

Rogue Flyfishers

DECEMBER 2024

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 natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

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David Paul Williams has written for American Angler, Fly Fisherman, Northwest Fly Fishing, Southwest Fly Fishing, American Fly Fishing, Eastern Fly Fishing, Fly Fusion, Bassmaster, Fly Fishing & Tying Journal and Game & Fish magazines and wrote the book on smallmouth bass, Flyfishing for Western Smallmouth. He writes the Good-Gear Guide at good-gear-guide.blogspot.com and is the former Editor-In-Chief of Flyfisher and Department Editor at Flyfishing & Tying Journal. He gives entertaining media presentations to clubs and organizations on carp, smallmouth bass, saltwater beach fishing, panfish and alpine trout. Also known for his simple, yet effective fly patterns, he has been fly fishing since he was ten years old.

Presidents Message

December 2024

Well the seasons have finally changed, and the mornings are brisk. We have received some much needed rain, and the fish are starting to show up in more numbers. Once things drop and clear the steelhead fishing should be better than it has been. I hope.

As we go into the holidays it's always a great time to reflect on the accomplishments of the year. Where did I fish this year? How many fish did I catch on Diamond Lake? Remember when I lost my keys on Vancouver Island? Did I get around to painting the bathroom like I was supposed to? It's also a great time to think about the up and coming year. Where will I fish this year? How many fish will I catch on Diamond Lake? How many of those will be big Tiger trout? What color did she want me to paint that bathroom?

However, the most important part is to spend some quality time with your family and friends. If you can't actually spend time with them then give them a call. It's not quite the same, but it's pretty close.

OK back to business. An email was sent out about the upcoming marine board meeting. I encourage everyone to at least write in about your thoughts on the proposed changes the marine board is considering. If you have time on December 4th go to the hearing. It's going to be at the RCC HEC building 144 S. Bartlett st. in Medford. If you can't attend the meeting then please email them your comments to osmb.rulemaking@boat.oregon.gov by December 19th. The recent email sent about this has some great talking points to consider when emailing the marine board. I know it is frustrating, and this has been going on for quite some time, but your input is needed. We have come this far, and we can't stop now. We got some protections on the upper Rogue, but it's still not enough. I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month. Take care and Happy Holidays to you all.

John Pogue

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

The final results for the Auction held in October show that we netted just over \$12400.00 which will add \$8681.00 to our Grant Fund. Thanks everyone!

As the Treasurer of the Rogue Flyfishers, I am one of two people authorized to write checks for all the Club expenses. I take that responsibility very seriously and before I write any checks, I make sure that any expense is a legitimate one. Almost monthly I will receive an email, typically from the "Club President", saying he's out of town and we need to take care of some expense right away. The email usually will then request that I get some gift cards and email the numbers somewhere. THAT'S A SCAM! Now, I'm not the only person to get these types of emails. Other Board members get them occasionally and even some regular club members. If you ever receive such an email, do NOT do anything! If you think that perhaps it's legitimate, check with me first. I keep close track of all club activities and expenses and I need to review any expenses before any payment is made.

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 12/18
Board Meeting 12/4
SOFT meeting 12/10

Check the Club Calendar for more information

Jet Boats and More

So, what's happening with the jet boat issue? At the time of writing this article, the Oregon Marine Board has released its proposed rule which can be found here: <https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/info/Documents/Rulemaking/NoticeUpperRogueRiver.pdf>.

The proposed rule says:

9) Upper Rogue River and its Tributaries:

(a) No person shall use a motor in excess of 10 horsepower to propel a boat between Fishers Ferry County Park and William L. Jess Dam, (Lost Creek Dam).

(b) Notwithstanding the above provision, the use of motors above 10 horsepower are allowed between the dates of May 8 and September 10, on the main stem of the Rogue River between Fishers Ferry County Park and Dodge Bridge County Park.

(c) Subject to the above seasonal horsepower restrictions, **Charter boat operations:**

(A) Charter boats may not operate upstream of Rattlesnake Rapids.

(B) Between Table Rock Road Bridge and Rattlesnake Rapids,

(i) Charter boats may only operate between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm.

(ii) The total number of all charter boat trips may not exceed 300 trips per year.

Are you OK with this? With the noise? With the increased potential for boating accidents? With the disturbance to spawning beds? With the vegetation which fouls fishing lines and flies? With the shore erosion? ? Is it fair and equitable for one company in the operation of its business to negatively impacts all other users of the river?

The Marine Board requests public comments on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. Please let your concerns be heard!

