of frustration and unneeded expense will be saved by taking this sincere advice. A day or three with a professional could well equip you with the knowledge to pursue tarpon on your own if you so desired.

A typically equipped tarpon skiff has a large forward deck for the angler to stand on and cast from with no obstructions for a flyline to catch on, a roomy cockpit, and ample storage lockers to keep gear dry and from getting underfoot. A platform is mounted over the motor, on which the guide stands, spots fish, and poles you over the flats. The outboard motors are from 115-200 h.p. to move you quickly from area to area, and most boats have twin electric trolling motors for minor adjustments in position, chasing down fish, and for use on the flats where it would be inappropriate to start the outboard.

Early-on an important necessity is for you and your guide to establish an effective communication system. For either of you to say: "over there!" wastes valuable time. An abbreviated system must be devised to communicate location, distance, and direction of travel of the fish. For instance: "Tarpon, two-o'clock, 80 feet, moving left to right!" Both angler and guide must understand and be comfortable with the agreed upon system.

Perhaps the single most important skill to be learned in tarpon fishing is developing a good set of eyes. The rapid sighting of a fish is essential to angling success. The greater the distance of a closing fish, the greater are your options. The best chance one has of sighting fish is over sand. Unfortunately, fish are generally less likely to "eat" over sand than over turtle grass.

If you are staked out over or adjacent to a patch of sand, familiarize yourself with all the local aquatic landmarks. A black spot not previously there might be a "ball of tarpon." Become acquainted also with the size, shape, and speed of travel of other flats fish. Barracuda, for instance, can be as long as tarpon, but are slimmer and move slowly, therefore appearing nearly stationary when sighted. Tarpon are always moving: look for movement. Keep a sharp eye out also for rolling fish.

Tarpon over grass are far more difficult to spot. Look for wakes or "nervous water." Schools of tarpon may appear as translucent "blue spots" contrasting with the dark green grassy bottom.

In general, tarpon move into the wind, and with tidal flow. The likelihood of their eating diminishes greatly during the slack tide, as they seem to lose their feeling of direction.

Be ready at all times! Murphy's Law states: lose your concentration and the fish will surely appear from out of nowhere.

No form of fly fishing is more demanding of your casting skills. Accurate casting is a must: distance, depth, speed of travel of your target, wind and tidal flow must all be considered before ever presenting your first cast. The longer the cast the better. Although not a necessity for catching tarpon, spotting the fish quickly and getting off a quick, long cast gives you the flexibility of being able to pick up and recast if necessary.

Presentation is important. Cast high and let the fly and line fall gently to the water, as in dry fly fishing for trout. The urge to "flock shoot" when casting to a school of tarpon must be fought off. Pick a single fish and cast to it.

The lead fish is usually less likely to eat than those farther back in the school. If you blow your cast to the lead fish and it spooks, you have lost the school. It is usually safer (less disruptive) to cast to the periphery of the school, and attempt to pick one off from the side. Since these fish are moving fairly rapidly, your cast must lead the fish, and due to refraction the fish is farther away than it appears. This phenomenon increases with depth, so the deeper the fish, the farther you must cast "past" him to present your fly effectively.

The fly must be cast quickly. Keep about 70-80 feet of line stripped neatly on the deck in front of you, and hold the fly in your hand, with the leader and 10-20 feet of flyline out of the tiptop. When the fish is sighted, roll out the line and leader and let the weight pull the fly from your grasp. Make no more than 2 to 3 false casts before casting to the fish. Practice this many times in a non-pressure setting. The practice will surely help, since everyone "blows" it when fish are closing on the boat.

The retrieve is generally in short, slow pulls. A long strip may be needed to attract interest in your fly. Adjust your retrieve for tidal flow: a longer pull is necessary to effectively move the fly if the tide is really sweeping or if the boat is closing on the fish. For the rare fish that follows, but doesn't eat, you must entice him before he spooks off the boat. Try either stopping the fly, in which case the fish overtakes the fly, and opens his mouth through reflex; or a long strip to excite him into eating.

Once the fish has taken your fly, fight the urge to lift the rod tip. Let him turn, if possible, then either strike several times with your line hand, or probably better, strike with your line hand and your rod in combination. Tarpon have incredibly hard mouths, and your hook must be made to penetrate. Only about 30% of their mouth can be penetrated with a hook: the tongue, the cartilage at the corners of the mouth, and the upper mouth and lip ahead of the crusher plates.

Bring the rod back horizontally, not vertically in tarpon fishing. Be prepared for the first jump. You must "bow" or throw your rod and line forward so the fish won't fall on a taut line. You must bow to the fish on every jump, so immediately bring your rod back horizontally to your side.

Clear your line and get the fish on the reel. Pump him aggressively . . . pump him back, reel down, always leaving enough throw of the rod to effectively bow to the fish should he jump. Jumps are likely at the end of or following runs. Keep the fish off balance by pulling him opposite the direction he wishes to go. When the fish rests, pour it on! You can't let a tarpon rest; you must beat these fish.

Aggressiveness is the key to landing tarpon. It has been said that "for every minute the fight goes on past one hour, your chances of landing the fish decrease by 10%." A long-fought tarpon has the advantage . . . not you, my friend!

You must keep the pressure on, keep the fish off balance, and break its spirit. If you are able to, flip the fish over in a somersault, and pull

him backwards to accomplish this. Tarpon, unlike most fish, have rudimentary lungs in addition to gills, so when they are moving quickly from place to place, in water with low oxygen content, or losing the battle at the end of a line they will rise to the surface and take a gulp of air. This action is sometimes audible, and is a sign that the angler is winning, so keep the pressure on.

When the fish nears the boat be especially alert for jumps or short runs. Most tarpon are lost right at the boat. At the advice of the guide you might even back off a little on your drag, but be alert!

When the guide can grasp the shock tippet he uses a lip gaff and lifts the fish to the boat. Then the fish's length and girth can be measured, and your fly removed. The formula: $\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{length} \times \text{girth}^2}{800}$ gives a very

accurate weight determination, so there is no need to kill these beautiful creatures. Even if you wish a mounted trophy most taxidermists nowadays need only the length and girth to prepare a magnificent replica for you, which by the way looks far better than a skin mount anyway.

Take your photos quickly, revive the fish, and release him so that you or another lucky angler might catch him again.

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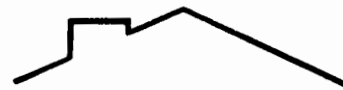


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WHEN: Wednesday, September 15, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
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PROGRAM: Mike Foster of Mike's Fly Shop, Miranda California,
will present a slide illustrated talk on fishing for
steelhead and salmon in the Eel and other northern
rivers.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: September 8, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room
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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, October 20, 1982 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: To be announced in the next CAST.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this summer is ending, many of us can look back on some special angling experiences. Members of our club have enticed various aquatic species in Alaska, British Columbia, Florida, Northern California, the Bahamas, Montana, and even France. I'd estimate that greater than 90% of those fish landed were released. Hopefully, they were released in a manner which allowed them to live, perhaps to be hooked again in the future.

Catch and release is but one aspect of our responsibility to our resources. The late Roderick Haig-Brown said it nicely:

Loving the sport of fishing, and especially fly fishing, and the creatures surrounding it, the environment about it, the fly fisherman inevitably must seek the preservation and perpetuation of these values for future generations. You might resist the word "conservation" --- heaven knows I do --- I'm tired of it. But just the same its there and we can't get away from it. This is our pleasure today. It must be other peoples' pleasure tomorrow. It must be there for them to enjoy. I think this is of importance. I don't think we should reject it or ignore it.

It's something to keep in mind as we turn our attention to our local resources and the coming season's fishing.

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REMINDER!

Dues are due. Please remember to pay them by October 1, since we don't want to have to ask you to pay an initiation fee again. Also, the new roster will be coming out soon--if you're not paid up, your name won't be included.

REMINDER!

NEXT CLUB OUTING:

WHEN: Sunday, September 26, 1982

WHERE: Markley Cove, Lake Berryessa

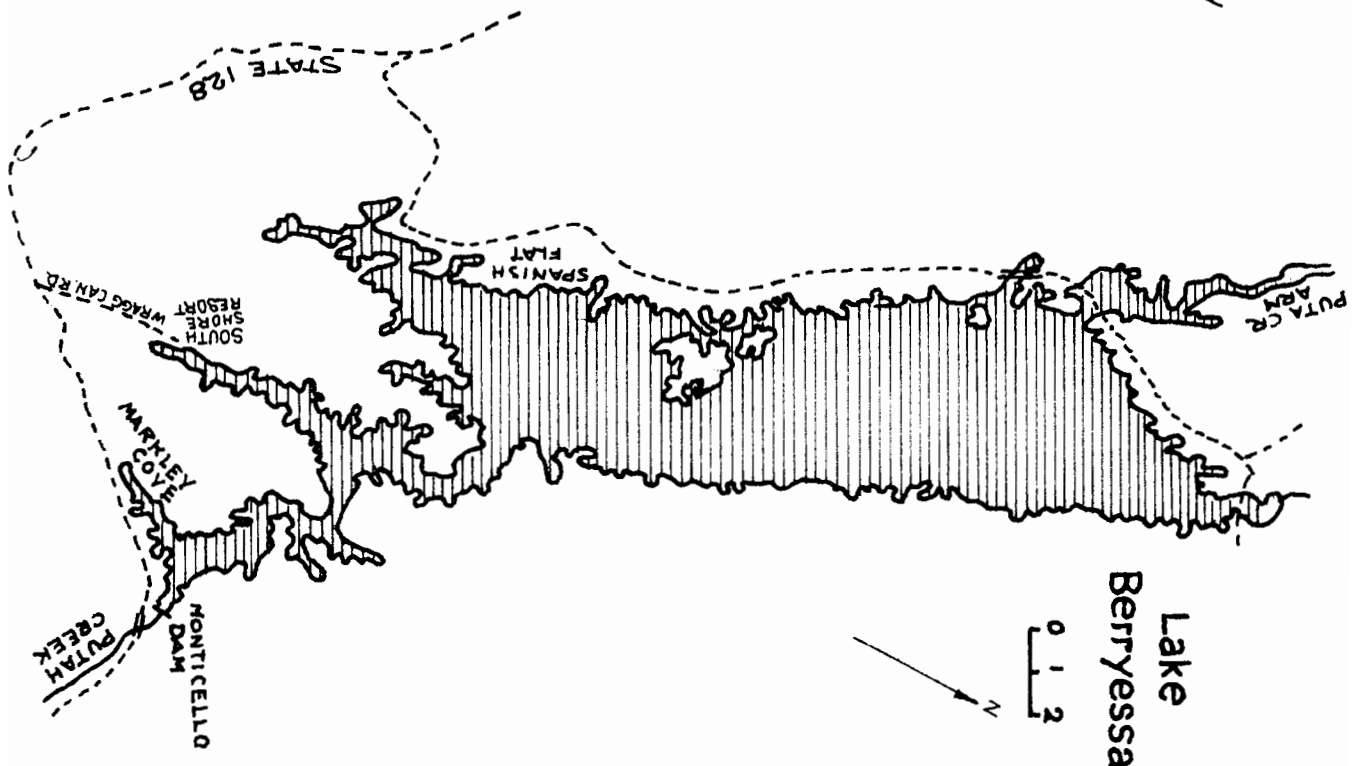
If the lake has cooled sufficiently by this date we will try for surface feeding trout with imitation threadfin minnows.

