



Organized in 1971, the Rogue Flyfishers seek to promote fellowship among individuals and groups to further interest in the sport, to improve angling techniques, and to educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve the natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

NEWSLETTER

August 2011

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Rogue Flyfisher's 40th Birthday Bash



Wednesday, August 17, 2011
Red Lion Hotel - 200 North Riverside in Medford
Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 -
Buffet Dinner and raffle at 7 PM

Enjoy a fascinating history of our club and meet some of it's founders and former esteemed leaders.
 This will be a great night with some surprising and valuable prize opportunities!
 (It is a birthday party after all, but no funny hats are required!)

President's Message—August 2011

I was watching a program on happiness recently and learned some interesting and surprising bits of information. A well known university studied happiness and what makes people happier than others or increases their personal level of happiness. Some folks think that having a lot of money makes you happier. A family of 4 are happiest making \$75,000 per year. Any more than that, their happiness decreased, and any less had the same result. Obviously, being poor makes no one happy. Intimacy and a happy family life affected happiness as one would expect. What I found most interesting is that the study showed that participating in a club or social function once a month increases happiness as much as doubling one's income. Isn't that a surprising fact? Volunteering had the same effect.

So, in addition to accomplishing some pretty impressive conservation goals, this little group of ours is making each of us a little happier every time we attend a meeting or participate in a group outing. It is also true that most of the folks who volunteer for our group are a pretty happy bunch.

While I am very happy, I have also been discouraged this past few months. I have had to cancel outings that folks were looking forward to because no one was willing to act as the host. Let's face it—without someone to organize the details it is not a club outing at all—just a bunch of folks showing up and never making that connection that brings each of them happiness.

To host an outing only requires that you be willing to set up the meeting time and place, (you get to choose!) schedule a lunch break and determine the time the outing will end. You don't have to be an expert fisherperson to fulfill this task. You can get in touch with other members of the club or contact our favorite fly shop ahead of time to get fishing tips and determine what type of fly and technique works best. Hosting is an easy gig!

Since your "prez" posts the outing details in the newsletter every month, you don't even have to be a whiz on the computer to serve as a host! All you have to do is call her with the details. Your outings committee attempted to get more of you to serve as hosts by changing the word "host" to "fish master". This may have had the opposite effect so I am regressing and using the term "host" again.
































If volunteering can add happiness, and attending an outing can do the same, I sit here befuddled by the lack of offers.

Here's what we are facing next year. If we are not able to obtain a few more folks to serve as hosts, we will be reducing the number of outings in 2012 and no "new" adventures will make the list. This does not apply to folks with an outing idea who are willing to host it. If you have an idea for a "new" club outing and are inspired to serve we will GLADLY add it to the schedule!

This is a great group of people and I am proud (and happy!) to serve you. Leaving you on a negative note is not my style so let me wrap this up as cheerfully as possible.

YOU are important to us. Join the rest of us who volunteer for this club and enjoy some additional happiness by being a host. There is nothing as good as being happy! Have a great August!




































THE FUTURE OF FLY FISHING IS IN THE HEARTS AND HANDS OF OUR KIDS!

We are looking for an RFF member who enjoys working with kids to fill the "Youth Membership Chairman" vacancy in our club. All that is required is your willingness to help coordinate volunteers for three community events (we have a list of people willing to help!) and offer to "host" a couple of "kid friendly" outings each year. Would any of our new members consider this post?

WE REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO HELP! Contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094



Online Magazine Subscription Included in the raffle

Dave Hughes, Skip Morris, and Rick Hafele, three of the best known fly fishing writers and instructors in the country, have started a new online subscription based e-zine for fly fishers called HookedNow. Each issue of this bimonthly magazine includes an in-depth article by Dave, Skip and Rick along with color photos and video designed to help illustrate the information. For a limited time a year's subscription costs \$7.95. For more information, including a free issue, go to: hookednow.com.

They would like to offer a subscription to HookedNow in the raffle. There is a form that will be raffled off with the info needed to sign the winner up.

Outings--

North Umpqua Steelhead and Rogue Halfpounders

By David Haight

The Rogue Flyfishers will join the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers for two outings that will highlight the diversity of summer steelhead fishing opportunities we have here in Southwest Oregon. On August 20 and 21, we will fish for steelhead on the North Umpqua River. Then on September 10 and 11 we will head down to the lower Rogue River to fish for halfpounders.