You can vocalize your concerns at the public hearing on December 4, at 2 pm - 6 pm at Rogue Community College Medford Campus HEC, 114 S. Bartlett St. Room HEC 129 A/B in Medford. Attend in person or join remotely. Phone number: 503-446-4951 Conference ID: 475496462 Special Instructions: Please visit this link for additional meeting details on how to join remotely: <https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/info/Pages/Board-and-Public-Meetings.aspx>

Or you can submit written comments before December 20, 2024 at 12:55 pm to jennifer.cooper@boat.oregon.gov.

But let's also look beyond this issue. What's our vision for how we want to engage in the conservation of our fisheries? Currently, we don't have a strategic plan for how we want to engage on conservation issues. Before forming our vision, it's helpful to understand what's needed and what other organizations are already doing. Quite frankly, I'm trying to get up to speed myself.

The best document that I've been able to find is the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan (December 2021) https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/CRP/docs/rogue_south_coast_multispecies/RSP_main_final.pdf. This document describes the current status of native species to the Rogue River, the various threats, limiting factors, management strategies and actions. The plan contributors include the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, several tribes, the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Trout Unlimited, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, the Southern Oregon Flyfishers, and many more. This plan can serve as a helpful document to learn about these issues and serve as a guide for us to evaluate what's needed to restore and maintain native fish in the Rogue River. But its not the only source of information of what's needed. It's helpful to talk those who have been involved in conservation efforts on the River for years.

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Jet boats and more continued

Fortunately, there's several local organizations and agencies who have been and are currently involved in conservation efforts. A few of them were present at our annual auction including the Rogue River Watershed Council and WaterWatch. But there's so many more organizations doing work include the Middle Rogue Steelheaders, the Upper Rogue Guardians, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, just to name a few. I met with Steve Burns - fisheries biologist with the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest in November about partnership opportunities. He informed me that the forest has just ten percent of the capacity it used to have to care of the upper Rogue. He mentioned a need to replace boat cleats at boat ramps at some of the lakes we fish. He also mentioned a need to replace the signs and kiosks which have worn out over the years. The Middle Rogue Steelheaders have adopted a section of the middle Rogue River. Perhaps we can do the same on the upper Rogue. I also need to acknowledge our own Bob Hunter who has tremendous knowledge and experience. We would be wise to listen to Bob.

So where do we go from here? I'd like to get a group of us together (either virtually or in person) to help formulate a plan. We could continue to just do what we're doing now - providing grant money to a few organizations who actually do the work, or we could do more. It's really up to our membership. If you are interested, please contact me at (503) 522-9477 or rick.graw@gmail.com. I'll try to organize our first meeting and move us toward a strategic plan of engagement.

From charter member Dale Heath

It's time for me to liquidate everything I have. I don't have the energy, time, or the desire to try to sell everything on-line or even list it on Craig's.

The only items that are marked with prices are some feathers, everything is negotiable.

I have books, feathers, dubbing, materials, fly tying tools and equipment, rods, reels, fishing gear, etc.

Thanks for your consideration,

Dale Heath

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Recap of the Fourmile Lake Outing

Only four members braved the cold to attend the late-October outing to Fourmile Lake. The temperature barely broke 30 deg. F by the afternoon; however, the day started off beautifully with fresh snow on the ground, a sunny sky, and no wind. The fishing was pleasant. We didn't catch any lake trout, as we had hoped, but we did catch several nice rainbow trout. Tanya Haight landed the biggest—a beautiful rainbow that was well over 20 inches. By the early afternoon, the wind came up making the fishing less enjoyable, so we called it a day.

David Haight



Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday December 18th at Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Roasted Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roasted Snap Peas,
Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (December 13th) preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com

(give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or
call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

PROGRAM:

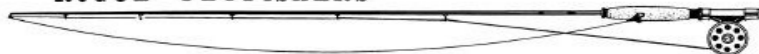
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Flyfishing For Western Smallmouth

First thing to understand about smallmouth bass—they are not trout. David Paul Williams, “the acknowledged northwest master of smallies of the fly,” teaches the essentials of how to catch smallmouth bass on the fly. He covers when to go, where to go, what to use and how to read the water in order to catch these superb fighting fish.

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| The Fishin' Hole | 21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove | 541-878-4000 |
| Rogue Fly Shop | 941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass | 541-476-0552 |
| Rogue Valley Anglers | 218 E. Main St., Medford | 541-973-2988 |
| Sportsman's Warehouse | 1710 Delta Waters Road Medford | 541-732-3700 |

Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues.
Dues accompany your application. With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, name badge, and letter of further information and welcome. Monthly dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a social Wet Fly from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____. If a family membership,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ___ No ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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