If there is no surface activity we will fish Putah Creek below the dam.

Call Charlie Schelter for further details.

Home: 539-0200

Office: 544-1010



MORE ABOUT LAKES

By now, everyone who has fished for trout in the artificial lakes such as Berryessa and Indian Valley Reservoir has found that the periods when trout feed on the surface is limited to times when the surface temperatures are in the neighborhood of 56° F.

In the winter the surface temperatures may be cooler than 39.2° F, the temperature of maximum water density, hence the trout will tend to stay at the same level below the cold surface where there is sufficient oxygen to sustain them.

In the spring as the surface temperature increases toward the desired 56° F the trout will tend to stay in that zone until the temperature rises above 65° F, at which time they will begin to follow the desired 56° F downward.

In Lake Berryessa this level is about 30-40 feet below the surface until the longer nights and cooler average daytime temperatures of the fall begin to affect the surface temperature.

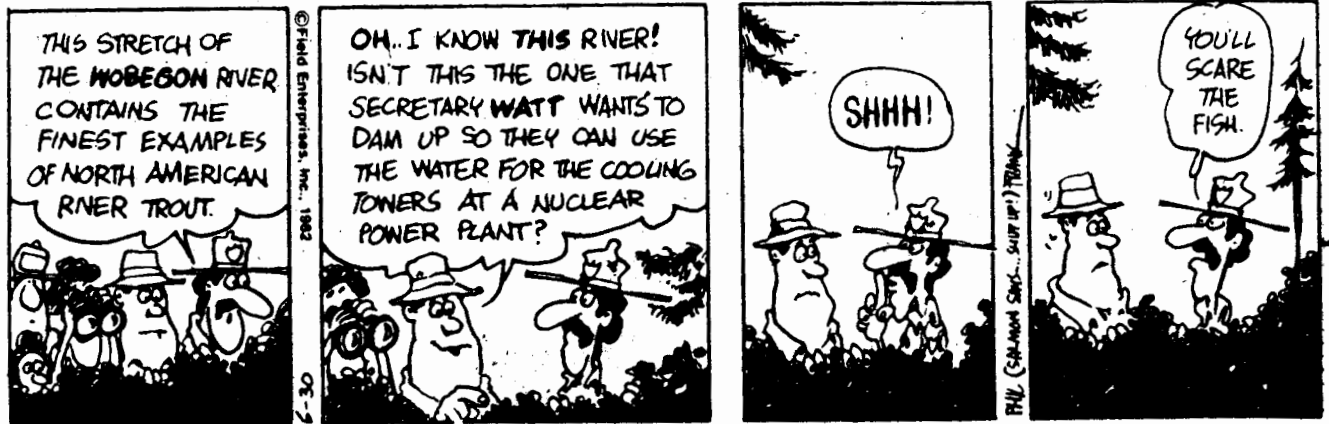
At this point the Lake begins to "turn over" as the saying goes. This usually happens at night. On a cold, windy night the wind moves the cold surface water downwind. This water is denser than the warmer water, just beneath the surface, which latter rises to the surface and is in turn cooled by the wind. Thus there is a sort of rolling over of the warmer lower layers over the colder layers. Depending upon wind direction and lake bottom topography, there will be different warm and cool areas on the lake surface during this period of turn over.

Trout will tend to feed and live in such areas where water temperatures prevail in the 56° F range and dissolved oxygen concentrations exceed 5 parts per million.

This situation prevails in Lake Berryessa in the fall months.

Travels With Farley

By Phil Frank

ABOUT THE AUGUST OUTING

Twenty five people sampled the amenities at Balverne Vineyards on Sunday August 29th, thanks to the generosity of Mr. William Bird, the Balverne Manager.

The majority fished for the numerous undersized bluegills in the upper reservoir until dinnertime when the eight women in the crowd presented a more or less potluck operation which gave everyone a fine supper and an opportunity to get better acquainted.

No bass were observed in the reservoir despite rumors to the contrary. However, there was excellent casting demonstrated by various members in their efforts to prove the existence of the rumored bass.

Neil Silverman spent the evening instructing his son in the fine points of rowing a boat while he (Neil) trailed a fly in the water!

BEGINNER'S CORNER

ROLL CASTING-

Roll casting has much to recommend it as a method of presenting a fly, particularly when fishing wet flies and nymphs.

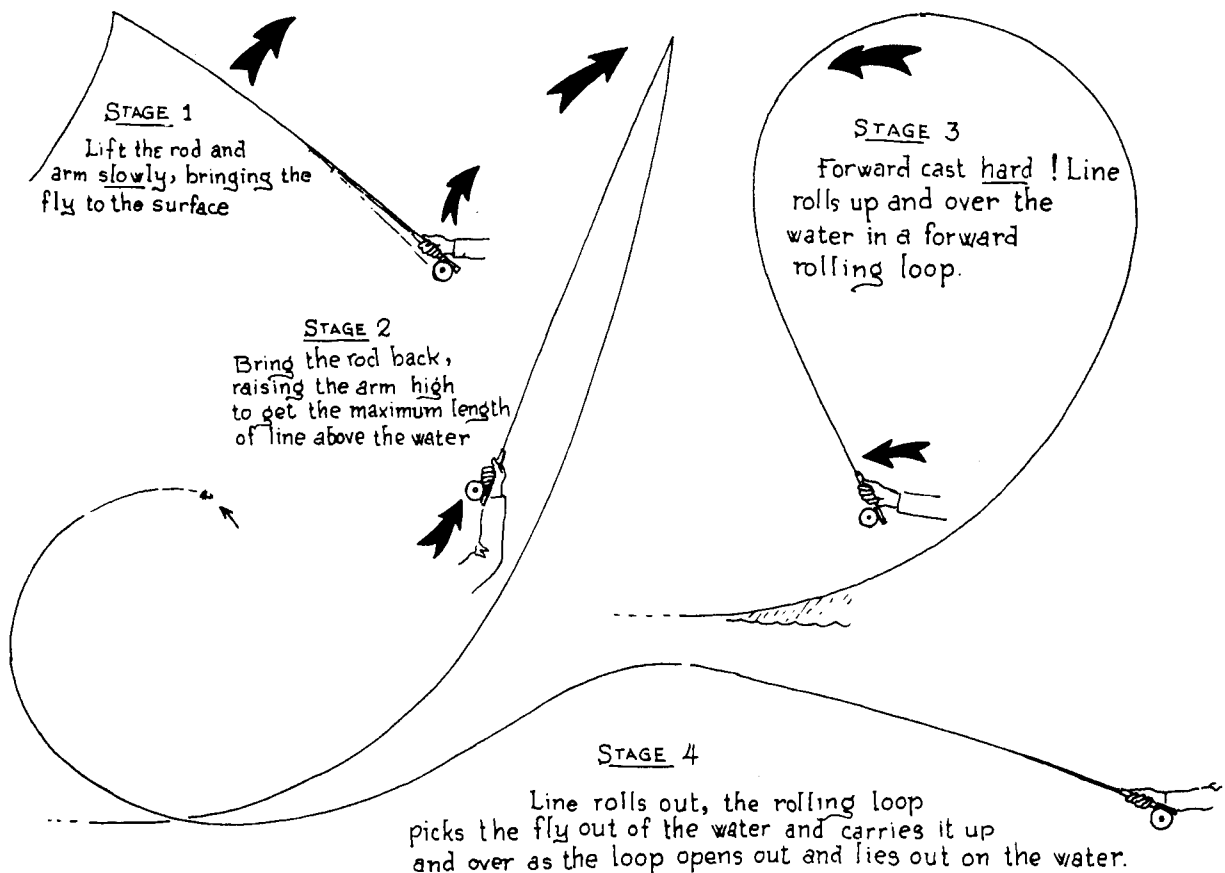
- a. It takes less time in the air and more time in the water where the fish are.
- b. It leaves fewer flies hung up in the trees along the stream bank.
- c. It is less tiring to use.

An essential requirement for easy roll casts is a double tapered floating line, well greased. The roll will only work if the line is on the surface of the water. It is also necessary to bring the fly to the surface before making the forward cast, since the cast depends upon the energy imparted to the rolling line, and if the fly is too deep, a lot of the line's energy is lost in dragging the fly to the surface against the resistance of the water.

The length of the cast is determined by the size of the loop of the roll, hence a longer rod will give a bigger loop and more distance. Increasing the height of the fisherman above the surface of the water will also permit a bigger loop and a longer cast.

This is particularly useful when fishing mountain lakes and the large streams where one can stand on large boulders or high banks above the water, and where trees or cliffs forbid back casts.

The roll cast can work as a side cast to get under overhanging branches and to mend the line to get a better line of drift for the fly.



THE FLOURISHING FLEA MARKET

With the thought of making our newsletter more useful to our members we are introducing with this issue a section on items that members may wish to sell. These notices will be carried in the CAST during just the month of issue. We don't want to detract from our regular advertisers.

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1. Custom Hal Janssen #3/4 fly rod.
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FLY OF THE MONTH



-SNAIL-

At times the trout in Putah Creek feed on snails to a large extent.

Here is a fly pattern from the Yellowstone country that has been used on snail feeders in those waters. Perhaps it will work in Putah Creek as well. Thanks to the Fly Fishers of Davis for this one.

Hook: 94838 sizes 8 - 14

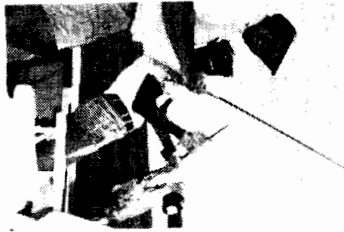
Thread: Black

Hackle: Gray (to match color of natural snails) 1 or 2 turns pulled down.

Body: Small chenille of suitable color wrapped over itself to form proper shape.

