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No December Fly Fishers of Davis Club Meeting



THE PREZ SEZ

By Tristan Leong

Season's Greetings FFD –

Wishing you all a Merry Fishmas and Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays are filled with love, family, and happiness in whatever form that may take this year (including the new rod or reel Santa saw on sale).

As I reflect upon a challenging 2020, I want to acknowledge the importance of the club: namely the social bonds and community that we share and that I dearly miss. I admit to missing the laughter, seeing my friends, and hearing the tall fish tales. I miss the excited faces of members as they relay their fishing accomplishments. It's safe to say that I miss you all.

All that said, the New Year holds much promise and FFD has a lot to look forward to in 2021. This includes but is not limited to: a new and functional website, numerous potential outings and events, interesting speakers and presentations, and a possible “in-person” return / annual dinner. Please take this time to take care of yourselves, we will return next month online to conduct Board business and our monthly meeting with guest speaker. Unfortunately, our December “home-grown” meeting often involves a lot of in-person activity and we could not find a digital means (quickly) to facilitate this sort of event. We will continue to build out our digital infrastructure, and to bring it online soon (including fly-tying hosted by myself).

Sincerely,

-Tristan



CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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Tires kill salmon? Something in urban streams has been killing coho salmon in the Pacific Northwest. Even in restored streams, nearly all adult salmon returning to these streams would suddenly die after a rainstorm. But until recently scientists were unable to identify what was killing them, even though they suspected some toxicant was washing off the roads. Earlier this month in *Science* magazine, engineers at the University of Washington reported research that identified the toxic chemical as 6PPD-quinone, which is added to tires to protect them from degradation caused by ozone.

Edward Kolodziej and his team spent more than two years isolating the compound from particles of tires from several thousand compounds that leached from them. In the first two years they narrowed the suspects to about 50 compounds, and then used other industrial and regulatory sources to identify 6PPD-quinone. They found it was highly lethal to salmon and readily leached from tire particles. They suspect it is present everywhere, as tires wear during normal vehicle operation.

It's unclear what the next step would be to protect salmon populations, but the first important step of identification has been taken. Tire formulators could look for alternative compounds, but that could take a long time to find and implement. Another way to protect salmon would be to filter stormwater through soil before it reaches streams, but that's an expensive process.

The Paiute cutthroat trout made national headlines last year when the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners returned this California native fish to its home waters in Alpine County for the first time in more than 100 years. The Paiute cutthroat trout was one of the first species in the nation listed under the federal Endangered Species Act in the 1960s.

Recovery efforts continued this October when fisheries biologists relocated 44 Paiute cutthroat trout by pack animals from the nearby Corral Valley Creek into Silver King Creek, the fish's historic home. Both creeks are in the Carson-Iceberg

Wilderness on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The lower part of Silver King Creek is the



Newly released Paiute cutthroat trout swimming in Silver King Creek, the fish's historic home. Photo courtesy of Rachel Van Horne/USDA Forest Service

location of the Old Fogies Backpacking Trip the club has made many times.

"In 2019, the first translocation effort was completed when 30 Paiute cutthroat trout were moved from Coyote Valley Creek to Silver King Creek," said Rachel Van Horne, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest fisheries biologist. "It was a momentous occasion, but the translocation efforts into the mainstem of Silver King Creek will need to continue yearly until a self-sustaining population has been established."

A genetically pure population of Paiute cutthroat trout was established in Corral Valley Creek and other suitable waters decades ago to ensure survival of the species while restoration work took place within Silver King Creek to remove introduced nonnative trout that displaced and hybridized with the native Paiute cutthroat trout.

Read more of this story and the impact of the Slink Fire last September at the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](https://www.fws.gov/).

The Metropolitan Water District voted this month to commit \$58 million to planning for the Delta Tunnel. The board heard three hours of testimony from 80 commenters (60 in opposition), yet still agreed to keep the project going.

"It is critical that we do everything we can to make sure this vital water supply remains reliable," Metropolitan board Chairwoman Gloria D. Gray

said. “It not only provides nearly one-third of the water used in Southern California, it is also one of our most affordable and highest quality supplies. This action helps ensure our communities can rely on this water for generations to come.”

The board’s vote ensures the project’s environmental review and planning phase will move forward. Fifteen other State Water Contractors also have voted to fund the planning process.

