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T h e F i s h e r m a n ' s L i n e

**May Meeting, Tuesday May 30, 2017
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School
Andy Guibord Presents:
“Fly Fishing for American Shad”**

*T*his month, May 30th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Andy Guibord who will give a presentation on fly fishing for American Shad in our local waterways. As the summer approaches and the weather gets warmer, schools of Shad will start to make their way into the Sacramento River system. Although much less sought after, American Shad are pound for pound one of the best fighting fish on the fly rod.

Andy Guibord, based in Carmichael CA and known locally as the “fly fishing commando” is originally from the Detroit, MI area, where he grew up fishing the local lakes for bass, bluegill, pike and yellow perch with his favorite Eagle claw spinning rod and Zebco Cardinal Reel. He has worked at Kiene's Fly Shop for over 25 years and has hosted many group trips around the world, including Alaska, New Zealand, Christmas Island, Belize, Mexico's Yucatan, Baja and the Amazon.

He is a guide for stripers and steelhead in the valley rivers, instructs fly tying, and is an instructor of casting, both single and two handed.



Andy has a MA in arts from Sacramento State and is also seriously involved in digital photography. His photos have been published on several magazine covers.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

A Bit of Caution

After our wonderful mega-winter, welcome to springtime, folks. Rivers are running very high, with flows far above normal, and a few problems still linger. Streams that were easily fishable at this time last year — might be inaccessible this year until July. So, what does that leave us?

Certainly, our valley and foothill lakes are in far better condition than in many years past, so it might be time to change tactics — from Sierra trout to bass and other lake critters. Berryessa is fishing very well (just ask Cary), the bass at Camp Far West are waking up, and the Delta is doing great (just ask Dr. Donn and Lowell Gossell).

If you absolutely must pack for a river trip, exercise a bit of caution. By all means, check river conditions, and weigh the current flows against what you know as the river's safe, traditional "fishable" flows. Check your proposed destination — and many valuable websites are available:

Dreamflows — with an excellent "comments" column:

- <http://www.dreamflows.com/flows.php?page=real&zone=canv&form=norm&mark=All>

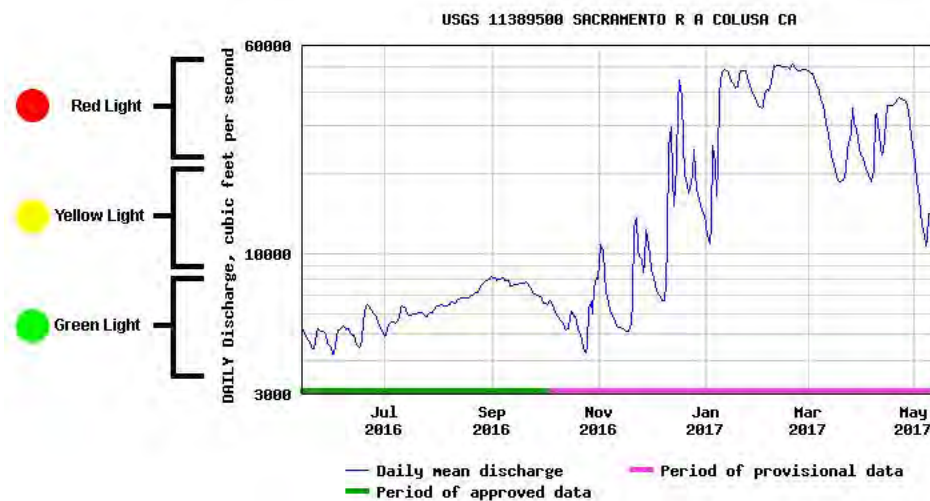
Current River Conditions — with links to all regions:

- <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/river/rivcond.html>

WaterWatch — with comparisons of real-time flows to historical flows:

- <https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=ca>

With all this data, you can play red light – green light (sample below):



With that in mind, please be safe — and enjoy a wonderful, wet springtime.

Many thanks,
Paul

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Dana Hooper is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2017 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
May	Andy Guibord	May 30, 2017	Fly Fishing for American Shad
June		June 27, 2017	Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Picnic
July	TBD	July 25, 2017	
August	Chris Shutes	August 29, 2017	California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

*Except where noted, all meetings will take place at Harper Jr. High School

FFD ANNUAL PICNIC *June 27th 6:00pm at Pioneer Park*

Every June the Fly Fishers of Davis get together and have a picnic, in place of our Club's Monthly Meeting. This year will be the same. Please plan to attend.

