



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.

PROGRAM

Craig Nielsen



Program details will announced on the website as soon as they are available.

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President's Message

Today I reflect on goals, as do many other millions, if not billions of individuals around the globe as we all ring in the New Year. As for myself, I like to set goals that will improve the spiritual, temporal, and health conditions of me and my family. As a club, and from a fly fishing perspective, I think it's a good time to reflect on goals we want to achieve as fly fishermen. Listed below are some of my goals as a fly fisherman.

- 1) Spend more time fishing with the people you love. Fishing with friends, family, and my children are some of the best moments lived. These are the people who feed the soul and remind us of who we are. There is no sport that has helped strengthen relationships with the ones I love more than fly fishing.
- 2) Find new water to love. Growing up in Arizona, I was limited during the 20 years I spent exploring cold, fishable water. In the northwest, we are blessed with what seems as an unlimited number of water to fish. I have the habit of fishing a few rivers that I enjoy fishing because I know that these 'spots' produce fish. It's hard to get out of this habit. One of the reasons we fly fish is to explore.
- 3) Target other species of fish. One of my favorite fish to target with the fly is the striped bass. For 15 straight years I fished only for trout. I felt that the sport was exclusive to cold water species. It's easy to have this perspective given that the majority of films and magazines seem to show individuals only targeting trout and salmon on the fly. For years, my family has had our family reunion at Lake Powell. Lake Powell is known for its large Striper population. In the summer, one of the ways they feed is to target fresh water shad as they feed on the surface. As hundreds of stripers feed on the surface, it looks like a giant pot of boiling water as the stripers fiercely attack the shad. Its an incredible site, and there's nothing more exciting than throwing a fly in the middle that resembles a shad, and stripping your line in quickly in order to intensify the attack. The take is so incredibly strong and powerful; your adrenaline will take some time to calm. I would have never discovered the joy of Striped Bass fishing had I not decided to explore other opportunities other than trout fishing.
- 4) Tie your own flies. For years I used to tie my own flies, then with the advent of the internet, I realized that I could buy flies for pretty cheap. Almost for about the same, if not cheaper, than tying them. As a result, I ended up buying my flies for years. Until recently, I have started to tie again and have realized that one of the greatest joys of fly fishing is catching fish on your own hand tied flies

As this New Year commences, I invite you all to add or create some of your own goals to enhance your fly fishing experience. I wish you a happy and wonderful 2016 in all of your new adventures.

Adam Wright

DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Please send your 2016 dues to Theresa this month or to bring checks for dues to this month's meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Carl Moyer

RFF Outings Schedule for 2016

The Rogue Flyfishers will host outings to many of the great fishing destinations our area has to offer. Some will be to favorite destinations we return to often. Others will be to new destinations we have not fished as a club in recent years. The outings will target a variety of fish in a variety of water bodies. Besides being a lot of fun, the outings offer the opportunity to discover new fisheries, learn new techniques, and get to know fellow club members better.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Date	Outing	Host/Contact
January 1	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight
February 13	Coastal Steelhead	David Haight
March 19	Applegate Steelhead	David Haight
April 2 -3	North Umpqua Steelhead	David Haight
<i>TBA</i>	Beginning Fly Fishing Class	
June 15 - 20	Upper Williamson River	John Ward
July 11 - 14	N.F. Sprague River	John Ward
<i>TBA</i>	Upper Sacramento River	Will Johnson
August 20	Howard Prairie Bass and Trout	David Haight
September 10	North Umpqua Steelhead	David Haight
October 8	Steelhead Tournament	Mike Masters
November 19 - 20	South Coast Chinook	David Haight
January 1, 2017	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight

Our **TOP Priority** Current Conservation Project is COHO

RFF is helping develop **operational** COHO Recovery Plan for **Interior Rogue Diversity Strata**. Ms. Julie Weeder, COHO Recovery Coordinator for National Marine Fisheries Service spoke on the **Final SONCC COHO Salmon Recovery Plan** in Central Point, February 17, 2015. **RFF Board** made COHO Recovery our top Conservation focus; by May 6 Ward had commitments from ten Rogue Team volunteers, by Nov. 10 five more were 'maybe' and the final fifteen **Rogue Team** are on board Jan. 1, 2016. Still looking for a strong fisher-person who knows the Illinois River.

