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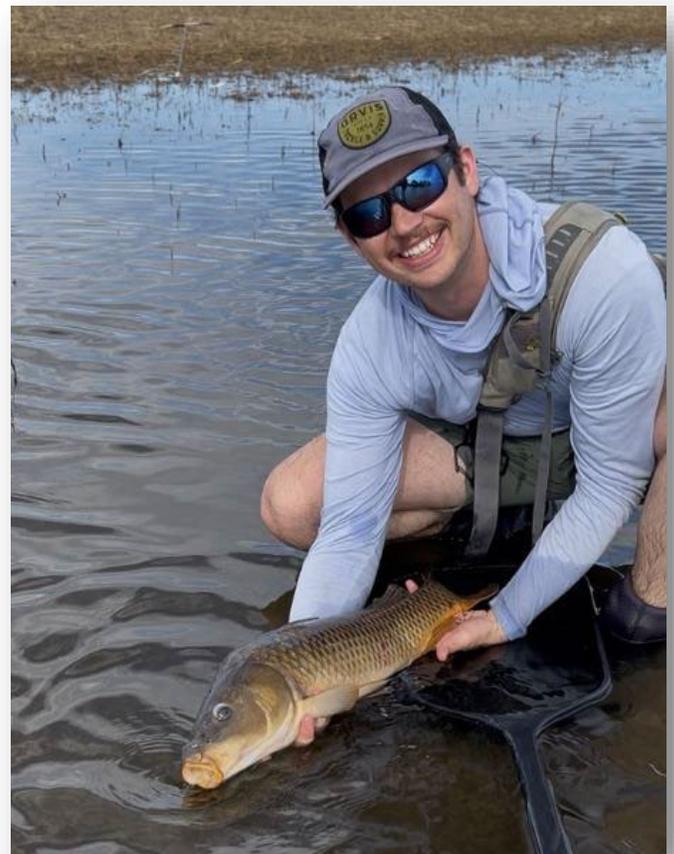
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The Fisherman's Line

September Meeting Tuesday September 30, 2025 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club Noah Rabago-Sondgroth Presents: Carp on the Fly!

*T*his month on Tuesday September 30, 2025, Noah Rabago-Sondgroth, fishing manager at Orvis in Roseville, will tell us all about fly fishing for Carp. Noah has been tying flies and fly fishing since 2012 for whatever swims in our valley rivers.

The past few years carp have taken over his fishing time and is all he thinks about now. From lakes to sloughs, Noah loves scouting new carp locations and finding more places to fish for our golden friends!



THE PREZ SEZ

If you happened to look at our website's "**Officers and Directors**" page recently, you might have noticed that we have 2 (two) very important open board positions:



PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT

We also have 2 (two) Director positions available, plus we're also looking for one or two meeting volunteers.

Elections for officers will be held at the December membership meeting on December 16th. Now is a good time to think about volunteering for a position on the board, or to help at the monthly general club meetings.

Nominations for open board positions can be made at the monthly general meetings — or by simply talking with one of our current board members.

Elected positions available:

- President
- Vice President
- Director (2 positions available)
 - Note that we have 6 (six) total Director positions, and each Director serve a 3-year term.
 - 2 (two) new directors are elected each year.

Meeting volunteer(s) needed:

- Someone to run the raffle at the monthly general meeting.
 - This responsibility could be shared — so that you would not be committed to attend every meeting. If you have a friend in the club that you attend meetings with, you could do it together, or back each other up if one of you can't attend.

Many of the current attendees at board meetings are folks that have been FFD members for many years. They have already served as officers, some multiple times in multiple positions, and they are now volunteering in an unofficial capacity to preserve and pass on the knowledge base that each organization needs. They are eager to support and mentor any member that volunteers.

Come and talk to us. We'd love to have you on board.

Many thanks!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



Your FFD Board of Directors meets once per month on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss many aspects of the club, including charitable contributions, conservation issues, budget planning, and planning for the Annual Picnic and Annual Dinner. If you would like to attend a board meeting, bring up an issue you're concerned about, or send a message to your board members, note that the BOD meets conveniently in Davis, and always welcomes your feedback! Since meeting places may change, please contact a board member or club officer for time and place details, if you would like to attend a monthly meeting.

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 1: 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.

Note 2: I'm looking for someone to take over my role on the board of the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International. If you're interested in participating in a conservation organization that concentrates on all things related to fly fishing please let me know. The board position does not take a great deal of time, and it can be very rewarding. The current board is functioning really well – you would be joining a very good group of people.