Weight as needed to give sink rate similar to natural snails, keeping in mind that when naturals come loose from weeds or stones they drift slowly down toward the bottom.

- A. Use dead drift along the shore where the wave action suits this technique.
- B. Use slow dead drift down and a very slow retrieve back up.
- C. Use a large minniw fly on the stretcher and 2 snail flies on droppers 6" apart to simulate minnows feeding on snails.



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The California Striped Bass Association, P.O. Box 7922 Stockton, Ca. 95207, has presented such an informative report on the history, habits and nature of this splendid game fish that we thought it should be brought to the attention of our members.

Editor



The Pacific Striped Bass

On the south shore of Carquinez Straits, in the city of Martinez, should stand a statue of two men holding a milk can. And at least once a year, preferably in July, all the fishermen in California, and some from Washington and Oregon as well, should walk by the monument and touch it with respect. And each should whisper a quiet thanks to the two men with the milk can.

At the base, the inscription should read: "Livingston Stone, Aquaculturist, U.S. Fish Commission." Under the other statue, "Stephen Rush Throckmorton, Chairman, California Fish Commission." Under the milk can: "132 Navesink Striped Bass." Lastly, the monument should be dated: "July 1879."

From these 132 striped bass, a part of the Hudson River stock in the Navesink estuary in New Jersey, and a later stocking of 300 bass three years later from the Shrewsbury River, the entire striped bass fishery on the Pacific coast had its origin. Most of the fish were small, between 1½ and 3 inches, but their potential was large. A recent estimate of the striped bass population in the San Francisco Bay complex placed the population at about 2 million fish 16 inches or longer.

The latter part of the nineteenth century was a great time for fish experimentation. Fisheries biologists were introducing new species to waters that had been voided of native stocks throughout the East because of industrialization and altered environments. It was about this time that the brown trout was brought over from Europe and introduced to American waters. Unfortunately, the European carp also came. It was a field day for the fish culturists with an adventurous spirit.

One such man was Livingston Stone, employed by the U.S. Fish Commission but on loan to California. Stone, long a devotee of the striped bass, believed that San Francisco Bay could support a population, and after netting a catch in the Navesink he nursed the fish on a long train ride from New York to California. There he made the historic planting. Fortunately, it turned out to be one of the better moves made by fish culturists.

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Today, striped bass constitute the major sport fishery in the San Francisco Bay area, supplanting native species of salmon and trout that had been reduced over the years because of changing environmental conditions in the bay and the surrounding watershed.

Success of the striped bass transplant is like a Horatio Alger fish story. Ten years after the initial planting, hundreds of striped bass were being taken in the area. By 1899 over 1,200,000 pounds of striped bass were landed commercially, and from 1916 to 1935, the annual catch of fish by commercial means averaged between 500,000 and 1,000,000 pounds. In 1935, all commercial fishing was stopped to protect the sport fishery.

Almost all of the striped bass taken in California waters comes from the San Francisco Bay area. California's 200,000 striped bass anglers catch about 750,000 fish annually. In order to make their fishing possible, these anglers each year spend \$20,000,000 in pursuit of the striper.

Striped bass in California and other West Coast waters differ little in their characteristics and habits when compared to the same species of fish in the Atlantic. The only difference might be the food selection, and that is governed more by what is available than by their own choice.

Migrations

California biologists have intensively studied the striped bass and have established migratory patterns for fish in their area. The annual migrations are similar in pattern to fish in the Hudson. In the summer, the fish inhabit the lower bay and the beaches north and south of the Golden Gate. Their environment at this time is basically in salt water. In the fall, from September to November, they begin an upstream migration from San Francisco Bay through San Pablo Bay and the Carquinez Straits into Suisan and Grizzly bays. As winter approaches they are in the freshwater delta formed by the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers. Here they over-winter and remain until spring. As spring approaches the fish scatter out over the delta, and some head up the Sacramento River to spawn. After spawning, they return to San Pablo Bay and adjacent waters to feed for the summer.

Just how many striped bass will trek back to the ocean after spawning varies from year to year. Smaller bass tend to stay within the confines of the bay, while some of the larger bass develop a bit of wanderlust and move outside the Golden Gate. These large fish have been taken with a fair degree of frequency as far south as Monterey and north along the coast as far as Tomales Bay.

SPAWNING

Male striped bass usually appear on the spawning site days or weeks ahead of the females. Large females arrive before smaller females. The fish congregate in schools around rivers that have a gravel or sandy bottom and a substantial current. Some sites are even in the rapids. Pre-spawning rituals, often described as "rock fights," precede the actual spawning.

In the case of a large female, anywhere from ten to fifty younger males will act as suitors and surround her as she reaches the moment to spawn. The fish will thrash on the surface, often racing on their sides over the top, resembling wounded fish. The splashing may continue for hours until the appropriate time has come, usually in the late afternoon. Generally, most of the activity heightens as the day wears into night and spawning continues through the entire evening.

After the splashing and gamboling on the surface slows, the female sinks below the surface, and as many as five or six males may press alongside the larger fish, forcing her to exude her eggs. At the same time, milt from the males flows into the water, mixing with the eggs and fertilizing them. As the males become spent new fish take their place, and they continue to nose and bump the female until she has expelled all her eggs.

After spawning, the spent males and females begin dropping back from the spawning area and return to resting spots farther downriver.

REPRODUCTION IN STRIPED BASS

During spawning and immediately thereafter, striped bass do not feed. But as soon as they are well off the spawning site they again begin to feed.

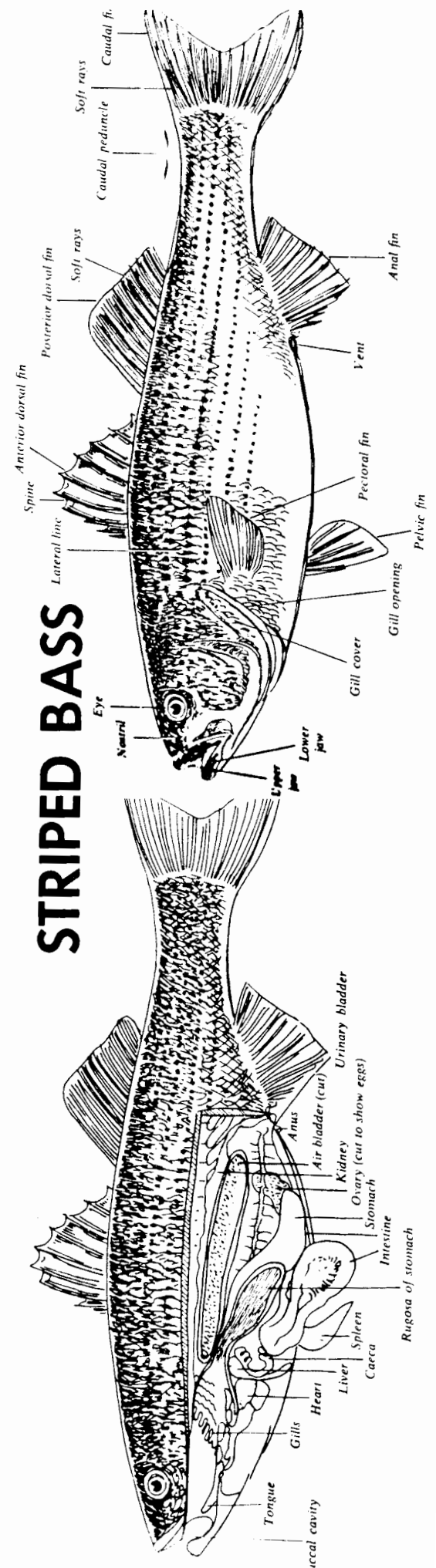
The fertilized eggs then drift downstream, with the current buoying them off the bottom. The eggs are protected from damage by the perivitelline space—the fluid-filled space between the outside membrane and ovum of a fertilized egg. As soon as the eggs are expelled they begin to absorb water through the outside membrane (vitelline membrane), and this fluid acts as a buffer to shock. The egg grows from an average size of 1.1-1.35mm to about 3.63mm. In about 6½ days the yolk sac is absorbed.

As already stated, female striped bass are generally capable of spawning at four years of age, though the greater percentage of a year-class reach spawning maturity at age five. Males are more precocious; some records have revealed one-year-old males with mature milt, but the average age is three years.

Striped bass have the capability of annual spawning. In general, however, it is believed that they do not spawn annually. During the first five or six years of their adult lives, they may spawn annually, but as the females grow older they tend to become sporadic in their spawning habits. The number of males above fourteen years of age decreases rapidly in the population. There is evidence of dimorphism—sex change—in striped bass, and some researchers believe this might account for the change in population number. The possibility exists that they may alter their sex as they grow older and the population becomes female-oriented. Because no conclusive studies have been conducted this is little more than a hypothesis.

Hermaphroditism exists in about 4 percent of several Pacific Coast populations, and some researchers feel that this figure might go considerably higher if a more general study were made of sexual compositions. There are records of bisexual striped bass containing both ovaries and testes and both in perfect spawning condition.

Fecundity (the ability to produce eggs or sperm) in differing fishes varies with the amount of care the parents provide for their fertilized eggs and offspring. The more care the parent or both parents give the offspring, the fewer eggs are produced. Conversely, the less care the parents provide, the more eggs are produced to ensure the survival of that species of fish. It is nature's way of keeping everything within a reasonable balance.



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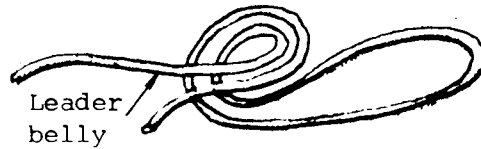
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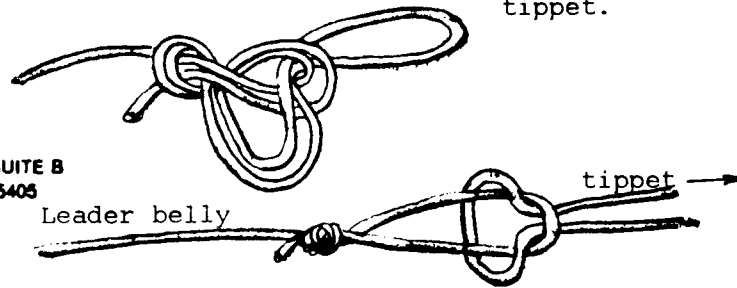
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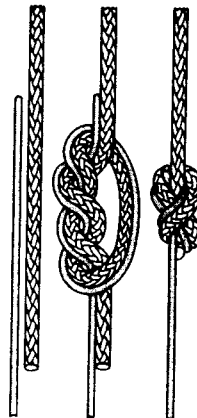
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Double Surgeons Knot

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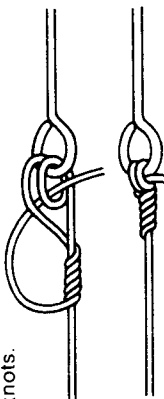


After loose knot is formed, pull evenly from both sides to snug wraps evenly.