On Tuesday, June 27th at 6:00pm we will hold the Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Picnic. **This year the picnic will be held at Pioneer Park in Davis.** Pioneer Park is a nicely shaded park next to Pioneer School, accessible via Swingle Dr.

The Annual Picnic is a great time for families to get together, discuss their summer plans, and of course swap fishing stories.

The Club provides the main dishes which include: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breasts. Bring your favorite beverage along with a dish to share using the following guide:

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- H - M: Salads
- N - Z : Wonderful Desserts



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FFD ANNUAL YARD SALE



Time To Do Some Spring Cleaning!

Fly fishers of Davis will have their Annual Spring Swap Meet before the May General Meeting. Collect all of your lightly used **FISHING, CAMPING, and WATERCRAFT** items that you no longer want and bring them to the Harper Junior High Parking Lot @ 5:30 p.m. Hopefully you'll go home with some \$\$

If you looking for used equipment, this might be the opportunity to pickup some gear that is easy on the pocketbook. Head on down to the May FFD General Meeting early and check out all of the bargains.



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It is my pleasure to introduce you to Annelise Del Rio, this year's recipient of the FFD CABA Scholarship.

ANNELISE DEL RIO

I am a second year PhD student in the Graduate Group in Ecology at UC Davis. After completing my undergraduate degree in zoology at Ohio State University in 2015 I joined the labs of Dr. Anne Todgham and Dr. Dietmar Kueltz at UC Davis. I'm interested in applied research to create better management strategies for fish populations and watersheds. Specifically, I'm interested in how climate change and anthropogenic stressors are influencing the physiology of native fish and what we can do to reduce the negative impacts on fish. My research focuses on early life stages of Chinook salmon in the Central Valley of California. I'm studying how increased temperatures and decreased oxygen availability may influence the survival and development of vulnerable young salmon with the goal of informing better water management strategies for local rivers and gaining a better understanding of the factors that influence the survival of early life stage salmon. When not conducting research I enjoy running, rock climbing, and hiking.



CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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WaterFix would harm fish according to draft studies released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. The ambitious plan to bore two 40-foot tunnels under the Delta to facilitate shipping water south has always been guided by two goals: to restore imperiled native fish and to improve water deliveries to farms and cities. The plan has given very little priority to restoring fish, though, and now two federal agencies have concurred that they will actually be harmful, not beneficial.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service recently released draft studies detailing how the tunnel project might affect fish protected by the Endangered Species Act. Known as a “biological opinion,” each agency’s report is still undergoing extensive internal review and fine-tuning.

Even so, the drafts identify problems that may be difficult to overcome, or which might require extensive modification of the tunnel project.

“It’s obvious there will be adverse effects from this project,” said Holly Doremus, a professor of environmental law at U.C. Berkeley and an expert on the Endangered Species Act. “These fish are in a bad way. There’s a desire to have higher reliability for high volumes of water delivery. That isn’t compatible with certainty that the fish will be in better shape.”

The draft biological opinions are even more significant because key sections have already been reviewed by an independent science panel assembled by the Delta Stewardship Council, a state agency.

Significantly, the panel found that 15,000 acres of habitat restoration won’t be enough to neutralize damages caused by the project.

“Adverse effects of construction and operation will require significant mitigation beyond the conservation measures described,” the six-member panel of experts wrote in its report, completed in March.

Concerns identified by federal wildlife officials include:

- Delta smelt could be cut off from habitat upstream of the three tunnel intakes on the Sacramento River during the 10-year construction period. Construction will narrow the river, boosting water velocity beyond what smelt can handle.

- Once operational, water diverted by the new intakes will cause salinity to shift upstream in the estuary. This could further constrict smelt habitat.
- The suction effect of the intakes could cause reverse flows both upstream and downstream that could be harmful for salmon and smelt.
- The project includes changing how upstream reservoirs release water. This could increase water temperatures and shrink spawning habitat in the Sacramento and American rivers, which would be deadly to salmon.
- In its draft biological opinion, the National Marine Fisheries Service writes that tunnel operations could kill as much as 7 percent of winter-run Chinook salmon, an endangered species.