The Delta Conveyance Project is part of Governor Newsom’s portfolio approach to water management and calls for the construction of new conveyance facilities in the Delta that would carry water from the Sacramento River to State Water Project facilities in the south Delta. As proposed, the single-tunnel project would feature two intakes and a capacity of 6,000 cubic feet-per-second, though other project alternatives are also being considered as part of the planning process.

The Fall Midwater Trawl Survey (FMWT) has sampled annually by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife since its inception in 1967, with the exceptions of 1974 and 1979, when sampling was not conducted. The FMWT was initiated to determine the relative abundance and distribution of age-0 striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) in the estuary, but the data has also been used for other upper estuary pelagic species, including delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*), longfin smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*), American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*), splittail (*Pogonichthys macrolepidotus*), and threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*). The FMWT samples 122 stations each month from September to December and a subset of these data is used to calculate an annual abundance index. These 122 stations range from San Pablo Bay upstream to Stockton on the San Joaquin River, Hood on the Sacramento River, and the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel. Sampling takes approximately 9 days per month to complete. This year’s FMWT for September and October has collected zero delta smelt, longfin smelt, and splittail, indicating that the health of the delta is

suffering. Found only in the Delta, the Delta smelt is an indicator species that shows the health of the ecosystem. Decades of water exports to corporate agribusiness interests in the San Joaquin Valley and to Southern California water agencies have resulted in putting the small 2- to 3-inch fish, with a cucumber-like smell, on the verge of extinction in the wild.

The populations of Age-0 striped bass, American shad, and threadfin shad are also at extremely low levels.

For more of this story see Dan Bacher’s excellent article in [Daily Kos](#). Here are a few excerpts from it.

“The state and federal water contractors and their political promoters, including Congressman Devin Nunes and lame duck President Donald Trump, have blamed the Delta smelt for restrictions on Delta pumping for San Joaquin Valley irrigators.

“However, findings published in the journal [San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science](#) in March 2019 reveal that water exports from the South Delta were actually limited by infrastructure and water quality concerns far more often than protections for endangered species.

“During the 2010-2018 study period, 89% of Central Valley water flowing into San Francisco Bay was the result of salinity control and infrastructure constraints on water exports compared to less than 1.5% caused by endangered species act safeguards specific to protection of Delta smelt from entrainment in the export pumps, according to the study.

“The prospects for the survival of Delta smelt, imperiled salmon and other fish species are grim unless the state and federal governments allow more quality water to flow into the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem at critical times.

“And the Delta Tunnel that Governor Gavin Newsom is promoting will only make things worse for imperiled Delta fish species, as if they weren’t bad enough already.”



CALL FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO

By Paul Berliner

Hey there fly-fishers! It's been one wacky year — but I do know that some of you have ventured out on a fishing trip or two (properly masked up, of course). We may (or may not) have an annual dinner, but we do have a new website in the works, so a call for photos and videos is certainly apropos.



If you took photos or video during your 2020 fly-fishing adventures, please collect your best pix and clips, put them in a folder, and upload them to the following **Google Shared Folder**:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_iQU5pYjYHHEjT_P4qUk05x0KQnK4YH3?usp=sharing

Your photos and videos just might end up on our new website!

Important:

Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

For photos, high resolution JPG images are preferred.

For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.

Please name the folder with your name and the location where you fished.

Many thanks!



FFD Travels: Out and About



Jeff Williams and Peter Hawes in Alaska





Jeff Stromberg and Tristan Leong on the Lower Sacramento this Fall



FROM THE WAY BACK MACHINE: The Fisherman's Line - November

Excerpts from the 70s, 80s & 90s



December 1978

Editors: Arlen Feldman & Dick Blanchard

President: Darryl Davis

[For full version of the December 1978 Newsletter \(.pdf\)](#)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My last president's message. The year has gone quickly and smoothly. The club is healthy, a good dose of new members and more people continuing to become active in club management. I am satisfied with my tenure as your president - we didn't do anything spectacular but we did have some very good programs (the home grown ones were outstanding), several official (no fish) and

unofficial outings (a few fish), and met and shared experiences with some very fine members of the angle. What more could we ask!

Here's to a good year next!

Darryl Davis

P.S. Thanks to all the board members, officer, committee chairmen and newsletter editors, who in fact provide the life blood of the club - I've enjoyed the year with you.