Knots

Twice Around Clinch Knot

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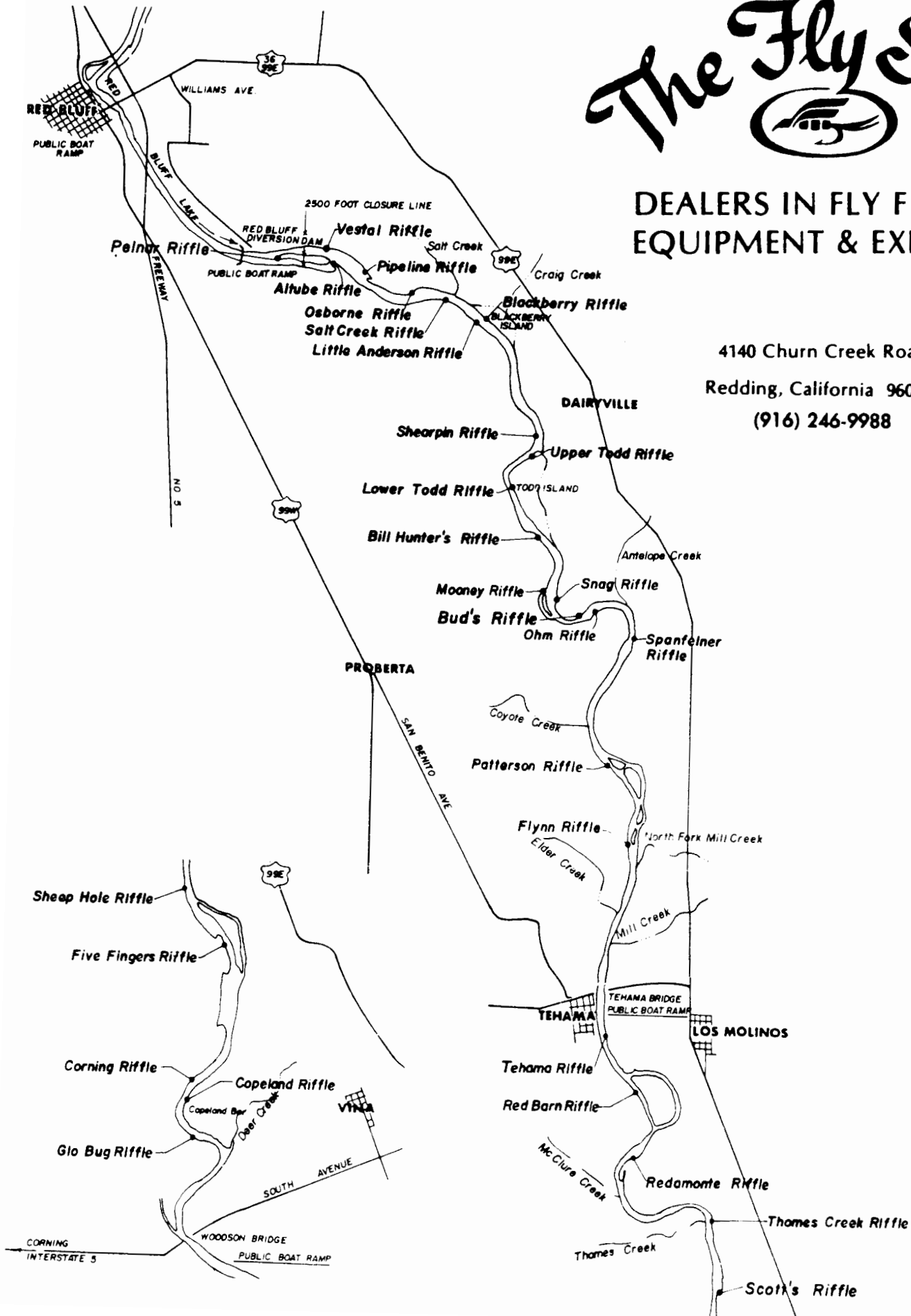


Form knot as shown. Pull slowly and firmly to tighten knot to metal eye.

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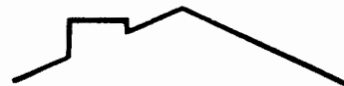


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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Saturday, October 23rd, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Highland House, off Los Alamos Rd. Santa Rosa
for further details please turn the page.

NEXT CLUB OUTING

WHEN: Sunday, November 7 (depending upon the rains)

WHERE: Garcia River Estuary--Silver salmon and Steelhead
Call Charlie Schelter for details at home: 539 0200
office: 544 1010

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room
4700 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: To be announced in the next issue of The Cast

WHERE: " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month, I'd like to direct your attention to the November elections---specifically Prop. 13, or the California Water Resources Conservation and Efficiency Act.

Prop. 13 is designed to establish new state water policy, primarily centering on efficient use and conservation of existing water supplies before allowing new development of dams or transport systems to meet a particular need. Prop. 13 will also set up rules protecting minimum flows in particular rivers and streams in California.

In defeating Prop. 9 last June, you as voters said "No" to a proposed version of water policy. Prop. 13 gives voters the chance to change water policy, too, but in a much wiser way. For a complete copy of the content, see the information booklet soon to be sent to all registered voters.

Also, please note that our October meeting is Saturday, the 23rd. (We try to keep things predictable, but sometimes to get a great dinner speaker, we have to bend.) And Dave Engebretson is such a speaker; an excellent photographer, lecturer, and all-round fun person. So join us. Invite your friends to another of our excellent dinner meetings.

Tight lines,

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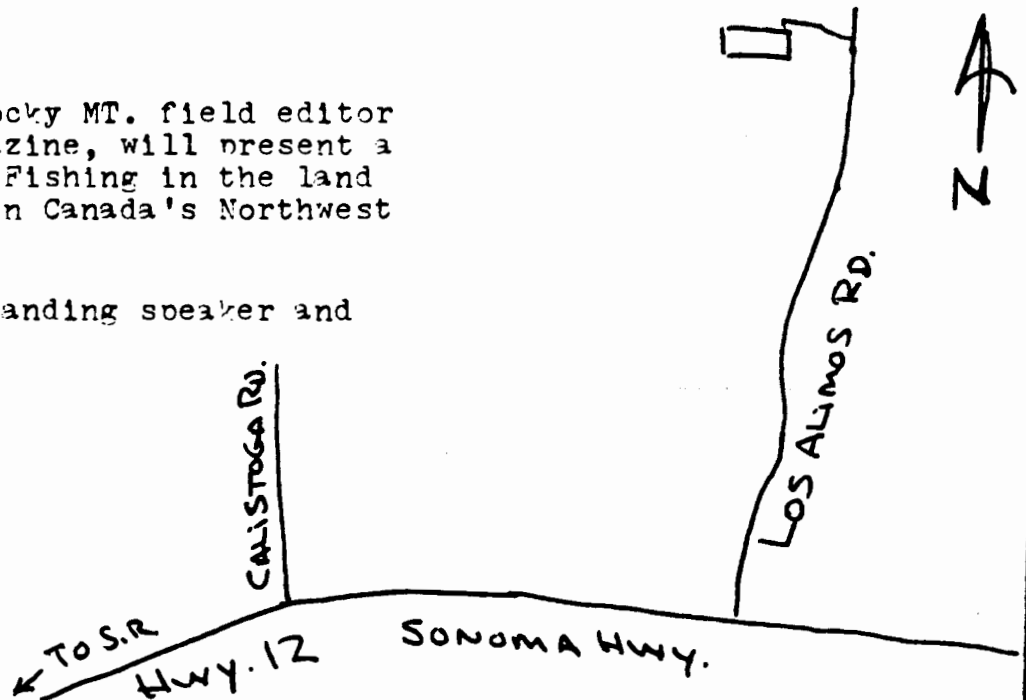
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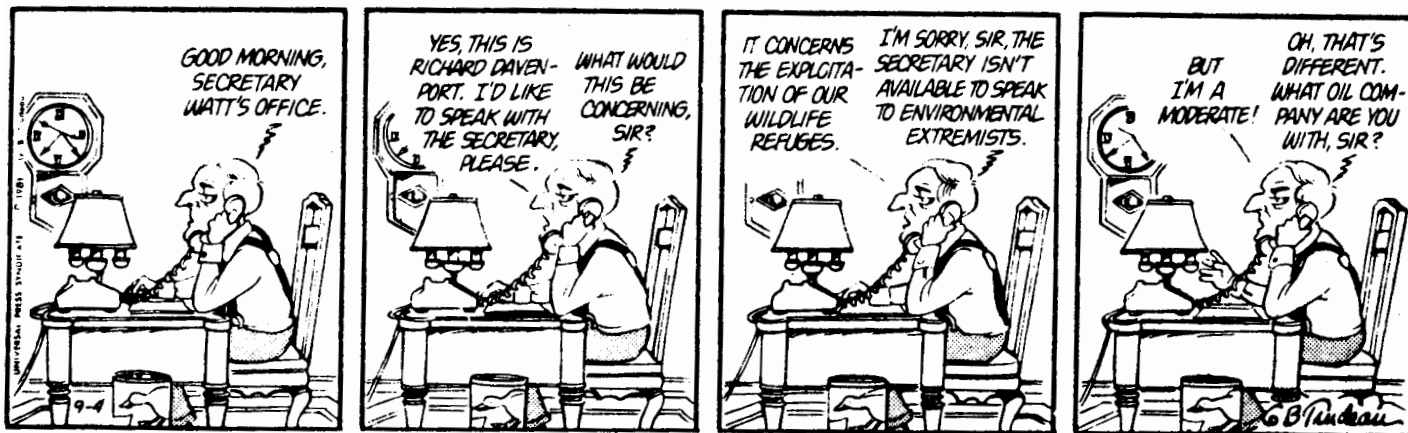
The Water Resources Conservation and Efficiency Act

The Water Resources Conservation and Efficiency Act is a new water policy to meet the needs of ALL Californians.

