

Trout Unlimited Bellevue/Issaquah Chapter

Meeting Minutes 14NOV07

Opened with Call to Order and Announcements

Minutes from last meeting approved

Skagit River Fishing trip still on for 18NOV07 Meet at the Denny's at I-5 and 128th @0600 and caravan to fishing site. Mark Taylor will notify about conditions one day prior

T/U Executive Board to meet at the Issaquah Brew Pub on SAT 17NOV from 0900 to 1630.

Bellevue/Issaquah Chapter Board to meet 28NOV at 1900

Mike Schmidt has been conducting stream survey of Pine Lake Creek but reports no spawning fish observed

Fishing Tales: Woefully few tales were told and many dollars donated. All present resolved to fish more!

Old Business:

Microsoft matching donations received from three parties, thank you letters to be generated.

Christian Osgood Eagle Project to restore native vegetation at Lewis Creek completed

New project identified for Laughing Jacobs creek.

Fry Trap previously used will not be available to us this year.

Late Run Kokanee ESA petition submitted in July has not yet received a response. If no response received by late NOV action will be taken to advance the petition. Recent article in Seattle Times reported on denial of petition for Early Run Kokanee designation 7 years after submission. Current petition much stronger due to additional sponsors additional habitat degradation and extirpation of early run.

Seattle Times story:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003970959_kokanee24m.html

New Business:

Kirk Prindle from City of Issaquah will attend Board Meeting to discuss list of projects for the chapter.

-Constructing a fry trap of our own is a high priority. Dave Probart may have access to some donated materials and some grant money has been received to be used for construction.

-John Wick will contact the hatchery to obtain photos and measurements of current trap to use for construction plans if needed.

-Members to be queried to ascertain if any have welders etc. which could be used for construction.

-Stream Survey training will be conducted in the near future. Dates will be known and published shortly. All members are encouraged to attend a training session so we will have a number of qualified observers available for future projects.

Embrace A Stream submission to T/U national for grants deadline is 15DEC07. Chapter has not submitted an application. Mark Branum volunteered to look over previous submissions by others to determine if an expedited submission by our chapter is feasible.

Mark Getzendaner reviewed goals for chapter regarding membership meeting participation and communications.

Charlie Mallory to investigate creating a Google groups mailing list for e-mail communications.

Quarterly snail mailing of chapter information and announcements should reach those members not in the electronic communications loop.

December meeting scheduled for 12DEC07 will be our annual chili feed and awards banquet. A great opportunity for fish stories and meeting your fellow members.

February meeting planned to be a big 'Night of the Kokanee' at the Issaquah Brew Pub. Manager Vince has planned to produce a special brew in honor of the native fish. Possible contests for customers to name the beer and other activities with proceeds to the Kokanee project are being planned.

Guest Speaker: Mark Taylor discussed fishing techniques for upcoming Chum (maybe some Silvers too!) fishing excursion.

For more info check our website: <http://www.tu-bi.org/>