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The Fisherman's Line

**October Meeting, Tuesday October 27, 2020
7:30 pm Via Zoom Webinar (Pre-registration Required)
Mike Malekos Presents:
California Trout Fishing Destinations, Essential
Gear, and Stream Tactics**

*T*his month, Tuesday October 27th, the Fly Fishers of Davis welcome Mike Malekos. During his presentation, Mike will share his views regarding essential gear, small stream tactics, and profile several Northern California blue-ribbon trout fishing destinations Fly Fishers of Davis should consider visiting.

Mike is the Founder and Administrator of The Casting A Rise Foundation. Casting A Rise raises money for charitable, educational, and nonprofit organizations through fly fishing. Please take a look at www.castingarise.com and consider supporting this impactful 501(C)(3) organization.

Mike is also a contributing Columnist at California Fly Fisher magazine. His "Snapshot" articles are short, informative pieces discussing how to fly fish various fisheries within our state. Through his commentary Mike shares how to get there, how to fish there, and most importantly, why he fishes each body of water the way he does. The written synopsis of his fly fishing experience is intended to shorten an angler's learning curve and to serve as a starting point for someone who has never visited the profiled fishery. Among other things, Mike touches on the area, equipment selection, and how he found fish to behave.

Joe is currently an ambassador for Aquaz Fishing Gear and resides in Mammoth Lakes, Ca with his wife Julia, & sons Quinn and Logan. In his off-time Joe enjoys fishing and spending time with his family.



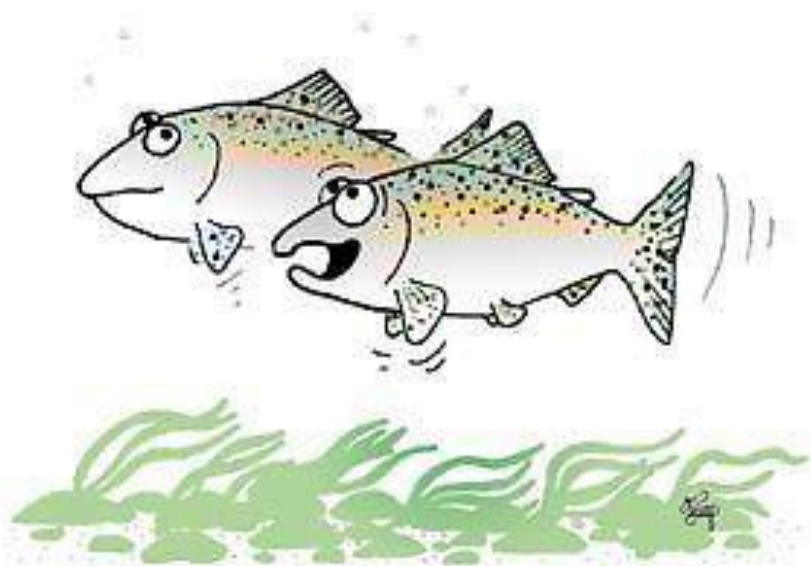
THE PREZ SEZ

By Tristan Leong

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

The fall season is upon us, and that means there are a myriad of fly-fishing options available. I hope you are able to get outside and go fishing safely. Stripers, steelhead, trout, salmon, and bass should be the name of the game now as the days get shorter and the air cooler. October also marks the 8th month we have been socially distancing and unable to hold our in-person meetings. I implore all of you who haven't participated, to log in to our online monthly meetings. We are growing our attendance levels, and have had excellent speakers and presentations. This also provides us an opportunity to receive feedback from our membership and improve our platform. More is in store and I look forward to hearing and seeing from everyone.

Tristan



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just to drive the fly fishers crazy!"**



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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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Only 1% of Central Valley flows “wasted to the sea” to protect Delta smelt

The following analysis was recently posted on [California Water Research](#) by Deirdre Des Jardins. I’ve reposted it here with permission.

On the Sean Hannity show this week, Donald Trump told the audience,

California is gonna have to ration water. You wanna know why? Because they send millions of gallons of water out to sea, out to the Pacific ... because they want to take care of certain little tiny fish, that aren’t doing very well without water, they have farms here and they don’t get water. It is so ridiculous they’re taking the water and shoving it out to sea.

