

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

November, 2020

A Message from the President *by Matt Woodard*

It has been a little while since I last communicated with you. Therefore, I wanted to update you on what the chapter has been doing.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our online film tour and auction. It proved to be a good fundraiser for us. We just had our first board meeting via Zoom and that worked rather well for us too. We have several new board members. Which I view as an incredibly good thing. New folks with new ideas and perspectives will make us a stronger chapter going forward. (For names and positions, see the chapter web site.)

We are going to do a Zoom presentation next week on Wednesday November 11th that will feature Matt Klara from Big Sky Anglers. We will post a Zoom link for our general members to log into for Matt's presentation. This will take place instead of a normal face-to-face meeting where we have folks come and talk to us. We will jump to January for our next presentation via Zoom so stay tuned for that.

We did get out in the field to help finish up willow planting on the Tin Cup Project this Fall, where we could socially distance but still get some work accomplished on the ground.

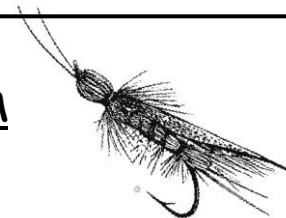
Bruce Staples will be including in the newsletter some information that was given to him from our State TU Council Chair Paul Patterson on the incredible amount of work that Trout Unlimited staff are doing around the State of Idaho. It's quite amazing to read about all the projects that are taking place.

The Chapter has also made the decision not to hold our annual Fly-Tying EXPO in 2021. We just felt that it was right decision given how the pandemic continues to be a problem.

I hope all of you had a successful fishing season this year and that you have stayed COVID free and healthy. Please continue to stay safe and enjoy the holidays.



UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 7PM
Matt Klara, Big Sky Anglers



Some 2020 Idaho Salmonid Catch
and Release Records
This Year

Recipe of the Month
Corn, Potato Fish Chowder

Ingredients

- 4 ounces **bacon** (3 thick-cut slices or 4-5 thin slices), chopped
- 1 ½ cups onion, finely chopped
- 3 cups red **potato**, skin-on, diced
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 ½ cups lower-sodium seafood broth*
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, minced
- ½ teaspoon ground white pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup frozen sweet **corn** kernels, thawed
- 1 pound skinless trout filets, cut into 1-inch chunks**

Instructions

1. In a large Dutch oven or stockpot over medium-high heat, cook bacon pieces until crisp.
2. Remove bacon from pan, placing on paper towel to cool. Keep bacon fat in pot; you should have about 3 tablespoons.
3. Add onions and diced potatoes, saute 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Stir frequently.
4. Add flour and stir constantly, about 1 minute. Stir in broth/juices, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 10 minutes, or until potatoes are fork-tender. Stir in milk, thyme, pepper and salt, increase heat to medium-high, stirring constantly, bring to a simmer (do not boil).
5. Add corn and fish, and cook just until fish is opaque and flakes easily with fork, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in cooked bacon just before serving. Serve hot.

16.2 in. Arctic Grayling from Alpine Creek Lake, Brian Brooks, Boise, July 7th.

30.5 in. Bull Trout from Kootenay River, Sawyer Livesey, Post Falls, April 8th

19.7 in. Golden Trout from Pass Lake, Joseph Putnam Evans, Chapel Hill, NC, July 20th

24.5 in. Lake Whitefish, Lake Pend Orielle, Corey Comstock, Hayden, May 11th

31.25 in. Rainbow Trout, American Falls Reservoir, Brett Jones, Rock Springs, WY, May 25th

21 in. Tiger Trout, Deer Creek Reservoir, Mark Randolph, Ahsahka, May 9th

21 in. West Slope Cutthroat, North Fork Coeur d'Alene River, Tom Weadick, Coeur d'Alene, June 19th

30.5 in. Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, Snake River, Sam Hix, Bellaire, /TX, August 7th