North Umpqua

Located in a forested canyon, with crystal-clear water, the North Umpqua is a beautiful river. Its steelhead tend to be larger and more challenging than those on the Rogue. Plus, there is a strong tradition for swinging flies. These ingredients make the North Umpqua a very special place to pursue steelhead.

Last year, we spent most of Saturday in a clinic devoted to swinging flies for steelhead. This year, we will spend our time fishing. We will meet in the Susan Creek Campground (where I hope to camp) at 10:00 AM. After a brief discussion about the river and how to fish it, we will tour access points and fishing holes in the lower half of the fly water. We will then spread out along the river to fish. At that time, I will be happy to help anyone looking for additional instruction about fishing the North Umpqua or about steelhead fishing in general.

Bring your spey rod and/or single-handed rod of about 8-weight, a floating line, leaders with 2X or 3X tippets, and some traditional steelhead patterns. Flies like the skunk, purple peril, or Umpqua special in sizes 4 to 6 would be good choices. The North Umpqua can be difficult to wade, so bring your waders, wading boots with good traction, a wading belt, and a wading staff. Be sure to pack your polarized glasses, sun screen, food, water, and the rest of your normal fishing accessories.

For those that want to camp, Susan Creek is a nice campground, plus there are several Forest Service campgrounds scattered along the river. If you prefer a motel, the Dogwood Motel near the lower end of the fly water is a decent place to stay for those on a limited budget. If you're on a more generous budget, the Steamboat Inn is a great place to stay, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.

Lower Rogue

While the North Umpqua River offers a highly aesthetic fishing experience, the lower Rogue offers the opportunity to catch fish--when conditions are good, a lot of them. The Rogue River is one of only a few rivers that host runs of "halfpounders"--young steelhead that return to the river after only a few months in the ocean. These 12 to 16 -inch steelhead can be abundant and are very willing to take a fly.

We will meet at the Cougar Lane Restaurant in Agness (located on the south side of the Rogue River a short distance above the mouth of the Illinois River) for breakfast at 7:00 AM. Those that don't want to eat should arrive by 8:00. After a short discussion about equipment, flies, techniques, and locations; we will head to various access points along the river. There is a lot of good bank access in the Agness area, as well as several good drifts for those with boats.

Agness is about two hours from Grants Pass over the Bear Camp Road. There are Forest Service Campgrounds at Quosatana Creek and Foster Bar, the Agness RV Park (541-247-2813, www.agnessrv.com) is next door to Cougar Lane, and rooms are available at Cougar Lane (541-247-7233) as well as several other lodges in the area. A good selection of motels and restaurants are available 28 miles downstream in Gold Beach as well.

A six-weight rod with a floating line is ideal for halfpounders.

Swinging traditional steelhead flies through runs and tailouts works well. Good patterns include Golden Demon, Del Cooper, Skunk, Silver Hilton, Burlap, Brindle Bug, Tiger Paw, Golden Rogue, and Red Ant, all in Size 8 or 10. Nymphing is productive as well, even during the middle of the day. Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Copper John, Bloody Mary, Glimmer Nymph, and Flashback Nymph in size 10 or 12 are good choices. Chinook and coho salmon will be in the river as well, so you may also want to bring along a heavier outfit.



Here are some steelhead just waiting for the upcoming outing. Catch them if you can.

OUTINGS UPDATE:*****

August 12th—14th (Friday through Sunday)—Come for as many days as you wish!) —Adventures on the Chewaucan. This outing is being hosted by Gary Graham and if you haven't fished this beautiful river, you don't want to miss it! Information and directions for this "one of a kind" experience are available from Gary at 541-512-1841 or ggraham@aol.com.

August 4th through 7th (Thursday through Sunday)—Come for as many days as you wish!)—Hosmer Lake Float and Boat is being hosted by Brian Pindell. This is a new outing for the club but it sounds like a great one! Contact Brian at 541-840-4816 or email him at bpindell@q.com.

August 13th THE STEELHEAD CLASS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 17TH!

