



Leader Line

Lend a Hand

PSFF is partnering with Washington State Council FFI for their spring Fly-Casting Fair at Pickering Barn Park in Issaquah, **Sunday April 27**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

PSFF is taking the lead on this event and we need 25 volunteers to help with set up and take down. You can volunteer for a shift or the day, and no fly-fishing expertise needed. Volunteer shifts are 8-9:30 a.m., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. We need help; please volunteer! Contact me directly.

More info [HERE](#). Volunteer AND enjoy the instruction and vendor show.

Our Community Needs Us

An important goal for 2025 is PSFF investment in conservation and restoration projects. Numerous groups are working to keep our beautiful waterways and fisheries clean and healthy. Check out the volunteer opportunities with these groups doing great work in our community:

[Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group](#)

[Nisqually Stream Stewards](#)

[Coastal Cutthroat Coalition](#)

Next Meeting
March 13

Dinner 6:30 PM
Program 7:30 PM

Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Business

Have you fished this month? Where? What gear setup? How many fish on? We want your fishing intel. As a new feature, at the start of each club meeting, we want to hear your 'fish stories'.

We have a very special guest speaker this month. Brian Chan will be joining us to discuss all things "Leeches, scuds and blobs." You won't want to miss this! See PROGRAMS.

Plus, stop by our casting tune-up session just before the next meeting on **Thursday, March 13** from 4:45-5:45 p.m at Titlow Beach Park. Casting mentors will be on hand to help get you ready for the new season. See EDUCATION.

Other News

I hope you had the opportunity to attend The Fly-Fishing show in Bellevue. Lots of vendors,

seminars, presentations – everything fly-fishing. I was unable to go, but PSFF was well represented. If you missed the Bellevue show, you have another shot at an amazing event: The Northwest Fly-Tyer & Fly-Fishing Expo in Albany, OR **Friday-Saturday, March 7-8**. See OUTINGS.

And, boy, I'm elated I won a pair of heated socks at our last raffle. Now I won't have to buy a replacement pair for my others that have walked off without me. See you at the next meeting or on the water. I'm out the door — goin' fishing with my new, heated socks.



*Tess Frazier
President*

Programs

Brian Chan is our March 13 speaker



"It's safe to say I was hooked on fishing at a very young age. Regular weekend and holiday fishing trips with my dad are still very fond memories. My passion for fishing led to a Fish, Wildlife & Recreation Management technical diploma and a BSc in freshwater ecology,

which set me up for a 30 year career in managing recreational small lake fisheries for the province of BC. It truly was the best job in the world!"

Brian has written for such magazines as Fly Fusion, Fly Fisherman, Fly Rod & Reel and Fly Fishing & Tying Journal, authored several books on fly fishing and tying, generated instructional videos, and appeared on many TV fishing programs over the last 25 years. His presentation, "Leeches, Scuds and Blobs" will cover how and why these food sources attract fish, while featuring some of the fly patterns that work well for him. He will also entertain questions about fishing locations along Highway 24, "The Fishing Highway".



*Mark Paul
Programs*

Help Wanted: Conservation Chair

In this role, you will organize PSFF's conservation efforts by initiating and fostering partnerships with local organizations to help protect and improve the waterways we depend on and enjoy. Please contact Tess Frazier if you're interested.

WDFW Announcements

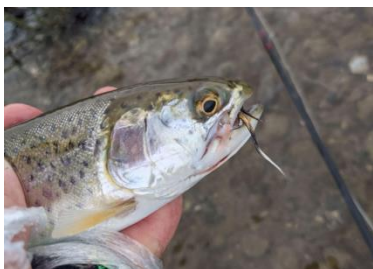
[Lower Columbia River salmon](#)
[Deep River salmon](#)
[The Dalles Pool sturgeon](#)

[Marine Area 11 salmon](#)
[Marine Area 10 salmon](#)
[Marine Area 5 salmon](#)

Outings

Greetings Everyone!

Searun Cutthroat Outing



I hope you can join me **Tuesday, March 4** for the club's first SRC of the year.

Meet at 12 p.m. at the Oakland Bay Rec Area; meet Julie at the WDFW parking lot, just north of the Bayshore Bay Preserve parking area (Discover Pass required). Get directions [HERE](#). Let me know if you're planning to join! (360) 731-2202 or julielkelner@gmail.com.

It's just a short walk down to the 'point', not far from Johns Creek. Catch and release only. Low tide is around 4 p.m., so hopefully we will catch good water movement. Ideal gear list includes barbless hooks, 6wt rod and intermediate and/or floating lines. As for flies, I'd suggest clouser minnows, skinny herring, sculpins, beach poppers, and chum babies.

