



**July Meeting, Tuesday July 30, 2019
7:30 pm @ Harper Jr. High School
Dana Hooper Presents: Northern California's Turquoise
Lake or Better Known as McCloud Reservoir**

*T*his month, Tuesday July 30, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from our very own Club Member, Dana Hooper, who will talk about fly fishing on the McCloud Reservoir.



Dana will discuss McCloud Reservoir and what makes it a special place to visit, with its turquoise colored water caused by the Konwakiton Glacier off Mt Shasta. Home to many Osprey, Bald Eagles, Black Bears and Deer. Oh, don't forget the famous Redband Rainbow Trout and the techniques to catch and release them.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

" One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions."

- John Ashley-Cooper

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

The months continue to fly by. Before you know it, Summer will be over and hopefully the 100+ days will also be a fleeting memory. I can't wait for the cool weather and the delta stripers!

My wife, Kim, good friend Chris Berardi, and I escaped the excessive heat and headed up hightway 50 to the East Carson River up near Markleeville. I could not believe that there was still some snow on the Sierra peaks! The river is still high as flows have finally started to dip below the 500 mark. The water was a bit off color from the thundershower the night before, and we probably did more hiking than fishing, as we traversed up and down the canyons due to limited river crossing opportunities, but as always, when you are amongst good friends, it doesn't matter how good the fishing is. As Kim will always remind me, it is more about the journey. Catching a big fish is the icing on the cake to make the trip even more memorable. I love that feeling when you help a friend net the fish that barely fits in the net and you rejoice with a high five as the fish swims away. Thanks Chris!



This month our very own fishmeister extraordinaire, Dana Hooper, will give a presentation on the McCloud Reservoir. The plan is to make this a new outing for the Club in 2020. I had the opportunity to fish the McCloud Reservoir early in my fly fishing career and I can still remember those crystal clear turquoise waters and the crazy numbers of rainbows that we caught that day.

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
July	Dana Hooper	July 30, 2019	The McCloud Reservoir
August	Humble Heron	August 27, 2019	Rogue River Steelhead
September	TBD	September 24, 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

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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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SAVE THE DATE !!
Annual Putah Creek Cleanup Day
Saturday September 21, 2019 8:30 – Noon

Saturday, September 21 2019 is the Annual Putah Creek Cleanup Day. The event coincides with the Annual International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Putah Creek Trout has hosted the cleanup of the Inter-dam reach between Fishing Access 5 and Monticello Dam for the past 9 years. This is the third year that the Fly Fishers of Davis has partnered with the cleanup.

We need 20-30 volunteers to spread out over the reach in small teams to collect trash and recyclables.

It is a great way to get involved with your community and an excellent way to show your kids how to get involved and make their local environment a better place. Children are very welcome. Children under 12 yrs must have adult accompany them.

Fly Fishers of Davis will be sponsoring the lunch after the event. There will be more information and a signup sheet next month.



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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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Conservation Alert! The U.S. Forest Service is proposing rule changes to the way it implements the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA currently requires the USFS to be held accountable to the public for the public lands it oversees. Before it can undertake a major project on National Forest lands currently, it must conduct an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, hold hearings, and receive public comments. NEPA does not prohibit projects, but requires the USFS to show the harm that might come from them and allows the public a chance to weigh in. Very minor projects can be undertaken using a “Categorical Exclusion” (CE). These are generally used for non-controversial projects, such as removing dead or diseased trees from a campground.

The proposal is to expand the CE process to most projects, doing away with public notification, public comments, and Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements. It would cover projects including:

1. Logging up to 4,200 acres at a time.
2. Building up to 5 miles of new roads and reconstructing up to 10 miles.
3. Bulldozing up to 4 miles of pipeline and utility right-of-ways through the forest.
4. Closing roads and trails used for recreational access.
5. Adding illegally created roads and trails (usually from off-roading) to the official Forest Service road and trail system.

The Forest Service claims the change is needed to reduce the time currently taken to comply with NEPA, and cites the Camp Fire as one example of a much needed speedy process. But much of the delay in this oversight is not due to the law but is caused by chronic underfunding of the USFS. In fact, much of the funding that would be used in projects like this that might reduce wildfires has been diverted to fighting them after they break out.

A second part of the proposal is to apply the results of environmental impact reviews conducted in one place to a project conducted somewhere else. A project that has no impact in Arizona, though, has no

bearing on impacts of a project in Alaska. And alternative projects that don't work in one area might well work in another.

