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The Fisherman's Line



**July Meeting, Tuesday July 27, 2021
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club
FFD Members Present: Home Grown**

*T*his month, Tuesday July 27, at Stonegate Country Club, Members from our very own Club will be the resident experts and setup stations covering various fly fishing topics for our Annual FFD Homegrown program.

Home Grown Lineup:

- Fly Tying Stations
- Video Station (Past Annual Dinner)
- Membership-signup / makeup Dinner Station
- Outings Coordinator Station
- Enroll for Board Positions Station



THE PREZ SEZ

By Tristan Leong

Hi FFD,

It's the end of July 2021: halfway through a year of transition, challenges, and every other curveball one can think of. Last month marked a tremendous milestone, our first "social gathering" outdoor picnic in over a year! I want to acknowledge and extend my thanks to everyone who participated in making it a truly joyous and memorable event. Looking back, I'm fairly certain it was one of our largest showings, and it was wonderful to see so many faces (albeit some behind masks etc).

On that note, I think it's important to relay how we continue to adapt to the changing COVID-19 environment. As you are all aware, the social distancing and gathering restrictions really put a dampener on our ability to meet, socialize, and function as a club. In response, we instituted a number of digital and online resources to communicate with you all, however we've never been able to fully replicate the social aspects of our club (including outings etc - which are generally compliant or considered some of the safest activities - for COVID-19, your mileage may vary as to whether throwing large weighted flies in the wind is considered safe!)

Much like society as a whole, there are differing degrees of comfort and risk-tolerance when it comes to COVID-19. We want to be respectful of everyone's wishes, but also to move forward when and where we can. Our Board meetings of late, and throughout the whole pandemic, have discussed the conditions to return. Generally, we've been following or deferring to County health orders, and so when those and the State allowed gatherings again, we were excited to move forward. However, knowing that COVID-19 continues to remain in the community (and unfortunately will likely do so indefinitely), in variant form or otherwise, we understand that not everyone is ready to make the transition back to "larger" social or indoor gatherings. We respect everyone's decisions, and hope that the health situation continues to improve to a point where more can participate in-person rather than virtually. We will attempt to offer a hybrid version of our monthly meetings for those who want to continue virtually where feasible, but this month's offering will not be conducive as we do not have a formal speaker.

Additionally, as noted prior, have booked facilities for our "2020 makeup" dinner on September 11, 2021. We hope to see folks there this fall.

We also are seeking officers and Board member candidates for FFD. Because our normal solicitation process was affected by COVID, we would like to open the floor to nominations, suggestions, or interest from our membership. At our meeting, we will have a nominating station for those interested to put their name or interest forward. Currently, we have VP, raffle chair, and a number of Board member positions that will need to be filled. We cannot continue to function as a club without your help!

Last note, for those that are able to make this month's meeting in-person, we are testing a new facility at Stonegate, and would like to solicit your opinion on the facility afterwards. Please be on the lookout for a short survey about this experience and whether we should continue to gather here or go back to the school district.

Tristan

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Andan Bailey is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one at programs@flyfishersofdavis.org

Fly Fishers of Davis 2021 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
July		July 27, 2021	Home Grown

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



It is time to renew your FFD Membership for 2021. Dues for adults and families are still \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. 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 stop by the membership table at the FFD Annual Picnic and pay for your dues with check, cash, or credit card or renew online at <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/>.

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FFD 101

By Dana Hooper

Proposed Class Dates for Fall 2021

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.



101 Topics

Day 1	Wed. Sept 15	Gear, Rods, Reels and Lines how we determine why and what to buy
Day 2	Wed. Sept 22	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. Sept 29	Knots and Rigging Techniques
Day 4	Wed. Oct 6	Reading Water and Locating Fish

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

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



FFD 201 classes will follow! An Active FFD Membership is required to attend the FFD 101/201 Classes

CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation Google Group list. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to join, and search for "FFD-Conservation". Or send an email to Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com with your request.