But according to [a 2020 fact sheet from The Bay Institute](#), **the truth is that the 2010-2019 endangered species protections had relatively little water supply impact, much less than routine actions to protect water quality and maintain pumping infrastructure.** And the Trump administration gutted the ESA protections in December 2019.

The fact sheet states, “In 2019 scientists from the Bay Institute, the Nature Conservancy, and San Francisco Baykeeper analyzed Delta exports by the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) and Bay inflow for the 2010-2018 water years.” Baykeeper “extended the analysis through the 2019 water year.”

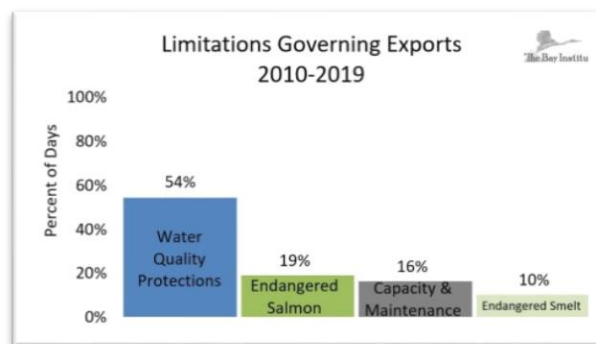
The scientists’ analysis of the 2010-2019 water years showed that the previous Delta smelt protections limited exports on only 10% of days. Since the export limits only kicked in when Delta inflows were low, the “water wasted to the sea” to protect Delta smelt was much lower — only 1% of total Central Valley runoff. Water “wasted to the sea” to protect salmon was only 2% of total Central Valley runoff.

The 2010-2019 endangered species protections kicked in at critical times for spawning and rearing of Delta smelt, and for outmigration of endangered

winter and spring run Chinook salmon. The Trump administration’s new rules eliminate all limits on the number of adult Delta Smelt that can be killed at the Delta pumps, and weaken or eliminate many protections for salmon. The Natural Resources Defense Council called the new rules “[A Plan for Extinction.](#)”

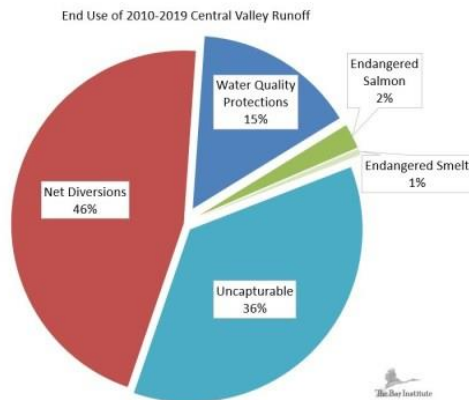
Below are the graphs from The Bay Institute fact sheet, and their associated captions:

Limitations Governing Exports, 2010-2019: the percent of days that SWP and CVP exports in the Delta were governed by each limitation. “Water Quality Protections” consist of state regulations to protect water quality for a broad array of municipal, industrial, agricultural and environmental uses. “Endangered Salmon” consists of days when exports were limited in order to protect salmon or of days covering both salmon and smelt; “Endangered smelt” consists of days when exports were limited only for endangered smelt. “Capacity and Maintenance” consists of days when pumping was reduced due to maintenance, full canals or reservoirs, or low demand; the only reason export pumps were ever shut down completely were for capacity or maintenance reasons, not for fish and wildlife protection.



End use of 2010-2019 Central Valley Runoff: this pie chart shows percent of unimpaired runoff to San Francisco Bay from its Central Valley watershed. “Net Diversions” consists of total diversions (Delta exports, in-Delta diversions, and diversions upstream of the Delta), minus water reuse, imports from other river basins, and releases from prior year

storage. “Water Quality Protections” consist of state regulations to protect water quality for a broad array of municipal, industrial, agricultural and environmental uses. “Endangered Salmon/Smelt” consists of actions to restrict exports to prevent jeopardy to these species. “Uncapturable” consists of flows that exceeded the physical capacity of the SWP and CVP to pump, convey or store exports from the Delta; some of this water also helped to meet “Water Quality Protections” and “Endangered Smelt” needs.



