

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

October, 2016

A Message from the President *by Rory Cullen*

Welcome back from a great season of fishing and other outdoor activities. As we head into the best time of year, I hope everybody gets out and enjoys Idaho's beautiful fall season. One of the summer highlights was a fun picnic hosted by Mike and Ann Miller. A big thanks to the Miller's for providing such a great location. I would also like to thank head chef Buck and assistants Pat and new comer Mike. I did my best to help and stay the hell out of the way.

I am honored to take the oars of this distinguished club. As I stated in a small speech at the picnic, I have three main goals for the next couple of years. One, to increase memberships. Two, to improve participation with existing members. And third, we have close to 400 members and like most clubs 10% of the members do all the work. So I want to pamper these members with great food and activities at our club gatherings. All done with fiscal responsibility.

As a greeter at the general meetings, I had some great conversations. One conversation that stuck out was that some companies require and or encourage donating a certain amount of hours on community projects. Our club has ample opportunities to assist you in amassing many hours. We have conservation projects, willow planting, fence building, screen cleaning, youth projects and our annual two-day fly tying expo. What a great variety of choices to earn your hours. All while improving fisheries and enjoying the outdoors.

Finally, I would like to thank past president Paul Patterson for helping with this transition. Paul has spent many hours helping me prepare for this adventure. Thanks also to the other past presidents that I have served with.



UPCOMING Membership Meeting

Doug Colonel

Patagonia Fly Fishing

& IDFG Discussing South Fork Fish Kill

& Identifying Cutthroat

Wednesday October 12th, 6:30 PM

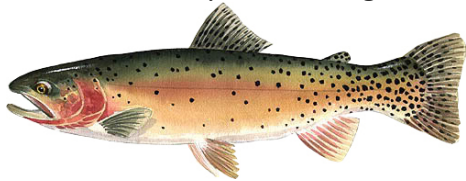
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and Identifying Cutthroat**

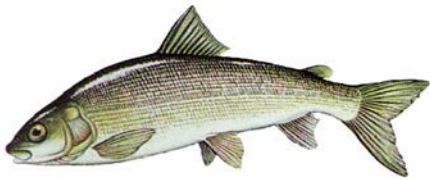
The recent South Fork whitefish kill raises questions as to salmonid health in the river. Are the causes the same as those causing the Yellowstone River?

Also for those of us unsure how to identify cutthroat trout, especially where hybrids are present, IDFG will offer tips for doing so.



**7:00 PM Doug Colonel
Patagonia Fly-Fishing**

Many of us have dreamed about fly-fishing in the wilds of Patagonia and only a few of us have done so. For sure there are hoops to jump through (gear, hosting, season, paperwork, season, travel arraignments, etc.) when doing so, and Doug will speak to not only reveal solutions for these, but to offer how to solve them.



**Money Fish in the South Fork
By
Brett High
IDF&G Regional Fisheries Biologist**

Once again the Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDF&G) is encouraging anglers to harvest rainbow trout in the South Fork reach of the Snake River to benefit Yellowstone cutthroat trout. The IDF&G created the Angler Incentive Program to increase angler harvest of rainbow trout there. This program rewards anglers with cash for turning in rainbow trout heads.

The Angler Incentive Program began in 2010 and is an ongoing project. Each year the IDF&G marks South Fork reach of the Snake River rainbow trout with tiny coded tags. The tags are put in the snout of the rainbow trout and are worth anywhere from \$50 to \$1000 each.