August 17th (Wednesday) - Rogue Flyfishers' 40th Birthday Bash—Red Lion (as usual) Enjoy a fascinating history of our club and meet some of it's founders and former esteemed leaders. This will be a great night with some surprising and valuable prize opportunities! (It is a birthday party after all, but no funny hats are required!)

August 20th (Saturday)- Upper Umpqua Steelhead Class and Outing This is a joint venture with Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and is being hosted by Dave Haight. Contact him at 541-855-9043 or email him at david.r.haight@state.or.us for more information.

September 10th (Saturday) Agness 1/2 Pounders Haul—This is a joint venture with Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and is being hosted by Dave Haight.

September 17th (Saturday) Steelhead Class on the Water—Hosted by Lee Wedberg with instruction by Dave Roberts and Jay Daley. Meet at TouVelle Park at 9 AM and bring a sack lunch.

SURPRISE!!

(Or, there's always something unexpected to fishing, isn't there?)

By: Otis D. Swisher

3 December, '10

Today the sunshine is new after four or five days of rain and snow for the Valley. At Casey Park, the river flow is 1850 cfs. And, half the river is muddy from Big Butte Creek.

For a quarter hour I fished my BWO #14. No success.

Just upstream of the trees on the shore line there is a small opening. Small, with the shape of a cave, but still with space enough to get in a side-arm back cast, and do casts to 40 ft in length.

I put on a #10 all brown pattern which is supposed to imitate an October Caddis, and at once it was sucked in strongly by a 12" fish which I played towards the opening. It was an active fish, made a couple jumps, and splashed on the surface. Made quite a commotion.

Now, picture this: my 12" fish is just off the end of my 7 ft 3-wgt rod and splashing furiously in the 6" deep water at the shore and in the protection of the "cave" It is about the time a fish would be landed by raising one's rod hand.

But, surprise, a Great Blue Heron flares its 6-foot wingspan and plops down just off my rod tip, and beside my struggling fish. It folds its huge wings and briefly stares at my fish. (I could touch it with my rod tip, if I wished.) So here we have the three of us less than 7 ft apart sharing this cozy "cave".

Briefly, I wondered whether I should raise the fish to my hands to "land" it. But, in that split second, I decided to see what would happen if I did nothing. Let nature take its course, you see.

No hesitation by the Heron. It made a stab at my fish with that 6" spear-shaped and sharply-pointed weapon. And, missed. The fish was splashing vigorously. It now had not one, but two, predators to concern itself with. The third stab was a success. When raised from the water, the fish was cross-wise in the bill. Now picture a 6" bill and a 12" fish cross-wise to it. The fish dwarfed the size of the bill. Would it be able to get away? No passive acceptance here, there was some serious flapping going on. But, the Heron was not about to let his quarry get away.

So, with the fish tightly clamped in the bill, the bird flexed its legs as they always do at take-off, sprang up, flapped mightily, became airborne and set its sights for the far side of the river. Snap went my 3x tippet. Absolutely no hesitation in the bird's flight pattern. I didn't have to "play" the bird, thank heaven. He gracefully flew to, and landed on, a partially submerged downed log at river's edge.

Now, a Great Blue Heron's neck is long and it is slender. It is jointed in the middle so that its "thrusters" have a shorter and quicker motion when it stabs. Slender, yes; but, at no place in that long neck or at the joint was there any hesitation during the swallow. That 12" fish just went down as though it were on a greased skid.

Unlike some wild "critters" which eat a hearty meal, then doze off for awhile, this Heron just flew off downstream with its graceful, lazy wing beat leaving me standing with a "surprised look" on my face.

Post experience critique: The "cave" from which I cast hid me from both the fish and the Heron, so it used its hunter instinct and charged after the fish while it thrashed the surface. When he landed so close to

me and the fish, it was too late to abort his mission. It is very similar to the hawks and owls which hunt our roadways. They are so intent on the hunt they are often killed, as they are oblivious to the auto/truck danger.

So, now if you ask me, "Anything new with you?", I can point out that I have had fish pilfered from my line by not only an Osprey, but a Great Blue Heron as well.