Why is this important to you? Our National Forests provide the environment for the cold, clear waters that we covet for fly fishing. Clear cutting and road building with no consideration of protecting streams and rivers could well destroy the places we love to fish.

You can comment on this proposal, but only until August 12. The most effective way to comment is to go to OurForestsOurVoice.org. This takes about 5 minutes to enter your name and comments. Do it now!

The Klamath River Restoration Corporation (KRRC) is submitting its application to approve the KRRC as the licensee of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) to allow dam removal to proceed. Removal of the four lower dams on the Klamath would open up more than 400 stream miles of spawning habitat to salmon and steelhead. This project has been in the works since 2000, when PacifiCorp first began relicensing proceedings. The project will not continue unless FERC transfers ownership of the dams from PacifiCorp to KRRC. There is some organized opposition to the transfer that contends the dam removal would harm property values and introduce silt to the river.

The science behind the dam removal is clear. The dams are inefficient and would require extensive updates to continue operating. Their impact on the river is detrimental, warming the water and introducing harmful algae blooms during the summer months. And their impact on anadromous fish is extensive and harmful. The Klamath River was once the third largest salmon producing river on the west coast, behind the Columbia and the Sacramento. It could become a prolific producer of salmon and steelhead once again.

There is a way you can help ensure the FERC license is transferred. FERC has been paying

attention to the number of comments for and against the project. Add your name to those in favor of approving the transfer by signing on to the letter CalTrout has created by going [here](#). It only takes a few minutes and would make a huge difference.

Climate change is responsible for fish die-offs in California and elsewhere, according to a report from UC Davis and Reed College researchers. They found a strong link between fish deaths in Wisconsin and high summer temperatures. Andrew Rypel, UC Davis wildlife, fish and conservation biology researcher, said California is even more vulnerable than Wisconsin because of the many cold-water species here.

In 2017 officials found thousands of dead fish in Clear Lake “islands” amounting to three football fields as the water warmed to the point that dissolved oxygen could not keep them alive. As summer temperatures increase due to climate change cold-water fish in freshwater lakes are particularly vulnerable. They don’t have the option to move to waters with cooler temperatures, as ocean species can.

We can make fish more resilient by modifying land use around sensitive lakes, adding vegetation and preserving wetlands to remove fertilizers that otherwise enter the lakes.

The Trump Administration last year directed the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to update the biological opinions that govern delta water exports in an attempt to increase exports to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley. The agencies were given only 135 days to complete the work. The effort was led by Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, who was previously a lawyer working for the firm that sued the Department of Interior multiple times on behalf of Westlands Water District. The fisheries service met the 2019 deadline for an updated BiOp, and it was signed by multiple staffers and cleared by the attorneys. There was little time (about 2 weeks) for independent scientific review, though. Nevertheless, it concluded that the proposed increased delta pumping would jeopardize endangered winter-run Chinook salmon, threatened spring-run Chinook, and threatened Central Valley Steelhead. It would also jeopardize Southern Resident killer whales that feed on salmon.

This opinion not only makes it harder to allow higher pumping limits, it might impose lower ones than are currently in place. In response to this opinion, Paul Souza, the regional fish and wildlife director coordinating the work, requested a two-month extension to the deadline and assembled a new review team for the work.

A very similar scenario took place in 2004 under the George W. Bush administration. Federal biologists concluded in a draft report that delta water operations would jeopardize winter-run Chinook and Central Valley steelhead. When the final report was released the opinion was reversed, allowing increased exports. It’s likely that the same reversal will take place this time – otherwise the service would proceed with the report as it stands. Watch for the final report later this summer.

The California Fish and Game Commission voted to move its proposed policy on Delta fisheries management to the full commission at their August 7 meeting in Sacramento after dozens of anglers showed up at the June meeting in Redding to oppose the proposed repeal of the 1996 Striped Bass Policy and adopt a new Delta Fisheries Management Policy. Water contractors and the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta (an Astroturf group funding by Lynda and Stewart Resnick) have for tried for years to remove limits on Striped Bass, claiming that they devour salmon. In fact, salmon and Striped Bass have coexisted in the delta for over 130 years, and it’s only been recently that the salmon have been threatened as water exports have increased.

Fisheries experts, including Peter Moyle, have declared that removing Striped Bass from the ecosystem would do little or nothing to improve the population of salmon, as other predators would increase their numbers to fill the niche currently occupied by the bass.