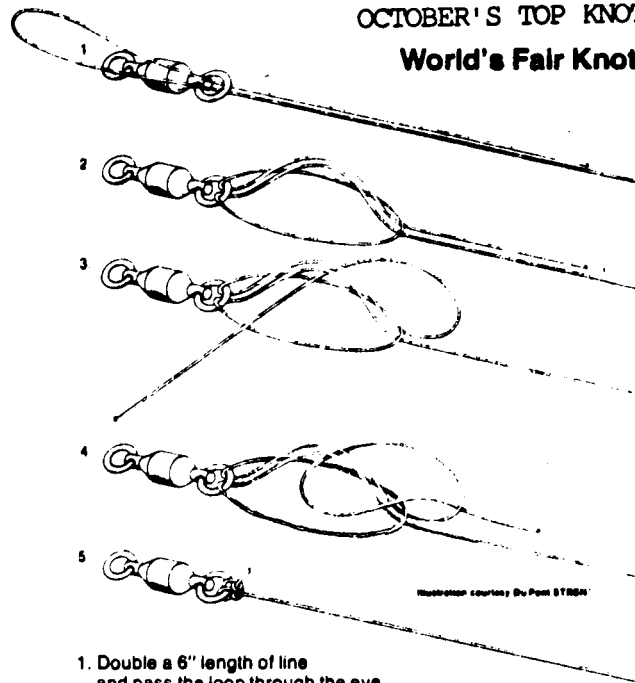
- ▶ It establishes a *statewide goal* — to end wasteful and inefficient uses of water in California.
- ▶ It addresses the *serious environmental concerns* about the management of Northern California water supplies.
- ▶ It will help meet the *critical water needs* of Southern California during the next 15 years.
- ▶ It requires communities and water districts throughout the state to draft and implement **THEIR OWN LOCAL PLANS** to meet the new goals of water conservation and efficiency.
- ▶ It provides *economic incentives* for farmers and water agencies to manage their water more efficiently.
- ▶ It creates *fair water pricing* by phasing out the use of property taxes as price subsidies to big water users.
- ▶ It provides *essential protection* for California's underground water supplies, which are being overpumped to a critical point in some parts of the state.
- ▶ It requires that enough *water be left in our remaining public rivers and streams* to support sport and commercial fishing, boating, other recreational uses, and wildlife, and to maintain the quality of the water.

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5. Pull the tag end snug, slide knot up tight.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

Elk Hair Caddis

At this time of the year one of the main hatches that we see on our local streams is the Caddis.

Recently during our visit to Putah Creek we observed a few caddis coming off the stream throughout the afternoon. Also we noted dense colonies of caddis larvae attached to the large boulders downstream of the dam.

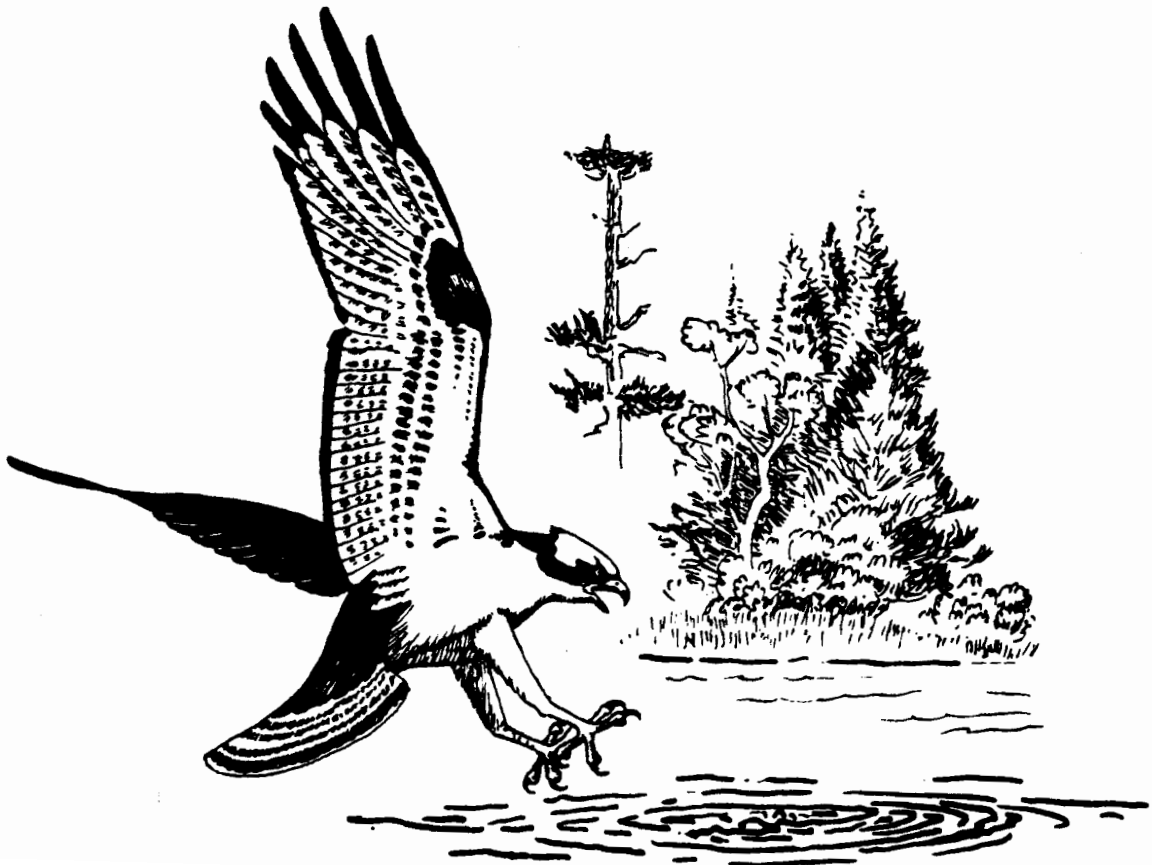
A superficial examination gave them the appearance of saddlecase makers.

The adults seen fluttering along the stream were about 4 mm in body length.

Several trout were taken on a size 14 elk hair caddis pattern fished dry. The best fish of the day was a 17" brown that had been observed feeding on the surface of the creek at the head of the long pool below the dam.

This pattern, an excellent floater, is very popular in the Yellowstone region, probably competing with the deer hair humpy as a general purpose floater.

Since it has performed well locally, we offer it for your further consideration.



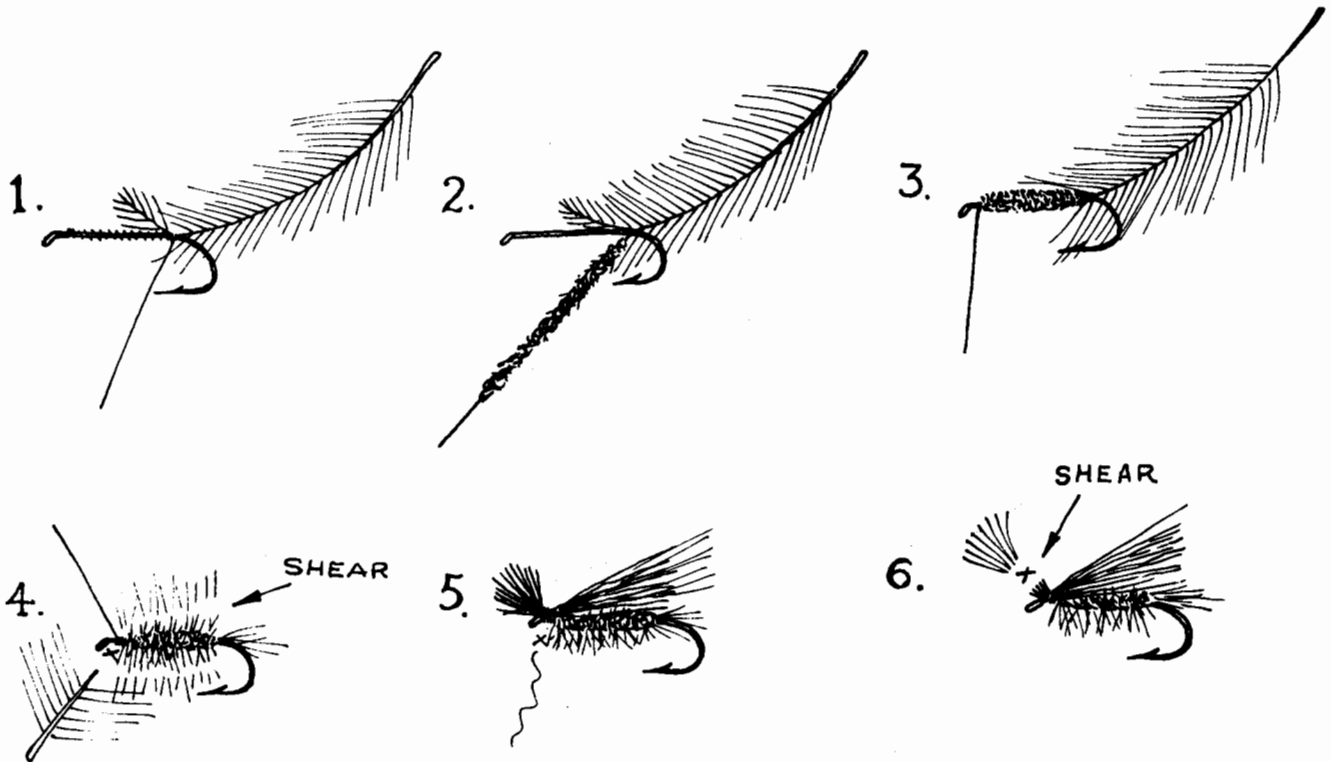
ELK HAIR CADDIS

Materials-

Hook---Mustad 94340 sizes 14-16
Thread---Gray nymo
Body---Medium gray fur
Hackle---Brown palmer clipped short
Wing---Elk body hair

Procedure-

1. Tie in, just above the barb of the hook a single dark ginger hackle feather as shown.
2. Prepare a medium dirty gray color fur dubbing and wrap it up to just behind the eye of the hook.
3. Spiral wrap with about six turns palmer fashion, the hackle up the body to the head of the hook and trim as shown.
4. Tie in a bunch of elk hair with many wraps of thread directly behind the eye of the hook in such a way as to flare it slightly to simulate the flat wings of the adult caddis.
5. Clip the extended butts of the elk hair about 1 mm. be-
yond the eye of the hook. This extended bunch of hair seems to improve floatation in rough water and gives the appearance of the head of the insect.



A PLACE TO FISH

One of the great values of our Club membership is the accumulated knowledge of its members that is available to all of us.

We are specially fortunate in that some of our members are not only widely experienced but also able to write interestingly and entertainingly about those experiences.

Such a one is John Gantner, who graciously has offered to share some of his magazine articles with us in the Cast.

