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May Meeting: Tuesday May 27, 2025 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club Sam Sedillo Presents Northern Nevada Fisheries

*T*his month we will hear from Sam Sedillo, a fisheries biologist for the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Sam manages sportfish and native fish in the Truckee River, Lake Tahoe, and Washoe County. He graduated from Colorado State University in 2014 and has been fly fishing for 18 years in California, Colorado, and Nevada. Sam will be presenting on Northern Nevada Fisheries, including the Truckee River, lakes around the Tahoe Basin, plus information on warm and cool-water fisheries that are excellent for fly fishing from the shore or from float tubes.



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THE PREZ SEZ

Hi everyone!

My name is Ken Lazzaroni, and I am your newly elected president of the Fly Fishers of Davis. I am pleased to announce my new role within the organization and look forward to collaborating with all of you in promoting the future of fly fishing for our next generations to enjoy.



Previously, I have held the vice president's and treasurer's positions within the organization, but most of you know me as the raffle guy at the monthly meetings.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 7:00PM.

Ken



Nomination of Officers

Ken Lazzaroni has stepped up and is now our President. Thank You Ken!

Now all we need is a VP! If you are interested (or know someone who might be interested) in joining the Board of Directors or becoming an FFD officer, please let us know. We are accepting nominations, including self-nominations!

Fly Casting Program

By Jeff Hogan

Please join me for the pre-meeting casting clinic on May 27th at 6:30 PM. Arrive early to rig up, so you do not miss and instruction time and practice time. This clinic is designed for you to work on anything you wish to learn or improve.

Please bring your rod and reel. I will provide the yarn fly. Hat and eye protection is required for your safety and the other participants. I will also have some Roll Cast tools that will allow you to practice this cast on the grass. The Roll Cast is a very underappreciated cast.



Jeff performing a single hand snake roll cast



This cast and every Spey cast ends with a roll cast

Please note: I would like to conduct a **Single Hand Spey Casting** clinic at Gristmill on the American River in Sacramento — possibly for the **June 8th monthly clinic**.

This casting technique can be a game changer. Have you ever been in a situation where you want to present your fly to a fish, but you have no room for a back cast, and your roll cast can't get you out that far? Do you want to quickly and quietly reposition your fly back on the water without repeated false casting? If you answered yes to one or both questions, then Single Hand Spey is for you.

You do not need a different rod or line — but you do need a quality roll cast. If you have interest in learning or improving this versatile casting technique or have questions about the pre-meeting clinic, please contact me at jbhogan@ucdavis.edu

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 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.

Restore the Delta reports that Governor Gavin Newsom’s May Revise budget includes a dangerous [suite of trailer bills](#) that creates entirely new law and statutory carve outs specifically for the controversial Delta Conveyance Project by gutting public oversight, weakening environmental protections, and trampling on tribal sovereignty and community input. The Governor is pushing these legislative changes as part of a “streamlining” agenda, but advocates say it amounts to a power grab – greenwashed with climate rhetoric – that sacrifices the Delta and working Californians to benefit powerful water agencies and corporate agriculture.

The trailer bills would:

Exempt State Water Board actions on the Bay-Delta Plan and other water quality control plans from CEQA, bypassing environmental review, public engagement, and additional scrutiny of the flawed Voluntary Agreements – cutting out science, public input, and community voices.

Fast-track land acquisitions for tunnel construction by exempting the Department of Water Resources (DWR) from oversight by the Department of General Services.

Short-circuit water rights proceedings that impact the Delta – even while Indigenous, environmental justice, and fishing communities continue calling for a pause and public review.

Block judicial and administrative challenges from impacted Californians by limiting legal pathways to contest the tunnel.

Overturn the “beneficiary pays” principle enshrined in the 2009 Delta Reform Act, paving the way for tunnel costs to be shifted onto the public despite a court injunction that currently bars DWR from issuing bonds for the project.

Retroactively extend expired water rights; DWR’s water right permit expired in 2009. The trailer bill attempts to rewrite history by extending the expiration date decades into the future, directly interfering with an ongoing legal proceeding and well-established restrictions on cold storage of water rights.

"This administration is catering to the same powerful agribusiness interests who have spent decades attacking environmental protections and funding anti-democratic agendas," **said Scott Webb, Director of Advocacy for the Resource Renewal Institute.** "Fast-tracking the Delta Tunnel through the state budget takes power away from the legislature and is a slap in the face to Tribes, Delta communities, and everyday Californians who will pay the price."

“There are all kinds of environmental reasons that Governor Newsom’s pet Delta tunnel project should never be built, and plenty of hurdles that stand in the way: its price tag, its questionable legality, and the lack of leadership within the governor’s own administration and those that came before him. Despite Governor Newsom’s temper tantrums, nothing justifies waiving the laws that protect San Francisco Bay, its fish and

wildlife, and the clean water that belong to all Californians,” said **Eric Buescher, San Francisco Baykeeper’s managing attorney**. “Waiving California’s legal safeguards is simply not OK, and it’s sad when our leaders choose to ignore the laws rather than implement them faithfully. Such disregard for the law, public input, and judicial review is something we’d expect from the Trump administration, but it has no place in the Golden State.”

The economic argument for the tunnel remains dubious: at a projected \$20.1 billion before interest, inflation, and overruns, the tunnel could ultimately cost Californians over \$60 billion — in a state already facing a \$16 billion revenue shortfall from federal tariffs. Meanwhile, income inequality in California has risen 9% since 2021, and the cost of living is up 23% since 2020, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

As the Governor touts California’s global economic ranking, experts warn that GDP growth alone is not a measure of prosperity or justice. “Growth” that leaves ecosystems collapsing, families struggling to pay water bills, and tribes shut out of decision-making is not progress.

Restore the Delta and its coalition partners are calling on California legislators to reject these trailer bills. Lawmakers must uphold environmental laws, respect tribal sovereignty, defend public participation, and prevent budget trickery that shifts the cost of the Delta Tunnel onto ratepayers and taxpayers.

CalMatters reports that the push to raise Shasta Dam is still alive. For several years, Winnemem Wintu leaders have collaborated with state and federal officials to [reintroduce the critically endangered fish](#) to the McCloud River in a historic effort to revitalize it and reconnect with their past. But that may be in jeopardy now with federal plans to raise the dam and inundate the lower river.

President Trump has taken several steps to raise the dam, including signing executive orders [instructing federal officials to waive environmental rules and deliver more water to California growers](#), notwithstanding any contrary State or local laws.

Earlier this month, the dam project appeared to get a push in the House Natural Resources Committee’s [budget reconciliation bill](#), with a designation of \$2 billion “for construction and associated activities that increase the capacity of existing Bureau of Reclamation [surface water](#) storage facilities.” Though the budget language does not name Shasta Dam, experts say it’s precisely crafted to facilitate the project.

The project was projected to cost \$1.4 billion in 2014, equivalent to \$1.8 billion today. It would provide an estimated 51,300 acre-feet of water according to federal estimates (Lake Shasta currently has a capacity of 4.5 million acre-feet). This would increase the amount farmers receive on average by less than 1%, which Ron Stork, a policy expert with the group Friends of the River, referred to as “decimal dust.”

The major flaw in the idea of raising the dam is that it would not help in dry years as the water would not be available to capture. It also would not help in wet years as the increased storage would not be needed. It’s a costly project that would only increasingly harm the environment.

Dan Bacher reports in the Sacramento News and Review that the Delta Tunnel, if built, would deliver 22% more water to San Joaquin Valley agricultural users, despite claims by the California Department of Water Resources that the purpose of the tunnel is “to provide, restore and protect the reliability of State Water Project water deliveries.”

As recently as last month DWR claimed it was a myth that it intends to increase water deliveries and that the purpose of the tunnel is to minimize decreases in deliveries due to climate change. But recent testimony from a DWR engineer states that the tunnel would increase water deliveries by 22%, and during drought period the increase would be 24%.

With the delta in environmental crisis now, increased water deliveries would only serve to further harm the populations of salmon and native fishes of the delta.

Bruce Reznik, of Los Angeles Waterkeeper wrote in [Capitol Weekly](#) that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California recently adopted what could be a revolutionary policy. Metropolitan's new [Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water](#) will "provide the roadmap that will guide [the agency's] future capital investments" in this era of climate extremes.

Today, Metropolitan is the State Water Project's biggest customer. It holds tremendous power in any major investment that would enable more water to flow from Northern California to the southland. That includes the [Delta Conveyance Project](#) and the controversial [Sites Reservoir](#).

These two projects have a lot in common. They would be incredibly expensive to build. They would further decimate the fragile Delta ecosystem and crush the possibility of salmon stocks recovering. And they are rooted in 20th Century thinking that downplays the risks of future climate extremes.

Reznik opines that Metropolitan's leaders must look closer to home for the majority of its water supplies to create a resilient future. Redirecting most of the agency's investments into local infrastructure is simple common sense.

Bringing water to Los Angeles from far-flung places costs a lot of money and energy. Generating more water locally will also cost a lot of money. But the environmentally damaging and budget busting Delta Conveyance and Sites Reservoir projects would cost far more. There is no guarantee that those projects will produce more water to send south as precipitation patterns become more erratic. If a major earthquake or other natural disaster strikes, it could disrupt water transport for months or even years, leaving Southern California high and dry.

I discussed this proposed change to the Endangered Species Act last month, but it's such an important topic that it bears repeating. Mariah Meek and Karrigan Bork (an ecologist and a law professor) make it very clear in a blog post, [The Conversation](#). Here's a brief synopsis.

It wouldn't make much sense to prohibit people from shooting a [threatened woodpecker](#) while allowing its forest to be cut down, or to bar killing [endangered salmon](#) while allowing a dam to dry out their habitat.

But that's exactly what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service is [proposing](#) to do by changing how one word in the Endangered Species Act is interpreted. For 50 years, the U.S. government has interpreted the Endangered Species Act as protecting threatened and endangered species from actions that either directly kill them or eliminate their habitat.

Most species on the brink of extinction are on the list because there is [almost no place left](#) for them to live. Their habitats have been paved over, burned, or transformed. Habitat protection is essential for their survival. In short, the law says "take" includes harm, and under the existing regulatory definition, harm includes indirect harm through habitat destruction. The Trump administration is seeking to [change that definition](#) of "harm" in a way that leaves out habitat modification.

Conservation starts with providing habitat for endangered and threatened species. This narrowed definition would undo the most significant protections granted by the Endangered Species Act.

FFD OUTREACH

CALIFORNIA AQUARIUM EDUCATION PROGRAM (CAEP)

Delivering Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Eggs to Participating Schools.

By Matt Perry

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) proudly sponsor local teachers' participation in the California Aquarium Education Program, delivering Chinook Salmon eggs in the fall and Steelhead eggs in the winter to classrooms in participating schools.

With support from FFD, teachers and students maintain aquariums equipped with chillers and filtration systems to create the cold, clean environment necessary for the eggs to hatch and thrive.

In late March 2025, the dedicated teachers at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School in Davis organized a memorable field trip for their students to release their classroom-raised steelhead fry into the American River at River Bend Park.

A heartfelt thank you to Yesenia Guerrero for capturing this special day with her beautiful photographs!



Important instructions from teacher Yesenia Guerrero, from Montgomery Elementary in Davis