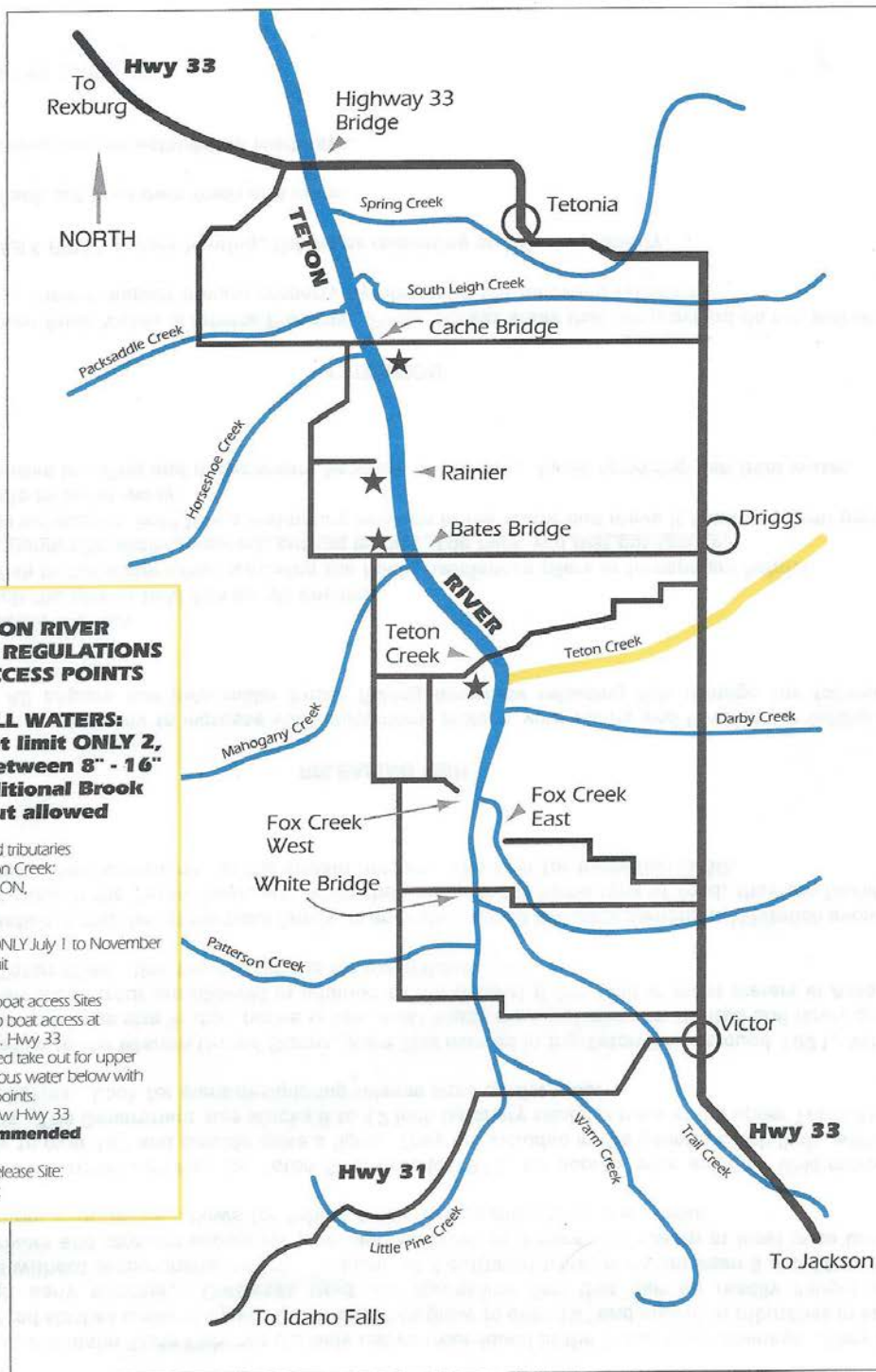
The IDF&G marks incentive fish each year to ensure a constant supply of money fish to sustain angler interest. You keep the caught rainbow trout and bring the heads into the Regional Office (4279 Commerce Cir., Idaho Falls) for a chance to win.

Electronic Newsletters Available

For those still receiving hard copies of the newsletter via standard mail, but would prefer to receive it via email, please send your email address to Carol Staples, our membership chair, at casbas@cableone.net.

Fewer mailings mean more dollars for conservation projects. The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.





TETON RIVER FISHING REGULATIONS and ACCESS POINTS

IN ALL WATERS: Cutthroat limit ONLY 2, NONE between 8" - 16" 10 additional Brook Trout allowed

Teton River and tributaries
EXCEPT Teton Creek:
 GENERAL SEASON,
 6 Trout Limit

Teton Creek: ONLY July 1 to November 30, 6 Trout Limit

→ Fishing and boat access Sites
EXCEPT no boat access at White Bridge. Hwy 33 recommended take out for upper river; dangerous water below with no take out points. Floating below Hwy 33 **NOT recommended**

★ Hatchery Release Site:
 8" - 12" Trout



Monofilament Line Recycle Bin Project Report by Paul Patterson

A project that received funding from the Snake River Cutthroats each of the past two years was the Idaho's Master Naturalists monofilament recycle bin project. The Cutthroats purchased the material and IMN provided the labor to build, install and maintain ten bins that were placed at prominent fishing locations in this region (reservoirs or river access points). The two pictures shown below were provided by Mike Zacher who is with the Upper Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Master Naturalists. The photo on the left shows what these bins look like and the one on the right shows what IMN has cleaned out of these and other bins that were installed several years ago, but likely never cleaned out. While the picture above is more than one year's accumulation, it does help illustrate the magnitude of the problem. While leader and tippet material from fly fishers may not be the major contributor to this problem, we can still help be part of the solution. Kudos to Mike and the IMN, as well as to Berkley who recycles the used line.