From a press release at Senator Feinstein's senate web page: "Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.)

today introduced the [Twenty-First Century Dams Act](#), a bill that would invest \$21.1 billion to enhance the safety, grid resilience benefits and power generating capacity of America's dams and provide historic funding to remove dams that are no longer necessary. In the

United States there are more than 90,000 dams, including 6,000 “high-hazard” dams that have poor, unsatisfactory or unknown safety ratings that without rehabilitation would pose a threat to human life if they fail. Many dams that generate hydropower are aging and need upgrades to continue providing an essential baseload source of renewable energy. Hydropower is responsible for 6 percent of U.S. electricity production and more than 90 percent of U.S. electricity storage capacity. Additionally, some of the nation’s dams have outlived their useful life and should be removed to restore rivers to their natural state. ...” Read more from Senator Feinstein’s office here: [Senators introduce bill to improve dam safety, modernize hydropower, restore rivers.](#)

The Twenty-First Century Dams Act would:

- **Improve public safety:** Invests in state dam safety capabilities, expands grant funding for the rehabilitation of existing dams and makes available low-interest loans to rehabilitate non-federal dams.
- **Enhance clean energy production and grid resilience:** Invests in existing federal dams to improve their safety and renewable energy generating capacity.
- **Restore river ecosystems:** Authorizes an interagency and stakeholder advisory committee to help administer a public source of climate resilience and conservation funding to reconnect 10,000 miles of rivers through the removal of 1,000 dams with owner consent.

It’s not clear from the press release whether funding is included for new dams or only to rehabilitate existing dams. It’s also not clear whether the funding could be used for dam raises, in particular raising Shasta Dam.

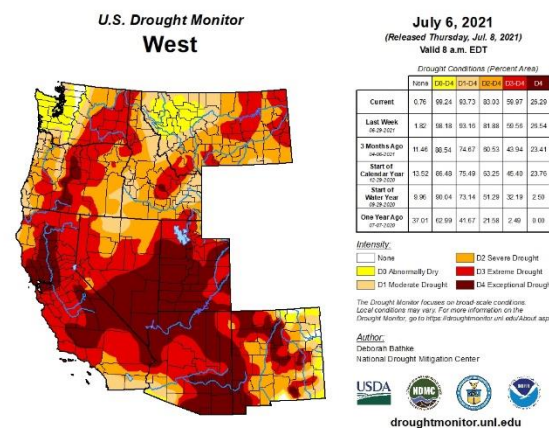
I reported last month that a tentative plan for Shasta Dam operations would kill off most of the winter run chinook salmon in the Sacramento River. The final plan by the Bureau of Reclamation will be accepted by the State Water Resources Control Board despite the projection that it will kill as many as 88% of the chinook eggs and young salmon in the overheated water that will result. The survival rate of the winter run salmon in the last two years has also been very low, and with a generally three-year life cycle of salmon this plan could result in extirpation of the winter run. The only thing that could save it is the small number of fish that run on a four or five year cycle.

The Bureau is legally required to maintain temperatures below 56° in the lower Sac for spawning salmon. The temps are projected to reach greater than 60° under the approved operations plan. “It’s bizarre to me that the water board will approve this plan that puts winter-run chinook salmon in grave danger of extinction and decimates the fall-run chinook, given that the bureau has the ability to do more to protect these fish,” said Jon Rosenfield, senior scientist at San Francisco Baykeeper, an environmental advocacy nonprofit.

Conservation advocates had asked the Bureau to reserve 1.47 million acre-feet to maintain a cold water pool for salmon, but the final plan allows only 1.25 million acre-feet. Senior water rights holders in the Central, mostly irrigation districts, were allocated 3 million acre-feet. The amount asked for that was denied, 220,000 acre feet, amounts to just over 7% of the irrigators allocation. Even though the next item shows unprecedented drought in the western U.S. it seems as though the irrigators could sacrifice a bit more to maintain some salmon in a major western river.

From Scientific American, “*The western United States is experiencing its worst drought this century, threatening to kill crops, spark wildfires and harm public health as hot and dry conditions are expected to continue this month. More than 93% of the land in seven Western states is in drought conditions, and nearly 59% of the area is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought—the two*

worst conditions—according to the latest figures released by the U.S. Drought



Monitor. Both figures are the highest this century for the area that covers all of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and most of Utah. ...” Read more at the link above.