Series: Fly Fishing: a Developed Skill Find and Follow

By Otis D. Swisher

One of the most difficult, and therefore most satisfying skills to master when using small-sized dry flies is how to "Find and Follow" them on the drift. I'll stay with #16 and #14 size. Those of you who fish #20 and smaller, please write of your skill development. (Start with how the X#@!X do you thread the eye?)

One can fudge the problem, and go to larger-sized flies, or to those with brightly-colored "posts" or materials; but, I like the more subdued and natural-colored patterns: the Blue-winged Olive's, the Blue Duns, and the March Browns.

First: it's easy to say "Cast and sight the fly early." But even before that, before your first cast, right there on the water, at your feet, perhaps 3-feet away, drop the fly. Can you see it? What does it look like? How large does it appear? What is its shape? What is its color, against the surface background? Is it easy to see against that background? Don't be in a big hurry to lift it off the water. Study the fly. Should it be "doped" to float better?

Now, let's start to fish. Notice, I didn't say "cast". I said "fish". And, I mean "in close". Maybe 10 feet or so. Again, study the fly, its color, how it moves on the water. Let the water handle the fly's movement. As long as it drifts naturally, at whatever speed, let it fish. Let the fly drift as long as it is not "plowing" the water. Take your time. You're here to "Find and Follow", not to see how many casts you can make nor how long you can make them.

Keep working your line out. 20 feet. Work that distance 3 or 4 times. 25 feet. Work that distance, 3 or 4 times. Let your strips off the reel be a foot to 18". Fish each lane. Let each drift be a learning experience. Let the fly drift to its max-distance. Then, let it "hang" there.

Now, a few brief "asides": 1) Start your "Find and Follow" on a water surface with only two colors if possible. The silver and dark of winter surfaces are a perfect time. 2) Look just beyond the end of the line. 3) Once sighted, follow the image like a bloodhound on scent. Don't waver. 4) If you don't find the fly at once, search the area just beyond the tip of the color of your line. Scan quickly. Furtively.

Don't be discouraged. Keep with it throughout each drift. You may pick out the fly almost at the end of the drift. The next drift will be easier.

When all else fails, say to the fish: "Fish, show me my fly." And, if you see even the slightest surface disturbance near where your line ends, you may be into a fish before you can "set the hook".

Last of all: use those non-catching days/hours to good advantage. Cast and drift all different types of surfaces. Develop your ability to "Find and Follow" the fly. It's a great skill to develop.

On The Fly

August 2011

Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"

PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Prince Nymph Soft Hackle

Hook: Daiichi 1710, 2X long nymph, size 10-16.
Thread: 8-0 black.
Weight: Optional lead wire
Tail: Dark brown goose biots.
Rib: Fine or very fine oval gold tinsel or wire.
Body: Peacock herl, 3 strands.
Hackle: Hen neck, mottled brown.
Horns: White goose biots.



Tying Instructions-

Step 1 Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Start the thread one eye width behind the eye and lay down an even thread base to a position just above the hook barb and build a small ball of thread.

Step 3: Select two dark brown goose biots at least one shank long, cut them off the stem, and set one aside for the second tail. Tie in one biot so the concave side faces out away from the hook on the far side first. Tie in the other biot on the near side in the exact same manor. Tie back on the butts forcing them up against the tiny ball of thread and apart. Secure the butts along the hook shank full length up to the original tie in point behind the eye and trim any extra.

Step 4: Cut a 4" piece of ribbing and tie it in at the base of the tail leaving the excess point towards the rear for use after the next step.

Step 5: Select 3 Peacock herl strands and tie them on top of the shank, securing them with spiral thread wraps the length of the body back to the base of the tail. Grab the herl strands and make one wrap over the shank and then counter clockwise around the tying thread. Grasp the herl and thread together and wind the rope forward in touching turns covering 3/4 of the body length. Tie off the herl and trim the excess.

Step 6: Now take the ribbing and counter wrap it over the herl body in 5 evenly spaced turns. Tie off and trim.

Step 7: Select a hen hackle feather with barbs as long as the body, tie in by the tip, and make 2 wraps forward, stroking the barbs rearward with each half turn. Tie off and trim.

Step 8: Select 2 white goose biots, measure them the length of the body and tie them on each side pointing rearward. The front end of the peacock body will hold them apart. Tie off and trim.

Step 9: Form a neat tapered head, whip finish, and cement.