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Reference:

Gregory J. Reis, Jeanette K. Howard, and Jonathan A. Rosenfield, 2019, “Clarifying Effects of Environmental Protections on Freshwater Flows to—and Water Exports from—the San Francisco Bay Estuary,” *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science* 17-1: 1-22. Available at: <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8mh3r97j>

Dr. Peter Moyle has been in the middle of California’s “water wars” for decades. [Inside Climate News](#) has a story by Evelyn Nieves about him related to the Delta Smelt story above. I’ll leave you with some excerpts here, but I encourage you to read the story at the link.

“If fish biologists became famous, celebrated for saving ecosystems, Moyle, the leading expert on California’s waterways and native aquatic species, would be a household name. His research has helped revitalize rivers, creeks, marshes and life all around them—and at 78, he is still at it.

“He still goes out on a boat once a month to survey fish, still writes (after 11 books and more than 250 peer-reviewed articles) and still testifies to legislators in Sacramento about the state of the state’s waters. In fact, the mild-mannered Moyle is involved in California’s biggest water war, one his

efforts to save an ecosystem he unwittingly helped trigger.



“Moyle first sounded the alarm over a declining native freshwater fish, the delta smelt, over 30 years ago. The three-inch semi-translucent fish lives only in the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta, the network of islands and canals that is the hub of the state’s water supply system. Efforts to save the delta smelt and other threatened native species have led to limits on water pumped from the delta to the vast farm lands and cities hundreds of miles to the south.

“The agricultural industry has cried foul and complained bitterly that California is favoring fish over farmers. President Donald Trump, who counts the agricultural lobby as one of his biggest donors, has taken to predicting California will have to start rationing water to save “some kind of tiny little fish.”

“But Moyle calls the delta smelt a scapegoat for poor water management and a bellwether for an ecosystem sickened by overuse and major droughts. Several other fish species native to the delta, he notes, are also listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, including the longfin smelt, green sturgeon and spring run Chinook salmon; others, including the splittail, San Joaquin Chinook and Sacramento perch, are in serious decline. With climate change, Moyle added, “it will only get worse.”

The full story has more about Dr. Moyle’s role in preserving the McCloud River and Putah Creek, as well as background on his life and education. It wraps up with the following:

“Moyle said he has “quietly supported” a tunnel project in theory, based on two assumptions. “First is

that ag and urban interests will get a lion's share of the water no matter what," he said. His second assumption is that at some point, the levees that hold up the islands in the delta are going to collapse due to a major earthquake, floods or rising sea levels.

"Some islands are already 25 feet or more below sea level and beneath the water level in the surrounding channels. Climate change will increase sea level rise, increasing the pressure on the levees. If major levee collapse occurs, and the pumps in the delta start sucking up salt water, Moyle said, "there will be a canal built anyway, as an emergency measure."

"California's freshwater fish are in crisis, Moyle said. In the future, California may have the same fish in its waters as everywhere else, with hardly any native species, and its ecosystems will be poorer for it. What's needed is a statewide strategy of ecological reconciliation. "We've got to integrate conservation in the places that we humans live and work and play," he said.

"Concrete steps that have worked for other waters, he said, include creating a favorable water flow regime, or plan, that regulates high and low flows to favor native species. He would also love to see reductions in key alien species, improved water quality, and expanded tidal habitats. And all of that, he said, must be done with a plan that also delivers water to humans.

"It's not too late to change a lot of things," he said, "but people really have to want to do the work."

Earlier this month President Trump established a Water Subcabinet of senior Federal agency officials "to facilitate efficient and effective management and modernization of our water supplies and systems while also eliminating duplication between agencies".

The President named Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler as co-chairs, and included senior officials from the USDA, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, and the Department of the Army (Civil Works) on the subcabinet.

It remains to be seen whether this subcabinet will actually have an opportunity to do any damage to California's water issues.

Finally, Maven's Notebook published a very interesting study on [Fish Predation in the Delta](#). Again, I recommend you read the whole thing to fill in the details I'm leaving out . Here are some excerpts.

[Cyril Michel](#) is a Fisheries Biologist with the University of California Santa Cruz and the team leader for the salmon acoustic telemetry and salmon predation programs at the University of California Santa Cruz. He also has an affiliation with National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center. At a webinar held at the end of August 2020, Mr. Michel discussed the research he and his team are doing on studying salmon predation in the Delta.

