

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

January, 2016

A Message from the President *by Paul Patterson*

Happy New Year!

2015 ended on a high note with our annual Christmas Party. Thanks to all who made this fun-filled event a success. Special thanks to Rory Cullen and Scott Long for taking care of the main course and to Dave Pace and Mike Miller for getting all the gifts. I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of several businesses who donated gifts for our participation raffle, including: Blue Ribbon Sales, Cabela's, Jimmy's All Season Angler, Kast Gear, Loop USA and Rio Products. Please support local businesses that so generously support us.



Back in November Sportsman's Warehouse sponsored the "War of the Outdoor Organizations." This was an opportunity for the participating organizations to promote their organization and to recruit new members. Each of the eight participating organizations was to bring a pot of chili to compete with the other groups. How did we do? The Snake River Cutthroats took first place thanks to chef Marv Stucki and his brother. First place got us a \$500 gift certificate from Sportsman's Warehouse (Thank you Sportsman's!), which will be used to get merchandise for our major fund raiser, the East Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo. Thanks to Mike Miller who helped organize this and

Rory Cullen who went to help recruit new members. I



thought that we might run the recipe instead of the newsletter's traditional fish recipe. But Mike Miller thought that would be a dumb idea as we don't want to help our competition in any future contests. You'll have to talk to Marv to find out if he will part with the winning recipe.
Chef Marv

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Buck Goodrich on
Fishing Yellowstone's Cascade Corner
Wednesday January 13th, 6:30 PM
Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls*



Wednesday, January 13th
6:30 PM

Buck Goodrich



**Fly Fishing Yellowstone
Park's Cascade Corner**

As fly-fishers, we all have favorite locations for plying our sport. Some of these are far-flung, some are nearby. We return to these places not only out of love, but for feeling refreshed. What we will hear at the January meeting is a superb example of what a special location means on a personal basis. This was Buck Goodrich's 50th year fishing the Cascade Corner of Yellowstone Park (southwest corner and also known as Fall River Basin). He is getting old and has decided to share his love for this area with other fly fishers. His presentation includes what he has learned over the years about this area, including how to fish it successfully. Some of his secret fishing holes will be divulged including secret trails. So come to the meeting and enjoy his stories about this area.

Stocking Sturgeon in the Snake River

by
Greg Losinski, Regional Conservation Educator

On November 12, 2015, Idaho Department of Fish and Game stocked 750 white sturgeon fish into the Snake River below downtown Idaho Falls. This brings the total number of these prehistoric fish stocked to 1,880 since 2007. This batch of fish was a smaller foot long fish with a few larger ones included as a bonus. The fish were reared at Hagerman Fish Hatchery.

White sturgeon is native to the Lower Snake River. It is only found around Shoshone Falls due to stocking efforts by Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The Upper Snake Region would like to expand this program to other waters in the region. They would like to hear how the public views this idea. Except for tribal harvest, all sturgeon fishing in Idaho is catch and release only. The possibility for harvest could exist in the future, because the Upper Snake Region is outside the historic native range.

Regional Fish Manager, Dan Garren, would like to know what anglers think about this idea as well.

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Corrections to Upper Snake River Region Fishing Regulations

There were several errors in the Upper Snake Region 2016 fishing rules because of a technical issue. The corrections are below.

