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February Meeting, Tuesday February 27, 2018 7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School Patrick Samuel Presents: "State of the Salmonids in California: Fish in Hot Water"

his month, Tuesday February 27th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Patrick Samuel who will give a presentation on the report he co-authored-State of the Salmonids in California II: Fish in Hot Water (SOS II), a result of joint research efforts from the Fish and watershed advocacy group California Trout (CalTrout) and the University of California Davis, Center of for Watershed Sciences. The report paints a grim

picture of the future of our state's native salmonids. It's estimated that up to 45 percent of these native species will likely be extinct in 50 years if present trends continue. Due to the drought and the increasing effects of climate change, the scientific findings in SOS II show that conditions are much more dire for our salmonids: 81 percent of these species are worse off today than they were less than a decade ago.

Patrick Samuel is the Bay Area Program Manager for California Trout, where he coordinates conservation work on the ground and in the water in the Bay Area for California Trout, and is a co-author on the *State of the Salmonids* report. Prior to joining CalTrout, he worked with the Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum, a non-profit that supports the eight federal regional fishery management councils around the country. Patrick got his start in fisheries as an undergraduate intern with NOAA Fisheries Protected Resources Division in Sacramento, and in his first field job as a crew member of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife's Wild and Heritage



Trout Program. For more on the study and authors go to http://caltrout.org/sos/about-the-study

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

March Comes In Like a Lion, and Goes Out Like a Lamb

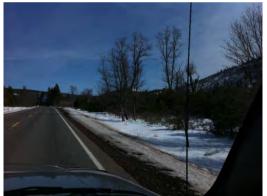
Might ring true this year ?!? It's still early, but I see multiple **cold rainy** days in the horizon. Let's hope that we have a **dry March 10**th for the Annual Dinner!

I'd like to **welcome** the 10+ **new Members** to the Fly Fishers of Davis. I heard from Dana Hooper that many of you are attending the 101 classes, which is a great way to start. March is our kickoff month for **Club Outings** with **Baum Lake**. The Club's outings are key to Members getting **and** staying involved. The Baum Lake Outing does require a floatation device, so it is a hard outing to start out with, unless you have the equipment. I'll never forget my first Baum Lake outing.... I arrived to camp with a 5-person tent, aka The Taj Mahal, and a pontoon boat handed down to me that disassembled and fit into a backpack... I had read reviews of the pontoon disassembling **in the water** for many, so I was a bit anxious. I was the only one that tented it that year, as it snowed, and I have never been that cold in a tent before, but the camaraderie and help I received that weekend, the **memorable fishing stories** (Not to mention Dr. Donn's stories ©) by the campfire, the fabulous meals, and fishing warmed my heart. Despite freezing alone in that big tent, I had the best time ever and was hooked! Oddly enough, my pontoon held up okay, but Bobber and Donn ended up falling in the water. We made sure they were **Safe** before we all grabbed our cameras... **What a hoot!** I've been on 6 more Baum Lake outings and each one has a fond memory, and a story... So get out there, leave your

comfort zone and try to attend an outing or two. I recommend the Hat Creek Outing in May to start.



First and last outing with this. I found friends with boats ©



What am I getting myself into?



I've learned to be a lot more gentler on the fish

Congratulations to Adam Rosas (10) and Liam Morris (13) on receiving our 2018 Youth FishCamp Scholarships. Both Adam and Liam wrote such compelling essays that the FFD Board had such a hard time picking just one, so we decided to fund two scholarships this year. Both kids are **super excited** about attending the Camp this Summer. I'm sure that they will be great ambassadors for the Fly Fishers of Davis. Both will be attending our Annual Dinner in a few weeks, so make sure and chat them up.

Finally, the **Annual Dinner**... If you have not had a chance to **RSVP**, please do so soon. The Dinner is our major fundraiser of the year, so I hope that everyone is able to attend. With your generosity the FFD is able to support, on your behalf, the Youth FishCamp Scholarships, Casting for Recovery Sponsorships, UCD Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture Scholarships, Salmon in the Classroom Program, and many local conservation efforts. The Dinner is **great fun** and you might even leave with a couple of **raffle prizes**.

Cheers!

