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

**June Meeting, Tuesday June 25, 2019
6:00 pm @ Pioneer Park
Fly Fishers of Davis Presents: 2019 Annual Picnic**

*T*his month, Tuesday June 25, the Fly Fishers of Davis will celebrate Summer with the Annual Picnic. Come and visit with your fly fishing friends and their significant others. Enjoy side dishes and desserts provided by Members and feast on BBQ hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken provided by FFD.



Come and share a fish story or two, discuss your summer plans, and find out who will win the coveted Addled Angler Award this year.

If you have not yet RSVP'd please email Tom Robinson (tom.robinson@me.com) with the number of guests that will be attending so that we will have enough BBQ.

Hope to see you there!

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be."

- John Gierach

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

Summer is almost in full swing. This means a lot of fly fishing opportunities and of course the FFD annual picnic, which will be held next Tuesday night, instead of the regular monthly Club meeting. If you have not RSVP'd, it is not too late! Email me (tom.robinson@me.com) and let me know how many are expected. This is a family event, so you are encouraged to bring the entire family, and don't forget to bring a food item to share with the group and cold beverages of your liking.

This last month my good friend Eric Kapucinski and I competed in the 2019 Costa Bass n Fly tournament. We had a great time fishing the two day event and managed to squeak out 8th place out of 45+ boats. We even managed to win \$450 dollars and some Costa sunglasses, so now Eric can be considered a pro angler. Thanks Big E for offering to be Captain and being a great partner.



In less than 24 hours Kim and I will be heading up to Lewiston Lake for the

Club outing. I've never done this outing before, so I'm really excited to fish the venue, especially after Cary Boyden's presentation in April. I've re-read "Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider" so I'm expecting great things Cary!!

Hope to see you next Tuesday at the FFD Picnic, and if I don't have a great 4th of July!

Tom Robinson

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Tristan Leong 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
June	N/A	June 25, 2019	FFD Annual Picnic
July	Humble Heron	July 30, 2019	Rogue River Steelhead
August	TBD	August 27, 2019	TBD

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

FFD CLUB PATAGONIA OUTING



FLY FISHING IN PATAGONIA – DISCOUNTED COST
LAGO ROSARIO LODGE (www.lagorosariolodge.com)
DATE TBD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 2019 AND APRIL 30, 2020

THREE SPOTS LEFT

The Logo Rosario Lodge, located in Los Aleceres National Park in the heart of Argentinian Patagonia, has offered a group from Fly Fishers of Davis a significant discount on their 8 day/7 night/6 fishing days “one week program”. The package is all-inclusive covering lodging, meals, fishing licenses, and daily guide service to locations of the angler’s choice. The discounted price is \$3500, plus airfare. Just three spots remain in the FFD group, so act fast! Contact FFD Directors Ken Lazzaroni (kmlazzaroni@yahoo.com) or Mark Sanders (drmsanders@hotmail.com) for details and visit the lodge website (lagorosariolodge.com).



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FFD ANNUAL PICNIC



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...

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Dish</u>
A-G :	Salads
H-M :	Wonderful Desserts
N-Z :	Side Dish or Chips





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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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Legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that would help California manage its water, protecting the precious resource for people and the environment, cleared a key committee this month.

“This bill is an important step toward managing our water for the long run,” Sen. Dodd said. “‘You can’t manage what you don’t measure. Stream gages provide important information in this era of droughts and flooding, driven in part by climate change.’”

California has one of the nation’s most complex water systems, moving millions of gallons across the state from north to south and east to west. The state’s 39 million residents and \$47 billion farming industry – along with diverse wildlife from the Sierra to the sea – rely on that water. Yet there is little data about how much water is coursing through streams at any given time. Only 54 percent of the state’s 3,600 stream gages have been active in recent times. And even fewer provide rich, real-time reporting needed to manage this precious resource.

Senate Bill 19 would help address those shortcomings, ensuring California has the information it needs to effectively oversee the water supply. The bill cleared the Assembly’s Water, Parks and Wildlife committee and heads next to Appropriations.

“SB 19 is critically important in creating a state responsibility to improve gaging of rivers -- and restoring gage capacity based on scientific considerations,” said Jay Ziegler, Policy Director at The Nature Conservancy. “Sen. Dodd’s leadership on this issue is vitally important and a part of his continued leadership in delivering more open and transparent data so we have more science-based decision-making in managing water in California.”