This month's pattern, the Prince Nymph Soft Hackle, is a variation of the famous Prince Nymph originated by Doug Prince of Monterey, CA in 1941 for fishing his favorite stream, the Kings River. Back then it was also known as the Brown Forked Tail and used Ostrich herl for the body and a beard of brown hackle fibers. The soft hackle version is just one of numerous modifications to the original pattern, making up one of the most successful series of attractor patterns ever developed. In the book Nymphing Strategies by Larry Tullis he states "Attractor flies have built-in triggers. White wings and rubber legs often trigger a feeding response, as do brown, black, peacock herl and flash components. The rest of the fly may not matter to the trout at all. Once you figure out what type of trigger works best, you should have a good day of fishing."

He goes on to list some of his favorite flies including the Prince Nymph, which has 4 of the 6 triggers he mentioned. Like the Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, the Copper John, and the Pheasant Tail nymph, the Prince Nymph is a universally productive quasi-imitation of an underwater bug. This soft hackle version with its soft flowing fibers also adds the element of life and movement to the fly, making it an excellent scouting pattern fished on a dual nymph dropper rig. The nymph can be used in lakes or streams, can be fished weighted or tied with a bead head for a faster sink rate. How about using this one for Steelhead in larger sizes?

Tying Tips:

When cutting the biots off the primary wing feather, hold on to the two biots, not the feather. It is a lot easier to pick up the feather on your desk or lap than to hunt for the little biots that flew to nowhere. Larger size flies may require the use of Turkey biots to get the needed length. Take plenty of time in placing the biots correctly and evenly. When done wrong they can act as a rudder, spinning a twisting the leader. The rib is counter wrapped over the body as not to get buried in between the wraps of peacock rope. This also adds durability to the fragile herl. Limit your soft collar hackle to two wraps only. A sparse hackle gives a lot more action in the water and makes for a buggier looking fly. So tie some up, give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,

Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: flyguy@eznorthwest.com)

www.tyerstoolshop.com

**THANK YOU TO AVISTA UTILITIES FOR SUPPORTING
OUR CONSERVATION EFFORTS!**

Our club received a letter and donation from Steve Vincent of Avista Utilities that reads as follows:

July 14, 2011

Kellie Christensen

Rogue Flyfishers

Post Office Box 4637

Medford, Oregon 97501

Kellie:

Thank you for reaching out to Avista Utilities to support this year's auction. We are proud to support the Rogue Flyfishers with the enclosed \$250 check.

While sometimes we receive an overwhelming number of requests, we recognize the extraordinary contribution your organization is making in riparian preservation and restoration. It is an honor for us to be able to be a small part of that effort.

I hope your auction was successful and that you were able to achieve your fundraising goals.

I want to wish you and your members the best.

Sincerely,

Steve Vincent

Oregon Regional Business Manager AVISTA

What a remarkable gift to receive and thanks to John Schwendener for putting this into motion for our club!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September--Charles Gehr, Spey Fishing Local Waters for Steelhead

October--Rick Hafele- Sometimes known as "Bug Man", Rick is a retired state entomologist, author and nymph angler. He will present one of several educational and often entertaining programs

Wednesday Open Casting

Members Otis Swisher (541-772-9755) and John MacDiarmid (541-840-0183) (FFF Certified Casting Instructor) are at Hawthorne Park each Wednesday (except club meeting night) at 6:00 P.M.-7:00P.M. (weather permitting) from the first of June to September 14th. to help you with your casting. If you are a beginner, they can get you started correctly; if you have been casting a while and want more distance, they can help. How are your slack line, presentation casts? Can you cast without tailing loops? These guys really enjoy casting and helping you improve your cast.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Robert Freeman of Merlin (541-474-3537)

Beginner's Fly Fishing Class

A HUGE thank you goes out to Richard Fiebelkorn and Otis Swisher who generously donated their time and talents to our Beginner's Fly Fishing Class on Saturday July 23rd. We had several club members present as well as folks brand new to the sport who will probably be joining our club. It was a very hot day but the improvements in casting were a joy to behold. Thanks to John and Julie MacDiarmid for donating the facility for our use!