Upper Snake Region

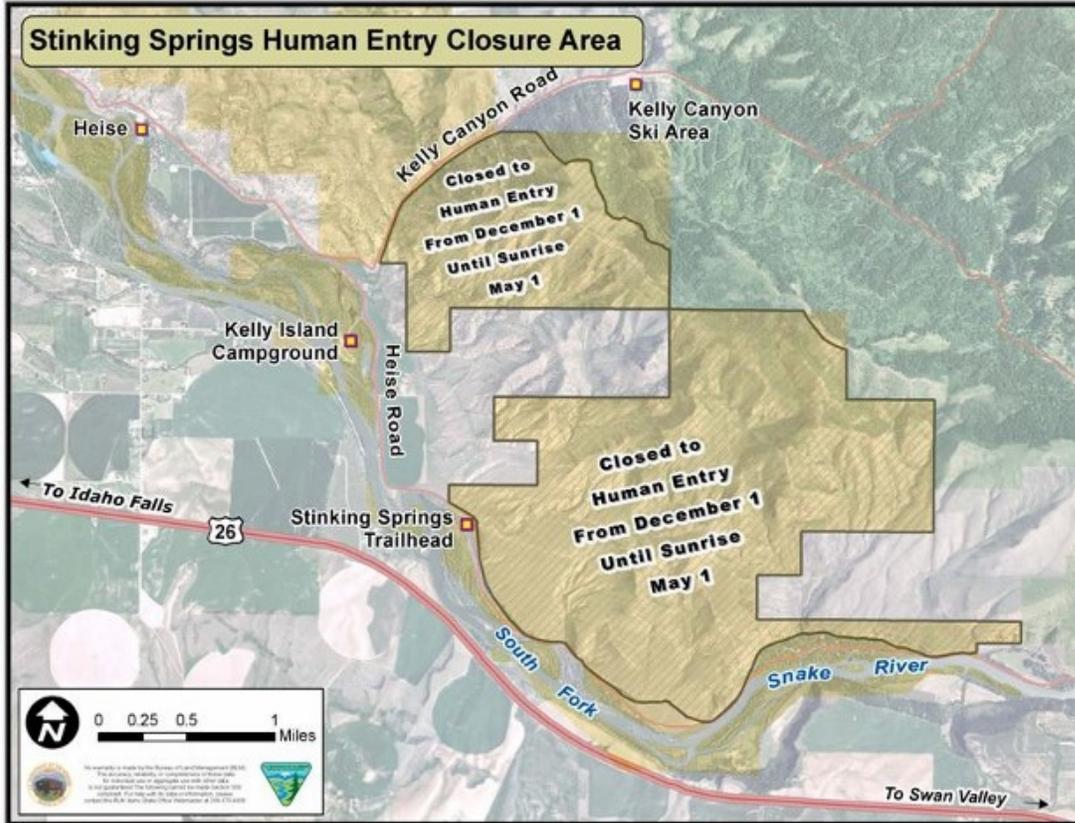
- Regionwide – Remove the 12 inches minimum harvest rule for bass.
- Regionwide – Increase the daily bag limit on Kokanee from 6 to 15.
- Snake River: American Falls Reservoir to Gem Lake Dam: Daily bag limit for bass 2; any size.
- Henrys Fork – Change the downstream section boundary from Del Rio Bridge to the South Fork Snake River. This would change the daily trout bag limit from 6 to 2 in this lower section. Also, eliminate the minimum 16 inches size restriction for trout within the entire reach.
- Henrys Fork (Vernon Bridge to Ashton Dam) – Replace the winter “closed fishing” season with a “catch-and-release” season. Also, eliminate the 16 inches minimum size limit during the summer harvest season.
- Henrys Fork (Highway 20 Bridge to Riverside Campground) – Eliminate the trout 16 inches minimum size limit.
- Henrys Fork (Riverside Campground upstream to Harriman Park) – Change the “closed to fishing” season to a “catch-and-release” season for trout requiring barbless hooks and no use of bait. This will result in a year-around catch-and-release fishing season in this reach.
- Warm River and tributaries – Clarify the boundary as the “bridge near Parker (Scheuller) cabin” – closed to fishing. On all other sections of Warm River and tributaries – No harvest of cutthroat. Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat. December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0 (catch-and-release).
- Snake River from Osgood diversion upstream to the confluence of the Henrys Fork and South Fork Snake River – Trout limit would be reduced from 6 to 2; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout (previously you could keep 2 Cutthroat Trout).
- South Fork Snake River tributaries – Allow harvest of any size Brown Trout (which will be included in the daily trout bag limit). Change the “closed to fishing” season to June 1 to June 30 (previous April 1 – June 30).



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- Teton River – Eliminate the winter catch-and-release season (open all year). Allow unlimited harvest of Rainbow Trout and trout hybrids (currently 6 trout limit) with no harvest of Cutthroat.
- Teton River tributaries - Eliminate the winter catch-and-release season (open to fishing July 1 to May 31); then close the tributaries June 1 through June 30. Allow unlimited harvest of Rainbow Trout and trout hybrids (currently 6 trout limit) with no harvest of Cutthroat.
- Little Lost River and tributaries, Medicine Lodge Creek and Fall River – Eliminate the catch-and-release seasons and allow year-around fishing with a 2 trout limit; no harvest of Cutthroat.
- Becker Park Pond (Ryder Park Pond) – Current rule is 2 trout. It would change to 2 fish; any combination of species.
- Jim Moore Pond, Horseshoe Lake and Teardrop Lake – Current rule is 6 trout. The daily trout bag limit would be reduced to 2 trout on all three waters.
- Palisades Reservoir tributaries – Close all Palisades Reservoir tributaries to Kokanee harvest.

Stinking Springs Human Entry Closure Area December 1, 2015-May 1, 2016



Snake River Cutthroats 2016 Class Schedule by Jeff Armstrong

Let's repeat this announcement in case changes in schedules allow more folks to consider enrolling in one of these classes.