RAFFLE - ANNUAL DINNER

First the good news: I just talked with Mike Monroe (fellow club member and proprietor of the Fly Hutch) and he told me he was donating a 9-1/2' - 8 wt Scott graphite fly rod for our conservation raffle at the annual dinner. The Scott Rod is a superb raffle prize and should make this year's raffle the best ever.

Now the bad news: Since I won a rod last year I probably won't win one this year.

Some of the other raffle prizes we have secured so far are: vests, lines, calendars, other rods, leaders, etc. I know I can count on club members to donate a raffle prize to a good cause. The more prizes the better the chance to be a winner. You might be asking yourself, "What can I donate?" - let me help you with a few suggestions: 6 hand tied flies, fly box, book (preferably on fishing (fly)), fly fishing mittens, fly tying tools, bottle of wine, knife, shirt, reel, rod, line, all expense trip to Mrak Lake to fish for sea run carp... Use your own imagination!

If you are going to donate a raffle prize, please give me a call so I can compile a master list for our January newsletter.

Steve Ohrwall
756-5664

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President: Jon Knapp

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Bill Schnathorst	Bud Henle	Steve Carlson
Sarge Reynolds	Ron Rabun	Stan Logan
Steve Ohrwall	Jon Knapp	

The Emmaculate Conception

I'm not sure whose idea it was to clean up Putah Creek-- probably Bill, Ron, or Jon (The Three Wise Men). As concepts go-- it's very admireable, and indeed you have to admire the above listed men who gave a good portion of day to clean up after slobs who have no concern for the environment or the feelings of others.

Most of the trash wasn't even left by fishermen. Much of the river area was strewn with empty beer containers thrown from the road above. Piles of garbage at the huge parking area below the dam were left by campers who stayed there when they found no room at the Inn (Solano Park Campgrounds).

With such disgusting work, it was difficult to find moments of inspiration and joy while climbing up and down the bank carrying a garbage bag filled with trash instead of myrrh, frankincense and gold. Somehow, my spirits were raised at the occasional discovery of hundreds of feet of tangled monofilament--that is until a rusty terminal hook sank home. Steve Ohrwall found a half jar of salmon eggs--Why'd you keep it? . . . You wouldn't . . . Ron found a rear seat from a car. I found a huge piece of styrofoam in the water. I should have saved it for the Great Tuber, Mike Harding, to make another floating device. Someone found a stove and a T.V. We sat around at lunch staring at the T.V.-- and then decided it didn't work because it wasn't pugged in.

One of the Wise Men bore gifts of food and drink and another provided the Webber upon which to roast the heavenly Ball Park franks.

At the end we all went our own way except for Jon who followed Sarge. Sarge kept insisting that there was this star . . . I'm sure both saw plenty of stars that night.

I guess each of us gained something special from that day, and my poison oak blisters are doing quite well, thank you.

Somewhat sincerely,

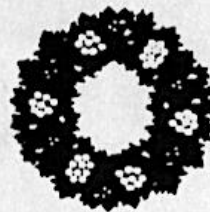
Stan

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happy
holidays

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

December's meeting agenda will include elections of officers and board members. The nominating committee has submitted a slate which will be voted on at this meeting. The nominees are Jim Humphrey, President; Howard Garrison, Vice President; Dave Driscoll, Secretary; and John Menke, Treasurer. Bob Zasoski will fill the board opening for 1990-91 and Warren Caldwell and Rollie Simons will be the 1991-1992 board positions. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

December's program will be a slide show presented by FFD members. A projector will be set up and ready. Plan to bring 8 to 10 of your best slides for 1990 and be a part of the program. In the past, this has proven to be very popular.

I wish to thank everyone who turned out for the Putah Creek cleanup this past Sunday. The weather was very nice, and we had a good turnout and as usual a large amount of trash was collected.

The Annual Dinner is January 11 at the University Club, UC Davis. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jim White 756-3105 or Cary Boyden 753-3826 concerning prizes for this year's raffle. Please donate to this worthy cause.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at the meeting December 18, 7:30 p.m. at North Davis Elementary. Please note this is one week early due to Christmas.

Jim Humphrey





UTINGS 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 Trip	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman Lake	Trout		TBD			Camping
McCloud River	Trout		October 2 - 6	Gene Smith	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 2	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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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

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Download the Membership Application at: http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/FFD_Membership_Application_2020.pdf

Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or you can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.

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

For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings