

Fly Fishers of Davis<http://www.FlyFishersofDavis.org>

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The Fisherman's Line

February Meeting, Tuesday February 22, 2022
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club & Zoom
Cassidy Cooper Presents: Influences of Thermal
Variation on Chinook Salmon

*T*his month, Tuesday February 22, 2022, at Stonegate Country Club & via Zoom, FFD Members will hear from Cassidy Cooper, live at the venue, who will discuss the PhD research Cassidy is conducting at the University Of California, Davis. Cassidy is a Fly Fishers of Davis Scholarship Recipient. Cassidy's research, as a PhD student of the Animal Behaviour Graduate Group, involves the influences of thermal variation on Chinook Salmon. Wild populations of Chinook salmon may have limited access to food resources and optimal rearing temperatures. These limitations may impose energetic tradeoffs between thermal physiology (e.g. temperature tolerance), performance (e.g. swimming speed), and growth. Understanding the implications of feed availability on development may open up new management opportunities such as food supplementation via floodplain restoration. Our research has significant potential toward informing practical-use management interventions for key California salmonid resources during crucial periods of early growth.



THE PREZ SEZ



The Covid-19 Pandemic has been very disruptive for many Clubs. Over the last approximately two years, the Fly Fishers of Davis has pivoted, moving to Zoom for our monthly Club meetings, moving in person meetings to a new venue, and redoing the FFD website. While we have responded well to the new environment, it has been difficult to find volunteers to fill the FFD Board and Directors vacant spots.

At this time, the Fly Fishers of Davis has NO President. If you are a past FFD President, Board Member, or Director and are interested in holding this position for one or two years, please enquire at admin@flyfishersofdavis.org.

Thank you



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 2022 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
February	Cassidy Cooper	February 22	Influences of Thermal Variation on Chinook Salmon

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS

Website Members: If you signed up for membership on the new FFD website, you will get an email in the late December/early January timeframe with your renewal details. No need to go to the website before that, so please wait for your renewal information email.

Website Non-members: If you're an FFD member, but you did not sign up on the website and you wish to renew your Membership, please stop by the membership table at our next in-person general meeting, and pay your dues with check, cash, or credit card for 2022. You can also send a renewal check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. box 525, Davis, CA, 95617.

Note: our preferred method is for website non-members to become website members, by signing up on the website!

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.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!



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FFD 101/201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Winter Class Dates

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm [UCD Horticulture Room](#)

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101 Topics		
Day 1	Wed. Feb. 23	General Equipment and tools of the trade. Understanding the fly rod
Day 2	Wed. March 2	Flies - vs - Bugs
Day 3	Wed. March 9	Knots and Rigging Techniques
Day 4	Wed. March 16	Reading Water and Locating Trout

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.



201 Topics		
Day 1	Wed. March 30	Stripers on the Fly
Day 2	Wed. April 6	Bass on the Fly
Day 3	Wed. April 13	Streamer fishing for Trout
Day 4	Wed. April 20	Still Water Techniques

To sign up for these classes, contact Dana Hooper at trouthookup1@gmail.com so that he can bring enough class materials for everyone.

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.

The Delta Smelt Fall Midwater Trawl Survey came up with zero Delta Smelt again this year – the fourth year in a row with that finding. Delta Smelt were once the most abundant fish in the delta, numbering in the millions, and are considered an indicator species that show the health of the San Francisco Bay Delta. The survey was completed December 16, just after the CDFW, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Water Resources, and US Bureau of Reclamation released 12,800 hatchery-raised Delta Smelt for the first time ever. A separate Enhanced Delta Smelt Monitoring survey, conducted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, caught 8 Delta Smelt, two of them wild. According to Bill Jennings, Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, the state’s Fall Midwater Trawl abundance indices for striped bass, Delta smelt, longfin smelt, American shad, splittail and threadfin shad have declined by 99.7, 100, 99.96, 67.9, 100, and 95 percent, respectively, between 1967 and 2020.

Fishing in the City The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will provide trout anglers in the greater Sacramento area with an unprecedented fishing opportunity this winter: the chance to catch brook trout from a half-dozen urban and suburban park ponds and lakes that are part of CDFW’s Fishing in the City program. Fishing in the City began in 1993 to provide recreational fishing and outdoor opportunities to California’s urban, suburban and underserved communities.

