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The Fisherman's Line



September Meeting, Tuesday September 26, 2017

7:00pm @ Harper Jr. High School

Tim Loux Presents:

“Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex, Pyramid Lake Pilot Peak Program”

This month, Tuesday September 26th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Tim Loux who will discuss the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex (Complex) and the Pyramid Lake Pilot Peak Program. The Complex manages the recovery implementation for the endangered cui-ui and the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. Tim will discuss stocking/marking rates as well as recapture information. Tim will also discuss the Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat program, the recent release into the Truckee area waters, and Lower Truckee River monitoring and spawning.

Tim grew up fishing the Tahoe/Truckee area, and as a kid decided to pursue a career in fisheries. He attended Feather River Junior College, and transferred to Montana State University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Fish and Wildlife Management. After college Tim accepted a position with the US Fish Wildlife Service, Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office in 2002 working on Spring Run Chinook. After 4 years of salmon work, Tim accepted a position with the USFWS Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex to work on Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) and Cui-ui.

Currently, Tim is a Senior Fishery Biologist with the Complex; he manages the Marble Bluff Fish Passage and Research Station, leads the recovery effort for LCT in Pyramid Lake and the Truckee River, and is the National Fish Passage Coordinator for Nevada and the Eastern Sierra.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

Drifting into Fall

Hi everyone! Amidst the summer heat and smoky skies, it's been a remarkable summer, and I hope that your fishing journal reads as interesting as mine has.

So far, I've dodged a thunderstorm up at Woods Lake, and roasted in my boat at Lewiston. At Montana's gorgeous Hebgen Lake, I fished with Jim and Miyako, and as monster Rainbow after Rainbow got away, I realized how important a good clinch knot is (... especially when mine weren't so good).



I hired a guide and fished in Yellowstone Park, and had one of the most memorable days ever. And after Yellowstone, I drove to Ironside, Oregon (by way of Boise), and witnessed the total solar eclipse. There weren't any trout streams nearby, but that wasn't the point.

Now, as fall approaches, some amazing fall trips are just around the corner. I encourage you to sign up for a drift-boat trip down the Lower Sac (it's going to be epic this year), hunt for Steelhead on the Trinity, and join the Striper Fest on the delta. If the roads are open and the Sierra fires settle down, you could trek up to Heenan Lake for a chance at a monster Lahontan trout (or two). And of course, our club's popular Luk Lake trips are approaching, with a chance at the coveted Luk Lake grand slam — a trout, bass, blue-gill and crappie, all in the same day.

We'll see you out on the water!

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
September	Tim Loux	September 26, 2017	Pyramid Truckee Lahontan
October	TBD	October 24, 2017	TBD
November	Kevin Held	November 28, 2017	Trinity River Restoration Project
December	FFD Members	December 19, 2017	Annual "Home Grown"

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



The Fly Fishers of Davis relies on FFD Members' Annual Dues to support programs such as Salmon in the Classroom, Youth Fishcamp Scholarship, UC Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture Scholarship. FFD Annual Dues also pay for Monthly Meeting speaker fees and local conservation donations.

If you have not had a chance to pay your 2017 FFD Annual Dues, or your not sure, drop by the Membership Table at the next meeting. At the table you can renew your membership or check your status. If you want to pay by mail, follow the directions on the last page of this newsletter to send in a personal check. **THANK YOU!!**



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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>.

The Twin Tunnels (Governor Brown's WaterFix) are in some jeopardy these days. The editorial board of The Compton Herald is urging the Board of Directors Division IV Central Basin Municipal Water District to vote "No" on the proposed multi-billion-dollar Delta Tunnels project which could raise average household water bills by as much as \$200-\$400 a year. This is on top of the reluctance farmers are expressing now that they have been informed their water costs will likely go up by a factor of three due to Twin Tunnels construction and operations costs.