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



Gill Netting for Kokanee on Ririe Reservoir

By John Heckel – Regional Fisheries Biologist

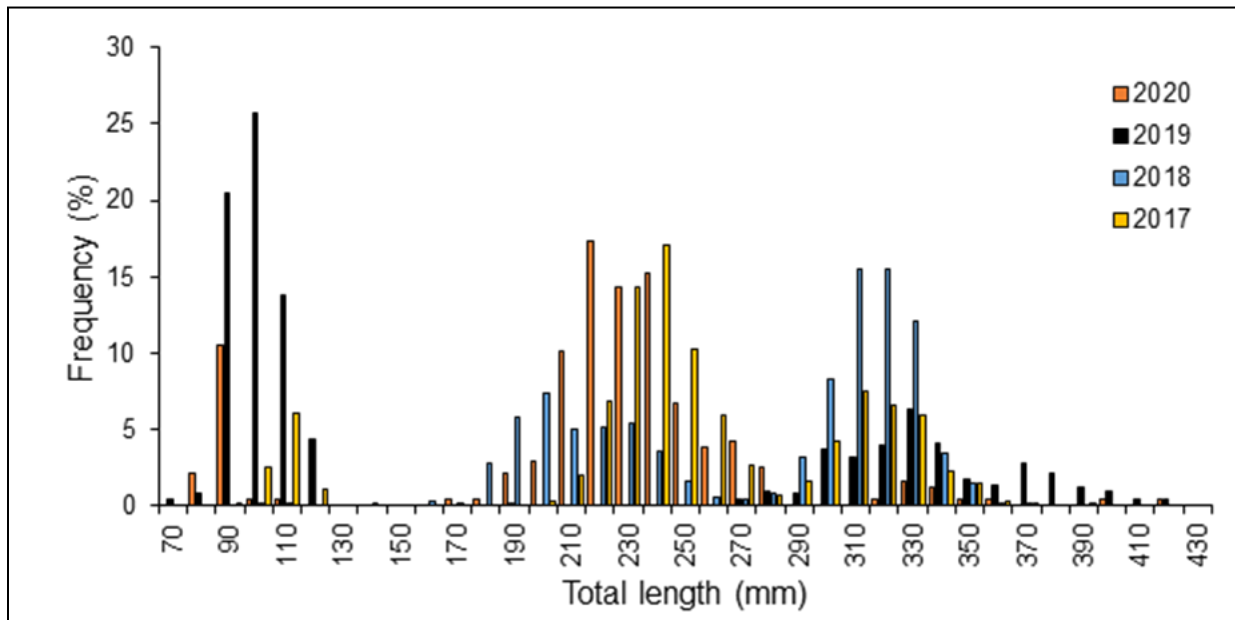
Beginning in 2015, we sample the kokanee early June. We use gill netting in the thermocline, which is the zone between warm and cool water in the column.

In June, this layer is between 40 and 50 feet deep. Kokanee often feed on plankton in this layer to forage. This year, we collected a lot of kokanee in the 200-280 mm range (8-11 inches), and we even caught



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This past ice fishing season may have been a little slow for kokanee catch rates. However, by referring to our trends over the past four years, we anticipate anglers to have the opportunity for some great kokanee fishing this winter and into next summer for kokanee longer than 12 inches. We estimated the majority of the fish we caught this year to be 1 year-old kokanee. Due to the high abundance of age-1 kokanee this year, catch rates should improve for anglers if they can find the right bait fished at the right depth.

A Bing Lempke Story

As given in the August, 2020 edition of this newsletter a series of items in Bing Lempke's fly fishing life will be featured. Here is the first.

The Automatic Reel

Bing knew for certain that elaborate equipment does not guarantee fly-fishing success. Because of experience and familiarity, he preferred fishing with an automatic reel and fiberglass rod. To many fly fishers he seemed an anachronism in the days of finely tuned, expensive, single action or multiplying reels. From time to time, he would encounter scorn from anglers who esteemed expensive or trendy equipment. The Last Chance section of the Henry's Fork was a favored fishing location for Bing. He had studied the water there, learned which insects fish keyed on at a given time of the season and where the fish lay when feeding. So he knew exactly how and where to approach its fish when they were on the feed.