Mr. Michel reviewed the lessons learned from the study. *"The first thing we learned is that localized predator removals don't appear to work in this system, or at a minimum, that there's more powerful drivers of predation risk and salmon survival and the signal of the predator removals is being swamped out by these more power drivers. So this was an important realization for us that we really need to better understand these other drivers of predation risk in salmon survival."*

One thing they found was that predation risk changes depending upon the time of year. Early in the season, predation risk was fairly low across the system due to cold water temperatures, but as the spring progressed and water temperatures become warmer, there were increases in predation risk to the point where by late May, predation risk skyrockets. Mr. Michel proposed three hypothetical management scenarios based on his results so far: 1) Earlier hatchery releases to provide better conditions for out-migrating fish, 2) Mitigate hotspots to minimize predation where it's high, and 3) Manage temperature to lower predation.

Read the entire post – it's worth some time! Besides, what else have you got to do these days???

PATAGONIA ON THE FLY

Fly Fishers of Davis, in cooperation with Lago Rosario Lodge ("LRL") is again pleased to announce the opportunity for its members to participate in a "once in a lifetime" travel and fly fishing adventure to the Patagonia Region of South America. Presently, the trip is scheduled for the Lodge's summer season of 2021 (January – March) with lodging and fishing programs being offering at up to a **20%** discount off listed rates.

LAGO ROSARIO LODGE

Lago Rosario Lodge (<http://lagorosariolodge.com>) is a first class, full service operator located an hour's drive south of Esquel, Chubut, Argentina.

The Lodge is designed for comfort and accommodates a maximum of eight guests at any one time. The cuisine at LRL is inspired and memorable. Meals are prepared on a daily basis by its two gourmet chefs who use only the freshest local and organic ingredients.

Its location affords fishers the opportunity to test their skills on its world-class spring creeks, small to medium sized freestone rivers, and trophy still waters in the pursuit of rainbow, brown and brook trout. One of the unique elements of the LRL fishing experience is that each day every pair of anglers is assigned an experienced local English-speaking guide and an assistant.



FISHING PROGRAMS

"Argentina & Chile Program" - 11 NIGHTS / 10 FISHING DAYS

Experience the varied fishing landscape found in the Patagonia Region of Argentina and Chile. The program consists of an eleven (11) - night stay at two well-appointed and comfortable lodges and ten (10) guided fishing days (six and a half fishing days in Argentina and three and a half in Chile).

FFD Member Rate: 5,950

"Patagonia Fishing Expedition" - 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS / 7 ½ FISHING DAYS

The Expedition consists of two unique experiences. During the first half of the stay, guests will travel via a specially designed and equipped Mercedes Benz utility vehicle through some of Patagonia's most scenic and remote areas. These unforgettable landscapes hold glacier fed waters and afford the opportunity to fish otherwise inaccessible waters.

The balance of the stay will be spent at the comfortable Lago Rosario Lodge with daily excursions to local area spring creeks, rivers, and lakes. The excursion includes a local English-speaking guide and one assistant per two anglers.

FFD Member Rate: \$4,790

"One Week Package" - 7 NIGHTS / 6 FISHING DAYS

During the week, guests will enjoy spectacular fishing in the Patagonia Region of Argentina. The program is comprised of seven (7) nights at Logo Rosario Lodge and six (6) guided fishing days. The excursion includes a local English-speaking guide and one assistant per two anglers.

FFD Member Rate: \$3,710

INCLUDED

- Double room
- Gourmet meals
- Alcoholic beverages
- Fishing licenses

NOT INCLUDED

- Air fare
- Custom fees
- Gratuities
- Incidentals

Testimonials

Earlier this year, four members of FFD traveled to the Logo Rosario Lodge and experienced ten (10) days of fishing the waters of the Patagonia Region of Argentina and Chile. Each would be pleased to share their experiences.

For further information, please contact Ken Lazzaroni at kmlazzaroni@yahoo.com



Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International **November 2020 Report**

By Mark Rockwell, President, NCCFFI

Like so many of you I and our Board are anxious to get the election over, and as I write this article I sense my anxiety over all that is “up-in-the-air” at the moment. Our Council is preparing for our Board Election which FFI members should receive next month via Survey Monkey. We are still unable to really plan for 2021 due to the impacts of COVID-19. We do know the International Sportsman’s Exhibition in Sacramento (ISE Show) has been cancelled for 2021, and we are waiting to hear the status of the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton. We will advise everyone as soon as we know. We are still planning on the YubaFest for 2021, and will advise on that as well. Our hope is that conditions will improve after the first of the year, and we can get back to some semblance of normal. We all need to see each other, have some fun together, and re-connect our relationships.