The Santa Clara Water District Board will vote on the tunnels before long, too. The Board recently heard from Dr. Jeffrey Michael, who presented four alternatives to the Twin Tunnels in [this presentation](#). Alternatives considered included levees, recycling, desalination, stormwater capture, surface storage, and other government spending. Dr. Michaels concludes that his analysis demonstrates many plausible alternative portfolios are better for California than WaterFix. Alternatives considered achieve every goal at least as well as WaterFix, and are far superior to WaterFix in at least one area. The presentation is worth a look.

Finally, a federal audit of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation revealed it improperly spent \$84 million of taxpayer funds on planning for the Twin Tunnels, despite assurances that the water agencies who would benefit from the tunnels would pay for all planning activities. The Bureau also did not disclose to Congress that it was covering much of the cost of planning.

The audit was undertaken in response to a request by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), who filed a complaint last February that accused the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation of improperly allocating federal funds intended for wildlife and habitat restoration to the Tunnels project. PEER claimed that of the \$60 million in Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act grants spent, not a penny went to habitat improvements.

Now many people are beginning to acknowledge the question "If the water agencies can't afford the planning costs, how are they going to pay the construction and operating costs?"

Speaking of misspent taxpayer funds, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel reported the results of another investigation of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) that found it improperly transferred money to Klamath basin

irrigators that was intended to be spent on environmental activities. In 2008, the BOR created the Klamath Water and Power Agency (KWAPA) to manage a water bank intended to free up water for salmon in the Klamath River. Two BOR whistleblowers alleged that the Bureau did not have authority to transfer funds to KWAPA, and that the funds transferred served a private interest instead of a public one. The Office of Special Counsel concluded that the information provided by the Department of Interior's Office of Inspector General and the whistleblowers "makes a compelling case that the true purpose of the agreement was to benefit private irrigators, not fish and wildlife." Meanwhile, no one at BOR or DOI has been charged with wrongdoing or reprimanded.

Columbia Basin Salmon will be facing poor ocean conditions this year, according to a recent NOAA Fisheries report. The ocean conditions have a high likelihood of depressing salmon returns to the Columbia River in the next few years.

The outlook is described in a recent [research memorandum](#) from NOAA Fisheries' Northwest Fisheries Science Center, which has been studying the ecology of young salmon entering the ocean for more than 20 years. The research has helped reveal how conditions in the ocean affect salmon survival and, ultimately, how many salmon complete their life cycle to return to their home streams and spawn a new generation of fish.

NOAA Fisheries researchers regularly survey ocean conditions off the Pacific Northwest Coast, focusing especially on factors known as "ocean indicators" that can serve as barometers of salmon survival.

NOAA Fisheries' many years of ocean research have helped scientists develop online charts of ocean indicators that display the forecast for salmon returns in coming years. In the last few years the indicators have turned largely negative for Columbia River salmon, in large part because of unusually warm ocean temperatures, including the "warm blob," a large swath of warm water that encompassed much of the West Coast beginning in 2013.

"This is not just about salmon, however, it's about an ocean ecosystem that is changing in ways that affect salmon and everything else out there," said David Huff, manager of the NWFSC's Estuarine and Ocean Ecology Program. "Remote methods of detecting changes to the ecosystem did not highlight the poor ocean conditions this year. For example, the warm blob has dissipated, so

satellite imagery shows near-normal sea surface temperatures. It was only by getting out on the water and sampling directly that we were able to identify and describe local biological indicators.”

The results indicate that salmon fisheries may face some lean times in the next few years. Biologists will report on 2017 salmon returns later this year, and will issue forecasts for 2018 in early March. Those forecasts will help shape expectations for 2018 fishing seasons.

Siskiyou County released to the public this month its Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on the Crystal Geyser bottling plant project. You may recall that Crystal Geyser purchased an idled Coca-Cola bottling plant in the city of Mt. Shasta to bottle spring water from lava tubes at the base of Mt. Shasta. Concern has grown over the effect of the bottling plant on water supplies and water quality for the city.