FLYFISHING THE KLAMATH HALF POUNDERS, OR THE KLAMATH TWITCH

Weitchpec, Orleans, Somesbar, Happy Camp, Seiad: not exactly household words; however, mention of these small northern California towns calls back glowing memories of fiercely fighting steelhead to many fishermen. They dot Highway 97 as it parallels the upper Klamath River, possibly the most underrated flyfishing water in the state.

Rolling into California from southern Oregon, the Klamath pauses at Copco Lake and Iron Gate Reservoir, then resumes its kinky course to the coast: almost two hundred miles of fantastic fishing. From August until April, whenever the river is clear enough to fish, the local guides drift McKenzie river boats down the pristine canyon sections of this super steelhead stream, delivering their clients into unforgettable fishing action. My favorite time on the stream is September and October, when the Indian summer sun warms the days, and the small but plentiful fall-run steelhead (called half-pounders) pack the river and aggressively take a properly presented fly.

Although drifting or shorecasting with spinning gear and Hotshots, Fishbacks, or Silver Flatfish is the most effective method of fishing the Klamath in the winter months, many have found that in the fall flyfishing is quite effective and adds considerably to the overall enjoyment of the experience. This last September was a fine example of the furious flyfishing fostered on this famous flow.

Steelhead terminology can be confusing to the neophyte. The current definition of a steelhead is simply a migratory rainbow trout. There are steelhead returning from the ocean during any month of the year on the Pacific Coast. Those which enter the Klamath River in the fall or winter to spawn between December and May are called winter fish. The winter fish is the largest and most widespread species. Reaching up to six or seven pounds, the winter steelhead is best fished in December and January. Those which enter the river in the spring or summer, remaining in fresh water until spawning time, are called summer fish or summer-run. The Klamath River has a steelhead strain which enters the river in the fall, usually between late August and November, as an immature fish, spends time in the fresh water maturing, and returns to the sea without spawning. This run of steelhead, which is peculiar to the Klamath River and a few other northern California streams, is called a half-pounder. These fish, most of which run between twelve and eighteen inches, will generally weigh between one pound and three pounds, but are all referred to as half-pounders.

The total number of fish ascending the Klamath River each year rivals any stream in the country. The 1976-77 steelhead harvest from the Klamath was 5,000 fish. Since the mid-sixties, the runs seem to have been improving yearly, with some of the biggest runs on record reported lately.

Steelhead fishing occurs in some part of the river virtually all year round. July and August are good months to fish the area from the mouth at Requa up to Pecwan creek. The last week in August and the first two in September often provide prime half-pounder action, certainly the best fly-fishing, lasting through October or until the first snows. The area from Happy Camp down to Weitchpec, at the mouth of the Trinity River, is the area to fish in the fall. Concentrate on working the tail-outs where a smooth run narrows into the next riffle, always good holding water for the half-pounders. Starting near the head of the run, cast and move down, proceeding in this manner through the tail-out.

In flyfishing this stream, you seldom fish from the drift boat. Rather you use it to get you from one likely looking run to the next. Steelhead school heavily--where you catch one fish you're likely to find more, and the drift boat allows you to try many runs until you find one that produces, beaching the boat and wade-fishing the run.

The most successful flyfishing technique is to throw a long cast quartering downstream, then make as large a mend as possible--and hold on. The strikes come hard and heavy and frequently follow a "Klamath twitch," or slight tug of the line.

Fall-run steelhead flyfishing requires only minor equipment changes from your your summer trout gear. The one important change is the need to carry two flyrods (one rod and two spools for your reel is adequate but not as convenient). Depending on depth of the water, strength of the current, and water temperature, the steelies may be holding right on the bottom or suspended in the flow. To present your fly at the correct depth, a choice of fly line sink rates is necessary. One rod should be rigged with a floating line, the other with either a sink-tip or full sinking line. In the later months, replace the floating line with a fast sinking or lead-core line to reach greater depths. Your rods should be a minimum of eight feet in length (longer can be a definite advantage), and should handle a number 6 to 8 weight line.

Chest waders are a must for fishing the large water of the Klamath River. My preference is the stocking foot wader because of its flexibility. In the fall of the year in northern California you shouldn't venture onto the stream without a heavy coat and your raingear.

The steelhead don't seem leader shy. Seven to nine foot leaders in 1X are standard. Flies used for fall run steelies range from standard steelhead patterns like the Skunk, Silver Hilton, Burlap, and Brindle Bug, across a wide spectrum of patterns to some typical trout nymphs. The Brindle Bug in sizes six, eight, and ten accounts for more fish than any other single pattern.

Northern California steelhead fishermen pioneered the use of shooting head fly lines. The shooting head consists of a short (28 to 32 feet) piece of a single taper fly line attached to a hundred feet of shooting line which is typically monofilament designed to slip through the guides of your flyrod with a minimum of friction to maximize the distance of your casts. Steelhead fishing requires longer casts than are necessary in most trout fishing.

As with all flyfishing, I strongly suggest that flycasters wear glasses for eye protection. This is especially critical for steelhead fishing where long casts and unpredictable winds are common. Gusting winds can sneak up behind you, grabbing your backcast and attaching your fly firmly to your fishing hat, if you're lucky. If not, an errant cast can be flown into the face of the caster or a fishing companion, and glasses may prevent an eye injury.

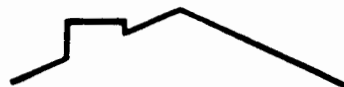
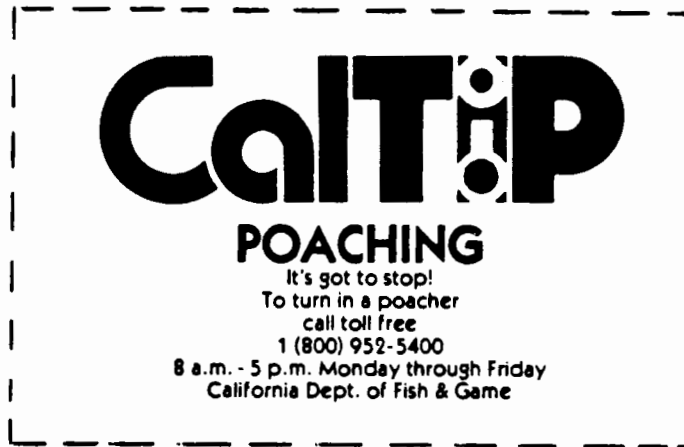
All these words without mention of the fantastic fighting ability of these midget marauders. Perhaps the steelhead, freshly returned from the sea, is the fiercest fighting gamefish, and pound for pound these half-pounders may be the most explosive steelhead. But I don't think I will attempt to describe a typical acrobatic battle. I think I'll let the fish themselves initiate you to the wonders of flyfishing for the Klamath River half-pounders.

John R. Gantner



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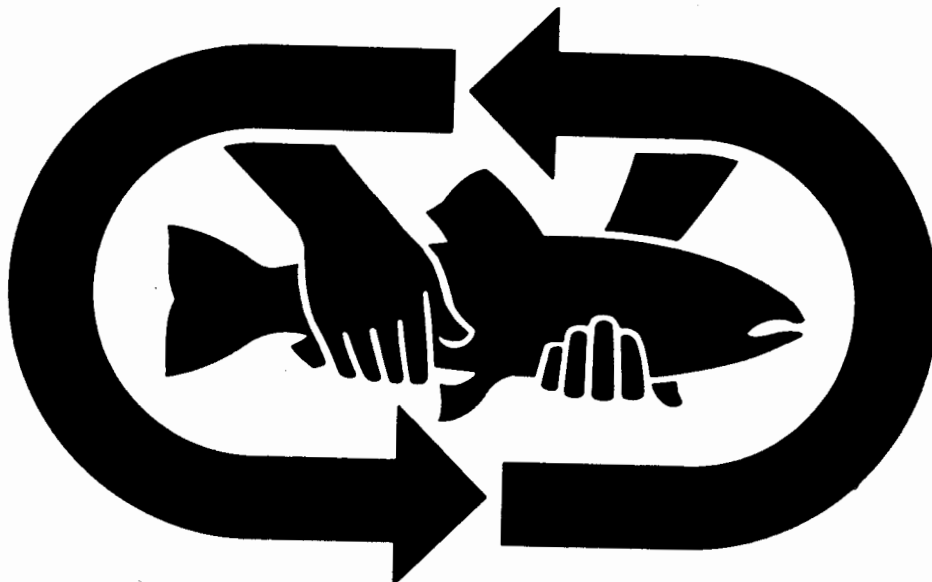
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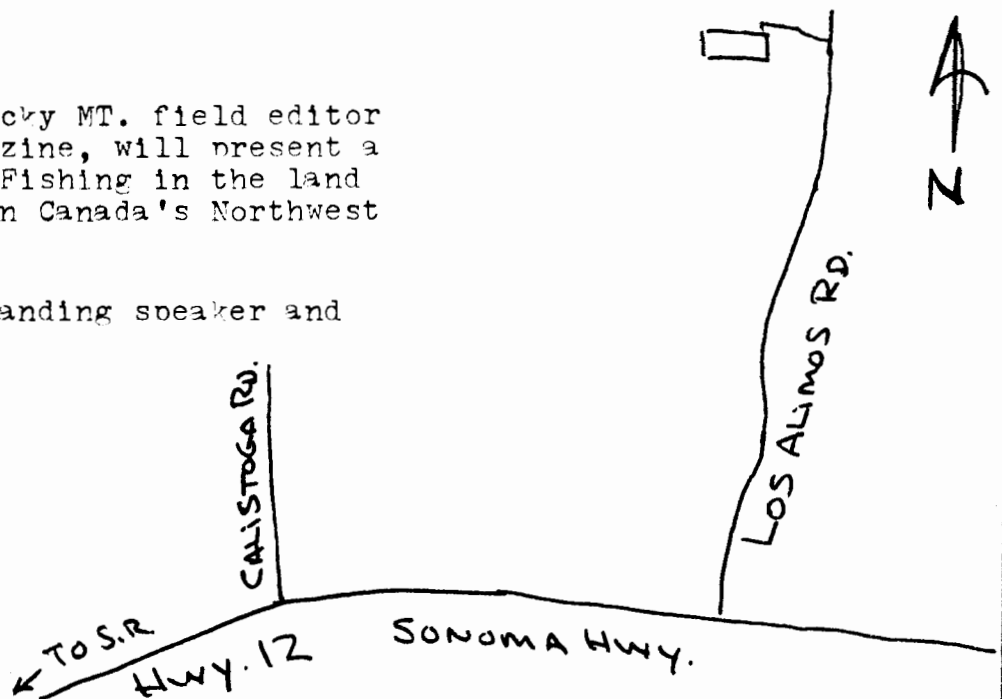
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WHEN: Wednesday, January 19, 1983, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: DeMeo Room, Parks and Recreation Building
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to use this space to publicly recognize and thank Jim Mengle for the fine job he has done as Vice President for the past 18 months. His hard work, helpfulness, and faithfulness has benefited this Club and has certainly made my job easier. With reluctance, the Board has accepted his resignation. We as a Club need to thank him for his outstanding contributions.

