

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

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*The Fisherman's Line*

## June Meeting, Tuesday June 25th, 2024

6:00 pm @ **Mace Ranch Park**

### FFD Annual Picnic

This month is the club's annual picnic. Note that we'll be at a different location than last year - [Mace Ranch Park](#) - 3141 5th Street, Davis. You can park at Korematsu school or Explorit Science Center. The picnic area is under the covered pavilion, directly behind the Explorit Science Center.

You should have received and replied to an evite so the cooks know how much food to cook. But if you forgot, come anyway – there's always lots of food! As a reminder, FFD provides the main dishes which include Tri Tip Sandwich, Hot Dogs and Chicken Breasts. Bring your favorite beverage along with a dish to share. Please use the following guide:

Last name begins with:

- A - F: Green or Veggie Salad
- G - L: Chips and Dip, Fruit, or Fruit Salad
- M - R: Pasta, Potato Salad, or Bean Dish
- S - Z: Dessert



## **THE PREZ SEZ**

Howdy y'all,

It's picnic time! This month we have our annual picnic --note the venue change. This year we will be at Mace Ranch Park. There was a vandalism incident at Pioneer Park, and it is currently unusable. You can park at the Korematsu parking lot or the Explorit parking lot and follow the bike path to the picnic area. It should be a great time. Check out the evite for what to bring or just bring yourself we always have plenty of food.

Fishing this season has been good for bass but slow for shad. It's hard to know if the shad run ever really started yet or if it is over. If you ask several people, you are likely to get lots of different answers. It does seem that there are some newer techniques that are more successful in the absence of good swinging flows and runs. Nymphing using small flies like purdigons tied on a normal set up or a drop shot set up have had their moments.

This year's Fall River trip was great there were quite a few beautiful wild fish caught using different techniques. I don't know why I bother bringing three different rods, because I only throw dry flies. What a beautiful river. If you can catch em' there you can catch em' anywhere.

A group of us are off to East Lake Oregon. We'll hope the cold weather at the end of winter doesn't put the callibaetis hatches down. I'll let how it went at the picnic.

The inside of my fishing hat says it all "forget the forecast".

Andan

Yuba Fest is coming up in October



**YUBA FEST 2024**  
A CELEBRATION OF THE YUBA RIVER

**SATURDAY, OCT 5TH**

The poster features a central illustration of a rainbow trout swimming in a clear, flowing river. The river is surrounded by lush greenery and large, smooth rocks. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the illustration. The text is set against a dark background at the top and bottom of the poster.

## **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](mailto:programs@flyfishersofdavis.org).

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2024 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
July	Mikey Wier	July 30	Klamath River

## **IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



### **IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS**

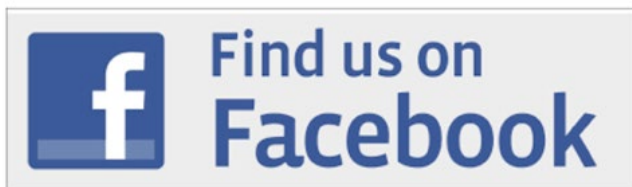
**Website Members:** If you signed up for membership on the new FFD website, you will get an email in the late December/early January timeframe with your renewal details. No need to go to the website before that, so please wait for your renewal information email.

**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 2024. 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 many 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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## **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](mailto:Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com) with your request.

**Note:** If you’d like to try 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.

**The Biden-Harris Administration** released a report highlighting historic and ongoing negative impacts of federal Columbia River dams on Tribal communities. The Interior Department analysis is part of a broader effort to support Tribally led efforts to restore salmon populations in the Columbia River Basin. Although it is not a direct California issue, we, too, have negative Tribal impacts from water management projects and decisions. As you read this, think of the Klamath and Sacramento Rivers and the damage to salmon caused by dams.