FFD Website News – July 2021

By Paul Berliner and Bob Beverlin

In case you haven't stopped by the website lately, there are lots of new features, pictures and videos!



- New Picnic 2020 pictures. What a great turnout (and great burgers, too!)
 - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/outings/gallery-2021/2021-picnic/>
- New video from our 2021 Fly Casting Clinic. Special thanks to Jeff Putnam, and to everyone who turned out for a great casting lesson on the North Davis lawn!
 - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/classes/fly-casting/>
- New video — We are the Fly Fishers of Davis. This video tells the story of our club, and the video was created specifically for the UC Davis 2021 “virtual” Picnic Day website!
 - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/media/instructional-videos/>

More to come! Please contact us with suggestions at webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org.

FFD EVENTS: ANNUAL PICNIC

Summary By Tom Robinson & Pictures By Members

The FFD Annual Picnic was the first in person Club event in 15 months. The weather somewhat cooperated by keeping within the upper 90s. We had a fantastic turnout with over 80 members showing up. Dana Hooper and Carl Lusted honed their culinary skills and providing perfectly prepared hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken while the FFD Membership put together an amazing spread of salads, side dishes, and fabulous desserts. It was great to see everyone and we were even able to award the 2020 Addled Angler Award. What a stupendous afternoon!



Dana Hooper is showing off his cooking skills!



Tom Burton is excited to attend the picnic



An amazing spread provided by the FFD Membership



Tom Robinson and Kim Petersen are having a good time



Carl Lunsted is also showing off his cooking skills



Everyone is enjoying the company and the food



Everyone is enjoying getting back together



Is Son Chong telling a fish story?



Nobody is leaving this event hungry



What is that in your hand Tristan??



It is Donn Erickson! One of the 2018 Addled Anglers



And Doug Falt! The other 2018 Addled Angler winner



Paul Berliner is the 2020 FFD Addled Angler



Congratulations Paul ! Who will be the next winner??

Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

By Mark Rockwell, President, August, 2021



We Need to Protect our Fish During this Hot & Dry Summer

The Heat Is On

Mother nature is serving up a blow this summer? 2021 is way hotter than average across much of the United States. What does that mean for trout? What does that mean for those of us that fly fish for trout? These questions have been on the minds of many of us this past month as temperatures soared here in California and across the west.

HOW HOT IS TOO HOT FOR TROUT?

In the heat of summer, water temperatures increase, which can be troublesome and often fatal for trout, especially during extended periods. If water temps get above 68 degrees Fahrenheit, fish begin to struggle to breathe, get stressed and need a little extra TLC from us. How hot is too hot for trout? Here are a few tips courtesy of Trout Unlimited based on water temperature:

- Below 65 °F – Fish are happy, healthy, hungry, and ready for a fight.
- 65 - 68 °F - Trout are starting to slow down and are feeling the heat. Rope up with heavy tippet and land fish quickly. Skip the picture and give them plenty of time to revive before release.
- Over 68 °F – Heads up: Too hot for trout. Trout are feeling stressed and need a break! Mortality rates increase even with proper handling.

PACK A THERMOMETER

How do you tell if the water is too warm and causing the fish stress? Pack a fishing thermometer with you and when you get to the stream check the water temperature. If the water is too hot (out of the trout comfort zone), have a beer, take a nap, read a book, chase warm water species, fish a spring creek or a tailwater, or head for the high country and try again when the water temperatures drop. In other words, give the trout a break. We all have a responsibility to protect the trout we love.

My Personal Actions for Trout This Summer

1. I will always carry a thermometer and check water temperature every hour. If water temperature goes above 65 degrees I will stop fishing.
2. I will consider not fishing cold water fish if air temps go above 95 degrees and water temps are not below 65.
3. I will consider fishing only early morning & late evening. Measure water temperature before starting, hourly thereafter, and I will stop if temps go above 65.
4. Every day will be different. Some days just will not be trout days.
5. I will consider only fishing warm water fish if the heat prevails, and I will do so into the Fall and until water temps are below 65 throughout the day.