His presence became an event, and many fly fishers showed up just to watch his success and ask advice. Bing's always generous nature allowed him to share reasons for his success in fly fishing there when asked how to fish. To particularly polite inquiries he gifted flies as well as advice. However some observers had bad feelings akin to professional jealousy and looked unfavorably on Bing's success. One such incident took place at Last Chance, the location Bing loved and frequented.



“Why are you using that automatic reel? What the hell kind of a fly fisher are you, anyway?” crowed an expensively dressed and outfitted heckler. Bing, never one to shrink from a challenge, bristled with fire and force. Jabbing a finger out toward the river, he shot back: “See those two fish rising out there? They look like good fish, right? How about you take one with your fancy, high falutin' equipment there, and I'll take the other with my good for nothing, broken down automatic reel and beat up rod. We'll just find out who is the real fly-fisherman here. By the way if you want, we could put up a little something on the outcome!”

Not expecting such a strong response to his remarks, the well healed fly fisher balked, but had to save face. So out into the Henry's Fork they went. Bing landed his trophy rainbow after it took his first offering. On seeing this, his humiliated tormenter muttered a bit, turned, and left without a word to Bing. From folks within earshot laughs and comments supporting Bing erupted like a refreshing breeze.

Tincup Creek Volunteer Project
By
Arn Berglund



On Saturday Sept. 12th the Snake River Cutthroats assisted the Caribou-Targhee NF, along with the Jackson Hole and Star Valley Trout Unlimited Chapters on the last year of the Tin Cup Creek Rehabilitation Project. In the four years of the project the Forest Service has increased stream length and sinuosity, and developed in stream grade structures, spawning habitat, cover and stabilized banks. In years passed the TU chapters have built fence, spread wood chips, and planted stream cover species. This year the chapters planted willows and red osier dogwood.

Leslie Steen, the Northwest Wyoming TU Program Director, along with Lee Maybe and Cory Lyman have coordinated the project. Participants from the Cutthroats this year were Arn Berglund, Andy Bosworth, Brian King, Bill Montalvo, Stephen Moss and Tristan Moss. The two Wyoming chapters provided a great box lunch and not only did we get a lot accomplished but a good time was had by all. As this section of the creek stabilizes and Native cutthroat trout re-establish in natural numbers, look for it to become a destination for small stream enthusiasts.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' (BOD) MEETING NOTES, 24 SEPTEMBER 2020. HELD AT ROBERT KNOX. HOME.
SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS OBSERVED

Submitted by Paul Vogelei

PRESENT: MATT WOODARD, WADE ALLEN, ARN BERGLUND, RORY CULLEN, BRUCE STAPLES, DAVID PACE,
BRIAN KING, ROBERT KNOX, PAUL PATTERSON, PAUL VOEGELI

TREASURER'S REPORT: SUBMITTED BY JIM MATHIAS. COPIES REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED.
NEWSLETTER: A NOVEMBER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

PROGRAMS: GEORGE KLOMP ASKS TO SHARE COORDINATION FOR PROGRAMS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH
KNOWLEDGE AND TIME TO COORDINATE THE SPEAKERS' PROGRAMS. THERE WAS ALSO SIGNIFICANT
DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPING A "ZOOM" FORMAT THROUGH MILES PAWLACZYK, NOMINATED NEW I.T. CHAIR,
FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS.

MENTION WAS MADE AND THANKS EXPRESSED BY ROB AND SEVERAL OTHERS TO ROGER
BLEW FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT HELP IN I.T./SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE FOR THE SRC AND EIFTE.

