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The Fisherman's Line

May Meeting, Tuesday May 30, 2023
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club
Captain Patrick MacKenzie presents:
Fly Fishing the Bay Area

*T*his month, Tuesday May 30th, We will hear from Captain Patrick MacKenzie. Patrick will discuss fly fishing for warm water bass in Lake Berryessa, Lake Sonoma, and Lake Mendocino. Patrick will also discuss targeting striped bass in saltwater estuaries and the San Francisco Bay.

Being born and raised in Sonoma, Patrick has had the pleasure of fishing Northern California from the Pacific coast up to the Sierra Nevada foothills...and everywhere in between. As anglers, California has an abundance of fisheries available to us; but the waters of the San Francisco Bay & it's tributaries will always be my favorite.

Patrick has great respect and admiration for Napa & Sonoma Valley, the history, and the fish who inhabit our Bay Area system. Patrick's passion for the sport of fly fishing is something he always enjoys sharing with others and the journey we take as anglers makes everyday on the water new and exciting.

I look forward to fishing with you!

Tight lines

MacKenzie On The Fly Guide Service



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy Y'all,

I'm sorry I missed everyone at the last meeting, but a fishing trip came up...and you know the rest. Not that you aren't a priority but suffice to say the dry fly fishing was great. Good friend, good food, good fishing, it was truly a great time. As more waters become fishable I hope folks make it a point to get out. It's too easy to let the small windows of opportunity slip past and say "I should've..."

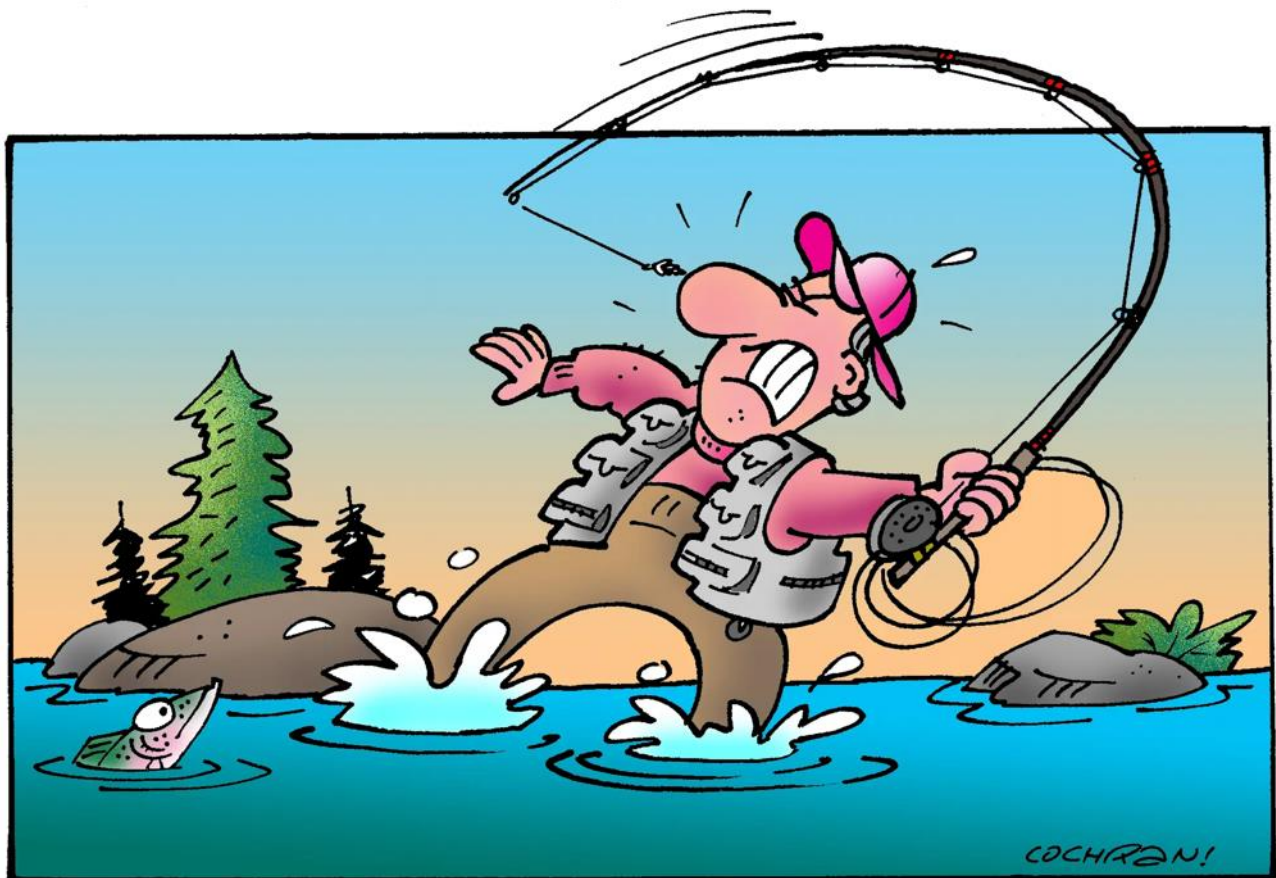
Just a reminder, the June meeting will be the annual picnic at Pioneer park. There will be more information at the meeting, and we will also send out an email. Be on the lookout.