Rogue Team, John Ward, Chair

Brian Barr, GIS Support

Chap. 32 Upper Rogue

Lee Wedberg, Fisherman

John Ward, Bear Creek WG

Randy Frick, Retired Fish Bio

Chuck Huntington, Fish Bio

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Dave Grosjacques, Fisherman

Dan Delany Retired Fish Bio

Chap. 31 Applegate River

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Robert Parker, Fisherman

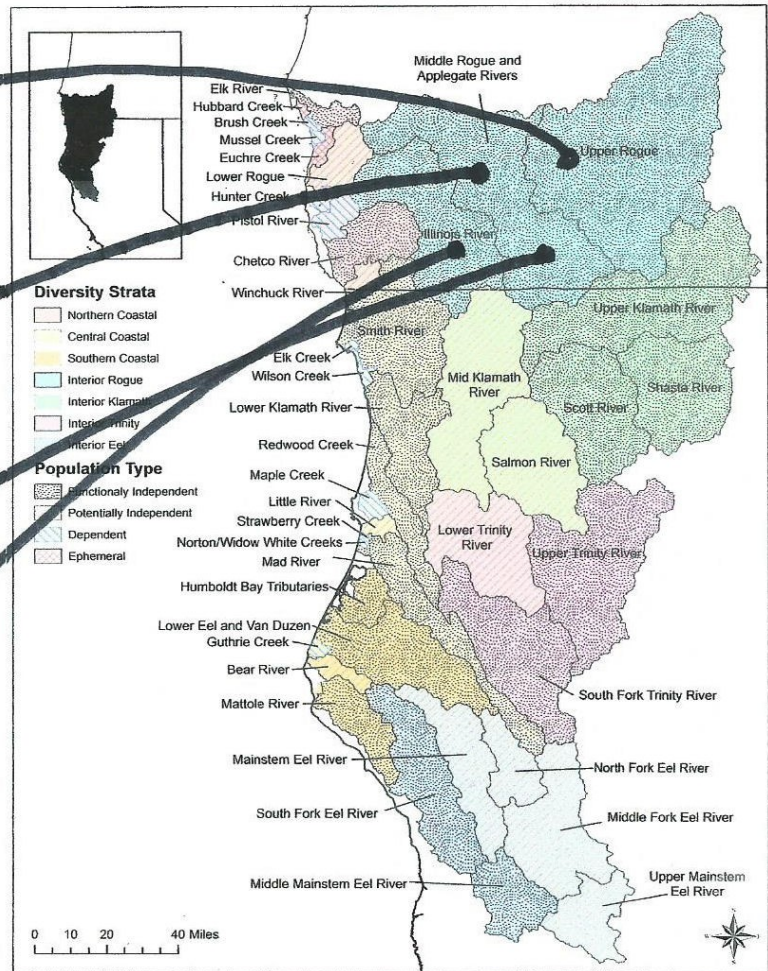
Steve Day, Fisherman

Chap. 30 Illinois River

Rich Nawa, Fish Consultant

A.J. Donnell, Fish Biologist

Steve Burns, Fish Biologist



TASKS:

Rogue Team members were first asked to become familiar with NOAA Final Plan definitions, tables, charts & maps, stresses matrix, threats matrix for assigned Chapter, and high intrinsic potential COHO streams GIS maps from Rogue River Watershed Council, courtesy of GEOS Institute. Next, to compare their knowledge of HIP Coho + NOAA data to their own experience. Then many Rogue Team Members met as a group for the **first** time and pooled their knowledge of key COHO abundance in **8** mainstem and **21** tributary streams. Julie Weeder was present to answer questions, clarify the Final Report and note additional data needed.

Rogue Fly Fishers brings 46-years of successful conservation and habitat projects in the Interior Rogue, perhaps the longest group of well documented accomplishments. As shown on next page this history has gaps, needs detail, and definitely needs follow-up monitoring. What worked best? Where? What failed and why? This extensive history needs study, field visits, and reporting. Which of current habitat and conservation projects will really be a winner? We need tight focus from the Rogue Coho Team and RFF Board commitment.