“This is a notable survival reduction for an endangered species, especially if it occurs on a frequent (e.g., annual) basis,” the report notes.

Federal officials emphasized that their review of the complicated project is ongoing, and any findings in the draft biological opinions could change.

State of the Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water CalTrout and University of California Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences, provided key results from an in-depth report today detailing the status of 32 types of salmon, steelhead, and trout that are native to California. State of the Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water provides data about the declining health of these fish populations and opportunities for stabilizing and even recovering many species.

Notably, the report says present trends continue 74 percent of California’s native salmon, steelhead, and trout species are likely to be extinct in 100 years.

SOS II: Fish in Hot Water is the second report released by CalTrout and the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences. The first edition was published in 2008 and established a baseline level of health for each of 32 types of native salmon, steelhead, and trout populations in the state (including the extinct Bull trout). Since that time, the number of California’s native fish species likely to be extinct within the next five decades nearly tripled, from 5 to 14 species. And after five years of historic drought, 81 percent of the remaining 31 species are worse off today than they were a decade ago.

“The health of our native fish is a reflection of the health of our rivers and streams,” said Curtis Knight, Executive Director of CalTrout. “Declining fish populations indicate degraded waters, which threaten the health and economic well-being of all Californians.”

Lead report author Dr. Peter Moyle noted, “This report should rightly be considered an alarm bell, but it should also be seen as a roadmap for how we can correct course to better support native aquatic species. Thanks to ongoing scientific research, we now know what to do – and where – to improve the plight of native fish.”

The report includes an analysis of key threats to the survival of each species, starting with the overarching threat of climate change, which is likely to reduce the availability of cold water habitat that salmon, steelhead, and trout all depend on for survival. It also highlights various other human-induced threats, such as dams, agriculture, estuary alteration, urbanization, and transportation.

“We have already lost one of our native fish,” Knight added. “The Bull trout was last seen in the McCloud River in 1975. The fact we haven’t lost another since 1975 is remarkable. These fish are resilient, but this report underscores that we must act now to prevent further extinctions.”

The report notes that improving salmonid status throughout California requires investing in productive habitats that promote growth, survival, and diversity. CalTrout has developed an action plan to return the state’s salmon, steelhead, and trout to resilience to help many of these species thrive.

To reverse the trend toward extinction, the report suggests prioritizing protection and restoration efforts in three general areas:

- Protecting the most productive river ecosystems remaining in California, such as the Smith and Eel Rivers, must be a priority. These strongholds, among others, have the capacity to support diversity and abundance because they retain high quality habitat and are not heavily influenced by hatcheries, supporting the persistence of wild fish.
- Increasing focus on source waters will keep more water in streams and reduce stress on fish during drought, buffering the effects of climate change. Sierra meadow restoration, springs protection and progressive groundwater management all contribute to this effort.
- Restoring function to once productive – but now highly altered – habitats can greatly improve rearing conditions for juvenile fish, especially floodplains, coastal lagoons, estuaries, and spring-fed rivers.

Additionally, SOS II: Fish in Hot Water identifies three science-based strategies to support a return to abundance for California’s native salmonids:

- First, focus on opportunities to mimic natural processes within altered landscapes. For example, CalTrout has demonstrated that off-season farmland can mimic traditional floodplains and support rapid growth of juvenile salmon.
- Second, prioritize improving fish passage to historical spawning and rearing grounds that have been cut off over time.
- Last, pursue strategies that increase genetic diversity of wild fish.

“We know we are not going to turn back the clock to a time before rivers were dammed or otherwise altered for human benefit,” Knight said. “Using the best available science, we can make landscape-level changes that will allow both people and fish to thrive in California.”

The longer, full report is expected this summer. To read the report’s main findings and explore related online resources, go to www.caltrout.org/sos/.

For a blog post from UC Davis authors Peter Moyle and Robb Lusardi, visit <https://californiawaterblog.com/>.

Key Facts from State of the Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water

45 percent of California’s salmon, steelhead and trout are likely to be extinct in the next 50 years if present trends continue. 74 percent will likely be extinct in the next 100 years if present trends continue.