The report also provides recommendations for how the federal government can further its treaty and trust responsibilities to Tribes by acknowledging and integrating these impacts in future actions. It marks the first time that the U.S. government has comprehensively detailed the harms that federal dams have and continue to inflict on Tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

This report – which fulfills a commitment made by the Department as part of stayed litigation in *National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, 3:01-cv-640-SI (D. Or.) – is part of a broader effort from the Biden-Harris administration to support Tribally led efforts to restore healthy and abundant populations of salmon and other native fish in the Columbia River Basin. In September 2023, President Biden issued a presidential memorandum to advance these efforts, and the Administration announced an agreement to restore salmon populations in the Upper Basin. In December 2023, the Administration also [announced](#) an historic agreement to restore salmon populations in

the Lower Basin, expand Tribally sponsored clean energy production, and provide stability for communities that depend on the Columbia River System for agriculture, energy, recreation and transportation.

“Since time immemorial, Tribes along the Columbia River and its tributaries have relied on Pacific salmon, steelhead and other native fish species for sustenance and their cultural and spiritual ways of life.

Acknowledging the devastating impact of federal hydropower dams on Tribal communities is essential to our efforts to heal and ensure that salmon are restored to their ancestral waters,” said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. “As part of our ongoing commitment to honoring our federal commitments to Tribal Nations, the Interior Department will continue to pursue comprehensive and collaborative basin-wide solutions to restore native fish populations, empower Tribes, and meet the many resilience needs of communities across the region.”

The Columbia River Basin historically supported abundant wild salmon, steelhead and native resident fish, which contributed to thriving Tribal cultures and communities. Historically, up to 16 million wild salmon and steelhead returned to Pacific Northwest tributaries each year, providing food for over 130 wildlife species and sustenance to Tribal people. Since time immemorial, members of these Tribes and their ancestors stewarded these native species and relied upon their abundance as the staples of their daily diets and ceremony.

The construction of large multipurpose, hydroelectric dams throughout the Columbia

River Basin beginning at the turn of the 20th century blocked anadromous fish from migrating into certain reaches of the Basin, flooded thousands of acres of land, sacred sites, and ancestral burial grounds, and transformed the ecosystem. As a result, many Tribal communities lost access to anadromous fish in their communities. The report outlines how these profound losses have had traumatic impacts on Tribal communities, including by altering traditional diets, depriving Tribal members of the ability to exercise traditional ways of life, and fundamentally changing how Tribal members teach and raise children in the cultural and spiritual beliefs that center around these fish.

Federal dams and reservoirs in the Columbia River Basin have impacted all of the Basin Tribes. Pursuant to commitments related to the litigation, the Department's report considers the impacts of 11 specific dams from across the basin on eight of the basin's Tribal Nations most immediately affected: Coeur D'Alene Tribe of Indians, The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Nez Perce Tribes, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians.

The report also offers several recommendations to further the federal government's trust responsibility and achieve a healthy and resilient Columbia River Basin for generations to come. Recommendations to further these responsibilities include fully considering and integrating the unique inequities Tribes have suffered as a result of federal dam construction and operation into future National Environmental Policy Act reviews, as well as further pursuing co-stewardship and co-management agreements; continuing efforts to consolidate Tribal homelands; and incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into decision making.

**The California Salmon and Steelhead Coalition**, a partnership between California Trout, The Nature Conservancy, and Trout Unlimited, is calling on Governor Newsom to sign Assembly Bill 1272.

**This important bill**, authored by Assembly member Jim Wood, directs the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop guidelines for water use in certain coastal watersheds during times of water shortage. These guidelines will help develop locally generated, watershed-scale plans to protect public trust uses, public health and safety, and fish and wildlife.

AB 1272 was developed in partnership with the Karuk Tribe and the Yurok Tribe, along with conservation groups and salmon advocates. The bill focuses on watersheds that are critical for recovering salmon populations – and the fisheries and cultures that depend on them -- on California's North Coast.

