

Trout Unlimited Bellevue Issaquah Chapter

Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 12, 2008

Opened by President Mark Getzendaner with call to Order and Announcements

South Sound Chapter 39 has now been merged into Bellevue/Issaquah Chapter 109. Chapter 39 members informed and invited to meetings during latest mailing and will be incorporated into the Chapter 109 roster in the next few weeks.

Fishing Tales: Turnout was good with over 30 members attending. Several had been fishing recently but many hadn't wet a line and contributed a dollar to the kitty.

Speaker/Education:

Ms. Ingrid Spies a Research Fisheries Biologist with NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service gave a presentation describing her work with genetic studies related to Sockeye and Kokanee. Her description of the history and present distribution of Sockeye and Kokanee in the Lake Washington watershed generated many questions and a good deal of discussion amongst those present. Ms. Spies may be contacted at ingrid.spies@noaa.gov

Old/Current Business:

Kokanee Chair Mark Taylor reported that the genetic study of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee, which was partly funded by Trout Unlimited, has just been released. The report will be posted to the groups site and when analyzed further may guide our efforts for saving these native fish.

Vice President Dave Probart and Rik Sligar reported that the materials for construction of our own trap to be used during fry counting had been delivered to Woodinville High School. The Industrial Arts students will build it to the specifications we provided. Construction has begun but may take a week or so due to the statewide testing (WASL) that is in progress.

New member drive is in progress with all chapter members eligible for recruiting prize. December awarding of a high end St. Croix fly rod for most members recruited.

Rik Sligar has donated a brand new Mercury Outboard (2 stroke 5 h.p.) to the chapter for fund raising. A raffle is underway with tickets at \$5 apiece. The drawing will be held when 200 tickets are sold.

A letter from the Chapter was sent in support of Conservation Northwest's campaign to preserve the grizzly bear population in the North Cascades.

Chapter members manned the Trout Unlimited booths at The Bellevue Flyfishing show, The Evergreen Sportsman's show and the Issaquah Hobby and Volunteer Expo. Over 20 new members were signed up and a great number of people informed about our organization and its goals as well as our current projects.

Suzanne Humphries initiated an electronic reminder for this meeting using the Information provided by T/U National. The goal is to increase participation at the meetings by ensuring that the members receive a reminder.

New Business:

The Salmon Fry Trap will be installed on Lewis Creek just upstream of the 88th Street bridge on Saturday 22 March 2008 starting at 1000 AM. Many volunteers are needed as the site was altered by the heavy rains and resultant flooding in December 2007. Some re-channeling of the stream bed will be necessary to accommodate the trap. The fry counting will be done three nights per week on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday to gather vital data for our restoration project. A detailed explanation and roster/signup list will be promulgated shortly. Stay tuned!!

The next fishing outing will be 29 March 08 in Central Washington. Details will be posted on the site shortly

Rik Sligar is Chairman of the Beer naming contest to be held in concert with the Issaquah Brew Pub and the Rogue Brewery. Rik wants to schedule the contest so the name is selected and the special brew available during the Issaquah Salmon Days Festival in October.

The Chapter will have a booth at the Salmon Days festival this year and requests will be submitted to comply with the organizers requirements.

There are two Fishing Kids events schedule for this spring. Chapter members who help with these outings always have a great time. Times and locations will be posted shortly.

A raffle was held for door prizes and the meeting adjourned by Mark Getzendaner.