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**The Fisherman's Line**

**August Meeting, Tuesday August 27, 2019**

**7:30 pm @ [Holmes Junior High School](#)**

**Humble Heron Fly Fishing Presents:**

## **Rogue River Steelhead & The Impressions Left Behind**

This month, Tuesday August 27, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from James and Kait Sampsel of Humble Heron Fly Fishing. This is the Rogue's "Best of the Best". In this presentation James and Kait will break down the Rogue River into 3 dominant sections the Upper, Middle, & Lower Rogue. They will outline the personality and feel of each section seasonally in pursuit of steelhead on the swung fly. James and Kait will also talk about a new program with the guide service, their multi-day lodge to lodge and wilderness camp trips in the Wild and Scenic Corridor which lies between the Middle and Lower Rogue. Humble Heron now guides the entire river! Steelhead live in beautiful places. The art and pursuit of steelhead on the swung fly lends to storybook settings that inspire us long after we leave the river. The paintings James creates are the impressions left behind by fond river memories with guests, family, & friends.



Humble Heron Fly Fishing is a fly fishing outfit out of Grants Pass Oregon. Owners James and Kait (Bailey) Sampsel started their operations the Fall of 2016 but have guided rivers all over the west and Central America collectively for the better part of 24 years. Their focus is on the zen of the swung fly to illusive steelhead. They passionately guide guests on many of Southern Oregon's premier rivers and consider the Rogue River their bread and butter.

“To be found by a steelhead and chosen is nothing to be taken lightly. We are honored and graced by each steelhead encounter.” - James

“Fishing for steelhead is about the moment and time on the river. Feel your cares lift away and the river flow through your soul. If we’re lucky we might bump into one”. - Kait

Humble Heron takes pride in facilitating “whole” river experiences. With years of instruction and work with the industries top names they leave no stone unturned. From first impressions to hugs goodbye, their attention to their guests experience sets them apart. Beyond seeking and catching a fish, the hunt for a steelhead can leave you changed forever. Locked in memory and replayed time and again, a day on the water with these two will leave you whole and connected.

## **THE PREZ SEZ**

**By Tom Robinson**

**" There's more B.S. in fly fishing than there is in a Kansas feedlot"**

- Lefty Kreh

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

The Summer has finally come to an end. I'm looking forward to the cooler Fall days and hopefully BIG strippers. Kim and I had the opportunity to fish the UCD Yuba River Education Center. Boy has it changed since the last time I fished it. It was challenging, but a beautiful day on the water. Super proud of Kim who has expanded her fly fishing methods. She heard the streamer fishing was working, pulled out a sink tip and tied on a wooly bugger... and FISH ON!



Super excited about our visiting presenters this month, Humble Heron Fly Fishing, coming all the way from Grants Pass to talk about the Rogue River. **REMINDER**. This month's meeting is at Holmes Junior High.

FFD will once again sponsor lunch at the 2019 Coast & Creek Clean Up on Putah Creek. If you and your family are available September 21, consider signing up to help make a difference on a precious fishery in our backyard. Sign up is on page 3.

Fall is also time for Dana Hooper's 101 Classes. If your new to the sport of fly fishing or just want to learn more about reading water, rigging, and entomology don't miss these free classes for FFD Members. Dates and topics can be found on page 4.

Hope to see everyone Tuesday night to welcome our special guests!

## **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.

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2018 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
August	Humble Heron	August 27, 2019	Rogue River Steelhead
September	Dave Steindorf	September 24, 2019	River Conservation and Recreation
October	George Daniels	October 29, 2019	Nymphing Techniques
November	AC Fly Fishing	November 26, 2019	Shasta Fly Fishing
December	Home Grown	December 17, 2019	Varies Topics By Various FFD Members

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

### **FFD 101 & 201 Classes**

By Dana Hooper

**Class Dates for Fall 2019**

**Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm**

**UCD Viticulture Room**

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



Day 1	Wed. Sept 18	Equipment and Supplies
Day 2	Wed. Sept 25	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. Oct 2	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. Oct 9	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. Oct 16	Indicator Techniques and Review

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



### **201 Topics**

Day 1	Wed. Oct 23	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. Oct 30	Streamer Techniques for Trout

*Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at [TroutHookup1@gmail.com](mailto:TroutHookup1@gmail.com) or 916-343-9732*

# 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. For more information on the International Coastal Cleanup Day click [HERE](#).