The point here is to protect our cold water fish so they will be with us in the winter and next year. As some of you already know, Oregon has issued a set of regulatory changes to protect its fisheries (see emergency regulations for angling zones: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/>). We've not yet heard anything from CDFW but I do expect it. Let's band together and do our part to care for and protect our fisheries in this, our most severe summer in years, if not ever. I salute all of you who join me in this effort. We're in this together - we and our fish.

Being a member means you support fly fishing and its future. **Join today:**

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Join-Renew>



IMPORTANT FISHING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Emergency fishing regulations in response to drought begin July 1:

Check the Recreation Report in your zone for info

ODFW is implementing emergency regulations that will begin July 1 in several angling zones as Oregon faces a severe drought this summer, putting the state's salmon, steelhead, trout and sturgeon at risk.

As always, the latest regulations are listed at the top of the [Recreation Report – Fishing Report](#) for each zone. Always check your angling zone before you go fishing.

These emergency regulations are in effect until Sept. 30, 2021 but may be lifted early or extended depending on conditions.

A summary of emergency regulations follows.

- Fishing will close for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and trout from 2 p.m. until one hour before sunrise in some rivers and streams in the NW, SW, Willamette, Central, NE zones. (“Hoot owl” regulations to end fishing before water temperatures are at their warmest, which stresses fish.)
- Nehalem River (NW Zone) will close to all angling. All other open streams in the NW Zone will be under “hoot owl” regulations.
- The Deschutes River from the mouth to Sherars Falls will be under “hoot owl” regulations to protect fish.
- Angling closure within 200 feet of mouths of tributaries in portions of the Umpqua and North Umpqua Rivers, to allow fish to gather in these cooler areas without angling pressure.
- Other targeted angling closures in portions of the Rogue and Illinois Rivers to allow for salmon and steelhead facing tough conditions to migrate without angling pressure.
- Hyatt and Howard Prairie Reservoirs in SW Zone are lifting all bag limits on all species due to extremely low water conditions that are becoming unsuitable for fish.

For full details, see the emergency regulations for your angling zone at <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/>

It will be a tough summer and early fall for fish, and these regulations are meant to help more fish survive. However, this doesn't mean that all fishing has to stop. Except for the Nehalem River, fishing will remain open the morning and early afternoon hours when water temperatures are cooler for fish and people. There are still many great fishing opportunities in [high lakes](#), for [warmwater fish like, bass, walleye, or crappie](#), and in lakes and reservoirs stocked with hatchery rainbow trout—though stocking plans may change due to the drought so remember to check the Recreation Report not the online schedule for the latest information.

ODFW appreciates anglers following the regulations and being flexible with their plans to help fish this year.



OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD

2021-2022

Proposed FFD Outings & Events Subject to Change Due to COVID-19

<u>Trip 2021</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
FFD Annual Dinner			TBD September	Tristan Leong	tristan.leong@gmail.com	
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Striper Fest 2021	Stripers	Boat	TBD November	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity River Steelhead	Trout	Guide	TBD November	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Pyramid Lake (Fall)	Trout		TBD December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip / Fee
<u>Trip 2022</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Hat Creek 101	Trout		TBD May	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Pyramid Lake (Spring)	Trout		TBD Feb, March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Hotel / Camping
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	TBD March-May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
FFD Casting Clinic			May 23, 2021	Bob Zasoski	rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	TBD	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		Prop June/July	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
FFD Annual Picnic			TBD	Tristan Leong	tristan.leong@gmail.com	

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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. FFD meetings and membership are opened to the public. The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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Each month, the e-newsletter will be posted to our website and emailed about one week before the meeting.

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How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

FFD collects annual dues for adults (\$30), students (\$15) and families (\$30). Family membership may include a spouse and children living with named member up to maximum age of 25. All family members will share one membership and username. Please be sure to provide a valid email address. For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member or registered family member to attend any of our fishing outings.

- **Membership Benefits:** For more information about the many benefits of FFD membership, please go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
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