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 2018 Meeting Schedule					
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC		
February	Patrick Samuel	February 27, 2018	SOS Status of CA Salmon Report		
March	Ken Hanley	March 27, 2018	Fly Fishing Bass		
April	Jay Murakoshi	April 24, 2018	Fly Fishing Baja California		
May	Brent Hublitz	May 29, 2018	Southern Oregon Fly Fishing		

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



2018 FFD ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 10th, 2018 West Plainfield Fire Station at 5:30 PM

Plans for the 2018 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner are well under way. It's time to mark your calendar and save the date so that you can attend this great event. Skip the line and pre-purchase dinner and raffle tickets at the upcoming FFD Monthly Meeting.

Dana Hooper is lining up some great raffle items and HIGH ROLLER prizes. Paul Berliner is busy putting together the much enjoyed 2017 FFD Year in Review, and once again we've lined up pitmaster Hickory Hank to prepare our guests a fantastic meal. We need everyone's RSVP soon so that we can tell Ol' Hickory how much food he needs to prepare. Hope to see you there

If you lost your EVITE Email, you can email <u>Tom.Robinson@me.com</u> and send in your RSVP by email. Just tell him how many people are in your group or go to <u>evite.com/event/01A84U7L5I5V4UQ2WEPIBN2UW5SCTY/rsvp</u> to send the RSVP online.



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2018 CALL FOR DUES!

Here is a reminder to send in your dues for 2018. Dues for adults and families are \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. Because of your support, our membership continues to grow! Your dues help to fund almost all club activities — including our superb array of guest speakers, outings, the annual picnic, fly casting and fly tying clinics, our amazing FFD 101 classes, Salmon in the Classroom, and best of all, our contributions to numerous outreach, education and conservation organizations. Please bring a check (made out to Fly Fishers of Davis) or cash to the next club meeting. You can present this to Lyn Hooper at the membership table. As an alternative, you can mail your check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!

ANNUAL DINNER RAFFLE TICKETS FAQ



• How much are Raffle Tickets, When can I buy them, and how are they used?

Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Your number has been stamped on the back of your tickets. \$1 raffle tickets are used for bucket items (raffle tickets go into the individual bucket representing an item) or the general raffle (tickets are put into a large drum and drawn for general raffle items). Raffle Tickets can be prepurchased at the February Club Meeting or on the night of the Annual Dinner.

What is a High Roller Ticket and how do I get one?

A High Roller Ticket is used in the High Roller Raffle (A raffle of high value items). Guests receive a High Roller Ticket for every 100 \$1 raffle tickets purchased. Your High Roller Raffle Ticket is stamped with the same number as your \$1 raffle tickets. Place your High Roller Raffle Ticket in the High Roller Raffle bucket.

• What is a First Timers Raffle Ticket and how do I get one?

If it is your first time to the FFD Annual Dinner, you qualify for the First Timers Raffle. Please ask for one at the check-in table if you qualify. Write your name on the back of the First Timers Raffle Ticket and put it in the First Timers Raffle Bucket. The First Timers Raffle is a separate raffle for first timers only.

How do I avoid the long line on the night of the Event?

Pre-purchase your dinner and raffle tickets at the February Club Meeting



FFD 101 & 201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm UCD Horticulture Room

If you can't Identify these Bugs then maybe you need to sign up for these classes.







Day 1	Wed. Feb 21	Equipment and Supplies
Day 2	Wed. Feb 28	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. March 7	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. March 14	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. March 21	Indicator Techniques and Review

If you would like to learn how to catch fish like these.







201 Top	pics	
Day 1	Wed. March 28	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. April 4	Streamer Techniques for Trout
Day 3	Wed. April 11	Stillwater Techniques

Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at <u>TroutHookup1@gmail.com</u> or 916-343-9732





CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> 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.

California WaterFix update Last month I wrote about allegations of illegal meetings and unlawful ex parte communications between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Board's CA WaterFix (Delta Tunnels) hearing team. Protestants San Joaquin County, Sacramento County, City of Stockton, City of Antioch, and Local Agencies of the North Delta jointly prepared and filed a motion asking the State Board to stay the WaterFix Hearing for at least 90 days. A few days later the DWR responded saying "None of the alleged ex parte communications cited by Protestants constitute a substantive issue or controversial matter of practice and procedure within the scope of the proceeding," DWR further said that the communications in question either happened prior to the Notice of Public Hearing, were regarding non-substantive or non-controversial procedural issues, or issues related to the California WaterFix Environmental Impact Report through its role as a CEQA Responsible Agency. Nevertheless, the Water Board delayed the hearing for two weeks.

At the end of last month the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed a motion to stay the next WaterFix hearing, explaining that continuing the hearing was not in the public interest due to significant changes in the project. The significant changes are the move to building one tunnel now, with a second tunnel to come later. The environmental documents produced to date envision operation of two tunnels jointly – the plan to operate a single tunnel has not been sufficiently analyzed and this argues the review should be reset.

February 8 was the first day of the State Water Resources Control Board Hearings for the WaterFix (Delta Tunnels). Much controversy was generated due to alleged ex-parte communications and due to the announcement of a phased plan to first build one tunnel then another tunnel later on (which is a major change to the plan). This resulted in many calls to delay the meetings, so an abbreviated meeting was conducted.

DWR Director Karla Nemeth began by reading a policy statement, essentially saying DWR is not altering its application and is still seeking approval for 3 intakes and 2 tunnels. Next, Doug Obegi from the NRDC and all others joining with NRDC's motion spoke in support, arguing that the phasing is a significant change in operations and that time is needed to evaluate the modeling data that was just submitted by DWR.

According to Maven's Notebook "The hearing officers then retired to a back room to discuss next steps, returning 7 minutes later, asking DWR to submit the Department's written response to the motion along with Ms. Nemeth's policy statement by 5pm on Friday (February 9)."

On February 21 the Water Board denied all outstanding requests to delay the hearings and ruled they would continue on February 22. The board ruled "After reviewing the parties' briefing on the subject, we find that proceeding with Part 2 of this water right hearing as currently scheduled makes the most efficient use of the State Water Board's and the parties' time and resources taking into consideration all relevant factors, including present uncertainty over how Petitioners intend to proceed with the WaterFix Project."

An economic study of WaterFix was released by the Brown administration last week. The analysis was produced by David Sunding, the professor of natural resource economics at UC Berkeley who was roundly criticized by Jeff Michael of the University of the Pacific for his earlier analysis. Dr. Michael and others are critical of the new analysis, too, saying it focuses on benefits to the water users but does not include all the environmental costs to the delta of building the tunnels. Not surprisingly, the analysis concludes that the single tunnel option is economically sound and that the benefits outweigh the costs by a slim margin.

A Kingdom from Dust was released by California Sunday Magazine recently. It's a fascinating story about the transfer of water from northern California to San Joaquin Valley growers by Stewart and Lynda Resnick. It's a long story, but describes in some detail how the Resnicks were able to increase their acreage of pistachios and pomegranates even during all the drought years. They currently own about 180,000 acres (about 1/5 the size of Rhode Island). Take a look at it!

On that note, a recent court order supports AquAlliance and co-plaintiffs in a lawsuit that 10-year water transfers from rice farms in the Sacramento Valley to growers in the San Joaquin Valley failed analysis and disclosure. It's expected that up to half of the transfers would be made up in the north state by pumping groundwater, the same action that has resulted in significant ground subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley. It's not clear what effect the court order will have on transfers this year.

Winter run salmon may have a better chance of survival than previously thought, according to a new study recently published in the journal Biological Conservation. The study examined the otoliths (ear bones) of salmon to find out where they came from. The bones take up trace chemicals from the environment they are in, and because they form like tree rings the scientist can tell where the fish have been over time. It turns out they spend more time in different tributaries than previously thought. Protection of these areas as "critical habitat" could give the winter run salmon a better chance at survival. You can read more about it in the Redding Record-Searchlight.

Initial reviews for water projects proposed under Proposition 1 were dismal. The California Water Commission scored half the proposals near zero and the other half at less than one for public benefit ratios. The staff explains that this may have been because the applications did not demonstrate required facts or evidence. This means that there is still a chance to correct their paperwork. You may have seen some op-eds urging the Water Commission to speed the construction of water storage projects, claiming the voters clearly supported them by passing Proposition 1. But the proposed projects do not comply with the conditions set forth in Proposition 1 and must do so to receive funding. Specifically, "the cost allocated to any public benefit must not exceed the dollar amount of that public benefit." This is the public benefit ratio.