CDFW’s American River Trout Hatchery typically provides rainbow trout to the Fishing in the City – Sacramento Metro Area program during the winter months, when ambient temperatures become cool enough to support trout in these low-elevation waters. Unfortunately, due to the drought conditions experienced throughout the state this past summer, the American River Trout Hatchery was forced to evacuate all its fish as warming water temperatures would have proved fatal to the various cold-water trout species the hatchery raises. Through a coordinated effort with CDFW’s Moccasin Creek Hatchery in Tuolumne County, 19,000 brook trout were transferred to the American River Trout Hatchery to support winter angling opportunities within Sacramento County. The brook trout, now 10 to 13 inches long, will be planted in participating Fishing in the City waters from January through March.

Participating waters include those at Granite Regional Park, North Natomas Regional Park, Mather Regional Park, Hagan Community Park, Howe Community Park and Elk Grove Regional Park. General dates and locations of stocking are available at CDFW’s [Fish Planting Schedule](#).

Native to the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada, brook trout were brought to California in the late 1800s and are now found in mountain lakes and streams from the San Bernardino Mountains north to the Oregon state line. They are most abundant in the high-elevation waters of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Brook trout are popular with anglers both for their eating quality and striking appearance. Their coloration ranges from olive-green to olive-brown, often with reddish hues. They have red spots surrounded by blue halos and white, leading edges on their pectoral, pelvic and anal fins. Both sexes can become brightly colored during spawning season in the fall. Learn more at [CDFW’s brook trout webpage](#).

The brook trout being stocked into Sacramento-area waters are triploid, meaning sterile. Pre-stocking evaluations have taken place in all the waters to be planted to ensure the brook trout will not compete with, threaten or displace any native species.

To learn more about the Fishing in the City program, visit [CDFW’s Fishing in the City webpage](#).

Endangered Coho salmon are returning to Marin County, California, creeks this winter where they’ve long been absent, thanks to intense rains that scientists say will become more frequent as the state swings between climate-driven drought and deluge. It’s a rare bit of good news for a species whose population has plummeted in recent decades due to development and pollution. In the San Francisco Bay Area, thousands of salmon historically made the annual migration from the Pacific Ocean to the redwood-shrouded creeks in Marin County where they were born. There they would spawn the next generation of fish before dying. Read more at [Bloomberg Quint](#).

Restore the Delta looked through the Governor’s proposed budget for reasons to be hopeful. Here is our takeaway.

This week Governor Gavin Newsom released his [proposed budget](#) for fiscal year 2022-23. After two years of “unimaginable challenges” the governor states

that, “This budget is a new opportunity for us to address the greatest challenges facing our state – for the year ahead and future generations. We must meet the moment once again.”

California’s Bay-Delta is currently on the brink. Delta smelt, an indicator species of ecosystem health, may have gone extinct. Zero delta smelt were found in the annual survey for a third year. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of winter-run Chinook salmon perished in Sacramento River warm water due to Bureau of Reclamation delivering Shasta Lake supplies to senior water right growers of rice and almonds. Harmful algal blooms have become a year-round issue for Bay-Delta communities and “temporary” clean water wavers are becoming permanent features of water management in the Delta.

Tim Strohane, policy analyst, Restore the Delta:

This budget proposal continues to play hide-the-ball about how much state funds are to be spent on the single Delta Tunnel project. The Delta Conveyance Program is not

singled out in any one fund, as usual.

There is one reference in the January Budget Summary (p. 233) to water conveyance as part of \$5.2 billion water and drought resilience initiative, but it's just one of seven areas of funding for the initiative alongside groundwater recharge, Salton Sea, water supply reliability, water recycling, ecosystem restoration, and flood management. Program Descriptions for 3240 describes Delta Conveyance Program as "improving Delta ecosystem and ensuring water supply reliability..." and provides funding for "project-specific environmental commitments," EIR/EIS and other permit needs.

Most of the proposed water budget seems to center on small and rural community water systems for drought resilience and response investments/preparation. These are smart investments.

Now if he would apply that to saving the Bay-Delta estuary we could finally face one of the State’s “greatest challenges.” Governor Newsom understands what needs to happen.

Submit Your Fish Pictures!