Releasing the Fry, below the River Bend Park Bridge



Watching from the foot bridge with such amazing attention



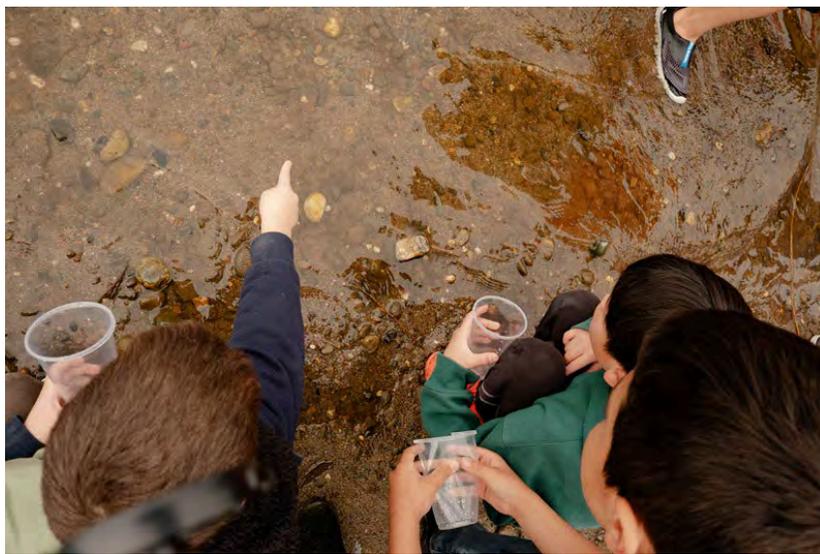
The gentle release preparations - with buckets of fry



Fry in a cup – can you find it?



Watching the release with love and kindness



Safe travels please!

FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS PARTICIPATES IN CASTING FOR RECOVERY RETREAT, SPRING 2025

By Stuart Meyers

The Fly Fishers of Davis participated in the Spring Retreat for Casting for Recovery (CFR) on the Trinity River and Lewiston Lake on March 30, 2025. Two FFD members, Dan Brugger and Stu Meyers, served as individual river guides for two CFR participants. FFD supported two participant scholarships this season which was held at the Indian Creek Lodge in Douglas City, CA on the Trinity River.

We fished the shores of Lewiston Lake with our partners, since the Trinity was releasing dangerously large amounts of water that weekend. It was, as usual, a rewarding, humbling, and exciting experience showing breast cancer survivors, and some current patients, how to fly fish. We even caught a few!

The participants attended an orientation by Nicole Lazarus, Laura Fisher, and staff of CFR for fly-casting basics, fly selection, and other aspects of flyfishing, then we had a group lunch with our assigned participants and then went fishing. A great time was had by all!



Dan with Sophia



Stu and Deanna



The whole group!



Learning!



River Guide Dan at Lewiston Lake



River Guide Stu at Lewiston Lake

DUCK DAYS 2025

By Paul Berliner

Once again, our highly-advanced incredibly professional ace team of fly tiers helped out at Duck Days, with huge crowds, lots of enthusiasm, and very happy kids.

Many thanks to Rick Wallinder, Stuart Meyers, Mitch Graham, Bob Zasoski, Jim Lawson and Rebecca Hendrix for their volunteer help. Special thanks to the Duck Days staff, for letting us set up inside the Yolo Basin HQ ... so that our feathers didn't fly all across the causeway. And yes, it was non-stop Woolly Buggers all day, and especially pink and purple. We talked up the club, handed out brochures, and gained a few new families on our membership roster. It's FFD outreach at its finest!



All hands on deck



And now, a breaking news story



Good job, that's the way to wrap



Look what I made



Mitch enchants the girls



Mom, can I please help Bob tie this fly



OK, which one is the owl



Rebecca, Bob, and all the bright Marabou



Rick has their full attention



Stuart wows the family



That fly deserves a fist bump



Trade you a fly for your green hat

FFD T-Shirts!

Fly Fishers of Davis logo T-Shirts are for sale at our club meetings! \$25.00

Only a few remaining!



Breaking News – the FFD Picnic is coming!

Our annual picnic is Tuesday, June 24th.

Who will be the next Addled Angler? Stay tuned for an invitation and lots of information!



CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD

An important reminder to all FFD boaters!

If you do not have a California Boater Card you are **not in compliance with California Law.**

The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken and passed a NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) state-approved boater safety education examination. The California Boater Card program was phased-in by age for operators of motorized boats on state waterways.



As of January 1, 2025, all persons who operate on California waters were required to have one. The lifetime card fee is \$10. The lost card replacement fee is \$5.

The card is issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, and after taking an approved course and successfully passing the test, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days from the time the application was approved.