Dr. David Ostrach, representing numerous fishing groups, testified that the Striped Bass population has been declining along with other fish. Further declines in the Striped Bass population would increase inland silversides and pike minnows, which are voracious predators of juvenile salmon.

Be ready to give public comments on August 7 at the Fish and Game Commission meeting. It’s a powerful way to get your views heard and help make policy for the de

FFD OUTINGS: Lewiston Lake

Summary by Cary Boyden Photos by Members

Lewiston is one of, if not the, oldest continuous Club Outings. For several decades we have gone in mid July, not always to experience the best of weather, Last year Donn Erickson lobbied very hard for a shot at mid June in the hopes of less oppressive heat, and as often is true, his squeaky wheel resulted in the desired end outcome: in this case setting the trip for June 20-23.

Reflecting the very successful fishing of the last decade or so, attendance for this Outing has been on the upswing. This year the usual suspects were joined by Ed Marcillac, Shawn DeArmond, our President and his wife Kim, Warren Caldwell and Steve Sherman. The impression is that all enjoyed the get together and will likely re-up down the road. And Donn gets real kudos for pushing for an earlier date for weather reasons: no question that highs in the 80s beat 110 plus on occasion by a long shot.

But this is a fishing trip, and this year, the fishing was a bit more challenging than has been the norm. BUT Shawn took his first 2 trout (either on flies or in general-not sure which). And Ed and Dave Yarborough took truly gorgeous fish in the 18-19 inch range. Moreover, the total catch was well north of 100, so when compared to a trip such as Frenchman where 7 people landed 11 in 2 days, it is hard to give Donn too much of a hard time for his pursuit of better weather. A good portion of the fish were the smaller Lewiston kokanee version, but on light rods no complaints were heard. The fly of choice: #18 Tiger Midge: no surprise there.

The others on the trip included Steve Ohrwall (Thursday's top rod stripping a close relative of his usual green bugger), Jim and Miyoko, Donn's wife Ronnie, Paul, Bob Brodberg, Mike Rivers and Dan Mini. One more kudo is truly due: on Saturday after an ok start for him and a big 0 for this author, Dave was the squeaky wheel in getting his boat driver to go to an area in the flats which used to be productive but had not been fished for years. One boat relatively soon became two, and then three and then four and ultimately the whole crew. It was like seagulls to a shad boil. And given that around 100 fish were landed by all that afternoon and a further number reported by Dan on Sunday morning,, we all owe Dave a real thanks.



Let's get going! Dan Mini is ready to feel that tug



Beautiful setting



The fish don't have a chance Paul Berliner and Bob Brodberg



Cary Boyden and Dave Yarborough enjoying the fish and scenery



Another great meal



Bob B is also shocked by the wonder spread



Another beautiful morning on the lake



Tom Robinson gets the boat ready for another fun day



Kim Petersen lands another beautiful rainbow



Paul Berliner is thrilled with landing his fish



Shawn DeArmond with his first fish on the fly rod



Tom Robinson with one of his rainbows



This dear swam across the channel



More fish in the net!



The group found out where the kokanee are hanging out



Cary and Dave wait for the next grab



Someone is hoping for fish for dinner



A nice dinner at Mountain Valley Grill with the group

FFD EVENTS: Annual Picnic

Summary by Tom Robinson Photos by Tom Robison

We had a great turn out to this year's FFD Annual Picnic. The weather cooperated with mid to high 80s. Dana Hooper and Ken Lazzaroni manned the grills cooking a constant stream of hamburgers and hotdogs for the guests to enjoy. As usual the FFD Members brought a delectable collection of salads, side dishes and desserts. There seemed to be a constant chatter of people telling fishing stories and summaries of the recent trips that they had taken. This year's recipient of the the Addled Angler Award went to two members. Doug Falt and Donn Erickson collect the FFD AA perpetual plaque with dignity and humor as they recollected about their boat capsizing at Luk Lake. Be forewarned... they get to select next year's recipient! A big thank you to Dana Hooper for coordinating the food and BBQs



It's time for another annual picnic!



Grill Master Ken Lazzaroni cooks the burgers to perfection



Another great spread of salads, sides, and desserts



Tom Burton checks out all of the delicious dishes



Thanks Dana for organizing another great picnic



This year's Addled Angler award goes to Doug Falt and Donn Erickson



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<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
McCloud River	Trout		October 2 - 6	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 9 - 12	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2019	Stripers	Boat	Putah Lake	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		November 12 -14	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		December	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		March	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 Sp.	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
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	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

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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**

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