A new report released today by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) examines how a combination of strategies, most importantly the Delta Conveyance Project, can help the State Water Project maintain reliable water deliveries to 27 million Californians despite hotter temperatures, more extreme storms, more severe droughts, and higher sea levels.

The report concludes that while [climate change](#) makes a long-term decline in annual average water deliveries likely, a portfolio of actions can offset much of the decline, including the completion of the Delta Conveyance Project. As part of the Governor's work to prepare the state, he has proposed to [fast-track the Delta Conveyance Project](#) to ensure that Californians can continue to have reliable and sustainable water access.

The report mentions project benefits to fish, but primarily in the context of adaptive management. If implemented as proposed it might be beneficial, but history suggests that fish health will take a back seat to the needs of people and agriculture. Ultimately, unless the project is sustainable on all fronts, it won't be successful.

The report focuses on five actions to help the state successfully climate-proof California's water supply through the State Water Project. California is expected to lose 10% of its water supply due to hotter and drier conditions by 2040, threatening the water supply for millions of Californians — and the reliability of the State Water Project could be reduced by as much as 23%.

The report claims the [Delta Conveyance Project](#) will help offset and recover these future climate-driven water losses, but it has been plagued by delays and red tape.

It further claims the Delta Conveyance Project would expand the state's ability to improve water supply reliability, while also maintaining fishery and water quality protections. During atmospheric rivers last year, the [Delta Conveyance Project could have captured enough water for 9.8 million people's yearly usage](#).

The most promising action to improve water supply reliability is the construction of the Delta Conveyance Project for the following reasons:

The project is the single most effective strategy on its own, but it also amplifies the impact of other strategies.

The project would safeguard water deliveries from disruption in the event of levee collapse in the Delta and would enable the SWP to capture more storm runoff.

Additionally, the project would help prevent water delivery disruptions by providing protection against earthquakes and other climate-related disasters.

Read more at [Maven's Notebook](#).

[The California Department of Water Resources](#) asked a state appellate court this month to lift a preliminary injunction on geotechnical investigations for the controversial [Delta Conveyance Project](#) — a proposed 14-mile tunnel that would divert water from the Sacramento River to Central and Southern California.

Last year, Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Stephen Acquisto [agreed](#) with a group of local counties and water districts, as well as environmental and tribal organizations, that the preliminary work is a “covered action,” and the state agency must certify that the entire project complies with the requirements of the California Delta Reform Act.

The hourlong hearing before a three-judge panel of the Third Appellate District of the California Court of Appeal in Sacramento Tuesday revolved around the question of whether the proposed preliminary work itself, as opposed to the tunnel itself, is in fact a covered action — which the water agency has to self-certify is consistent with the so-called Delta Plan for the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta — even though the state's Delta Stewardship Council had said it's not.

It's not clear how the appellate panel will rule. Read more of this story at [Courthouse News Service](#).

[Salmon season](#) opened and closed in one weekend this month. Capitalizing on good weather and even better fishing, the 7,500 Chinook fall harvest guideline was reached during the Sept. 4-7 recreational ocean salmon fishery. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) estimates that 12,000 Chinook salmon were taken by 12,400 anglers in the brief fall season between Pt. Reyes and Pt. Sur. The National Marine Fisheries Service took in-season action on Sept. 17 to close the remaining 2025 fall dates of Sept 29-30, October 1-5, and October 27-31.

The use of harvest guidelines and in-season management in California's ocean salmon sport fishery management is new this year. The guidelines were developed as part of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's pre-season process using catch and effort information from prior years along with expected performance this year. The guidelines serve to ensure that impacts from the fishery to stocks of particular concern - Klamath River fall Chinook and Central Valley Spring and Sacramento River Winter Chinook - are minimized. In-season monitoring to actively manage commercial and recreational ocean salmon fisheries to align with pre-season harvest forecasts is also identified as a priority action item in the [California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter Drier Future](#)(opens in new tab).

During the Sept. 4-7 fall season, docks and launch ramps were bustling with activity as many anglers were eager to get back out on the water and fish for salmon after a spectacular 2-day summer season in June. CDFW met boat captains and anglers on the docks to collect fishery and biological data used to create catch estimates, abundance forecasts, and stock-specific information on the catch. CDFW continues to appreciate the cooperation of anglers during these surveys.