Even a brief examination of the 64 documents that comprise the FEIR shows that almost all of the concerns and objections of the over 150 comments submitted on the Draft EIR were inappropriately deemed to be wrong, without merit, or misconceived and given no serious response. Where a few comments were found to be “with merit,” changes were made but without an analysis of the original flaws in the Draft EIR, merely stating that these changes make the issues raised “no longer relevant.” This treatment of public comment violates the CEQA Guidelines that mandate responses are to be “addressed in detail giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions were not accepted.” The FEIR found that no mitigations of any sort were needed on issues of air quality, traffic effects, visual aesthetics, aquifer protection, water quality, plastic pollution or hours of operation. In addition, several mitigations from the original DEIR were modified to be less stringent.

A watchdog group, WATER (We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review) is calling for the Draft EIR to be recirculated. CEQA requires recirculation of the DEIR when significant new information is added to the FEIR; otherwise there would be no opportunity for thorough review by the public. Because the FEIR includes significant new data, analyses and alteration of conclusions, and other new information, it is appropriate (and legally required) to recirculate the DEIR for comments.

What is this gelatinous, slippery blob that a homeowner recently pulled out of Lake Tulloch, California? Spend enough time in nature and you are likely to encounter some interesting creatures, but this one had us scratching our heads. It turned out to be a bryozoan (*Pectinatella magnifica*), and the scientific name of this species literally means “magnificent jelly moss-animal.” Magnificent may be debatable, but these animals are certainly intriguing.

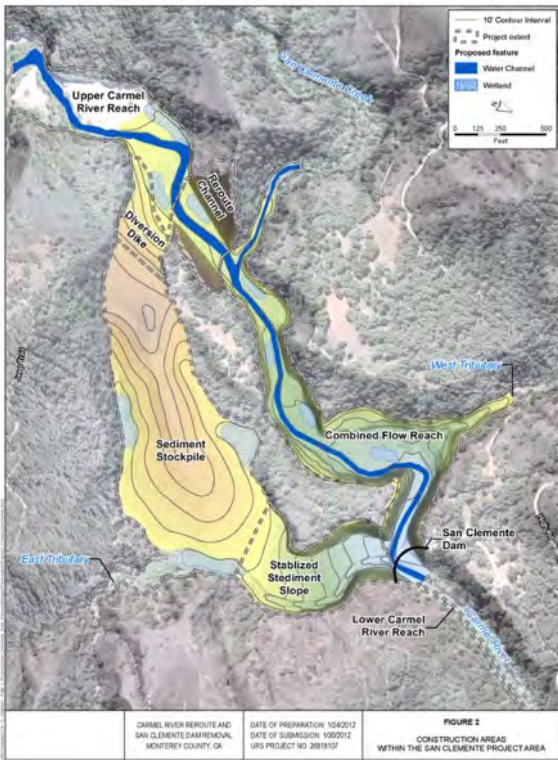


Bryozoans are aquatic invertebrates like jellyfish, but unlike jellies, which are singular organisms, this blob is made up of thousands of individual microscopic animals, called zooids, living in a colony. A single colony can grow to be 12-20 inches in diameter, but many colonies sometimes grow near or attached to each other, creating a large mass. Freshwater bryozoans are usually found in warmer waters from June to September, and can either be free-floating or attached to submerged branches and other objects, like the rope on this homeowner’s dock.

Freshwater bryozoans are native to the eastern United States, but have recently made the journey west. They were first documented in Oregon in 1998, and were reported in California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in 2005. They reproduce through sporophytes, which are tiny particles that are resilient to drying, and can disperse between watersheds on wind, water, animals, equipment, or people. Not much is known about how this organism will alter watersheds where it is introduced, but scientists are concerned that its spread could disrupt water quality and infrastructure, and transmit diseases to native species. Several species of bryozoans are known to host a microscopic parasite called a myxozoan that causes kidney disease in salmonids. The U.S. Geological Survey has a website that can help you identify and document strange aquatic plants and animals that you happen to encounter. Reporting your sightings might help scientists to figure out more about the spread of these unusual creatures.