Bin at Ryder Park



Monofilament Collect from IMN Recycle Bins

When am I in Bear Country?

by

Greg Losinski, Idaho Department of Fish & Game



“When am I in bear country?” is a commonly asked question. Almost everywhere in the Upper Snake Region should be considered bear country. In places like Idaho Falls and Rexburg, chances are extremely slim that you will see any type of bear. However, both cities have been visited by black bears in the not-so distant past. When it comes to grizzly bears the chance of seeing one in larger cities are remote, but in smaller towns like Driggs or Ashton they have been known to wander into backyards. There was a time that only an occasional grizzly bear wandered out of Yellowstone National Park and into the Island Park Area. These infrequent wanderings were largely due to lower grizzly bear populations. Those times are long gone thanks to the work done by the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee (YES). Over the years the goal of the recovery team has been for grizzly populations to grow and expand. Under the Conservation Strategy which is part of the overall Recovery Plan, grizzlies have been allowed to expand into areas that are both biologically suitable and socially acceptable. The attached map is the product of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team (IGBST) and represent the official 2014 distribution of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Recovery Area, specifically Idaho. An important thing to remember when looking at the map is that it is the result of numerous factors and by no means represent the limits of potential grizzly bear distribution. Grizzly bears have been sighted in areas beyond those shown, but fail to meet all the criteria required to officially expand the distribution area on the map. A closer look at the Upper Snake portion of the distribution map shows that we have reliable sightings of grizzly bears in places like the Caribou-Targhee National Forest near Kelly Canyon and Big Elk Mountain south of Palisades Dam. They were not enough to move the official distribution boundaries, but they are enough for us to consider the areas to be grizzly country. Four years ago, the IGBST did preliminary work west of Interstate 15 to check for the presence of grizzly bears. They set up trail cameras and hair snares. The only images and hair they collected belonged to black bears. This does not mean that the interstate is a barrier to grizzly bears, just that their presence was not recorded with the effort expended. Even west of the interstate, you could encounter a grizzly. It is best to keep in mind that the Upper Snake Region is Bear Country. Remember to carry bear spray and make noise when you are in the field, and keep a clean, bear-proof camp.

Recipe of the Month

Yvon Chouinard's* Sucker Burgers/ Cakes/Fritters

(Based on Paul Bruun's Transforming Suckers into Scrumptious Fare,
Wednesday, June 22nd, 2016 Outdoor Column in the Jackson Hole News
and Guide)

OK: some of us may think “Yechch” at this one! But remember that trout and stiffies also grub the bottom of lakes & streams for food!

1.5 cups of sucker meat
3 garlic cloves
1 small bok choy
4 green scallions
1 small handful parsley
Creole seasoning (to taste)

2-3 eggs
1 large celery stock
½ red pepper
½ cup bread crumbs
2 Tbs Thai fish sauce
Lt olive oil for frying

Mince all veggies together. De-bone fish fillets using a teaspoon to scrape meat from skin. This action turns meat into a hamburger-like texture. Mix This “fishburger”, bread crumbs, and veggies together. Add creole seasoning, then eggs. Mix gently by hand. Form patties 3-4 inches in diameter and about ¾ inch thick.

Heat oil in skillet then fry patties in the same manner as hamburger. Turn when underside is golden brown.

Include with such as slaw, fries, or hush puppies. Add lemon or lime wedges and a dipping sauce of choice.

Serves four

*In addition to bring that wonderfully comfortable and rugged Patagonia sportswear to us, Yvon is an avid outdoorsman, serious and sincere conservationist, mountaineer, and gourmet cook amongst others. He frequents Greater Yellowstone Area waters in pursuit of salmonids.



Fly of the Month

Shakey Bealy

Frank Beals was another Yellowstone Park ranger (seasonal) that was also an accomplished fly-fisher. His favorite water was the Madison River inside the West Entrance, and his favorite time of year to fish here was late in the season when October caddis emerge. He got the nickname “Shakey” because when anticipating the prospect of fishing the Madison this time of year, he shook with excitement. Fish Shakey’s fly at depth allowing it to rise on the swing in order to simulate the emerging caddis.

- Hook: Daiichi 1270, or equiv., size 8-10
- Thread: Orange, denier 70
- Shuck: Lemon woodduck flank fibers
- Tail: 8-9 Orange KrystalFlash fibers
- Rib: Brown thread
- Body: Amber dubbing
- Thorax: Ostrich herl dyed orange
- Wing: Front end of KrystalFlash fibers use to form tail
- Hackle: Grouse flank tied soft hackle style



 2016-17 Calendar 	
Date	Activity
Tuesday, October 4	SRC Board Meeting: 6:30
Wednesday October 12	SRC General Membership Meeting, 6:30 Speaker: Doug Colonel
Friday October 21	Blackfoot River Outing Bruce Staples 522-9242
Tuesday November 1	SRC Board Meeting: 6:30
Wednesday November 9	SRC General Membership Meeting, 6:30 Speaker: Kelly Glissmeyer
Tuesday December 6	SRC Board Meeting: 6:30
Wednesday December 14	Christmas Party Senior Citizens Center: 5:30 to 10:00

Note: all membership and board meetings are at the Shilo Inn.
Board meetings are held in the VIP room and are open to all members.
General membership meetings are held in the Temple/River View rooms and are open to the public

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