The Board of Directors has selected Dick Yeager to fill this vacancy and to serve the remainder of Jim's term. Dick is an experienced Board member (having served several years as Treasurer) and a member of the Casting Pool Committee. Please join me in welcoming Dick back into the Club's leadership.

We are indeed also fortunate to have as our speaker for our Holiday dinner meeting the incomparable Ernie Schwiebert. Ernie is a prominent and well-published author, artist, designer, and the most articulate man I know. He is a real entertainer, and all of you will enjoy seeing him. Please join us December 6th.

Peaceful holidays--

Liz

Further to the January Meeting

First of all, please note the new location for our meeting place; the Parks and Recreation Building on Steele Lane.

This location has several advantages over the school auditorium on Sonoma Ave., and we are very pleased that this has been made available to us.

Since we are working closely with the Parks and Recreation Department on our Casting Pool project, the new meeting location has obvious advantages.

Our speaker for the January 19 meeting, Cam Parry, will cover a very timely subject:

STEELHEAD - a 45 minute program giving basic information for fishermen.

The following Saturday, January 22, 1983, Mr. Parry will conduct a 6 hour seminar on steelhead fishing, demonstrating tackle preparation and the use with actual casting plus a discussion on reading the water and information on our coastal rivers.

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CASTING POOL UPDATE!

Money is coming in! Two members, Jack O'Neel and Charlie Schelter, have already donated \$500.00 each. We have commitments for \$500.00 donations from Phil Trowbridge (plus the promise of canoe trips as prizes for the raffle), Ken Davenport, Dwight Allen, Bob Moratto, and Kerney Towery--- these commitments obtained through the hard work of committee member Jack O'Neel. Grant King has secured a promise of \$5,000.00 from a special fund at Exchange Bank to match the first \$5,000.00 we have in our hands! We are doing well---but there's lots more to be done. Who do you know who can contribute, will let you twist his arm, and needs a tax deduction for 1982? The bigger the amount the better---and \$500.00 donors get a Sage graphite rod, but we need all donations, including labor. Several members have told us they may be able to help with donations of heavy equipment for excavation and grading.

Let's keep with this!

A PLACE TO FISH

The Casini Ranch

With the steelhead season almost upon us, it will be of interest to know where to go to find access to good places to fish.

One of the best known steelhead pools on the Russian River is Brown's pool at the lower end of the Austin Creek riffle.

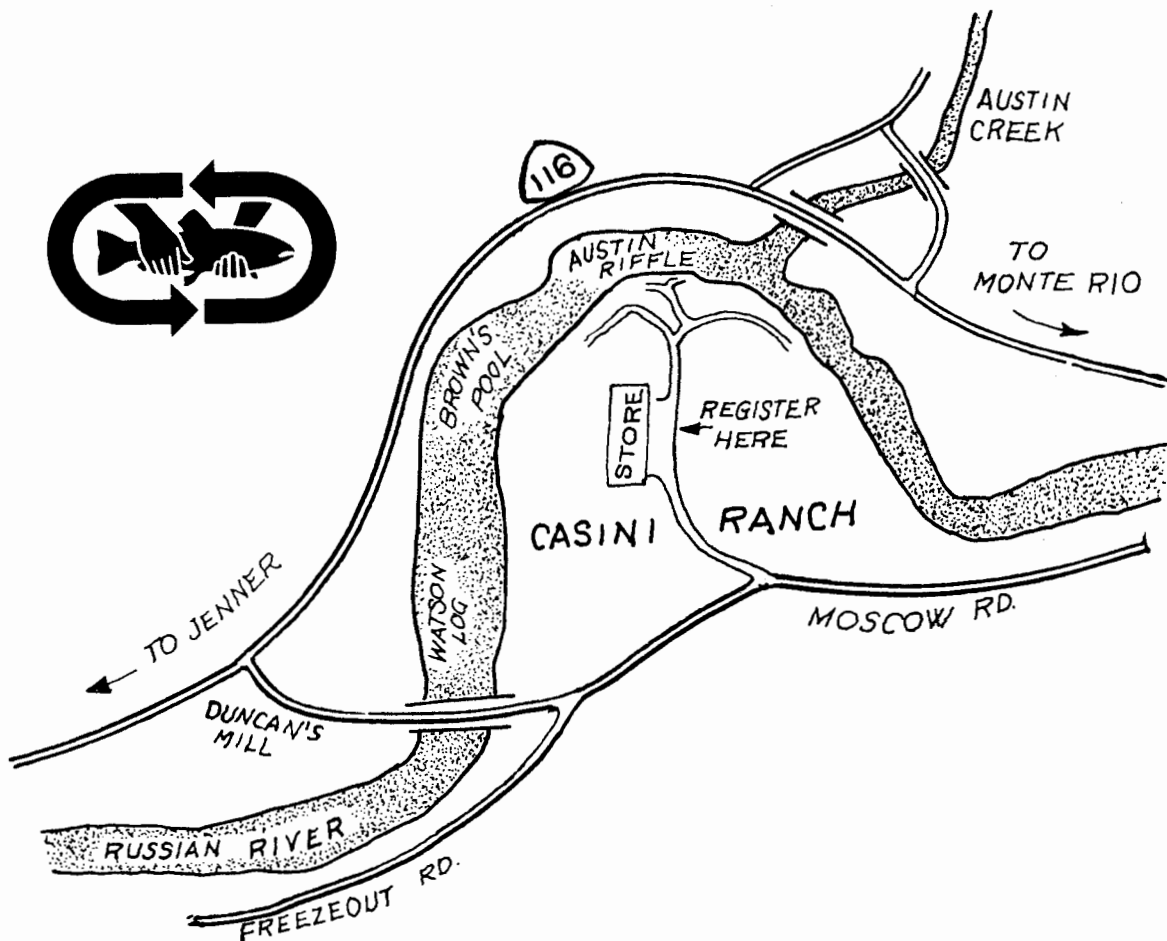
Although these waters are heavily fished, there is the advantage that most of the fish that spawn in the Russian River system must pass through Brown's Pool to get to their places of spawning.

Access to Brown's Pool and the Austin Creek riffle is best achieved by way of the Casini Ranch on the south shore of the river.

From their river frontage there is a wide beach facing Brown's Pool and the Austin Creek riffle, giving ample room for back casts.

There are ample places for parking, picnicking, and camping facilities on the Casini Ranch and well worth the daily entry fee of \$1.00 per person.

The map shown here will help those unfamiliar with the area to find the Casini Ranch.



The Garcia River Estuary

The lower Garcia River is not as heavily fished during the steelhead season as is the Russian River. For one thing, it is a much smaller stream and its watershed has suffered from poor logging practices as have all of our coastal rivers.

Nevertheless it does support runs of silver salmon and steelhead. Ordinarily the silver salmon run precedes the steelhead run by about two months.

This year seems to be an exception; at least to the extent that no silver salmon run of any size has been observed to date.

With last winter's heavy rains, the stream channel has shifted somewhat, to the detriment of the Minor Hole.

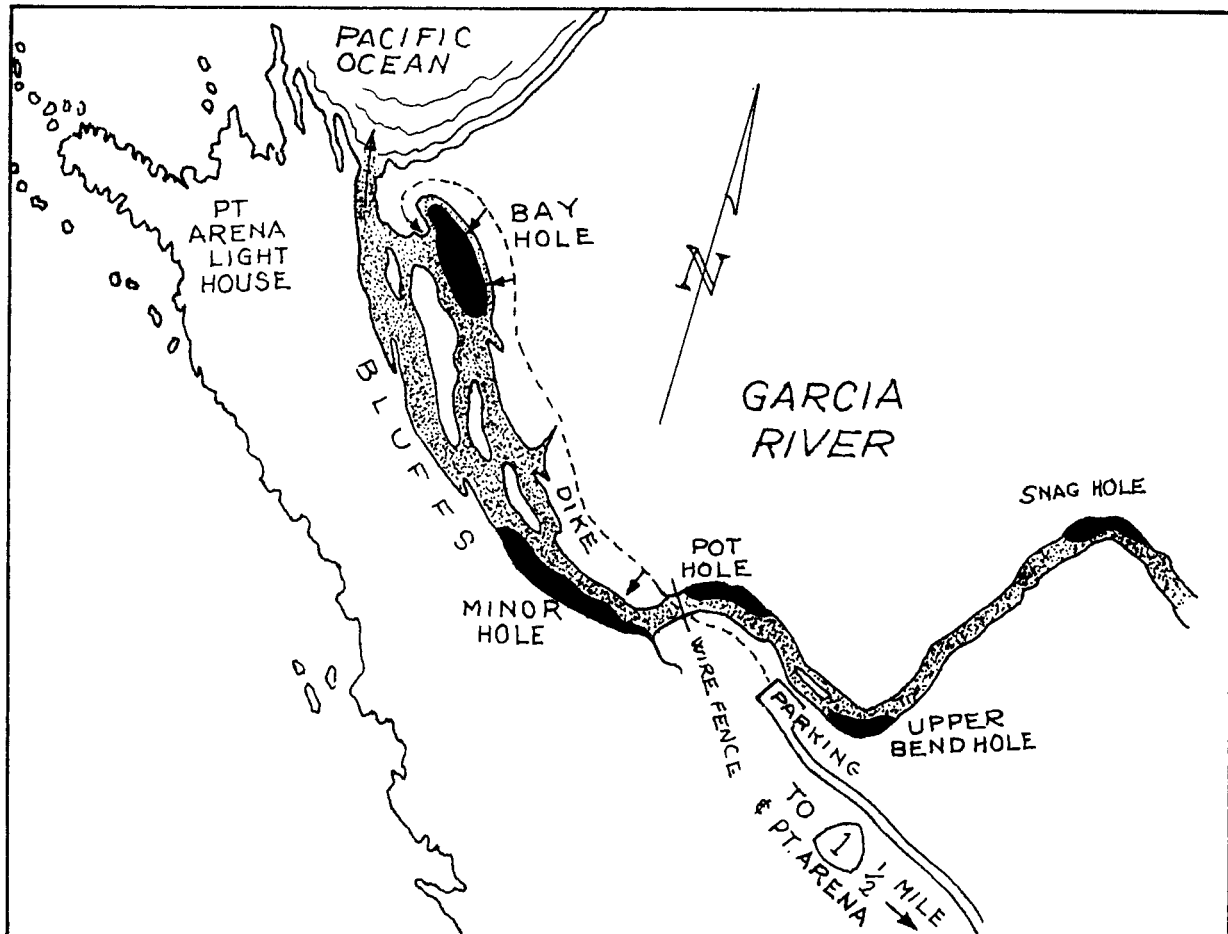
The Bay Hole (see map) near the mouth of the stream continues to maintain its depth and is the first resting hole above the mouth of the river.