The 37th Annual Salmonid Restoration

Conference was held in Santa Rosa last month. I was able to attend part of the conference a couple of years ago and I found it to be excellent scientifically, with lots of information about local projects restoring salmon habitat. If you get an opportunity to attend, do it. This report came from [Fish Bio](#).

California’s salmon and trout have persisted to survive in spite of significant challenges both past and present, highlighting that they are remarkably adaptable creatures. The recent [37th annual Salmonid Restoration Conference](#) hosted by the Salmon Restoration Federation, in Santa Rosa, California, centered around the question of “California Drought, Fire, and Floods – Can Salmon and the Restoration Field Adapt?.” The conference was attended by approximately 600 scientists, managers, and conservationists representing academic institutions, government agencies, non-profits, and consulting firms from across the West Coast. Like the species they study, the conference highlighted that those who work on salmonid restoration are equally adaptable. Field tours and workshops during the first two days of the conference focused on the growing impacts of marijuana cultivation on in-stream flows, innovative approaches to restoration in urban watersheds, and the process and value of restoring to a “stage 0” state in which the river has multiple, branching channels and is well connected to its floodplain. Presentations during the following two days expanded upon these themes, and covered additional topics such as floodplain restoration, salmonid foodscapes, management of dry season water supply, watershed resiliency, salmon life histories and habitat use, strategies for improving stream flow, the status of the soon-to-be undammed Klamath basin, and the likelihood of a renaissance for spring-run Chinook.

The plenary session began with Representative Jared Huffman, who serves California’s 2nd District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The congressman highlighted the numerous accomplishments and opportunities in the effort to restore California’s fisheries, including the prospect for new fish passages at Scott Dam on the Eel River, the impending removal of dams on the Klamath River, and his newly introduced [Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act](#), which if passed will create special restoration areas for salmon. He also stressed the importance of drawing upon science and past lessons-learned to improve

water use. The plenary also included a presentation by Langdon Cook, author of [Upstream: Searching for Wild Salmon from River to Table](#). Mr. Cook spoke about his experience exploring the connections between salmon and people, highlighting work by certain fishers to implement more sustainable harvest practices and efforts by scientists and conservationists to communicate the importance of salmon in areas like the Delta where there are many competing interests. Dr. Gordon Reeves of the U.S. Forest Service and Oregon State University also presented on approaches to conserving salmonids in the face of an increasingly extreme climate, and Dr. Ellen Hanak of the Public Policy Institute of California's Water Policy Center discussed the reforms that will be necessary to reduce the vulnerability of California's water to climate pressures, including the potential new approach of granting the environment a water budget similar to that of other water users.

Many of the presentations following the plenary focused on understanding and restoring natural processes, with particular attention given to the multiple benefits that can occur from allowing interaction of rivers and their floodplains. These included discussions of successful restoration efforts such as Sonoma Water's [Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project](#), and modeling approaches for planning and prioritizing restoration sites, such as [cbec eco engineering's efforts on the Lower American River](#). In addition, several presentations focused on incorporating often unaddressed parameters into habitat modeling, such as the [foodscape approach being taken by UC Berkeley researchers](#) that explores both the physical suitability of habitat for foraging and the availability of food in the habitat. Speakers acknowledged challenges of restoring salmonid populations in the heavily altered habitats of California rivers, but optimism and excitement over new approaches and new knowledge pervaded, particularly in [presentations on genetic studies of spring-run Chinook salmon](#). Recent identification of the genetic basis for the spring-run ecotype has allowed scientists to determine that the genetic diversity underlying this life-history form has persisted in rivers like the Klamath despite the upper watershed being cut off by dams for many generations. This means that the population has the potential to rebound following dam removal. Increasingly frequent droughts, fires, and floods, as well as an expanding human population, present an uncertain future for both humans and salmon alike. Yet a

proven history of adaptability and resilience among both salmon and people, as well as the development of new and innovative approaches to conserving salmonid diversity in the face of a changing climate, provide hope for a future with healthy ecosystems and fisheries.