Not only is mandatory education the law, the California Boater Card Program promotes boating safety on our waterways. U. S. Coast Guard accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements.

For more information, or to apply for the card, please visit <https://californiaboatercard.com/>



[Home - Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International \(NCCFFI\)](#)

NCCFFI Board Member Needed

By Lowell Ashbaugh

The Northern California Council (NCC) is the local “chapter” of Fly Fishers International (FFI). I have been on the board for quite a few years now and I would like to find a replacement.

CALIFORNIA INLAND RECREATION ANGLER SURVEY

The California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS) provides the public with helpful fishing information powered by data submitted by anglers.

CIRAS is a web-based survey platform that allows anglers to submit angling data for more locations and species than ever before. CIRAS also provides anglers with access to data, submitted by anglers like themselves, through the user-friendly, interactive 'Ready to Fish' data dashboard. CIRAS is powered by anglers, for anglers, and is meant to provide anglers with information to help plan their fishing trips.



CIRAS offers anglers a web-based user-friendly experience, data transparency, and immediate access to data summaries through an interactive dashboard. CIRAS represents a paradigm shift for how we gather, process, store, and share information regarding California's diverse fisheries, getting information to anglers to help inform their fishing trips faster than ever before.

Anglers can submit data for any fishable inland or anadromous water, statewide. Currently there is a pilot outreach effort in Region 2 (Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba counties, plus parts of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo counties). This outreach effort will be expanded statewide upon conclusion of the pilot phase.

CIRAS exponentially expands the reach of CDFW's Angler Survey Boxes (ASB), a network of more than 200 metal boxes located throughout the state where anglers can record their fishing experiences on paper survey slips. While the ASB system is typically used to evaluate trout fisheries, the modern CIRAS platform will provide anglers with an opportunity to submit and interact with information about any sport fish from any fishable inland or anadromous water in the state. Historic data from ASB's will also be uploaded into the CIRAS 'Ready to Fish' data dashboard, providing immediate utility for those fisheries while anglers begin to populate new locations.

CIRAS is completely free to use. Anglers do not have to sign up for a subscription to access information and will not be subjected to product advertisements. While the new survey can be accessed using mobile devices, and was designed to accommodate mobile display, the pilot platform is not a standalone App and requires internet connectivity to submit angling data and utilize the 'Ready to Fish' data dashboard. However, CDFW plans to incorporate off-line functionality in future phases.

- CIRAS Website: <https://ciras.wildlife.ca.gov/>
- CIRAS User's Guide: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=228014&inline>

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, please let us know at the next meeting.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2025 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
<u>May</u>	Sam Sedillo	May 27	Northern Nevada Fisheries
<u>June</u>	Picnic	June 24	FFD Annual Picnic at Korematsu Park 5pm-8pm

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 support!

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OUTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2025

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Contact	Notes
Sacramento River Shad	Shad	TBD: May	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair w/non-boater
Bassin' on the Delta	Bass	TBD: May / June	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair w/non-boater
Annual Picnic		June 24th		
Fuller Lake	Trout	TBD: June	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip
Lake Manzanita	Trout	TBD: June	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Camping / Boat

Don't Forget to Check Out the Website Classifieds Section

The website's Classifieds section is public. However, you must be a member to post. The instructions are listed on the menu. You can find the page here → <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/resources/classifieds/>

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The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) is a non-Profit 501.C.4 charitable organization dedicated to the education, participation, conservation and enhancement of fly fishing. FFD meets monthly. Our regular monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month except for December, and other exceptions are noted in our newsletter. December meetings are held the second Tuesday to accommodate holiday schedules.

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

E-Newsletter Policy

Each month, the e-newsletter will be posted to our website and emailed prior to the meeting. To view our PDF newsletter, download Acrobat reader at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Members are urged to maintain their current email address and other important personal data by logging in, and visiting: <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/account/>. This ensures accurate communication and notification of our monthly newsletter, which is also downloadable at: <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/media/newsletters/>.

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 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. For more information or if you have questions, please email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org

- Membership benefits: go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
- New members ONLY: to join, go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/>
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