Hope to see you at the meeting. This time I will be back from fishing.

Carpe Pisces!

Andan Bailey

Body piercing was invented in 1968 by Charlie "Cutthroat" Cahill who accidentally snagged his nose with a #6 stone fly nymph.



MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Peter Hawes 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 2023 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
May	Capt Patrick MacKenzie	May 30	Fly Fishing the Bay Area
June	FFD Members	June 27	FFD Annual Picnic

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.

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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.

Note: If you’d like to try your hand at writing a conservation column, please let me know. I’d like to find someone to start taking over this role. I’ll help get you started.

Governor Newsom used Endangered Species Day to gut protections for salmon and other species in the California Environmental Quality Act to expedite construction of the Delta Tunnel and other infrastructure projects. Dan Bacher has a more complete story here in the [Elk Grove News](#). The governor announced a legislative package and signed an executive order to “cut red tape and streamline regulations ... to make the most out of taxpayer dollars and deliver results while creating hundreds of thousands of good jobs.”

Water-related projects that would be subject to the new “streamlined process” include the:

- (A) *The Delta Conveyance Project.*
- (B) *Water storage projects funded by the California Water Commission pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 79750) of Division 26.7 of the Water Code.*
- (C) *Projects for the production, distribution, or use of recycled water, as defined in Section 13050 of the Water Code.*
- (D) *Contaminant and salt removal projects, including, but not limited to, groundwater and seawater desalination and associated treatment, storage, conveyance, and distribution facilities.*
- (E) *Canal or other conveyance maintenance and repair.*

As might be expected, advocates for fish, water, and the environment were outraged over this abandonment of environmental protections to the benefit of big water users. “Governor Newsom does not respect the people in communities that need

environmental protection,” said Restore the Delta’s Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla. “During the drought he used emergency rules to destroy Delta water quality and fisheries for tribes and fishing communities. He has now proposed in the May revised budget to subvert rules during flood further weakening water quality protections. Now he wants to do away with standard environmental protections to build the Delta tunnel.”

Delta United, an environmental group organized to protect the delta, pointed out, “Ironically on Endangered Species Day, [@CAGovernor](#) proposes budget trailer bill stripping Greater sandhill cranes of fully protected species status to pave way for Delta Tunnel boondoggle. Sad day for our majestic cranes.”

Delta fisheries have been suffering for years. We’ve lost several years of chinook salmon to warm water in the spawning regions of the Sacramento River and its tributaries, and the Delta smelt, once the most abundant fish in the Delta, have not been found for the last five years in Trawl Surveys.

Mismanagement of water flows is the primary reason for these losses.

The CEQA was passed to avoid these species collapses, but water agencies and state leaders have ignored the act’s requirements for years. I suppose it’s just another step to strip the protections altogether. As Dan Bacher puts it, though, “rather than gutting CEQA to expedite destructive infrastructure projects like the Delta Tunnel, the Governor and state leaders should instead work to strengthen and enforce landmark environmental laws like

CEQA and CESA, the California Endangered Species Act.”

Read his report at the link above.

The Daguerre Point Dam may get a fish bypass structure according to an announcement by Governor Newsom, the Yuba Water Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The announced fish passage would allow access to 10-12 miles of spawning habitat. The proposal also relies on a companion project to introduce a trap-and-haul effort to move fish around New Bullards Bar Dam.

While this project has merits, it also has problems. Most notably, local and regional non-profit organizations and partners were not included in the negotiations. The South Yuba River Citizens League has been working on the river for many years, but was not included.

Interim Executive Director Aaron Zettler-Mann says, “We are frustrated that local and regional non-profits and partners, including SYRCL, were shut out of the negotiations and discussions to improve natural upstream migration and fish passage, while maintaining irrigation supply, at Daguerre Point Dam. Despite our attempts to collaborate, we and other non-profits and Tribes were not included as part of these negotiations. The final agreement for a fish byway also ignores previously completed studies including ones by the Army Corps of Engineers in 2003 and by NMFS in 2014 which found that dam removal was the best option for fish passage. Of further concern is that there is no mechanism by which to enforce the on-going maintenance, operation, or monitoring of the proposed fish byway, nor is there modification or updating of the fish screens and water diversion points on the north side of the river, only the one which would require being rebuilt anyway for the fish byway channel.