The mouth of the Garcia generally remains open throughout the year.

In order to reach the Bay hole it is necessary to cross the stream from the parking area to reach the north shore. This crossing is just a few feet downstream from a barbed wire fence that lies across the stream.

During periods of high tide, the channel may be too deep for wading, so check your tide tables before going to the Garcia unless you plan to use a float tube.

Our club outing to the Garcia produced no fish, probably because the run hasn't come in yet.



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Surely, says I, "Not the James Watt, folk hero and famous wilderness rapist!" "That's me," says he. And I says, "Not the renowned despoiler of our precious national heritage!" "Right," say he. So I ate him

LOVE THAT DONUT
BY
John R. Gantner

A tangerine- tinted skyscape mirrors on the pond's placid surface, reflecting the bright summer morning sun as it mounts the rolling hilltop and warms the fields and meadows that surround his favorite farm pond. The tall tules that crowd the shallows stretch long fingers of shadow over the depths of the passive pool like a fine etching. A grey heron, hunting frogs from atop stick legs, lumbers into flight as an angler moves near the pond. An osprey wheels overhead, sights him, and slides off to sanctuary. A slight chill remains in the air, but not for long; like the mist still rising from the marsh, it will soon be vanquished by the warming rays of the sun.

The angler leans back against a large oak. He injects one leg and then the other into his stockingfoot waders. Snapping a suspender here, another there, and cinching his wading belt around his portly prow, he begins to take the form of ponddoms new rage--Super Tuber. With his floatation vest on, he steps through the slingseat of his belly-barge and bends to don his swim fins. Now, clutching his tube around his tummy, he crowns the picture with his favorite dung encrusted cowboy hat, grabs a flyrod, and, as if unaware of the spectacle he has created, waddles duck-like to pondside.

Nearing the pond, a slight misstep causes Tuber to place his right heel on the webbed tip of his left fin. His next step, of course, forshortened by his inability to properly raise his left foot, throws him off balance and stumbling, he makes two lunging steps into the lake to mire one swim-fin ankle deep in the swamp-sticky that surrounds this stock-tank. Great effort results in his sucking his sticky-stuck foot out of the fin. This sudden release launches a pirouette by the tube-tu-tu'd ballerino, at which point he looses his grip on the tube which falls to hobble-height around his ankles. But with Nureyev-like agility he manages to remain upright. Remounting the tube after locating and reinstalling his mud-mired fin, our hero picks up his rod and trudges forward with the same sort of bravado that characterized the captain of the ill-fated Hindenburg.

A klutz, you say? Not typical of tubers in general? Come on, ask your friends what you look like when entering the water in full tube-paraphernalia. But I digress. Let's immerse ourselves in the pond with our hero as he lays seige on that old hawg-belly that lurks in the far tules. Out to the deep water of the pond, backpeddling his way blindly through bushes and into obstacles, unavoidable in this referse-only rump-rest, he seeks that perfect casting position to that hidey-hole his hawg inhabits.

A disney-designed cartoon frog of deer-hair and feathers dangles, bug-eyed, from his leader, then becomes an animated feature as the slim grey-black rod whips it into action. Two false casts and the fectitious frog is laid, gently--very gently--in a pocket up against the deep-water edge of the tule clump, thirty feet from the tuber. Silver rise-rings of disturbance flow away from the hair-bug and dissipate. The fraud frog lies motionless, as if stunned. Our tube-hero hangs in suspension, anticipation builds the tension until he has waited as long as he (or that big bass) can stand. He strips in line to bob the hair-hoax. Nothing. Bob's it again, more nothing. Bob, wait, bob. It will happen, he just knows it will happen.

The tuber picks up the fly, one false cast and right back to where it was, ka--sploop. Again he prepares to wait out the lunker largemouth that his mind's eye assures him is in that shaded hole--watching--studying that fraud frog. He imagines the bass going through its pre-strike movements--a nervous rocking motion, and the agitated flaring of the fill covers.

A red-wing flutters over the cat-tails, scolding its made for unseen offenses. Our hero glances at this disturbance, of course he shouldn't have. A vee-wake forms, pointing at his fur and feather phony....accelerating. Out of the corner of his eye, he sees the volcanic eruption, the crashing take that tears up the somber surface of the little pond, shattering the solitude.

Brightening sunlight gilts the olive flanks of the heavyweight largemouth. The huge fish came from deep down, nearly clearing water with the force of his charge as he declared war on the craven creature, that deer-hair decoy that had invaded his territory; teasing, taunting, finally tempting him to strike.

Tube-hero recovers his shaken composure in time to see a boiling black hole where the bug-thievin' bass reenters his watery world. Super-Tuber leans back and throws a punch with his rod, hitting the keg-mouth with all the muscle he can manage. The line comes taut.....then comes free, the mangled popper twanging back to lodge..... imbedded in the bulge of the float-tube. Pssssssssssssssss. Frantically, with a finger firmly implanted into the ruptured tube, our hero kicks for all he's worth, racing the evacuating air to shore. Exciting? You bet your bass it's exciting. Fishing from the bouyant belly blister is a thrill, but floating is also a jeopardy that this bizarre belly bouy presents to the unwary angler.

I share Super-Tuber's love affair with the delightful descendant of a donut. Float-tubes provide the gravest threat to a fishes life expectancy since the invention of the barbed hook or the Army Corps of Engineers. But tubes, those party boats for anti-social anglers, require its user to exercise some care.

The problems of fly fishing from this fickle floating foundation begin with waders, those ridiculous rubber requirements of tubing. Obviously invented by bulge-bellied, banty-legged, landlocked midgets, waders appear comical by nature-- downright ludicrous. When coupled with the bulk of a belly-boat, the scene becomes burlesque.

Besides being ridiculous, waders are traitorous, demanding, distressing, taxing, and expensive and I care little for them. I find it a macabre mystery why waders do not share the shape of man. Cut baggy beyond belief in all the wrong places, waders seem to skimp on material just where it's needed most. Like so many of us, Super-Tuber when through the buy-a-cheap-pair-a-year syndrome, a dollar-destroying syndrome, a dollar destroying routine to be sure.

In the center of a mid-winter lake, Tube Hero kicks enthusiastically to prepel his tube through the near freezing flow. Imagine his alarm as a cascade of bone-chilling trout pond enters through the knee to crotch rent in the all-too-short inseam of his dwarf-designed-dungarees of Taiwan. A sad and sodden tuber emerges from the lake to chatter and shake his way back to camp and warmth.

Nor are waders the only treacherous traitors of rubing. Let's follow Super-Tuber to a large lake in Idaho where he parks his motorhome some distance from the water, and, wearing tennis shoes over his stocking foot waders, he hikes with his tube to the lake. Upon reaching the lake, he removes the shoes and ties their shoelaces to the loops on the sides of the tube. Our hero then enters the lake, takes the swim fins out of their compartment in the tube, and floats into deep water as he attempts to grope over the portly prow of the portable platform to contact his feet. His reach is almost perfect.....almost.

Hero manages to get one fin on conventionally, but the second finds a position half on his foot and refuses any attempts to seat it further. After enough awkward struggling to arouse the interest of those other anglers wading nearby, our hero lays his new graphite rod across his lap and makes an impassioned lunge over the prow of his tube for the offending fin. He succeeds in grasping his foot just as the over-balanced tube flips him waders up in the lake. The cartwheel whips the fin off his foot, and from his head-down position, he watches it sink into the slime of the lake bottom and disappear. Now, at this point, his lungs remind him that he can't remain in this atmosphere indefinitely, so, frantically flailing his arms, he makes a sacroiliac-straining struggle to thrash himself upright.

Allowing time for the wading anglers within earshot to subdue their unbridled mirth, Super Tuber takes inventory of his situation. He is, of course, soaked from the tip of his head down to his one remaining swim fin. His cherished fishing hat floats nearby, looking for all the world like the uppermost part of a very short

wader, and in the turmoil, he has windmilled one of his tennies off of the tube, only a broken shoelace remaining. Luckily, his flyline has entwined itself around his arm during the absurd gymnastics, allowing him to retrieve his rod by hand-lining. The experience indelibly imprinting on our hero's mind that the proper time to don one's fins is prior to entering the water.

But can this dampen our hero's spirits? No way! He will go on delighting his audiences as he emerges from a lake, tube-clad, with all the grace of a cow on ice. He will use his cat-like reflexes to entertain his fishing and camping partners and he will continue to trust life and limb to the staunch stillwater saddle, for he continues his love affair with a donut.

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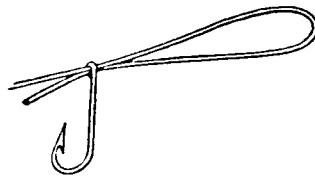
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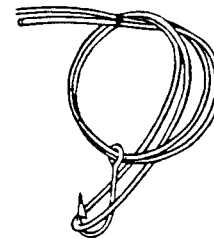
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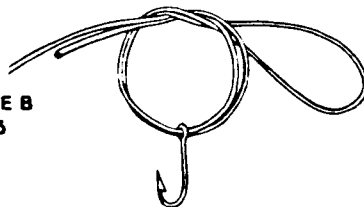


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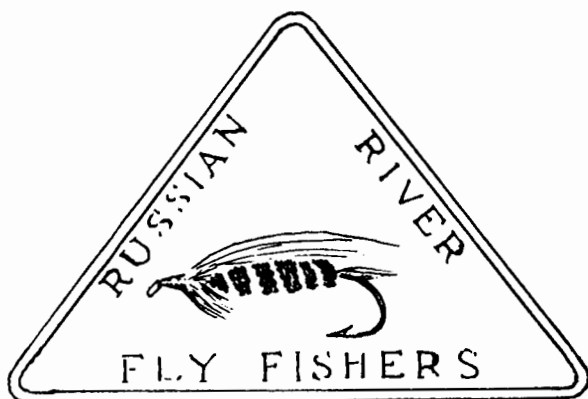
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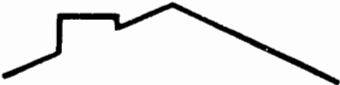
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