Northwest Fly-Tyer & Fishing Expo

Friday, March 7 (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Saturday, March 8 (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Linn County Fairgrounds (3700 Knox Butte Road E., Albany, OR)

General admission tickets are \$10 per day and discount tickets are available online. The Oregon Council of Fly-Fishers International will donate 5% of online ticket sales to the Albany City First Responders. Admission is free for veterans, FFI members, and children 15 and under. Be sure to bring along your appropriate ID cards. The banquet and Auction Fundraiser is Friday from 5-9 PM. (tickets sold separately). Details are [HERE](#).

NOTE: a revision to the Outings list from February; NO OUTING MARCH 30.

Warm Regards,

Julie Kelner
Outings



Outings



JANUARY

Watch the Forum for a FLASH outing
(weather permitting)

FEBRUARY

The Fly-Fishing Show

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16

MARCH

Sea Run Cutthroat

Oakland Bay, Shelton
Tuesday March 4th Noon
Oakland Bay Rec Area, WDFW Parking

APRIL

Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River: Whispering Pines Campground
Cle Elum Friday-Sunday April 11th, 12th, 13th

MAY

Rattlesnake Lake

King County
Saturday May 3rd

JUNE

Lake Kokanee

Hoodsport, Mason County
Tuesday June 10th

JULY

North Fork Skokomish River

Staircase Campground
Monday July 14th

AUGUST

Annual Club Picnic

11 AM – 4 PM
Saturday August 16th
Outing for **Pinks**, **TBA**

SEPTEMBER

Puget Sound Beach Fishing

TBA
Saturday Sunday 13th

OCTOBER

Cady Lake

Mason County
Tuesday October 7th

NOVEMBER

Black Friday - Get Outside and Fish

TBA
Friday November 28th

DECEMBER

TBA – Watch the forum for a FLASH outing.

Education

March

Fly Tying

The monthly fly-tying session is **Saturday, March 15** at 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Tower Lanes. Join us to tie the stillwater nymph, a simple version of a woolly bugger that can imitate a variety of food forms, such as a damself, leech or small minnow.



Tips for using the stillwater nymph:

- use intermediate and/or sinking line to experiment with a range of depths
- add weight to your line to help it sink
- experiment with line retrieval techniques to find the action the fish are interested in

Casting Tune-up

Prior to the general meeting on **March 13**, we will conduct a casting tune-up from **4:45-5:45 PM** just down the road at Titlow Beach Park. This is an opportunity to pick up some tips, work on your technique and practice some of those new-found skills in time for the spring season. Just stop by!

Introduction To Fly Fishing Class

On **May 6, 13, 20, and 27** we will conduct our second annual Introduction to Fly Fishing class (FF101). Feedback from our first year has been incorporated for an even better series this spring. Classes are **Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m.** at Sehmel Homestead Park in Gig Harbor. Volunteers, especially to assist with casting, would be greatly appreciated. Registration will open sometime in March, with early sign-ups available for PemMet district residents. Contact me to volunteer!



*Rob Jensen
Education*

Raffles

For the March raffle we have:

- nice selection of nymphing flies
- great flies for searun cutthroats
- a fly lot specifically chosen for Cady Lake
- a pair of rechargeable heated socks- complete with a remote and higher capacity!
- tippet variety pack

Please provide feedback if there are items you'd like to see on the auction table.

No square this month but stay tuned (save your quarters!) for the April or May raffle.

Good luck!



*Fred Olin
Raffles*

Membership

Welcome to March 2025

Join PSFF! Visit [HERE](#) to complete the Membership Application Form electronically.

Or print the Membership Application PDF. After completing the form, either:

- i. Send by mail following the instructions on the form (please include check/money order)
- ii. Bring form to Dennis Beardsley at the next PSFF meeting (cash, check, money order, credit/debit, or Zelle)

To renew your membership, go to [HERE](#) to submit your dues.



*Joe Harrison
Membership*

Welcome to New Members

We continue to see new members join PSFF! Please reach out and welcome them at the next meeting or outing.

Will Matson

"I grew up as an Army Brat and am now a retired Tacoma Firefighter and retired Critical Care Nurse. I have no fishing experience and am employed at Sportsman Warehouse South-Hill, Puyallup."



Steve Edmondson

"I was a military brat (Navy) and pretty much bounced back and forth between the San Diego and Washington DC metro areas. I learned to fly fish on the East Coast and moved to the West Coast about 30 years ago. I'm addicted to fly fishing and really enjoy engaging in western state 'trout-slams' because of the opportunity to hike out to remote areas and catch wild trout in their endemic habitats. If I had to pick a favorite species, it would cutthroat trout because they're beautiful, eagerly take a dry fly and are a lot of fun to catch. I'm a fish biologist and work for the National Marine Fishery Service on fish passage, habitat restoration and dam relicensing. However, I'm on a short glide-path for retirement. I'll probably submit my papers for retirement in the next few months. I'm married and have a grown-up son and daughter."