Attention Fishing Enthusiasts:

By Kellie Christenson

Bruce Beeson, Executive Director of Integral Youth Services in Klamath Falls sent me a letter earlier this month. In it he explained that Integral Youth Services is a non profit organization serving at risk youth throughout Klamath County. In order to raise much needed money for these kids they are offering the following items in a raffle:

One full day of guided fly fishing with Guided Waters Fly Fishing on either the Wood or Williamson rivers with a 1 night stay for up to 4 guests at the Lonesome Duck Resort on the Williamson River 3 days and 2 nights accommodations for two, plus two rounds of golf at Eagle Creek Resort in Redmond, Oregon

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each of you can get 4 for only \$20! You can purchase tickets from Kellie at 541-776-4094. You may also purchase tickets online with a credit card or PayPal account by visiting www.iyskfalls.org. Their phone number is 541-882-2053.

THESE ARE GREAT PRIZES AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO SUPPORT THESE KIDS!

2011 Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic

by Gary Graham

Another successful club picnic is now in the history books. On July 20th your club held their annual picnic at Emigrant Lake. The weather was great and the chicken was the best ever. Many of you miss great food and wild fishing stories. The club wants to thank the following for their efforts at the picnic: Dale Heath, Mick Cuffe, Dennis Remick, Kellie Christensen, Dick Chambers, Wally Ramsay, Mike and Pam Masters, Bob Claypool, Terry, Rose Davis, Ethel Rogers and Paulette Graham. I hope I have not forgotten anyone. Everyone enjoyed Kellie's new raffle. Hopefully, next year more folks will mark their calendars and attend this great Club event.

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Members of RFF should mention their affiliation for special consideration.

August - So Many Fish, So Little Time

The upper Rogue is producing trout (under 16”), with an occasional steelhead (Rainbow over 16”). However the high flow makes some of your regular holes unfishable, and wading is very limited. Look for more of the same through August, and into mid September when the Corps of Engineers should begin reducing releases from the dam a/r about 100 c.f.s. per day. Elsewhere, Howard Prairie had good action until the summer doldrums crept up on us, and I heard on the local news that Diamond Lake, far from being a bright spot, is now infested with algae and we aren't supposed to eat the fish or have too much contact with the water. So you pays your money and takes your chances.. The algae problem in Lost Creek Lake has abated for now, and an angler can enjoy an afternoon catching lots of small bass off the dam.

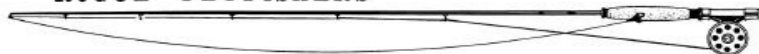
Steelhead Tournament 2011 is slated for October 8 and promises good results this year. With Savage Rapids and Gold Ray Dams gone we seem to be getting more trout 13 to 15 inches, and we have high hopes for a strong run of summer steelhead in the upper Rogue following the higher than usual river flows continuing through late September. We are considering making certain changes for this year's tournament, so look for them as final decisions are made. As they say, “Stay alert - the world needs more lerts!”

Also, mark your calendar for a steelhead clinic on Saturday, September 17, in TouVelle Park. We have an excellent team of experts, and beginners as well as experienced steelheaders will learn from these two successful anglers on the upper Rogue as they address swinging steelhead patterns and nymphing. More details coming in September's Newsletter.

It would be helpful to have a new person prepare this monthly report on fishing for a while. Preferably, someone who personally samples a variety of fishing types, including ponds, lakes, streams, and rivers. If you are interested in stepping forward or recommending someone please speak up.

DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in July	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@ msn.com	<i>Activities Performed by Conservation Chairman:</i> Attended four Shady Cove City Council Meetings or Study Sessions; one Shady Cove Planning Commission event. Attended four days of private and agency project proposals to and reviews by Resource Advisory Committees for Rogue River Umpqua National Forests, and Fremont Winema National Forests. Fish-related Rogue-Umpqua proposals were North Umpqua Fish Watch and Illegal poaching patrols, Steamboat Falls fishway repair, salmon and steelhead habitat restoration on Tiller RD, and Diamond Lake facilities, trails and bridge repair. On Fremont-Winema fish proposals on the Chewaucan, Williamson, and Sprague Rivers and Silver Lake would provide fish passage at four locations, five miles of stream bank erosion control, riparian planting, large wood placement in tributary streams, repair headcuts and improve fish habitat.	John Ward

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