Klamath Dam Removal

As many of you may know, we have run into a snag on removing the 4 dams on the Klamath River. We did receive a license transfer order from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) but it kept PacifiCorp on the license instead of moving the sole licensee over to the Klamath River Renewal Corp. (KRRC). This caused PacifiCorp to be unsure about moving forward due to possible liability and cost concerns. We are currently in negotiations with them on how we can move forward with what FERC has allowed. Oregon, California, Tribes and a Representative of the NGO community are working to find a solution. What this is causing is doubt we can still make our January 2022 removal start date. Representative Jared Huffman has introduced legislation in Congress to put pressure on PacifiCorp to move forward (HR4447) or suffer liability for the negative impacts their dams are causing to water quality and fishery loss, as well as put in place new requirements for licensure if the walk away from the current agreement. We have until December to find a solution. Everyone is trying, but PacifiCorp remains a less than ideal partner.

Report on Cutthroat in Pyramid Lake & Truckee River

Our Nevada Conservation VP, Tom Smith, has been following some new changes for Pyramid Lake & spawning Lahonton Cutthroat Trout in the newly available lower Truckee River in Nevada. We are very lucky to have both the new Pilot Peak strain of CT now in Pyramid Lake, but we also now have the availability to have these fish use the lower 40+ miles of the Truckee to spawn in, which was blocked by a new dam 20 miles below Reno in 1905. The article below is one that covers the details of these new changes for the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake, and will hopefully excite you into making a visit to this wonderful fishery just north of Reno, Nevada.

Tom Smith has a note of interest: *“Something that has been forgotten by most is that the diversion of water from the Truckee River back in 1905 not only lowered the lake level at*

Pyramid, it completely dried up a sister lake, Winnemucca Lake. That lake is now a dried salt and sage brush flat that is just over the mountain range from Pyramid Lake on the way to Gerlach. It also contained the famous Cutthroat Trout. The Truckee River split just past Nixon, Nevada, and formed both lakes.” Google Earth Link:

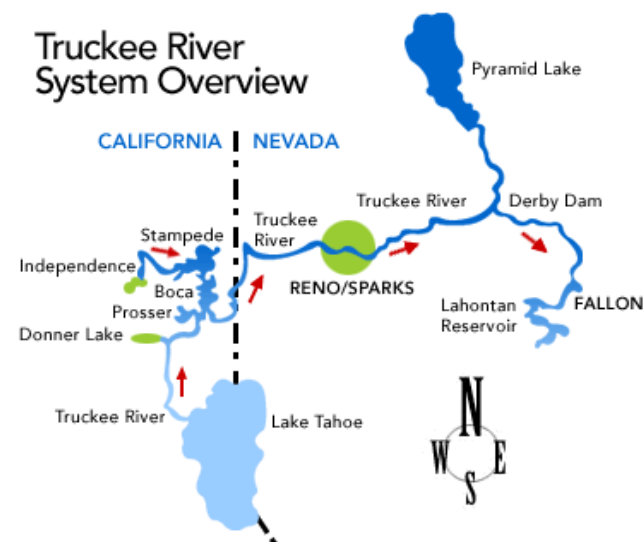
<https://earth.google.com/web/search/Winnemucca+Lake,+Nevada/>

Here’s the article:

Return of the Lahontan Cutthroat

by Mark Warren, Retired Chief of Fisheries, Nevada Dept. of Wildlife

The Truckee River is 121 miles in length, originating from the California side of Lake Tahoe and terminating at Pyramid Lake, located within a Paiute Indian Reservation. Along its route, it passes through Truckee, California, then turns west and flows down into Nevada and through Reno/Sparks before journeying on to Wadsworth - 30 miles east of Reno. Here it takes a turn north and heads into Pyramid Lake.



