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The Fisherman's Line



August Meeting, Tuesday August 31, 2021
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club & Zoom
Ryan Williams Presents: Float N' Fly on Clear Lake for
Bass and Crappie

This month, Tuesday August 31, 2021, at Stonegate Country Club and via Zoom, Members will hear from Ryan Williams who will discuss a breakdown of the Float N' Fly technique on Clear Lake for Bass and Crappie. There has been a lot of talk and publicity about fishing the Float N' Fly tactic. Ryan Williams are leaders in fishing this method and bringing it to Northern California. Ryan pioneered it on Lake Oroville and Clear Lake and will discuss rigging, flies, and technique.

Jan 2, 2021, Ryan Williams won the 178 boat Wild West Bass Trail team tournament on Lake Shasta. Ryan used his fly rod the entire time. Making it the first major bass tournament victory for a fly rod in the US. Winning weight was 13.87lbs, while second place was 11.93lbs. Some of the best bass pros around attended this tournament.

Ryan is a full time guide & fly tier, centered in Oroville. With 9 years of guiding experience, he now focuses on the Feather and Sac rivers for trout, steelhead, and stripers. Lake Oroville and Berryessa for Bass, and Clear Lake for both bass and crappie. Ryan is best known for his re-discovering of the Float n' Fly with the fly rod, and it's application for stillwater bass during the Winter. Ryan is also the first fly fishing guide to figure out Clear Lake. He's also been a major proponent of top-water fly fishing on CA's public reservoirs. Ryan is also the current Costa Bass n' Fly Champion along with Brian Pultz.



Ryan now resides right next to Lake Oroville, allowing him to fish as much as he can possibly stand. He is about as passionate about fly fishing as they come, and truly enjoys sharing his information.

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YouTube: R.W. Fly Videos

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tristan Leong

Hi FFD,

Does anyone ever get a sense of déjà vu? I would need to look back at my past year's messages to find ones discussing smoke, fires, and drought. These are not fish friendly topics, but they seem to be a reoccurring theme for California. Here's where I would suggest the old adage "pray for rain," but given how much everyone's begged, pleaded, and consulted all manner of supernatural we should have been deluged by now. The situation here and throughout the West is alarming and I recommend all manner of water and power conservation to aid our struggling fisheries and watersheds. Let's continue to hope that as we move into fall, the weather cools and we improve our chances of some much-needed moisture. Until then, my suggestion is to get out on the Delta, or our local lakes for bass and other warm water species.

****Annual Dinner Note**** *For those who pre-purchased dinner or raffle tickets, but are not able to attend our September 11, 2021 makeup dinner, you may request a refund in writing. To do so please email: membership@flyfishersofdavis.org with your information. After September 11th, all unclaimed funds will be donated to the club.*

Tristan



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*2021 Fly Fishers of Davis
Makeup Annual Dinner*

DAYS	HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS
14	11	07	55

HOST: FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS
WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 5:30 PM PDT
WHERE: WEST PLAINFIELD FIRE STATION (LILLARD HALL)
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Please R.S.V.P. so that we can get an accurate head count for the caterer at <http://evite.me/UeVrUzQCUT>

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
September		September 11	FFD Annual Dinner Makeup
September	Craig Hayes	September 28	Turneffe Lodge in Belize

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.

Butte Creek salmon were on track for a record run of over 18,000 spawners this year, but the jubilation turned to sorrow as the run turned into a disaster. Only a few thousand fish survived to spawn as over 12,000 died prematurely. The deaths were caused by high water temperatures and two fish diseases, ich and columnaris. Butte Creek is one of several high-quality salmon habitats on the eastern side of the Sacramento River.

But the leading cause of fish kills seems to be the continued operation of PG&E’s De Sabla-Centerville project that brings Feather River water to Butte Creek. The Toadtown development diverts water from the West Branch of the Feather River (WBFR), the DeSabla development diverts water from upper Butte Creek as well as using the outflow of the Toadtown development, and the Centerville development diverts the flow of Butte Creek downstream of the DeSabla development. Taken together, these projects divert cold water needed for spawning salmon from the upper reaches of Butte Creek and return warmer water downstream.