Steelhead return to Carmel River Lets end this column with a little good news. The San Clemente Dam was removed in 2015 in the largest dam removal project to date in California. This fall, biologists are counting and measuring steelhead returning to the river for the first time since the 106-foot high dam was completed nearly 100 years ago.

With any dam removal project in the western U.S., one of the most difficult issues is determining what to do with the sediment which has accumulated behind the dam. It is estimated that there are 2.5 million cubic yards of sediment behind San Clemente Dam. Due to limited and difficult access to the dam site, trucking the sediment out was deemed infeasible, both environmentally and



the sediment to erode downstream was ruled out because it would likely worsen downstream flooding. Therefore, the project design involved an innovative engineering approach to re-route a half-mile portion of the Carmel River into San Clemente Creek and use the abandoned reach as a sediment storage area. The map below shows the rerouted river and sediment storage area in the old reservoir. The San Clemente Dam was located in the lower right portion of the figure. The blue line shows the rerouted river.

Most of the accumulate sediment in the reservoir was already on the arm where the Carmel River used to flow. About 380,000 cubic yards had to be removed from the San Clemente Creek side and added to the Carmel River storage area.

Steelhead are now beginning to return to the reformed river as nature takes its course and recovery proceeds. Only time will tell if the steelhead and resident trout populations return to their former levels, but results to date are



MARK PARKER RAFFLE BOARD

Mike Parker has donated another guided float trip to the Fly Fishers of Davis. Stop by the raffle table at the monthly FFD Club Meeting and purchase a space or 3 on the raffle board. Good Luck!



FFD OUTREACH: Down The Hatch Film Festival

Summary by Tom Robinson and Photos by Phil Reedy

I want to thank everyone that helped make the first annual Down The Hatch Fly Fishing Film Festival a huge success. At the heart of the event it was a fundraiser for Putah Creek Trout, on the surface it was a great time to get together with friends, check out the latest in fly gear, enjoy some music while imbibing a cold brew. We had ~ 200 visitors from over 18 cities descend on Davis to celebrate fly fishing. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to raise more than \$5,000 for Putah Creek Trout restoration projects

We could not have done it without the support of ORVIS and Hutch Hutchinson, who provided the movie and much much more, our SPONSORS including SAWYER PADDLES & OARS, JACKSON KAYAK, ORION COOLERS, SAGE, RIO, REDINGTON, TROUT UNLIMITED, FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES, KIENE'S AMERICAN FLY FISHING Co., NAPA VALLEY FLY GUIDES, OFF THE HOOK FLY FISHING, LANCE GRAY & Co., BONO'S PUTAH CREEK, THREE MILE BREWING, BOGLE VINEYARDS, CAPITAL GRAPHICS, LAMPOST PIZZA, and COMMON GROUNDS that donated an unbelievable collection of raffle prizes or provided resources, The FIVE THIRTY BAND that raised the roof and created a festive mood, THE PIZZA GUYS who saved the day when our food truck didn't arrive and provided more pizzas, and ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS that stepped up and made the event run smooth for our visitors.

If you did not have a chance to make the event this year, I hope that you would consider attending the festival next year. Check out the Putah Creek Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqZDzW33BdA&t=11s>



It's showtime!



Bob Zasoski and Dave Driscoll man the FFD Table





Tickets... tickets... who needs tickets



Who has the longest arm span?



Casting competition was popular. We may have a winner



Sage shows off their latest gear



Sam Yee has found another student



Jackson Kayak brought the MayFly fly fishing kayak



Winner of the Helios 2 Rod



The theater is looking full as we begin the show



Do we have a winner in the house?



Who's gonna win the Sawyer oars, how will they get them home?