Everybody likes a good fish picture! If you go fly fishing and have any pictures to share with the Fly Fishers of Davis, send them to lookatmyfish@flyfishersofdavis.org or tom.robinson@me.com, **please include captions**, and we will add them in the next published FFD Newsletter. Here is a great example. Chris Berardi, long time FFD member, caught this stunning fish on the Yuba River last weekend.



2022 FFD CARY BOYDEN FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP



APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 29, 2022

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a FishCamp Scholarship to eligible boys and girls, from 10 to 15 years of age.

This \$895 award covers the entire cost of a five day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop. There are four camps to choose from late June to July. The Fish Camp program teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed, California, near Mt. Shasta. The program includes accommodations, meals, and use of the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible for bringing appropriate outdoor attire, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from FishCamp.

For more information go to : <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/>

Download the Scholarship Application [HERE](#)

Send any questions you have regarding the scholarship to tom.robinson@me.com

Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

By Mark Rockwell, President, February 2022

Well, we are moving toward the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, February 25 - 27th, and to our knowledge, the show will go on. We are in communication with the show organizer, and NCCFFI plans to participate. Our booth will be in a different location just outside the main entrance. We made this move to make it safer for our volunteers and guests. Rain is our biggest concern, and we hope the good weather holds.

We'll be more limited in what we can do, and will not hold the Boy Scout merit badge & kids tying due to safety concerns and lack of space. We will have certified casting instructors teaching fly casting in the usual location outside and up the hill. We thank the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club for providing most of the people. For clubs who do not have a booth at the event we can display your club brochures



and direct prospective new members to you via our club rooster. Just let us know what you need & drop off your materials at our table.

We do hope to do our Club Presidents luncheon on Saturday, February 26th, but have not settled on time as we need further clarity on possible location. We plan to hold this outside as well for greater safety. All club Presidents or club representatives are invited to attend - **no cost**. Our topic will be: **What to Expect from NCCFFI - Your Council - in the Coming Year.**

It's important to know, as was described in my January Club Report, that we are focused on improving communication with

our clubs, and working to bring greater value to all of you in the fly fishing community. This level of connection brings the ability to have more impact to help our watersheds & fish, and have more fun. It's been our intent over the past few years to be more connected to you & your club, and to add value for being an FFI affiliated club. We feel strongly that when we all work together great things are possible.

With great pride, **we are planning to re-start our Hall of Fame dinner in the Fall of 2022.** This was an historic event that NCCFFI has been know for in the past. Many of the fly fishing greats have been honored as members. E.C. Powell, Andre Puyans, Lani Waller, Ken Hanley, Mike Michalak, Bill Schaadt, Mel & Fanny Krieger, Cal Bird, Jim Adams, Al Kyte, Marty Seldon, and many, many more have been honored. The list totals 37 honorees. It's impressive!

We feel strongly that tradition is one of the hallmarks of fly fishing, and much of that has come from our region. New fly rod types and styles, sinking lines, shooting heads, inventive new flies, and new styles of fishing originated here. The Hall of Fame event was designed to recognize these legendary people for their creativity and contribution to our sport. So, please look forward to the Hall of Fame Dinner later in the year. **You're invited!**

We will continue our successful monthly Club Presidents Happy Hour Zoom calls, with the purpose of bringing our clubs together at least monthly to talk, share ideas, and help each other make our clubs more effective at meeting the needs of members. Everyone is invited to attend, so feel free to let me know, mrockwell1945@gmail.com, if you'd like to participate.

I'll also continue doing these monthly reports for your newsletter & website to keep all members aware of what we're doing. I will include periodic Conservation reports as well. Working together we have more fun, can be more effective in fishery advocacy, and help each other have successful clubs for everyone's enjoyment.

Here's to a great summer outdoors - with friends & family - and to good fishing experiences!

Mark



Show Hours:

Friday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday: 9am – 5:30pm
Sunday: 9am – 4:30pm

Show Location:

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OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD

2022-2023

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

<u>Trip 2022</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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
Baum Lake	Trout		March 25 - 27	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek 101	Trout		April 29 - 31	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
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			TBD	Bob Zasoski	rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	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	
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
FFD Annual Dinner			TBD September			
Striper Fest 2021	Stripers	Boat	November 6	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	
<u>Trip 2023</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>

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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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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:](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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