PG&E has been trying to sell the project for several years. Friends of Butte Creek is advocating a buyer that would decommission the minimally producing powerplant and bring cold water into Butte Creek. Friends of Butte Creek have been running a GoFundMe campaign to obtain more water rights for Butte Creek. You can contribute if you wish by going to <http://buttecreek.org/>.

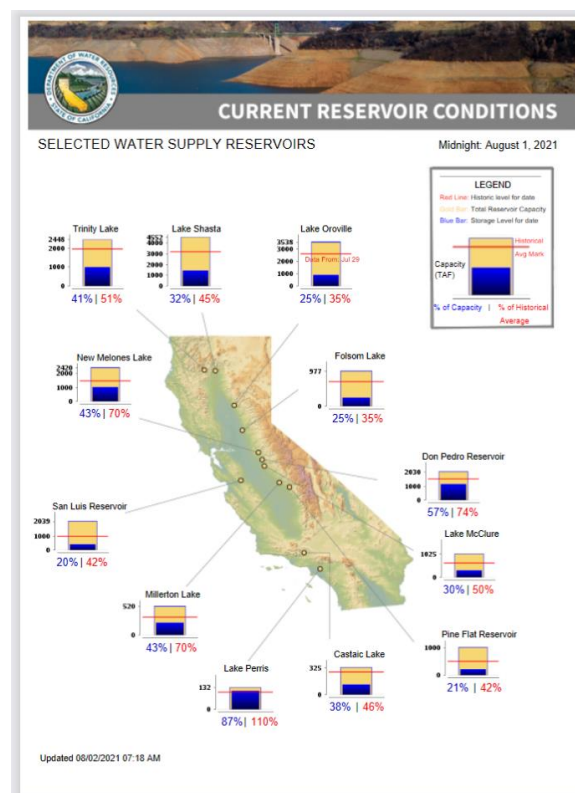
Wildfire smoke can change a lake’s ecology from top to bottom, according to a study reported in [Environmental Monitor](#). A research team from University of Nevada, Reno, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Miami University (Ohio), and University of California, Davis has been conducting research on Castle Lake, near Mt. Shasta, for many years. In 2018, the team found the ecology of the lake had changed. For the first time, there were no rainbow trout in the shallow waters of the lake. The food web had been altered from top to bottom.

Smoke affects lakes in several ways. It blocks sunlight so it reduces photosynthesis. It also blocks UV-B light that harms algae cells, leading to higher algae growth.

The shallower parts of the lake became murkier and unattractive. Brook trout and rainbow trout left the shallow water for the deeper water. These effects can occur in lakes many miles away from the wildfires that cause the smoke. Currently burning wildfires in northern California have created smoke plumes that have traveled to the eastern U.S. This research is ongoing.

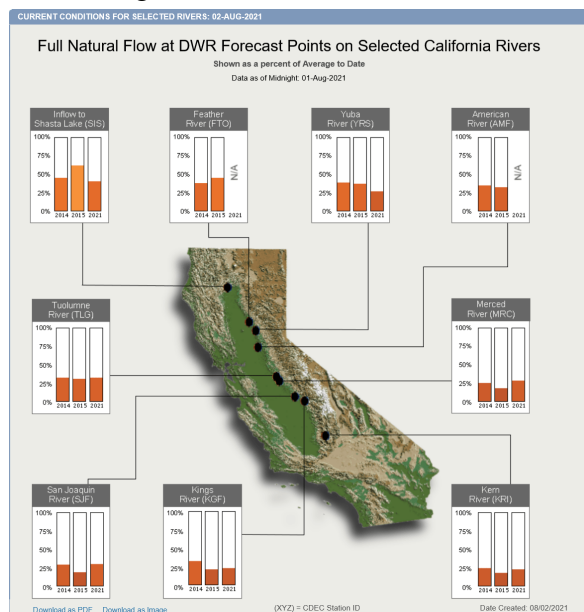
Water storage conditions in California remain dire, as shown in the figure below. Current storage in Central Valley Project reservoirs is about 57% of the 15-year historical average, or about 1/3 of capacity. Shasta, Trinity, and New Melones reservoirs are at 45%, 51%, and 70% of their 15-year averages. Oroville is only at 35% of its historical average, and only 25% of capacity. It is nearly a million acre-feet lower than at this time last year.