Interior Rogue plays a key role in recovery success; Rogue's 3 population types are to produce 28,000 spawners annually. SONCC's 37 other population types are to generate 75,000 spawners. With major barriers removed, active restoration partners and agencies, and strong watershed councils, the **Interior Rogue seems well matched to COHO recovery needs**. A series of **realistic Strategic Action Plans** to protect healthy existing populations, prioritizing and proposing a fundable series of restoration projects with measurable / demonstrable results over the next three to five years, say **by 2020, is Rogue COHO Team Goal**.

Your input could improve accuracy of RFF's 46-year Habitat – Conservation history

- 1972 Star Gulch
- 1972 East Evans Creek
- 1973 Big Butte Creek
- 1975 Antelope Creek
- 1978 Ward Creek
- 1978 Bill's Creek
- 1979 Slate Creek
- 1979 Foots Creek
- 1979 Yale Creek
- 1979 Fielder Dam fish ladder on Evans Creek
- 1981 Kane Creek
- 1981 Hog Creek
- 1981 Griffin Pond
- 1982 South Fork Little Butte Creek
- 1983 STEP & ODFW Habitat Project
- 1984 Trail Creek
- 1985 Ashland Pond
- 1985 Little Butte Creek fish kill
- 1986 Savage Rapids fishladder repair
- 1986 Union Creek
- 1987 Bear Creek fishladder at Oak Street
- 1987 Little Applegate River
- 1987 Jones Creek jump pool
- 1987 Alfonsa Dam removal on Evans Creek

Fill in GAP in 1989 to 2008 projects

Fill in 2012 to 2016 project detail

Add omitted projects

- 2009 Louse Creek
- 2009 Wrights Creek
- 2009 Quartz Creek
- 2009 Applegate Creek
- 2009 Applegate Sustainable Aggregate
- 2010 Louse Creek
- 2010 Sucker Creek
- 2010 Quartz Creek
- 2010 Limpy Creek
- 2010 Vanoy Creek
- 2011 Jones Creek
- 2011 Quartz Creek
- 2011 Shady Cove
- 2011 Rogue River at Aunt Caroline's Park
- 2012 Rogue River at Kelly Slough
- 2012 Sucker Creek
- 2012 Palmer Creek
- 2012 Bear Creek

2016

NEW 2015



Just for the Record

by Otis D. Swisher

Can a fisherman catch a steelhead each month of the year? Just for the record, my friend Vince Zauskey has. And, I was there to verify that fact.

January 25, 2003: 1 - 25" , 1-28" , 1 - 24"

30, 2005 1- 19" (Takelma 19" on 2-wgt rod, on Blue Dun #14 dry fly)

February 27, 2005 5 fish to 21 inches

6, 1994 2 fish at 16", 1 at 20"

10, 1995 1 fish at 16", 1-20", 1 -26"

March 13, 2005 1-16", 1- 20", 1 - 22"

26, 2005 1 - 20"

April 9, 2005 1-29"

May 26, 2001 1 - 26+", 1 - 16"

25, 2002 1- 20"

June 18, 2005 1 - 19"

July 30, 1994 1 -20"

August 30, 1991 1- 16", 1- 24" both on a Bomber

September 1, 1997 1-19"

October 20, 2004 1 - 18", 1 - 22", 1 - 24", 1 - 26", 1 - 28"

November ?, 2000 1 -18", 1 - 21"

11, 2004 1- 28", 1 - 18"

December 18, 1992 1 - 20", 1 - 22"

31, 1993 2 at 18" (both wild fish)

It may be interesting information that steelhead can be caught every month of the year; but if it is worth while taking the time to write that fact in my notes shouldn't I have taken the short time it takes to include other information, also? Note the 19-incher on a 2-wgt rod and on a dry fly, #14 Blue Dun. Total time to record that fact in my notes, about 5 seconds? Was it of interest that 2 were brought to the surface by a Bomber? Recording time, 5 seconds.

How much more interesting and valuable would the few seconds spent recording water temperature, fly, time of day, turbidity of water, spot on the river, have made the notes when you peruse the data years later. Everyone's memory for details fails, or brings up false data with the passage of time. Would you question your data if it were written down?

Now, let's see: just for the record which is better?

1. 1/1/17 1 - 28"

2. 1/1/17 1 - 28", water 43 deg & off color, #6 Otis Bug (black), Brushy Hole, sunny, noon, 1,800 cfs,

Gary Lewellyn, DMD

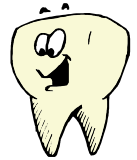


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