Only Coastal rainbow trout have a good chance for survival if present trends continue.

The number of species likely to be extinct in 50 years increased 180 percent in the last 10 years – from just 5 in 2008 to 14 today.

Of California’s remaining salmon, steelhead and trout, 81 percent are worse off today than in 2008.

California will lose more than half (52 percent) of its native anadromous (migratory) salmonids, and over a quarter (27 percent) of its inland salmonids in the next 50 years if present trends continue.

Fish Salvage in the Delta has become a problem in this wet year. Even though we have lots of water this year, fish salvage (that’s jargon that means fish killed at the pumps) has become a problem. Export limits have been increased because water is available, but the increased pumping has drawn juvenile fish into the pumps. In past years, pumping has been limited at this time of year to protect juvenile salmon, steelhead, splittail, and smelt that were rearing or passing through the Delta. These restrictions also protected adult and juvenile sturgeon.

If exports continue high through May and June in 2017, there will be detrimental effects on San Joaquin salmon, steelhead, and splittail, as well as on Delta smelt.

Chinook Salmon Restoration Project River Garden Farms of Knights Landing recently installed 25 new salmon shelter structures in the river near Redding – new

habitats for salmon that are made of large tree trunks and root wads bolted to 12,000 pound limestone boulders.

The structures are intended to help baby salmon hide out and give them refuge against large predators, while enticing them to stay in colder waters longer, increasing their odds of healthy maturation for their journey to the Pacific Ocean.

“Protecting the Chinook salmon and helping to restore their population is the right thing to do for the overall health of the Sacramento River and the vital ecosystem that relies on the river to flourish,” said Roger Cornwell, General Manager of River Garden Farms in Knights Landing. “As members of this community who have been farming along the river since 1913, it is vital that we all

work together to ensure the Chinook salmon have shelters to help prepare them for their journey to the Pacific Ocean and back.”

The salmon shelters project is one of more than 50 projects taking place as part of the Sacramento Valley Salmon Recovery Program, which has brought partners together to advance innovative and comprehensive projects to enhance the passage of and habitat for salmon. Mike Parker talked about this project when Jenny Lubin and I fished with him earlier this month. Read more about the project at

<http://www.redding.com/story/news/local/2017/04/28/salmon-recovery-effort-takes-root-redding/101004144/>

FFD OUTINGS: FFD Annual Bass –n- Fly Tournament



WINNERS: Dana Hooper & Tom Robinson – 5 Bass / 9.3 lb

FFD OUTINGS: Hat Creek 101 Weekend

Summary By Dana Hooper Photos by Members

With Friday being Cinco De Mayo Kurt and company cooked up a little bbq street tacos and margaritas to help celebrate. Was quite a long night filled with tequila shooters till midnight.

This year's outing turned out to be little smaller than the last but still plenty of new fly fishers to be taught. The weather turned out to be pretty nice considering it was forecasted to rain. Everybody had plenty opportunities to catch as many brook trout as they wanted. The normal Hogan S&M, gold ribbed haresear and many many more flies worked to get these fish to grab. We had some dry fly fishing but was not the best technique to catching numbers.

As always we had great gourmet burgers and fixings to add to the feast. Little homemade brownies for dessert that Eric brought up and we were set for a very relaxing evening by the fire.

Make this a priority on your next year's outings list.