March Anniversaries/Years

Price Bingham	1	Barbara Przasnyski	11	Bob Jimerson	19
Jeff Weiss	1	Dennis Ehlers	13	Brian Knutson	21
David Pettit	2	Mike Koslosky	14	Tom Case	22
Bob Ostericher	11	Mike Trask	16		

Fly Fishers International

NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

March 7-8, 2025 is the Oregon Council's event in Albany Oregon, held at the fairgrounds. They have great RV parking with hookups, and the Comfort Inn Motel is next door for easy accommodations. If you're planning to spend the night, I'd suggest making reservations now. This is another fun event; hope to see you there! More info at [HERE](#).

Washington State Council of FFI Casting Fair

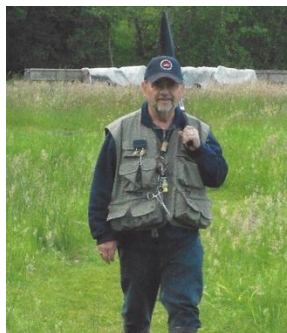
Our next event is **Sunday, April 27 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** at Pickering Barn, a city park and event space in Issaquah just off I-90 (1730 10th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027).

Casting instruction is available for beginners to advanced anglers, plus tune-ups. Fly tyers and exhibitors will be in booths indoors. Check the website [HERE](#) for coming details regarding course details, fees and to register. Set up and take down **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**- please contact Tess Frazier to learn more.

NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

Enrollment is now open for the **June 21-28, 2025** Youth Academy, held at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp, west of Shelton. Visit the website [HERE](#) to learn more about the event and to complete the application. More information about Panhandle Lake is at [HERE](#). The camp is a beautiful facility.

The camp is for boys and girls, ages 12 to 16. Academy students are completely prepared for fly fishing. Tuition is \$750.00 for the entire week, but no one is turned away for lack of tuition. There were a few great candidates we met at the Bellevue Sportsman Show in February. There are a few more openings, but they should go fast.



*Mike Clancy
Legislation & FFI*

2025 PSFF Officers & Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President	Tess Frazier
Vice President	Rob Jensen
Past President	(vacant)
Secretary	Anne Stiffler
Treasurer	Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1 st year	Mark Paul
Director, 2 nd year	David Frazier
Director, 3 rd year	Richard Stone

Committee Chairs

Conservation	Greg Shimek
Education	Rob Jensen
Email Editor	Merritt Kline
Legislation/FFI	Mike Clancy
Librarian	Tom Krugoff
Membership	Joe Harrison
Newsletter	Kara Jensen
Outings	Julie Kelner
Programs	Mark Paul
Raffles	Fred Olin

Having trouble accessing the Forum?

The forum offers current information for users on what to fish, where, and which patterns are hitting. Use the forum to post events, share resources, ask questions and organize outings around the area.

Existing Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Select the Log In option (red box in figure 2), then enter your email and password
3. Once logged in, navigate to the 'PSFF Paid Members Only' tab on the upper right of your screen, which will take you to the forum

Figure 1

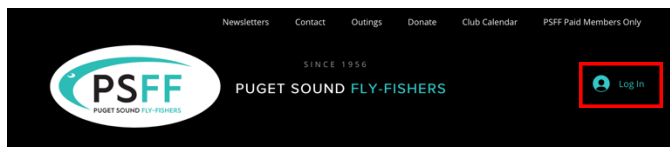


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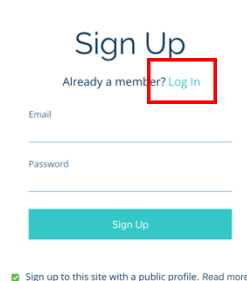


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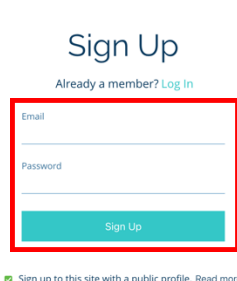
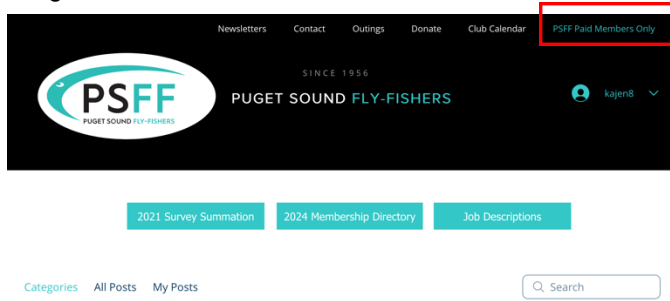


Figure 3



Forum

Welcome! Have a look around and join the discussions.

New Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Enter your email and a password, then click Sign Up (red box in figure 4)
3. You'll need to wait to be confirmed as a PSFF member. Check your email
4. Pay membership dues (see 'Membership', above)
5. Follow steps 1-3 (left) for existing members