“It is wonderful that State and Federal agencies, and Yuba Water Agency are

excited about, and are investing in the health of salmon in the Yuba River watershed. But we have serious concerns about the closed-door process, lack of open collaboration, and failure to discuss project alternatives.

“Moving forward there must be opportunities for meaningful collaboration on the details of this agreement as we work to rebuild the collaborative, trusting relationship that we had come to rely on.”

Let’s end this with a good news story from Channel 12 in Medford, OR. Preliminary construction work has begun as the Klamath River Renewal Corporation prepares to remove a total of four dams.

Copco 2 -- the first dam to go -- will be removed from the Klamath River by the end of September, according to Mark Bransom, CEO of the KRRC.

"The contractor will drill small holes into the concrete and pack those holes with explosives which they will then detonate," he said. "But again, the goal is to break up the large concrete structures into smaller chunks that are more manageable and can be handled by the construction equipment."

The other three dams -- Copco 1, Iron Gate Dam and the John C. Boyle Dam -- will be removed by the end of 2024.

Bransom says up to 400 crew members will be working on this project through the end of next year. Right now, multiple recreation sites near Copco 2 have been shut down to allow more room for construction teams and traffic. As a result, local recreation businesses like rafting companies may see fewer customers this summer.

Bransom was expecting to deal with a decrease in local tourism due to the project and says he has been working with local business to help them prepare.

"We're doing everything we can to provide for more or less normal flow operations this summer so that the commercial rafting community has more certainty about what to expect for their clients who want to come and raft through the upper Klamath canyon for the last time in its current state," he said.

While the dam removal project aims to restore the Klamath River to its natural state, the project has received some pushback. Bransom says residents who are impacted by construction may be eligible for financial compensation.

"We have launched what we're calling the Klamath Mitigation Fund," Bransom said. "It's being administered by independent fund administrators... who are engaging with local residents and property owners for purposes of allowing them to settle claims or certain categories of potential direct project impacts."

And finally, from Restore the Delta: In a report released this week, the California Water Impact Network said the Delta tunnel

(Delta Conveyance Project) may seem like a viable alternative but has three major flaws: "an exorbitant price tag, environmental restrictions on operations and the impacts of climate change on deliveries."

CWIN says that the Delta tunnel project's reliability is uncertain in regards to climate change and pumping restrictions from environmental regulations. It also provides alternatives for the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) instead of continuing with investing into the Delta tunnel project, suggesting focusing on local infrastructure projects such as capturing stormwater, cleaning up contaminated groundwater, and recycling wastewater.



FFD EVENTS: Annual FFD Casting Clinic

Photos and Summary by Tom Robinson

Every year Bob Zasoski organizes a FFD Casting Clinic. This year we had casting instructor, Jeff Hogan, lead the clinic. Jeff is an excellent caster and a certified Casting Instructor. Jeff is currently working towards a Master Casting Certification. FFD Members met at the Northstar Pond from 9-12 on April 30th. We had a great turnout and Jeff worked one on one with everyone. I believe we all left better fly casters that Sunday.



Time for everyone to get rigged up



Bob Zasoski introducing Casting instructor Jeff Hogan



Bob and Jeff addressing the group



The group is listening intently



It was a beautiful day to learn how to fly cast



The FFD Casting Clinic group

FFD TRAVELS: New Zealand

Photos and Summary by Devin Bartley

Kia ora!

Further to Sam's NZ adventures in last month's newsletter, I hit fantastic weather on the Mararoa River in Fiordland on the South Island. The cyclones hit North Island the week before, but in the south, clear Fall weather and no people made for a productive day of catching from shore. The cicadas were active and so were the trout – browns and rainbows of 3-4 pounds. Everything was sight fishing in a couple feet of water. Chris Reygaert <cjreygaert@iinet.net.au> was the guide and is highly recommended for fishing in Fiordland. Lots of water to fish in the South Island and you don't need a boat. If you are headed down under, ozone hole is real there so bring sunny cream and felt-soled boots are not allowed; check out the excellent website - <https://nzfishing.com/southland/where-to-fish/mararoa-river/>; good for most NZ rivers!



Mararoa River



New Zealand wildlife



Mt Cook, Tasman, and Mueller Glaciers



No trout, but somehow still interesting



Nice Rainbows



Nice Browns



Easy wading



More Browns



And more Browns!



Kiwis love their Brown Trout!

FFD OUTINGS: 101 FFD Hat Creek Weekend

Photos by Members and Summary by Tom Robinson

Twenty FFD Members met at Hat Creek Hereford Ranch Campground for the annual 101 FFD Hat Creek Weekend. The weather was a bit rainy, but everyone caught fish, some for the first time on a fly. Everyone seemed to have a great weekend.