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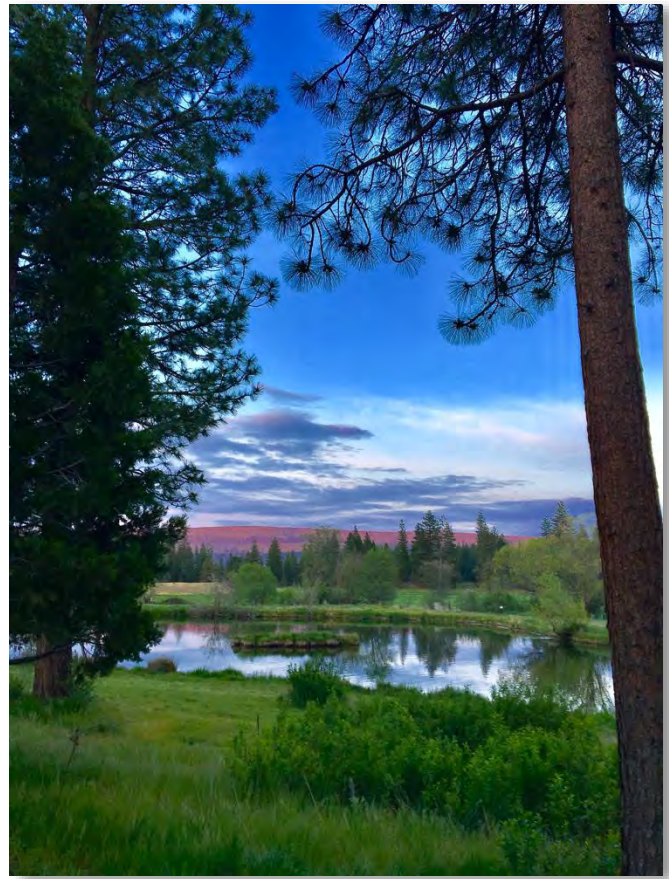
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FFD Travels: Crowley Lake

Summary and Photos by John Imsdahl

We really never know what weather we will have each year at Crowley Lake. We have had snow, wind, rain, more snow, and sunshine on this annual event. This year Bill Cox and Ron Hedrick picked the perfect week of May 8th to 13th and fished in shorts and T shirts. The second group, however, arriving May 14th, and consisting of Cary Boyden, Chuck, Jim and Miyoko Wright, saw a week of snow and days with very high winds.

While we launched our boats on Sunday, fishing was limited on Monday to the marina, but Tuesday provided nice weather where Cary and Chuck netted over 40 fish and Jim and Miyoko had a great day of catching fish as well. Cary and Chuck, unfortunately, had to leave on Wednesday, and due to the weather, I did not find an opportunity to fish until Thursday.

On Thursday, Bob and Karen Beverlin also joined us, but the real story was Miyoko's over 25 fish day. Miyoko would go on to have back-to-back days on Friday and Saturday as she almost certainly caught well over a total of 75 fish over the week. Bob and Karen, with dogs Luna and Dylan, returned home on Saturday. Our dinners were in Cary's or the Wright's new campers which are spacious and comfortable. Laughter and story telling abounded and nights were very enjoyable.

The lake is at a surprisingly low level in anticipation of the coming run off. Usual places like Alligator were unproductive, while Hilton, McGee and an inlet to the east of Sandy Point were very rewarding. I saw no surface activity, so fishing was restricted to indicator fishing 2 foot off of the bottom with Albinos and Tiger Midges our most productive flies. The Grebes eating midges on the surface were a great indication of where the fish were below. But whiffs were many and it took a focused concentration like Miyoko's to net the fish.



Sunshine at Crowley Lake



Beautiful sunset on the lake



Jim and Miyoko Wright



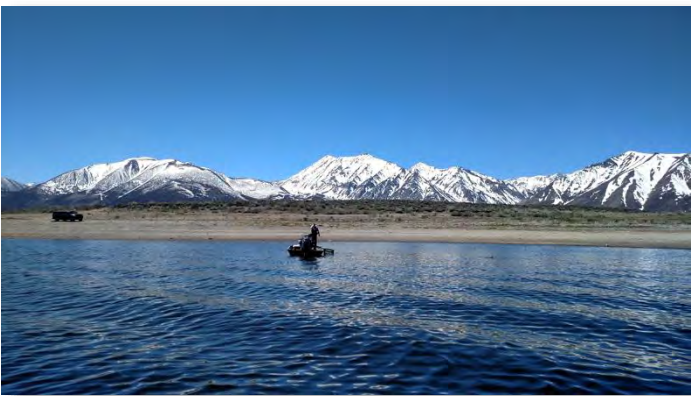
Miyoko keeps hammering them



A big one for John Imsdahl



John's biggest... 23+ inches taped



Boy how the weather can change quick around here



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<u>Trip 2017</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Yuba River UCD Property	Trout		June 10	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lake Davis	Trout		June 8 - 11	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
McCloud River	Trout		June 2 - 4	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 6 - 9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Coffee Creek	Trout		July 20-23	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		September	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		September 21-24	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	November 2-3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2016	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
Trinity Trip 2017	Steelhead		January 13-14	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip

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