[Doug Obegi wrote](#) an excellent [behind-the-scenes account](#) of current legal issues in the Delta between the Trump Administration and the State of California. [Doug](#) is the Director of California River Restoration in the Water Division of the Nature Program for the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It's been a bad several months for the [Trump Administration's efforts to weaken and eliminate protections](#) for Endangered Species in California's Bay-Delta watershed. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt is leading this effort in order for the Bureau of Reclamation to deliver more water to his former clients (the Westlands Water District) and other Central Valley Project contractors."

The piece details numerous attempts by the Trump Administration to get around the very clear science on the Delta. But it's not working.

"In 2017, according to [this document](#) that NRDC obtained from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to the Public Records Act, the State identified specific Delta outflow criteria to protect fish and wildlife in the Bay-Delta, and concluded that meeting those criteria would require reducing diversions by nearly 2 million acre-feet per year."

Read Doug's analysis in the link above. It clearly documents how the Preferred Alternative of the Trump Administration would lead to extinction of Delta Smelt, even according to Fish and Wildlife's own peer review.

[There's a good article](#) on [salmon hatcheries](#) in the LA Times that's worth reading. It concludes "*According to the current plan, once the Klamath dams are taken down, the Iron Gate and Fall Creek hatcheries will run at a little more than half pre-dam-demolition production levels. PacifiCorp, the utility that owns the Klamath dams, has agreed to support the hatcheries for eight years after dam removal; after that, funding is uncertain — and that's a good thing. The salmon hatcheries on the Klamath should be phased out as quickly as possible. Even if the post-dam comeback of wild salmon is slow, river managers should resist pressure to continue or even expand hatchery operations.*

The best hatchery is a healthy river.” Go read it at the link above!

Santa Maria: Local jurisdictions oppose plan to restore endangered trout population, raise water rights concerns: *“An attempt to restore the population of endangered Southern California steelhead trout living in the Santa Ynez River is being opposed by some jurisdictions that rely on the river and Cachuma Lake for their water supply. The number of trout, which travel to and from the ocean throughout their lifecycle, in the river began declining after the construction of Bradbury Dam on Cachuma Lake in 1953. Prior to construction, there were about 20,000 adult fish living in the Santa Ynez River, but with the dam limiting their ability to travel to and from the ocean, the population dropped to 100 adult fish by 1991, according to the State Water Resources Control Board. ...”* Read more from the Santa Maria Sun here: [Santa Maria: Local jurisdictions oppose plan to restore endangered trout population, raise water rights concerns.](#)

FERC Launches Inquiry into Salmon Stranding on Feather River Dan Bacher has written extensively on water issues in the state. Read his recent article on [salmon stranding on the Feather River](#). Here’s an excerpt:

On May 29, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) sent a letter to the California Department of Water Resources inquiring into the stranding and deaths of thousands of spring run Chinook salmon on the Feather River in April, as reported by guides and fishermen out on the river.

The stranding began three days after the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) released 333,442, spring-run Chinooks from the Feather River Fish Hatchery at Gridley and another 332,692 at Boyd’s Pump, a total of 666,134 salmon, according to James Stone, fishing guide and president of the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen’s Association.

Guides and fishermen reported thousands of juvenile fish were stranded up and down the river 3 days after the release when flows were dropped dramatically.

“Three days after the fish releases, DWR dropped releases by 10,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), from 25,000 cfs to 14,750 cfs, within less than 24 hours. This made the river drop inside of its bank, leaving baby salmon in pools stranded outside of the river,” said Stone.

“Concerned anglers did fish rescues. They took the stranded fish from the pools and put them back into the river. They rescued thousands of fish,” said Stone.

The spring Chinook is a state and federally listed threatened species. The spring run was once one of the largest runs of salmon, but dams now block fish from returning to their historical spawning grounds on Central Valley rivers and creeks.

Thomas J. LoVullo, Chief, Aquatic Resources Branch Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance of FERC, sent a letter to Gwen Knittweis, Chief Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office, California Department of Water Resources, inquiring into the fish stranding incidents.

He reminded DWR that “Article 31 of your project license requires that you operate the project in such a manner that changes in rates of release from Oroville Reservoir and afterbay dams will be gradual and minimal at all times insofar as this is consistent with operation requirements.”

The letter requested additional information related to flow reductions and consequent fish stranding incidents. Read the entire piece at the link above!