River flows into the reservoirs are also well below long-term averages. The figure below shows the current flows as a percentage of the average flow to date. Current year flows are comparable to the drought



years of 2014 and 2015, with inflows at 25-40% of average.

There are still two months left in the current water year. There should be enough water to last until rains come, but there will be shortages. Unfortunately, environmental uses will be the first to go as water is used for agriculture and residential use.



for the environment. The Public Policy Institute of California interviewed her last month (see <https://www.ppic.org/blog/what-it-means-to-store-water-for-the-environment/>.) She has identified three major challenges for managing water for the environment. The first is the infrastructure – it was built for other purposes, namely water supply, flood protection, and hydropower. Storing water for the environment would impact all those other uses. Second, there’s no established governance for environmental water – who would manage it? And finally, what are the legal opportunities and constraints?

She has found that environmental regulations are needed for maintaining ecosystems, but they aren’t very good at rehabilitating them. Flexible management of water allocations is needed to create resilient ecosystems and needs to be integrated with urban and agricultural uses. This may be one of the biggest challenges in California.

Climate change is bringing great uncertainty to California’s water allocations, so her research is vitally needed now. California rivers may be overrun with water in winter and run drier in summer as the climate changes to more rain and less snow. Environmental needs for water are urgent, and her research is timely.

Sarah Null of Utah State University is leading a team of experts in research on how to improve storing water



FFD OUTREACH: Thanks to Peter - Evan's first bass trip was a blast!



Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

By Mark Rockwell, President, August, 2021

FFI Virtual Expo - November 5-7 - Registration starts Monday August 16th! Here's the link: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities>

1. The first event that is coming is the **Facebook Painting Auction** on Saturday August 28th starting at 12 noon PDT. Artist Duane Hada will be creating a watercolor painting that will be up for a silent auction for 48 hours following its completion. Proceeds from the auction will be used for the youth and educational programs for Fly Fishers International.



2. Duane Hada is a well-known artist, guide, and angler from Mountain Home, Arkansas. His work is highly sought after in the U.S. This is a unique opportunity to watch a master at work and get a chance to see his entire creative process. **Tune in to our Facebook Page to watch the painting and participate in the auction.**
3. Here is a link to the 8/28 auction page: <https://www.facebook.com/FlyFishersInternational/>. We have the painting, a rod combo kits trip & assorted flies. The auction closes on August 30.
4. **This event is the first for FFI, and great work has gone into its creation.** Over the course of the three-day event you'll find casting and fly tying demonstrations, conservation presentations, fly fishing skills workshops, discussions on travel and destinations, and so much more. A \$25 registration fee grants you access to the Expo, with some workshops requiring an additional fee. **Please join and have fun, learn and help Fly Fishing.**