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. Last year we had over 35 volunteers collect over 800 pounds of trash and 300 pounds of recyclables including 2 TVs, 2 car chairs, a table, BBQ, and 2 car wheels.

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.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)**

- 8:30 AM Meet at Putah Creek IDR Access 5.  
<https://goo.gl/maps/okbcSXU8yj22> (Google maps directions)
- 8:45 AM Sign liability waiver, get site captains and equipment, divide up into groups of 4-5
- 9:00 AM Disperse to assigned areas along the Inter-dam region between Access 5 and Monticello Dam
- 12:00 PM Meet at Putah Creek IDR Access 1 for lunch.  
<https://goo.gl/maps/youH7SkEy6FPntpc67> (Google maps directions)

\*\* Cellphone access can be sporadic out there so if you are not familiar with the area, it is best to print maps to take with you.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Garden gloves or similar and 5 Gallon plastic buckets to put trash in if you have them. We will have some buckets and vinyl gloves to pass out to volunteers

Fishing Access 5 requires waders or wet wading (up to knee), otherwise waders are not necessary.

Bring a folding chair for lunch

To sign up click on the link below or email Tom Robinson ( [tom.robinson@me.com](mailto:tom.robinson@me.com) ) if you have any questions  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bGThpCi2AJH71iN7ASzGnRwgaughz32bzxoEE3pECQQ/>



A scenic landscape photograph of a river flowing through a valley with mountains in the background under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Photo: 'Lower Owens Sunset' by Bo Adams, 2018 finalist.

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## **CONSERVATION REPORT**

*By Lowell Ashbaugh*

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**Governor Newsom signed an executive order** last April directing three state agencies (Natural Resources, CalEPA, and Food & Agriculture) to develop a “Water Resilience Portfolio” to deal with California’s ongoing water issues. The order directed the agencies to identify and assess a suite of complementary actions to ensure safe and dependable water supplies, flood protection and healthy waterways for the state’s communities, economy and environment.

In July, I signed on to a letter along with over 50 other environmental groups supporting this action and advocating that the Water Portfolio include two pillars of sustainability: 1) Guaranteeing safe and affordable clean drinking water for all Californians; and 2) Protecting and restoring healthy rivers and the Bay-Delta estuary, and the public benefits that they provide. Since then I’ve been working with a group of interested environmental advocates to develop a suite of proposals to ensure a sustainable, resilient water policy for the state.

The part of the proposal I’ve been working on most is to allocate a water right for the environment. This would require the Department of Water Resources to develop minimum instream flows for all major rivers and streams in the state and not allow diversions that would bring flows below the minimum.

This is not a new idea. During the 1976-77 drought Governor Brown created a commission to review California’s Water Rights Law. The 1978 final report of that commission recommended increased protection for instream flows and better management of groundwater. In particular, it recommended setting comprehensive flow standards on a stream-by-stream basis at certain points along the stream at certain times of the year to protect fishery, wildlife, recreational, aesthetic, scenic, and other beneficial instream uses. In 1982, the legislature passed a law requiring the Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify and list streams for which minimum flows are needed. This requirement has been languishing ever since. In 2014 Governor Brown again mandated that the State Water Resources Control Board and DFW develop approaches to establish instream

flows. This action was not begun until the drought ended and currently only includes a few streams.

We are again calling for action to develop minimum instream flows before any petitions to divert more water are considered. It is imperative to establish the needs of the environment before deciding how much water can be diverted to other purposes. Otherwise, we will guarantee extinctions of fish populations and wildlife that depends on healthy rivers, and destruction of recreational, aesthetic, and scenic qualities of our watersheds.

**Meanwhile, water interests** in the San Joaquin Valley are developing what they call a Water Blueprint that they hope will be rolled into the Governor’s Water Resilience Portfolio. They describe it as a set of projects and associated operations that would bring the Eastern San Joaquin Valley into balance while avoiding as much land retirement as possible. This plan will include a comprehensive look at local, regional, and statewide activities and investments that, collectively, will aim to resolve 2.5 million acre-feet per year or more of regional overdraft.