In 1905 the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) built a dam 20 miles downstream of Reno/Sparks to divert water to a storage reservoir (Lahontan Reservoir). Lahontan Reservoir, which holds 290,000-acre feet of water, also receives water from a sister river, the Carson River. It was the dream of the Bureau of Reclamation to use this stored water to open up the area around Fallon, Nevada (60 miles east of Reno) for agriculture, and enticing people to move to the area and start farming, which they did. The downside was that with the diversion of water out of the Truckee River, Pyramid Lake dropped 100 feet in elevation over the next forty years. As a result of this drop, the Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) were not able to navigate the delta that

formed at the river terminus and they disappeared in the early 1940's. Years later the Nevada Department of Wildlife reintroduced cutthroat back into the lake where they have been thriving ever since, but supported through stocking.

Trying different strains of cutthroat, the US Fish & Wildlife Service (US FWS) experimented with a fish from a stream in Eastern Nevada, in the Pilot Peak area. This strain appeared to be linked



to the original Pyramid Lake strain. A few of these fish were moved to the Lahontan Federal Hatchery just outside of Gardnerville, Nevada, spawned and the progeny stocked back into Pyramid Lake. These "Pilot Peak" fish as they are called, proved to adapt very successful and have reached sizes of up to 26 pounds in the last several years.

Hoping to allow the cutthroat access to the Truckee River and spawning ability, the US FWS and the BOR constructed a fish ladder at Derby Dam in 2001. Once the fish moved upstream and spawned, there was a chance of a wrong turn at Derby Dam on their return to Pyramid, ending up in the Truckee Canal and eventually Lahontan Reservoir. Therefore, the fish ladder was not utilized until a screened diversion was built on the Truckee Canal. In 2020 the fish screen was built at a cost of 34 million dollars.

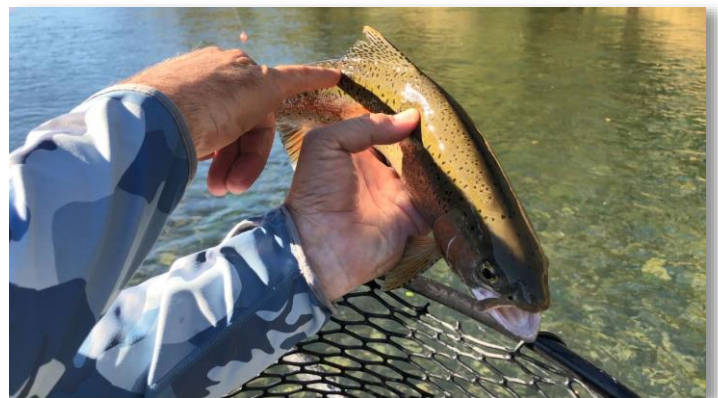
It is the nation's largest horizontal fish screen. In the past several years a few of the cutthroat were observed spawning in the Truckee River below Wadsworth, Nevada, several miles upstream from Pyramid Lake. With the new fish screen in operation, large cutthroat trout, many over 10 pounds, will be able to spawn 50 miles or more upstream of the lake.



FFD EVENTS: Fall Lower Sac Float

Pictures and Summaries by Paul Berliner

Bob Brodberg and I fished the Lower Sac with Shane Kohlbeck las Friday, drifting from Park Marina down to Anderson. It was windy. Oh, did I mention it was windy? The trout must have known something, because the morning bite was way off, but the afternoon bite was much better. The trout were certainly hungry below the redds, but in the flats, nobody was cooperating for miles. Nevertheless, a bunch of trophy trout were taken to the net, plus a few hogs, but the wind made casting very tricky, and Shane was unable to circle back around some hot spots. He even had difficulty holding the drift boat in place with a 30 pound anchor. We actually got our first double within yards of the Anderson takeout!



FFD EVENTS: Fall Lower Sac Float

Pictures and Summaries by Richard Sakai

Russ (my son) and I went out with Shane on Saturday. It was a bright and sunny day with some breeze late morning and was gone by early afternoon. I caught one on my second cast and ended up landing six, but seemed to lose quite a few that day. Russ ended up with about a dozen after losing several in the morning. The afternoon was definitely better than the morning. Using an egg and tried several different flies (can't remember their names).



Press Release

For Immediate Release: 10/16/2020 Contact: Anthony Sampson, SR., Chairman Phone: (775) 574-1000



Pyramid Lake Re-Opening to the Public November 2, 2020

Online permit sales and Ranger Station On-line sales only

NIXON – On October 16, 2020, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council approved the re-opening of Pyramid Lake for day use, camping, boating and fishing on Monday, November 2, 2020. Included with the re-opening of Pyramid Lake was the approval of Section 30 - COVID Guidelines, to be added to the Pyramid Lake Regulations Brochure. These guidelines are placed into effect during a declaration of emergency of the COVID-19 Pandemic by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council. The Pyramid Lake Tribal Council had stated a declaration of emergency in April 2020 for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation, and as a result, implemented new guidelines and regulations for lake usage. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council at this time has approved a new fee schedule effective with the opening of the lake.