Here are some interesting scores:

Project	Adjusted total public benefit	public benefit ratio (pbr)
Centennial dam	\$0	0.0
Los Vaqueros	\$199.5 million	0.4
Pacheco Dam	\$176.8 million	0.36
Sites dam	\$662 million	0.4
Temperance Flat	\$104 million	0.10 (all for "flood control")
Tulare Lake	\$6.1 million	0.01

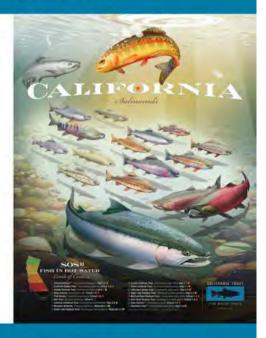
Keep these figures in mind when you see op-eds in the paper regarding these projects. There's a push by water users to build water storage projects at the public's expense for their private gain. Unless the public benefit ratio is legitimately above 1.0, the project should be not be funded with public money. Even privately funded project that impact the public should provide more public benefit that they cost the public in environmental damage.

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Fly Tying Corner

Baum Lake by Cary Boyden

Baum Lake is the Club's outing designed to welcome in Spring but often offers weather more usually associated with winter steelheading. The lake is located near Burney offering both comfortable accommodations in town and less hospitable camping at the lake. While dubbed a lake, Baum is more a spring creek flowing leisurely down Hat Creek between Hat 1 and the dam around a mile downstream and containing numerous weed beds.

Typically, depending on stocking patterns, the water is loaded with trout in the range of a foot. There are usually also good numbers of fish in the mid teens and some over 20. Once in a great while a fish up to 8 pounds is landed. Successful flies include stripped small buggers and leeches, usual midges like ice cream cones in smaller sizes, pts and at times when hatches are on, mayfly and midge dries. Most of the fishing is done near the launch site but there can be excellent catches made at various sites down to the dam. Bank access is limited but not non-existent suggesting some form of floating object is clearly preferable. Float tubes are not great, pontoon boats work well, particularly when paired with a trolling motor, prams are ideal, again preferably with a trolling motor, and bigger boats can work but are not easily launched in the shallow launch area. No gas engines are allowed.

There are 2 flies which will be covered here. The first is a Crowley Lake pattern which was extremely successful last year. The second is a fly Tom Burton discovered a few years back and both he and I have modified, which has proven consistently effective. We will cover the Crowley fly, known as a Tiger Midge, first. As with many midge ties, the fly is absurdly simple and very effective.

Tiger Midge Materials List:

- **Hook:** Daiichi 1760 size 16 or 18 or 200r in same sizes (I much prefer the Daiichi which is 2x heavy)
- Thread: Black small (I use UTC 70 denier but other thin thread works)
- **Bead:** Copper to size (5/64 for 16 and 2/32 for 18)
- Wire: copper xsm

Pinch down barb and put on bead wide end first; tie in wire behind bead and wrap to bend and then back to bead making as smooth a body as possible; palmer wire to bead and tie off both; Loctite brush on super glue or goo and cure the body

Having no knowledge of what the second is called, I will call it a Baum Lake Special.

Baum Lake Special Materials List:

- **Hook:** TMC 100 barbed or not, Umpqua C200 or another wide gape standard size 16 hook (the ones I listed are ridiculously expensive and Allen and others offer perfect substitutes)
- Thread: Black (again I use UTC 70 denier but other thin thread works)
- **Bead:** smallest clear glass bead you can find (this is optional but helps make nice gills); also either 5/64 black or anodized red bead
- Gills: Single strand of white ostrich herl
- **Rib:** Xsm silver wire

Put on glass bead if using; tie in ostrich either just behind eye or clear bead and tie off to rear of ostrich and whip finish and cut thread, put on black or red bead wide end forward and slide forward so either ostrich fibers go forward (this is dicey to get right) or are squeezed between the beads (much better results; tie in thread again behind bead (or beads), wind in wire to bend and wrap thread back to bead, again trying for as smooth a body as can, palmer wire, tie off wire and thread and same super glue or goo and cure of body





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<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	Comments
Baum Lake	Trout		March 14 - 18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 11 - 14	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April 18 - 21	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	April 28	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 18 - 20	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		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 6 - 10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 12 - 15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman Lake	Trout		TBD	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 2017	Stripers	Boat	October 21	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	November	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	Comments
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	January	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip





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For more information, contact: Lyn Hooper at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org - Membership Chair

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Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Putah Creek Cleanup, Membership, Budget, Conservation, Newsletter, Communications, Outings, Marketing, Youth Programs, Salmon in the Classroom, Education.

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