These water interests prioritize that no land should go out of production, and that the current overdraft (which is underestimated and may be as much as 5 million acre-feet) should be resolved by implementing every project that has ever been proposed, including those that have been discarded because they are financially infeasible or would cause too much environmental damage.

The San Joaquin Valley water interests hope to have their Blueprint folded directly into the governor’s Portfolio. They appear to believe that this is the time to get as much as possible, as the Trump administration has publicly supported turning the faucets on for San Joaquin Valley ag. The major problem with it is the Blueprint is not at all resilient. It attempts to maximize irrigated acreage by implementing every project and trick possible. If anything goes wrong there is no resilience possible. Let’s hope the governor does not fall for this ill-thought Blueprint.

**The Trump administration** has opened another front in its war on the environment as it rolled back protections afforded under the Endangered Species Act. This action comes just one month after the United Nations released a report warning that one million species could go extinct if business continues as usual. Trump's actions would actually speed their demise, as they are worse than "business as usual." The changes to the law would allow economic factors to be considered when deciding whether or not a species should be saved and it would not allow consideration of climate change when examining habitat decline.

The Endangered Species Act, as I've pointed out before, is one of the country's most effective conservation measures. It's also one of the most popular. Without it we would probably not have bald eagles or gray wolves. Salmon are still on the brink, but might be gone without the ESA. The beneficiaries of this action include the pesticide industry, extractors of oil, coal and gas, and uranium miners.

"We're facing an extinction crisis, and the administration is placing industry needs above the needs of our natural heritage," says Rebecca Riley, legal director for NRDC's Nature Program. "Science must guide our decisions, not dollar signs. We shouldn't use economic factors to decide whether a species should be saved. The administration ignored the hundreds of thousands of objections from scientists, wildlife experts, and the American people

who overwhelmingly support the Endangered Species Act."

**At the end of last month** a Shasta County Superior Court judge ordered Westlands Water District to stop work on plans to raise Shasta Dam by 18.5 feet. The ruling validated claims by the state and environmental groups that the work violated a state law that prohibits local and state agencies from participating in any projects that would have an adverse effect on the McCloud River. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation did its own study of the dam raise in 2013, and noted the state law prohibiting local and state agencies from participating. The bureau also said it would pay only 50% of the project, and the rest would have to come from state and local partners. Anyone see a disconnect there? This month Westlands asked a state appeals court to reverse the ruling, saying they are trying to fill a void in the environmental review of the project by addressing the California Environmental Quality Act. Westlands also disputed their participation in the project, saying they were only contributing money.

**Rep. Devin Nunes** (R-CA 22<sup>nd</sup> District) apparently bought a farm (not "the" farm) sometime this year for \$15,000. Until now, though, even though he listed his occupation as "farmer" he has never owned or operated a farm. For a bit of humor, head on over to [On the Public Record](#) to find out how much water he'll need to operate his farm.



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## **FFD OUTREACH: Fish Camp 2019**

**Summary and Photos by Jaxon Kamisky, One of this year's FFD Fish Camp Scholarship Recipients**

I'd like to thank the Davis Fly Fishers group for this wonderful experience to go Glamping at Fish Camp. I learned how to tie some flies and took first place in the fly tying competition at camp. I really enjoyed how much time we got to fish. I definitely caught some fish, and I was able to complete my Boy Scout Fly Fishing merit badge.



Jaxon working on his casting



Wow! That's great looking water



Jaxon showing off his line management and casting skills



Looks like a high stakes fly poker game



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Jaxon enjoying his time on the water



First place Fly. They were instructed for a while, and then were told to design and tie a unique fly.

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### PARK FEES

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- All vehicles: \$10.00 per day
- Disabled (placard/plate required): Free

All: Yolo County has instituted Day Use Fees for Fishing Accesses 1-5. Details are available at their website link below.

<https://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/general-government-departments/parks/parks-information>



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## 2018-2019

<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	707-590-3446	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	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	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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