State Route 446 will reopen to public passage November 2, 2020.

SECTION 30: COVID-19/Pandemic GUIDELINES

30.1 DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section, the following guidelines will apply to minimize the risks of COVID- 19 within the designated boundaries of the Reservation. Guidelines will be placed into effect upon a declaration of emergency and will remain in effect until cancelled by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council.

- Observe CDC guidelines to mitigate COVID-19 (e.g. Practice social distancing, wear face coverings, frequently wash hands, use of hand sanitizer.)
- Online permit sales and Ranger Station On-line sales only.
- Day use available 7 days a week.
- Camping Permitting – maximum 3 day camping only
- 10 people max per campsite, 2 vehicles, 1 recreational vehicle per site
- 10 permits per beach at 12 beaches with exception of Pelican Beach -20 permits for camping
- 13 permitted public beaches for camping
- Warrior Point, Windless Bay, Pelican Point, Marina, North Nets/Long beach, Washout, Tamaracks, Indian

Head Rock, Blockhouse, Wino Beach, Sandhole, Rawhide and Popcorn Beach.

- **No seasonal permitting at this time**

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE FEE SCHEDULE

Effective November 2, 2020

FISHING PERMIT FEES

Daily Fishing	\$24.00
3-Day Fishing	\$62.00
Second Rod Daily	\$24.00
Second Rod 3-Day	\$62.00

YOUTH FISHING PERMIT FEES

Daily Fishing	\$12.00
3-Day Fishing	\$32.00

PYRAMID LAKE USE PERMIT FEES

Daily Boating	\$26.00
Daily Jet Ski	\$54.00
Day Use	\$22.00
Day Use 3-Day	\$56.00
Boating 3-Day	\$66.00
Jet Ski 3-Day	\$136.00
Overnight Camping	\$32.00
3-Day Overnight Camping	\$82.00

NO SEASONAL PERMITS

FROM THE WAY BACK MACHINE: The Fisherman's Line - October Excerpts from the 70s, 80s & 90s



October 1978

Editors: Arlen Feldman & Dick Blanchard
President: Darryl Davis

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it seems either 1) no one in the club reads president's messages, or 2) no one believed my stated security status, or 3) no salmon/steelhead are being taken from secret spots, or 4) you guys are just like all fishermen - won't even share a little info on local hot spots with your president. I won't close my mind to the matter, so if anyone would care to take me into their confidence, I would be most grateful.

I will be appointing a nominating committee at our next board meeting so they can report the nominees to the membership at the November meeting for election in December. I encourage all of you to consider contributing your services to the club in some capacity. Openings will exist for all officer positions and several board and committee slots. I can assure you from personal experience that the rewards are great, and the responsibilities quite manageable and enjoyable. The excuse to become better acquainted with your fellow anglers is reason enough in itself.

I have received a few fish reports from a recent (10/18) trip to Sacramento to restock on supplies/equipment. Seems that the "harvest trout" are on the surface early in the day at Collins reservoir and reports are that mylar/styrofoam threadfin imitations are most productive (fished slow on top) followed by small muskrat nymphs. No similar action yet at Berryessa, but should occur about 1 November or so. Steelhead are being steadily taken in the American - say 1-3 per evening in the 16-20 inch class by knowledgeable anglers. Techniques include brindle bug/similar flies on type 2 sinking lines in riffles often seen in off water and small soft hackle flies on floating lines at dusk to working fish. Watt, Howe, H Street are reported as good spots. Recent trips to the Feather area have produced no sign of steelhead and some salmon already arriving at hatchery. Flow in Feather is still 4,000 cfs or so (high) and American very decent (1500 or so) and likely to stay that way until winter storms.

Cheers,

Darryl Davis

FROM THE EDITORS - FISHING HERE AND THERE

Orris Gibson stated recently he had been catching decent sized rainbows and brooks on dry flies in Bear Creek near Dutch Flat (off Interstate 80). This glowing prospect was checked out by two other members of the Club who found Bear Creek a small, clear, and brush choked stream, hard to fish, but with good potential. A few small ones were caught. Perhaps more instructions from Orris about access and techniques will be necessary.