There’s more but I’m out of time and space. Subscribe to [Maven’s Notebook](#) if you want to get more water and conservation information



FFD TRAVELS: The Fall River

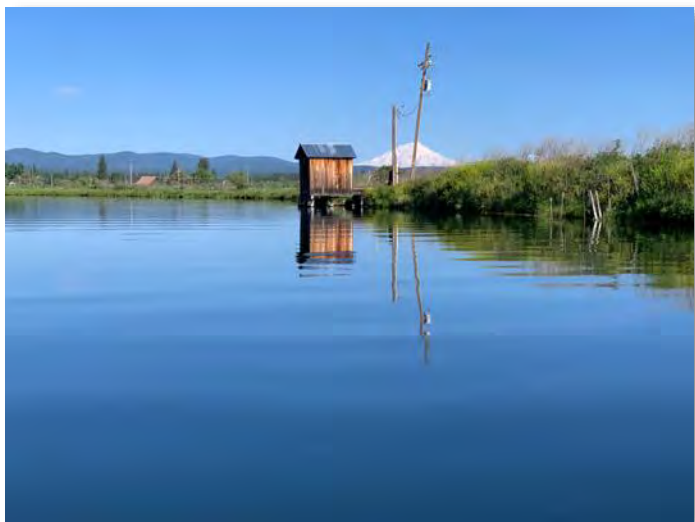
Summary by Cary Boyden Photos by Members

Tom suggested it might be nice to have a report to provide a context for what are evidently a number of pictures from various of the group at Fall River taken during what has become an annual get together for various Club members. First a little background: about 15 years ago a group of Club members accepted invitations to spend a few days at a rental house just downriver from the CalTrout access on the river. We had a great time and for a number of years renewed the stay with an ever changing group. A few years back this house became unavailable, and after some searching for an alternative we ended up at the "Cabin"CCC at Circle 7.

The Circle 7 setup has worked incredibly well for the entire time we have stayed there. But, of course, that is much less relevant than the quality of fishing which varies from year to year. 2018 produced an inordinate number of dinks mixed in with some nice fish, The hatches were ok. This year the river was a bit behind schedule hatch-wise with only the final day producing much surface activity. The stripping, both shallow and dredging, was, however, really productive with most, but not all, fish being the 2019 version of last year's dinks. Everyone caught fish, and Bob Zasoski, who is the reason for the trip's inception, had his best session to date and was clearly the most successful of the crew.

For other members who might want to organize a similar outing, there are various houses available on the river with access, and, as noted, our experience with Trena, the reservations manager, and everything else about Circle 7 has been truly wonderful. The clear consensus of this year's attendees is that the trip was the best yet, which is a very high compliment. And reflecting this experience, we have added another night for the 2020 crowd which has a 100% current recidivism rate.

For those unfamiliar with the area a few words may be appropriate. The river is a spring creek fed by Shasta on the back side. The river where we fish it (CalTrout to the Spring Creek bridge) is serpentine with deep corners and various nice runs. It is navigable all the way in small motorized floating objects but neither wadable or accessible, except at CalTrout for craft powered by nothing more powerful than an electric motor or otherwise with the owner's consent. The fish can reach 20 inches, but this is not trophy trout water. Depending on the year, the average size might vary from 10 to 13 inches, but the chance for a larger fish or two is always good. My guess is this year collectively we landed 12 or so 16" or better (that is a true SWAG). While not a trophy water area, the valley through which the river runs is as pretty as you can find in an area with people around. There are wild rice fields as you enter the river area and then very lush hay fields with numerous cattle grazing apparently quite happily. There is no question that this area offers not only a quality time for fisher persons but also a wonderful family type venture. The distance from Davis up I5 to Redding and then East on 299 is in the area of 220 miles.



Serene Fall River



Cary Boyden heads out



Followed by Rick Wallender & Dave Yarborough



Ken Lazzaroni heads to his spot



Dave Driscoll is on the move



Monster Rainbows!



Cool digs



Bob Zasoski finding the sweet spot



Rick Wallinder with a beauty



Beautiful scenery



Nice setup Bob Beverlin



View from the accommodations



Gorgeous sunset



The Fall River crew



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<u>Trip 2019</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	June	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
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		June 20 - 23	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	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2018	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	December	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Lake Berryessa	Mult Spp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	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	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	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_2019.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: Lyn Hooper at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org – **Membership Chair**

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