For more information on ocean salmon fishing regulations, please visit CDFW's website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Salmon> or call the Ocean Salmon Hotline at 707-576-3429.

WINTERS SALMON FESTIVAL

Join us **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, for the **8th Annual Winters Salmon Festival!**

The [Winters Salmon Festival](#) celebrates the [return of Chinook salmon](#) to Putah Creek each fall. This year, we're also honoring the 25th anniversary of the [Putah Creek Accord](#) — the landmark agreement that restored flows to the lower creek and made this remarkable salmon comeback possible. Thanks to decades of restoration and the dedication of countless volunteers, these iconic fish now return each October to spawn.

Come enjoy **live music**, **local food trucks**, and **family-friendly vendors** as we gather to celebrate the salmon's journey and our community's stewardship of Putah Creek.



FLY CASTING PROGRAM

By Jeff Hogan

Welcome to what I believe is the best season of the year- Fall. This is when fishing can be at its prime and you should be at your prime as an angler as well. To help you achieve your best, the casting clinic on Sunday October 5th at Northstar Park from 9am – 12 noon, will focus on specific fishing casts like the horizontal cast, shooting line, the curve cast, and off-side casting to a target. These all allow you to put the fly where you need to despite wind, current, distance, or obstacles like low hanging branches.

I want to extend a special warm Fall welcome to members who are just beginning their journey into this wonderful sport as well as to those who are renewing their interest. This casting clinic is perfect for you as you will learn how to perform the basic fly cast which will open the doors of opportunity to learn more specialized casts like the ones mentioned above.

Northstar Ponds are located at 3434 Anderson Rd just west of the F Street and Anderson Road intersection in north Davis. A parking lot that services this area is located off Anderson Rd.

Equipment

- Eye protection (required)
- Hat
- Your favorite rod and reel
- **Floating fly line only**
- Short tapered leader, 7 ½ foot
- 0X – 3X is preferred for learning

These stout short leaders are great for turning the loop over and delivering the fly. They also help reduce wind knots and make removing them easier.

Yarn flies will be provided.



If you don't have a rod and reel, I can provide one for you. **Please contact me ahead of time to request an outfit.**

If you have questions please contact me, Jeff Hogan, at jbhogan@ucdavis.edu

CASTING FOR RECOVERY SWEEPSTAKES

By Nicole Lazarus, CFR

Who wants to go to Alaska AND support the Northern California region of Casting for Recovery?

As you know, Casting for Recovery (CFR) offers 2 retreats each year to a total of 28 women who are at any stage of their breast cancer journey. The retreats are free to these women, but our cost is \$1,500 per participant. We are sponsoring a **sweepstakes** for a chance to win the ultimate five-night, all-inclusive Alaskan getaway for two —complete with private charter flights, guided river fishing, cozy lodge accommodations, gourmet meals, and more. For each ticket sold our program will receive 70% of the proceeds. Ticket sales end December 3, 2025 and the drawing will be held on December 11, 2025.

This is your chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime trip for two to Alaska's Anvik River Lodge — a \$15,000 value — plus \$3,000 in travel cash to get you there.

With odds far better than Powerball, all you have to do is click the link below to enter and directly support our Northern California program! Plus, you get bonus entries through this link!

Please visit our direct sweepstakes link:

<https://www.tapkat.org/casting-for-recovery-inc/xEeymE?promo=NORCAL>

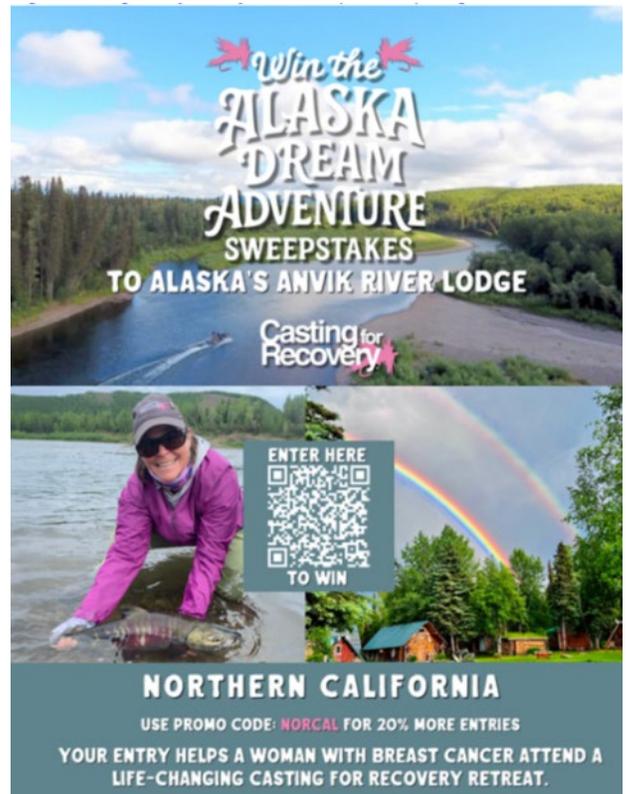
Prize Details

All Inclusive 5 Night Package for 2 Includes (Good in 2026/2027 Season)

- \$3000 travel stipend for airfare to Anchorage.
- Round-trip private airplane charter from Anchorage to Anvik. (an over \$700 value).
- Round-trip boat transportation from Anvik to the Lodge.
- All meals, snacks, complimentary cocktails, beer, wine & soft drinks.
- Comfortable lodging in spacious guest rooms.
- All fishing gear – fly & spin cast – you may also bring your own if you wish.
- Use of internet & wi-fi.
- Chest waders, boots & rain gear as needed.
- Fly-fishing & spin casting lessons if you'd like.
- Daily housekeeping & laundry service as needed.
- Processing your salmon catch within House and State limits (male salmon only) – frozen & smoked

Note: the package does not include fishing licenses and stamps, staff gratuities or optional trap shooting activities. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at the lodge.

Please support CFR, and enter this amazing sweepstakes!



FFD T-Shirts!

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

Only a very few remaining!



California Fly Fisher Magazine – Special Offer



Celebrate California Fly Fisher's Relaunch Anniversary with a Special Offer for Fly Club Members

For more than three decades, *California Fly Fisher* has been the go-to publication for anglers who care about California's fisheries, wild trout, and the craft of fly fishing. In July 2024, the magazine underwent a beautiful redesign and relaunch—and it's better than ever in both print and digital formats.

To mark their one-year relaunch anniversary, *California Fly Fisher* is offering club members an exclusive subscription discount—plus 10% off all merchandise.

Special Anniversary Rates for Fly Club Members:

- \$39.95 – One year print + digital
- \$20.00 – One year digital-only

Use promo code **FLYCLUBANNIV** at checkout.

Subscribe at www.calflyfisher.com/subscribe or scan the QR code:



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/>



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

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
September	Noah Rabago-Sondgroth	September 30	Carp on the Fly
October	Doug Rodricks	October 28	Sierra Drifters Guide Service Mammoth Lakes Area
* November	Chris Deweese	November 18	Gyotaku or Japanese Fish Printing FFD Officer Nominations
* December	FFD Club Members	December 16	Homegrown FFD Officer Elections

*** Note:** The November and December meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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!



OUTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2025

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

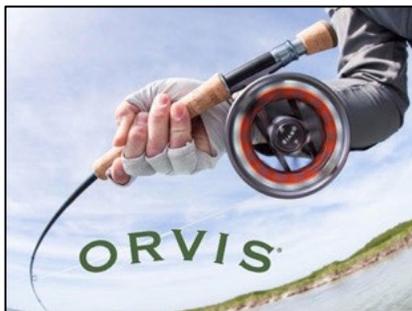
Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Contact	Notes
Casting Class		October 5, 2025	jbhogan@ucdavis.edu	Northstar Ponds - 9-noon
Lake Manzanita	Trout	TBD	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping / Boat
Striper Fest	Striped bass	November 2025	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip

Jeff Putnam's
Fly Fishing Instruction
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Officers, Directors and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President:	* Open *
Vice President	* Open *
Treasurer	Andan Bailey
Secretary	Matt Perry
DIRECTORS	
Through Dec. 2027	Dan Galloway
Through Dec. 2026	Stuart Meyers
	Marc Wilson
	Matt Perry
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Outings	Dana Hooper
Conservation	Lowell Ashbaugh
Membership	Ryan Mitchell
Newsletter	Wilson / Meyers
NCCFFI	Lowell Ashbaugh
Programs	Peter Hawes
Hospitality	Peter Hawes
Raffle Chair	* Open *
Fly Tying	Bob Zasoski
Youth Programs	Adney Bowker
Youth Fish Camp	Andan Bailey
Casting	Jeff Hogan
Website	Beverlin / Berliner

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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/>
- Existing members, login and dues assistance: email webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org

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