The annual upper Sacramento outing was fun; a few members even caught fish - highly unusual on an outing. Cal Kado caught the largest; Mort Schwartz and Bill Dill did well on the McCloud. Black and brown bombers (weighted nymphs) fished upstream with a short leader worked well. Frank Raymond of the Siskiyou Flyfishers' Club in Dunsmuir reports fishing is continuing to improve in his area.

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Editor: Ken Asay

President: Cary Boyden

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UPPER SAC OUTING REPORT

Despite the full moon during the prior week, FFD members successfully fished the Upper Sacramento River around Dunsmuir. Steve Carlson set up the base camp on Thursday. His survey of the stream Friday found Steve taking fish early. The Saturday clinic went very well with Karl Billings and his wife, Ken and Mary Hein, Ted Ceder, Steve Carlson and Ed and Stan attending. Very well means that the instructor caught a fish during the demo and the attendees caught fish afterwards.

Ken Hein made the discovery for this years' formula. Small nymphs with spit shot being the ticket. Ed and Stan had success on both nymphs and dry flys. Karl's wife caught several fish on this, I believe, her first fly fishing outing

Dinner, as always, was excellent with nine of us partaking in conversation, fish stories, drink and food at Railroad Park. Karl suggests staying at the newly opened Dunsmuir Inn Bed and Breakfast. The Railroad Park Caboose' are now \$47 and provide great accommodations. Steam conditions should remain good until the season closes. One thing though, numerous local and major highway construction projects in the lower river promise to muddy up the water during the first rain. Fish from town upstream through the Cantera area.

I had best success on #14 Hare's Ear, and #12 Green Caddis Emerger and #8 Brown Stonefly Nymph. Deciding to fish that one last spot Monday proved successful. When that one cast placing the fly in just the right spot yielded a 19 inch Rainbow on a Green Caddis Emerger. This fishery continues to prove itself as I can attest by the three over two-pound fish caught since Labor Day during three outings.

Again next year the Fly Fisher's of Davis will venture out in the Fall. Hope to see you then

Ron Rabun, Fishmeister

**IF HE'S WILD...
LET HIM GO!**



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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

November 3 is the date for the fishout at Pyramid Lake with Sarge Reynolds as Fishmeister. For those of you who have not yet tried this fishing I would recommend it very highly. Since my first encounter four years ago I have made three or four trips yearly and plan to go again this winter as well. Sarge will have further details elsewhere in this issue.

October 31 thru November 4 are the dates for the Klamath River steelhead trip with Cary Boyden as Fishmeister and offers an opportunity for club members to experience some premium steelhead water and learn from a master with long experience and knowledge of the area. I can say from personal experience that the fishing, scenery and fellowship have been outstanding.

Scheduled club functions coming up include the Putah Creek Cleanup in December and the Annual Dinner and Raffle in January.

FISHERMANS LINE NEEDS YOUR HELP:

The Fishermans Line is in need of member input and assistance in the areas of articles, fishing tips, fly patterns and technical tricks. This is your chance to share with other members. Please contact Rollie Simons and volunteer your information and a little time to the newsletter. The deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.

Hope to see you at the meeting October 30 at North Davis Elementary.

Jim.

*Bonefish, bonefish, where you at?
No use you hide from me.
You must be on the sandy flat
or maybe behind the cay.*

*Bonefish, bonefish, don't you spook.
I know you're hungry as a pig.
Come on an' meet my wiggle jig . . .*



Illustration by George Shortmeier



OUTINGS FFD

2020-2021

<u>Trip 2020</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	TBD			Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD			Camping
Old Fogeys Tr	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman Lake	Trout		TBD			Camping
McCloud River	Trout		October 2 - 6	Gene Stiff	530-759-3446	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 9 -	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2019	Stripers	Boat	November 2	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		November 8 -10			
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		December	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2021</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	530-713-8952	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD			
Lake Berryessa	Mult Sp.	Boat	April			Boater pair with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Putah Creek	Trout		TBD	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Hat Creek	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	TBD			Boater paired with non boater

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For more information, contact: Ken Lazzaroni at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org

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