Pizza Night at Gepetto's Pizza



First morning! Paul Berliner is helping rig rods



Jacob Orton shows his family how to Fly Fish



Beautiful river



Ryan Mitchell has one!



Tom Robinson shows his rainbow



Chris Suen shows off a nice rainbow



Wow Lyn Hooper, someone wants your large trout



Rick has their keen attention



Niki Gaines has a nice trout



Get it in the net Dana Hooper



Jeff Dullum has one on!



Tom Robinson shows off one of Kim Petersen's many fish



Time to start cooking those Steak Tacos Dana Hooper



Time to start preppin the sides dishes



Dinner looks great!



Jeff's dinner is looking real good



Nice and warm by the campfire



Time to tell some fish stories



Lyn Hooper, Gracie wants a snack!



More fish stories!



Time for some air guitar



The FFD 2023 Hat Creek 101 Group

Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News *By Mark Rockwell, President, June 2023*

Hi all, and I hope you're able to get out and do some fishing these days, though most rivers are not really fishable yet. I am hearing that the lakes are in good shape and fishing has been good in most of them - trout & bass especially. Nice to see Spring/Summer has arrived.

I wanted to let you know about events we have coming in different regions here in Northern California. Here is a list of activities and events you can attend and join in on the fun:

- **June 17th, 2023** - NCCFFI/Fly Fishing Traditions - **Fishing Technical Water Workshop**. Brown's Valley on the Lower Yuba. Come learn to fish waters where fish are picky but large. Contact Clay Hash - ClayHash.fft@gmail.com to register!
- **June 24th, 2023** - **Fly Casting Skills & Development (FCSD) Program**, Los Gatos Creek County Park, Campbell, CA.
 - **9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Train-the-Trainers** - For club casting teachers to come learn how to construct & run this fun program for your fly club. **Must Register at: nccffi.org**
 - **12 p.m. - 3 p.m.** - Opportunity to actually learn the casts for each of the 3 skill levels and actually take the test if desired. Registration not required. Come & have fun. Bring your fly rod.
- **June 29 - July 1, 2023** - Women's Connect **3 Day Float Trip Deschutes River, OR**. See NCCFFI May Newsletter for details or **contact Anne-Marie Bakker**, 707-721-6184, ambconsulting@sbcglobal.net. This will be great fun on a beautiful river!
- **July 9, 2023** - **Bay Area Youth Fly Fishing**, - Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club, Golden Gate Park. Opportunity to get kids into fly fishing and casting. Great teachers & beautiful place. Contact Ron Beltramo for times - 415-999-8348, rjbeltramo@aol.com.
- **August 12, 2023** - NCCFFI/Fly Fishing Traditions - **Fishing the Lower Yuba River**. Sycamore Ranch County Park, on the Lower Yuba. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Taught by Clay Hash, Yuba Expert! Contact Clay Hash to register - **ClayHash.fft@gmail.com**.
- **September 30, 2023** - **Yuba Fest** - Sycamore Ranch County Park - **A Celebration of**

Fly Fishing - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Save the Date!!** This promises to be the event of the year for all of us to gather and just have fun together. More to come out next month!!

• **Will include FCSD program** for club casting teachers - Train-the-Trainers 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **Register at: nccffi.org**

• Noon - 4 will be practice casting and teaching & testing for FCSD skill levels.

- **October 1, 2023** - NCCFFI/Fly Fishing Traditions - **Swing/soft Hackle/Trout Spey Workshop**. Sycamore Ranch Park on the Lower Yuba River, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Clay Hash to register: **ClayHash.fft@gmail.com**.
- **October 29, 2023** - **Bay Area Youth Fly Fishing event** - Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club in Golden Gate Park. Contact Ron Beltramo for times & details: 415-999-8348, rjbeltramo@aol.com.

As you can see, we have many fun events planned for all of you to participate in and learn some skills you may have thought about but keep putting off. Now is the time. Sign up with the contact person. Remember - Yuba Fest on September 30th - It will be great fun.



OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD

2023-2024

Proposed FFD Outings & Events

<u>Trip 2023</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Putah Creek	Trout		April/May	Son Chong	vsonkilchong@gmail.com	Day trip
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May 10	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Delta Bass N Fly Tourn	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Fuller Lake	Trout		June 10	Shawn DeArmond	dearmond@gmail.com	Floatation Device, Day trip
FFD Annual Picnic			June 27	Tristan Leong	abailey2006@comcast.net	
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping
Umpqua River	Smallmouth	Guide	July 24-28	Gene Gantt	fishinggantt@comcast.net	Fee + Tip
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lodge/Hotel
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
FFD Casting Clinic			TBD	Bob Zasoski	rjasoski@sbcglobal.net	
Hat Creek 101	Trout		May TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May TBD	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater

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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.

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