Beginning Fly Tying Class - Beginning fly tying classes will start on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 and will run for 6 weeks. Classes are 2 hours each starting at 7:00 PM. All basic fly tying techniques are taught with emphasis on fly patterns that work well locally. All required materials and hooks are supplied for the basic cost of \$30. Instructors are some of the best in the country with an average of 20 years teaching fly tying. This is a great way to get started in a hobby for a lifetime. The students need to bring the following: fly tying vise, scissors, a bobbin, hackle pliers and other useful tools. If you have doubt on what to buy, come to the first class and there will be extra equipment to use. For further information and to sign up for this class contact Jeff Armstrong 522-7005; email elkhorn83354@yahoo.com

Fly Rod Building Class - Rod Building Class will be held on Saturday February 6, 2016, from 10 AM to 5:30 PM. An introductory class will be held on Thursday January 21, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The introductory class will allow instructors to help students decide which rod blank and components they will need for the class and where to buy the rod blank and components. The class is designed for building a quality rod for fresh or salt water. The novice can easily build a rod with patience and this class. The cost is \$30.00. This is your chance to get a fantastic rod at half the cost. Build a rod you will love to fish with. For further information and to sign up for this class contact Wade Allen at 390-3130; email wncableone.net

Free Fly Casting Class - On Tuesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 19th 2016 starting at 6:30 PM there will be two free casting classes taught by FFF casting instructors. Classes will last for approximately 2 hours and are located at Tautphaus Park by the fountain (southeast corner of the park off Boulevard). This is open to everyone. There is no registration required. Just show up. The class is designed for beginners and intermediate casting levels. This is a great chance to start casting or improve you casting ability, and it is free. For further information contact Jeff Armstrong: Phone 522-7005; email elkhorn83354@yahoo.com. Some equipment can be provided for the students to use during the class. Please bring any equipment that you may have. Attend one or both classes.



Gregg Messel's Salmon Chowder Recipe followed by his for Clam Chowder

Salmon Chowder Ingredients

1-2 lbs of salmon (steaks or fillets)	2 lbs potatoes	3-4 stalks celery
Carrots	1 large onion	5-6 pepper corns
White wine	Milk	

Directions:

Place salmon fillets with the skin side down or steaks in a pan with one cup water and one cup white wine and simmer covered for one hour. Dice potatoes, carrots, onion, and celery and place in a large stockpot with water for one hour while the salmon is poaching. Drain the salmon, remove the skin, cut out the fat, and flake the meat after it has cooled to the touch. Drain water from the vegetables. Combine the salmon and vegetables along with enough milk to cover the entire mixture. Add the peppercorns. Simmer for 2-4 hours with a lid on the pot, stirring every few minutes. I have added and changed the recipe over the years. Feel free to add or detract any vegetables.

Clam Chowder Ingredients (Being from New England not passing on a clam chowder recipe is a sin! – Bruce

1. Large can of clams
 - drain off and save one cup of liquid
 - hold clams
2. Chop up the following vegetables:
 - 2-3 lbs of potatoes, peeled and cut into pieces
 - 4 stalks of celery
 - carrots
 - 1/2 medium onion
3. Place vegetables in large pot and cover with water
 - boil for about one hour
 - drain off water
4. Place vegetables back in the pot
 - add clams and clam juice
 - add one can of condensed milk
 - cover the rest of the vegetables with milk
 - add 4-6 pepper corns
 - warn everyone about the pepper corns, do not eat them
5. Heat the mixture for about one hour
 - the longer we cook it, the better it gets

Fly of the Month

Gib's Midge

Doug Gibson guides for Three Rivers Ranch. He also ties the highest quality flies for its clients. He needed a midge pattern of increased visibility, and this is his solution. In it the extended post wing is tied in then hackled at the rear of the hook. After forming the body, Doug pulls the post extension over its top then secures it behind the eye. The resulting white shellback makes this pattern highly visible

Hook: Daiichi 1110, or equivalent, size 16-20
 Thread: Black 8/0
 Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers
 Post: Small diam. white tubing
 Hackle: Grizzly
 Body: Dubbing of color matching natural
 Shellback: Extension of post over body
 Head: Clipped end of shellback





2015-2016 Calendar



Date	Activity
Tuesday, January 5 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, January 12 th	Beginning Fly Tying Class, 7:00 PM IFHS (Six consecutive Tuesdays)
Wednesday, January 13 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Guest Tyer and Speaker: Buck Goodrich Fishing Yellowstone's Cascade Corner
Thursday, January 21 st	Introductory Rod Building Class, 6:30 -7:30 IFHS
Tuesday, February 2 nd	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Saturday, February 6 th	Rod Building Workshop, 10:30 – 5:30 Location: TBA
Wednesday, February 10 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 Speaker: TBA
Tuesday, March 1 st	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 9 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 Speaker: Craig Mathews
Tuesday, April 5 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 13 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 Tyer: John Harder Speaker: Dave Dexter Lines, Leaders & Tippetts
Friday & Saturday, April 22 nd & 23 rd	East Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo Shilo Inn
Wednesday, May 11 th	Annual Business Meeting, 5:30 Papa Tom's Pizza

Note: all membership and board meetings are at the Shilo Inn.
Board meetings are open to all members.
General membership meetings are open to the public



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