California's climate has always featured periodic drought. Climate change is making our droughts longer and more severe. For too long California has addressed times of water scarcity as temporary emergencies rather than anticipated challenges. This approach has caused considerable harm to streams and the biodiversity and human communities and enterprises they support.

AB 1272 would help change that by requiring the state actually to help local stakeholders prepare for the inevitable: water shortages in dry times. For example, the watershed conservation plans called for by AB 1272 will help water users anticipate how their businesses and communities will be affected by drought and incentivize investment in solutions that boost preparedness.

AB 1272 passed both houses of the legislature in 2023 without opposition, and now awaits the Governor's signature.

You can help get AB 1272 over the finish line! The quickest and easiest way to make your voice heard is to follow these simple directions:

[Click here to be redirected to the Governor's Website](#)

Scroll to choose "**Water Issues**" at the **bottom** of the drop down menu.

"Leave a comment" and select Next click "pro"

Add a comment that you support AB 1272. You can use the following as guidance for a message if you wish.

"I care deeply about the status of California's trout, salmon and steelhead. Many salmonid populations are now listed or imperiled – and climate change is rapidly making things harder for them. I strongly support your Salmon Strategy as a roadmap to recovering and sustaining the iconic species of salmon native to this state. You can do one thing right now that will help achieve your Strategy's goals: sign AB 1272 (Wood) into law.

"This bill, strongly supported by fishing and conservation groups, directs the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop guidelines for water use in certain coastal watersheds during times of water shortage. These guidelines will help develop local watershed-scale plans to protect public trust uses, public health and safety, and fish and wildlife. AB 1272 was developed in partnership with the Karuk Tribe and the Yurok Tribe, and focuses on watersheds critical for recovering salmon populations – and the fisheries and cultures that depend on them -- on California's North Coast.

"For too long the state has responded to the water challenges posed by our increasingly severe and longer droughts as temporary emergencies rather than anticipated events

for which we have prepared. We can, and must, do better if we want future generations to be able to watch, fish for, and eat California salmon. AB 1272 represents significant progress toward this goal, and I urge you to sign this bill as soon as possible.'

**Klamath Dam removal** continues to proceed with Klamath River Renewal Corporation reporting that they are even a little ahead of schedule. This is great news! And the great news keeps coming.

After breaching dams in January, many locals became concerned about impacts to water quality. But recent water quality tests give the Klamath a clean bill of health.

And after losing most of the initial release of hatchery fish to gas bubble disease early this year, CA Fish and Wildlife have successfully released hundreds of thousands of hatchery salmon to the river with more on the way later this year.

The revegetation of the reservoir footprints has yielded a super bloom of poppies, lupine, and other native flowers within the footprint of the former reservoirs.

But the biggest story of this cycle is the decision by Governor Newsom to rematriate 2,800 acres of newly re-emerged lands to the Shasta Indian Nation, a Tribe violently dispossessed of these lands prior to dam construction.

Still, we have a ways to go. In case you missed it, recreational and commercial salmon fishing was banned this year by fishery managers. While we are making progress, there is still much work to do before we bring the salmon home and get fishermen back out on the water.



## ***NCCFFI Events – Yuba Fest and the Hall of Fame Dinner***

Get ready for two great Fly Fishing events coming up this fall. Yuba Fest is back again after a great success last year. The NCCFFI is proud to announce that Yuba Fest 2024 will take place on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. The 2024 event will be a one-day affair with fly clubs and fly club members invited to a gathering of our fly fishing clan.

This is a great way for our fly clubs and fly club members to bond with fly fishing on the lovely Lower Yuba River at Sycamore Ranch County Park. The fly casting crew from GGACC will be there to help with your fly casting skills, putting on a program similar to what they do at the Fly Fishing Show. The Fly Casting Skills Development Program will be featured. This will be an all-day affair with fun social activities later in the afternoon.