Dan Kathan won the grand prize... a Helios 3 Rod of choice



Mark Woerner wins the Orion 65 Cooler

FFD TRAVELS: Tribute To Member Robert Yarborough Summary and Photos by John Imsdahl

Robert “Bob” Yarborough was born in Oakland on June 14, 1927 and passed away on October 7, 2016. He was a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis.

For 28 years, Bob had fished every year with Rod & Randy Berg of the Rod N Real Kenai River resort in Alaska. His family saved his ashes for one more final journey to Alaska. So, on August 27, 2017, Bob Yarborough’s ashes flew from Sacramento to Anchorage along with his son, David Yarborough, his grandson Sean, friends Jack Norlyn and John Imsdahl. We arrived in Anchorage in the early afternoon, rented a van, and drove the 3 ½ hours to Rod N Real which is situated on the Kenai River.

On Saturday, September 2nd, Rod N Real owner Randy Berg, in Willie Illingworth’s very own “Willie Boat” Alaskan Pram, boarded our party with Bob’s ashes. We told stories of Bob and tributes of times we had fished together as we drifted down to Bob’s favorite sandbar, just up the Kenai River from “The Slide”. Taps were played as Navy veteran Bob Yarborough’s ashes were “committed to the deep” on the Kenai River at his favorite fishing site. Randy Berg topped off this solemn event with a nice Scotch being poured into the river with Bob’s final ashes.

Later that Saturday, a small amount of Bob’s ashes took center stage at the weekly Rod N Real BBQ. Bob was not a fan of eating fish, but he loved to fish. We ate generous portions of fresh Alaskan halibut, cod and salmon at a picnic table with Randy as we toasted Bob with good beers.

Bob’s spirit was with us each and every day as we limited out on cod, halibut and salmon. Our fly out in a 1957 Beaver float plane over the Cook Inlet was particularly rememberable as it was one of Bob’s favorite outings. The four of us caught a Baker’s Dozen, 3 each for the trip home, and one that was prepared for us by our guide on the bow of a pram within a few feet of four grizzlies.

Thank you Bob for the Alaskan fishing memories and for your long service to our country.
Rest in Peace on your favorite river.





FFD OUTREACH: Putah Creek Cleanup Day

Summary and Photos by Tom Robinson

This was the second year that Fly Fishers of Davis partnered with Putah Creek Trout on the International Coastal Creek Clean Up Day. It was heartwarming to see the number of volunteers that showed up early on a Saturday morning. Thank you for your service! We had 25 volunteers divided up into 5 groups and collected garbage on the Inter Dam Region for 3 hours. It was as much of a social event as it was hard work to clean up the creek. The group filled up two trailers of garbage which included approximately 600 pounds of trash, 90 pounds of recyclables, 2 tires, ½ kayak, a small refrigerator, and 4 rusted out barrels. Phil Reedy put together a quick fun video showing the group's teamwork to extract the rusted barrel. You can see it on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/DMUVe9r9G-E>. Thank you to the Fly Fishers of Davis for sponsoring lunch for the group. Members and non members were very appreciative.



Steve Karr gives out the marching orders



The garbage starts piling in



Enjoying the morning on the river



It's amazing what you find out there



It wasn't all work



George hard at work collecting more trash



One man's trash is another man's treasure.. and it still played!



Fly Fishers of Davis sponsored and hosted the lunch



Dan Brugger gives a tight line nymphing lesson



In addition to regulations... the creek needs our volunteer help



Look what we found



Teamwork!



Fred Bryner's trailer is loaded



Never thought we'd load up 2 trailers



Looking good!



Thank You to everyone to volunteered to keep Putah Creek clean



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<u>Trip 2017</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Frenchman Lake	Trout		September 21-24	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2016	Stripers	Boat	October 28	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	November 2-3	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
McCloud River	Trout		November 2-5	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping at Sims Campground
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	Dana Kathan	415-713-8952	\$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
Yuba River UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Sierra Lake	Trout		June	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 12 - 15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking

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