CONSERVATION: ARN'S REPORT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

7 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT AT THE RECENT TINCUP PROJECT. THERE ARE PROBLEMS AT DIAMOND CREEK
FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE PERSPECTIVE. A NUMBER OF PLANTING PROJECTS AVAILABLE. ARN WILL HAVE
MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PROJECTS in FUTURE.

"TIE ONE ON": RORY REPORTED THAT THIS PROGRAM IS ON-HOLD LIKELY UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

YOUTH: NO REPORT

PUBLICITY: ROB SUMMARIZED BY SAYING: PUBLICITY IS DRIVEN BY SOCIAL MEDIA. EXAMPLE: ROGER BLEW'S
CONTRIBUTIONS VIA FACEBOOK AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA HELPED SIGNIFICANTLY
INCREASE SALES OF TICKETS FOR THE FFF FESTIVAL. JERRY PAINTER, POST REGISTER, RECOGNIZED FOR HELP IN
IFPR IN SUPPORT OF THE SRC/EIFTE. SPORTSMANS WAREHOUSE HAS DONATED. GARY BARNES AND SHANE
WOOTON OF LOOP HAVE OFFERED DONATIONS OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: RORY WISHES TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM.

FFF FILM EVENT 2020 REPORT: DAVE REPORTED ON THE DETAILS OF THE FFF FESTIVAL WHICH HAS TURNED OUT
TO BE THE SRC'S PRIMARY FUND RAISING ENTERPRISE FOR 2020. THE OVERALL EXPENSES WERE \$900.00 (TO
THE FFF) AND REVENUES VIA PURCHASE OF TICKETS AND RAFFLE ENTRY PURCHASES OF DONATED/IN-KIND
GOODS AND SERVICES. A PROFIT WAS REALIZED THROUGH THESE DONATIONS.

THERE ARE DONATIONS FROM IDAHO FALLS POWER AND
FROM THE IDAHO FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF IDAHO FALLS

LIKELIHOOD IS STRONG FOR NO CHRISTMAS PARTY IN 2020 FROM COVID 19 PANDEMIC
MOTION TO CANCEL THE 2021 EIFTE WAS MADE. VOTE OF THE BOARD WAS UNANIMOUS FOR CANCELLATION.

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS GIVEN ON PAGE 8 OF THIS DOCUMENT

PRESIDENT: MATT WOODARD WILL SERVE AS PRESIDENT UNTIL MAY 2021

AT WHICH TIME ARN BERGLUND ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY

GRANTS: HE GRANT PROCESS WAS DISCUSSED AND FUNDS FROM IDAHO FALLS POWER WILL LIKELY BE
DISTRIBUTED TO THE SOUTH FORK INITIATIVE/FOUNDATION.

FUTURE BOD MEETINGS WILL LIKELY TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM STARTING IN NOVEMBER. MYLES WILL HELP
COORDINATE THIS MATTER ALONG WITH WADE AND PAUL PATTERSON.



Fly of the Month

Mormon Girl Streamer

This famed pattern out of Jackson Hole brings together three famed fly fishing names: Mormon Girl style (red rear body portion, yellow front body portion), Bob Carmichael, and Roy Donnelly. It's an effective pattern for migrating brown trout this time of year, and has also been used successfully for steelhead.

- Hook:** Daiichi 2220 or equiv., size 4-10
- Thread:** Black, 6/0
- Tail:** Golden pheasant tippet fibers
- Rib:** Flat embossed gold tinsel
- Rear Body:** Red Floss
- Front Body:** Yellow Chenille
- Hackle:** Soft grizzly hackle
- Wing:** Badger guard hairs



2020 Calendar

Date	Activity
Saturday, September 12th	Tincup Creek Project (Tentative)
Wednesday, November 11th	Matt Klara, Big Sky Anglers, West Yellowstone, MT, 7 PM
Wednesday, January 11 th , 2021	TBA

Note: all membership and board meetings are proposed to be held via ZOOM until further notice. Board meetings are open to all members and are held in the VIP room.

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