Yuba Fest is a partnership with the NCCFFI, the Gold Country Fly Fishers, and Fly Fishing Traditions. This has been the main fundraising opportunity for the NCCFFI over the past number of years. We seek and welcome your support. More information and details will be coming.

After a long hiatus, the Hall of Fame dinner is returning! This year's honoree is Mike Mercer of The Fly Shop in Redding. The event will be held on November 9 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette CA. This is a major event for NCCFFI and is lots of fun to attend. There will be dinner, silent auction, live auction, and good time with the fly fishing community. You can buy tickets [here](#).

The banner features the NCCFFI logo (Northern California Council Fly Fishers International) and website (www.nccffi.org) at the top. Below are two event cards: 'YUBA FEST 2024' on Saturday, Oct 5th, showing a trout in a stream, and '2024 HALL OF FAME AWARD MIKE MERCER' on Saturday, Nov 9th, showing a fisherman with a large trout. The bottom text encourages marking calendars for both events and provides the website for ticket purchases.

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SATURDAY, OCT 5TH

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**2024 HALL OF FAME AWARD MIKE MERCER**

**Mark your calendars for two great events!**  
**Yubafest – October 5th**  
**Hall of Fame Dinner – November 9th**  
Go to [www.nccffi.org](http://www.nccffi.org) to buy tickets in advance!

## **FFD EVENTS: Antelope Creek Ranch**

### ***Photos and Summary by Paul Berliner***

Four of us ventured up to Antelope Creek Ranch this month, for a few days of trout fishing and relaxation. Along for the ride were Bob Brodberg, Jim Lawson and Rick Wallinder. The weather was in the 80's, the accommodations were wonderful, the fishing was beyond amazing, and the friendship was the best. The thrill of seeing rainbows rise up to take dries just can't be matched, but then, stripping a black Woolly wasn't too shabby either! Got some great underwater footage too, which I'll post in an upcoming video, and I've attached a few screen shots here for the newsletter.



Bob at the waterfall



Paul casting away



Rick on the deck



Jim in between casts



OK, off you go!



Swimming on by



# *FFD EVENTS: Antelope Creek Ranch*



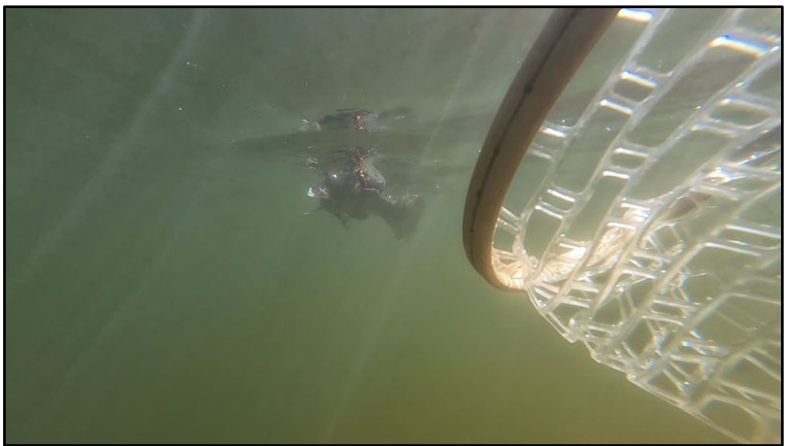
Bob enjoying his new float tube



Come to Papa!



Rick in the zone



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# OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD 2024

## Proposed FFD Outings & Events

<u>Trip 2024</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>FFD Annual Picnic</b>			June 25			
Fuller Lake	Trout		6/15	Shawn DeArmond	<a href="mailto:dearmond@gmail.com">dearmond@gmail.com</a>	Floatation Device, Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		TBD	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Umpqua River	Smallmouth	Guide	TBD	Gene Gantt	<a href="mailto:fishinggantt@comcast.net">fishinggantt@comcast.net</a>	Fee + Tip
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	Nov. 2	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee
<u>Trip 2025</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Lodge/Hotel
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD March	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Baum Lake

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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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