Report on Conservation in California

1. As I write this I am listening to the State Water Resources Control Board August meeting. They are discussing the extreme drought we're in, as well as planning for another year of dry conditions in 2022. The discussion is serious and covers many streams where emergency drought stream flows are either in place or are about to start.
2. Two of the most impacted streams are the Scott & Shasta Rivers, tributaries to the Klamath River. These streams are main spawning & rearing habitat for Chinook, Coho & steelhead. We have sent 2 letters to the State Board supporting emergency flow recommendations supported by CDFW. The letters can be read here: <https://www.nccffi.org/conservation-efforts/>. See Item #12 on the list.
3. Joining us on our advocacy for the Scott & Shasta is the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA). They have been very active and made technical recommendations with the State Water Board and support the implementation of emergency curtailment of diversions of water.
4. Over many years CSPA and NCCFFI have worked on many issues that negatively impact our fisheries and work together on FERC power dam relicensing to improve flows and habitat, as well as to work for improved flows in the S.F. Bay-Delta and its tributaries. It takes a team effort to be successful in keeping our fisheries healthy and available for sport fishers.
<https://calsport.org/news/>
5. **CSPA and NCCFFI have decided to join together more closely in the future, and to work together and share information with members.** Bill Jennings of CSAP and Mark Rockwell of NCCFFI have discussed the relationship and agreed to do several actions: 1) Share information each organization is working on, and report to members; 2) Do monthly reports for our members and place these reports on our websites; 3) work together to create a conservation presentation to use of fly club visits to inform our members about conservation needs and work being done.
6. **Current Joint Efforts - Yuba River:** Both CSPA and NCCFFI are working on relicensing on the Yuba system, and focused on Water Quality Certification. Both organizations are working with the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), and focused on funding by Yuba County Water Agency for habitat improvement on the Lower Yuba & a pilot program to re-introduce salmon to the Upper Yuba. **Stanislaus River** - CSPA is working to block a proposed water transfer of up to 100,000 acre-feet to Westlands Water District. This transfer would greatly reduce water carry-over in New Melones Reservoir which is needed to protect Delta fish if the 2022 water year is dry.
7. **Santa Clara Valley Watershed** - NCCFFI is working with Cal Trout, TU, PCFFA and Flycasters of San Jose to improve salmon & steelhead streams in the Valley. Coyote Creek, Guadalupe River & Stevens Creek are the streams of focus. We are now working on a MOU with Valley Water to ensure future cooperative efforts to complete the Fish & Aquatic Habitat Cooperative Effort (FAHCE) for these streams, signed in 2003. We are also now reviewing the draft EIR for the Guadalupe & Stevens Creek. Work to be done includes: barrier removal, stream enhancements for rearing, improved spawning habitat & improved water flows. This will be a 10 year effort to recover and stabilize salmon & steelhead populations.
8. **Smith River Fishery Monitoring Plan** - We have been notified that monitoring will start for both Steelhead and Chinook Salmon in California's last great anadromous river in the Fall of 2021. The Tribal partner - **Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation** - will be doing the monitoring and running DIDSON sonar monitoring equipment. This will be the first time we will have an annual monitoring program on this river, and it is hoped that it will take place over at least 3 generations of Chinook (9-12 years) and Steelhead. This information will be useful for managing the river fishing regulations to ensure they are consistent with run size and population health.

Summary on Conservation & Fly Fishing

After several discussions with various club Presidents and members, it is clear that fishery conservation is an important benefit NCCFFI brings to clubs & members. It is also noted that conservation is not always a primary focus for some club members. The sport of fly fishing is focused on casting, tying and getting together to fish, and is focused on the social process that clubs provide. However, if we don't have healthy fisheries and watersheds we have no real way to put our casting and tying skills into action. I think we all recognize that **no fish means no sport**.

So, my plea to everyone is to continue to support our Council's conservation efforts, and our ability to join with other partners, like CSPA, Cal Trout & TU to keep our state's valuable natural resources healthy and available. That takes work, effort and time. In our Council the conservation work never ends because the demands made on our natural resources is great, and all natural resources are in limited supply.

Fishery Conservation is important to all fly fishers. NCCFFI needs our clubs & members to recognize that conservation is one of our primary purposes and we do it to keep our sport alive and fly fishers able to catch fish.

Your support can come by: 1) joining us on our conservation network, 2) financial contributions by clubs to NCCFFI to allow us to do this work, 3) Taking an active part in local watershed conservation efforts and working to include NCCFFI in that effort. Grants are available through this Council.

Contacts for questions or to contribute:

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Send contributions to: NCCFFI c/o Tom Smith, Treasurer, P.O. Box 7231, Reno, NV 89510-7231 (all contributions are tax deductible)

Thank You for your considerations! We're here for you!



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12 P.M.



CALLING ON ANGLERS FOR A VOLUNTARY CHANGE

67° F



California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is asking recreational anglers to voluntarily change how, when and where they fish to minimize stress and mortality among fish populations suffering due to drought conditions.

CDFW is advising anglers to fish before noon on certain inland waters home to trout and other coldwater fish species. This self-imposed action is known as a "Hoot Owl Restriction," referring to limiting fishing to hours when the hoot of owls can be heard.

CDFW's new "Water Watchlist," which lists specific waters anglers should avoid fishing past noon, will be updated as conditions change. Sustained afternoon water temperatures on a waterway exceeding 67 degrees Fahrenheit for trout fisheries could trigger addition to the list.

Anglers can help decrease fish stress by using fish-friendly techniques such as handling fish as little as possible, avoid fighting fish from cool deeps where they cross temperature gradients of 10 degrees or more and using coated nylon nets to protect a fish's slime layers and fins. More angling tips can be found on CDFW's Hoot Owl webpage.

[More Information on Hoot Owl Guidance Here](#)



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	rzasoski@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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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:](https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/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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