



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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**PROGRAM**

**Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting**

The next club meeting is **Thursday**  
 October 16th at

Fiesta Restaurant & Market  
 1016 N Riverside Ave, Medford, OR 97501

**Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm**

Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm  
 Raffle to follow Program

We order and pay for dinners individually with  
 the restaurant staff, not the club.

They have a bar for those who enjoy alcoholic  
 beverages

**PROGRAM:**

**John Speece and Beth Boos**  
**Rogue River Watershed Council**

John and Beth will give the club a presentation on the work  
 to restore a 1/2-mile of Bear Creek near Lynn Newbry Park.

## **Presidents Message**

**October 2025**

Well my favorite month is here, October. And not just because it's my birthday month, but because there's so much to do outside, and the weather is great. There are plenty of steelhead in the river, fall kings are here, and the cohos are showing up. Also the weed beds in the lakes are breaking up and the fish are looking to put on some extra weight for winter. Not only that but fall mushrooms are popping up already. There's nothing like a piece of grilled salmon topped with a chanterelle caper cream sauce. Oh and it's hunting season, and venison stroganoff with boletes is pretty good too.

OK I'm finally getting some feedback about our new venue choice for our monthly meeting. However it wasn't positive feedback. Look, we cannot continue going to Centennial if we don't get 50 people every month. We eat the difference if we don't get 50 people to show up, and with an average of 45 people per month showing up, the club loses \$125 every month. This limits what we can contribute to scholarships and other projects that rely on us. I'll also say that Fiesta might not be the most aesthetically pleasing venue, but there's no room fee, no number commitment, and you're free to order whatever you want. Oh and they don't run out of food. Those of you who didn't attend Septembers meeting missed one of the best presentations the club has ever had, once we got the projector working. So we are still looking for alternative places to have our monthly meetings. If you have an idea speak up, or better yet help the club out and go find a place to have our meetings.

The board of directors will have some openings coming up in 2026 and if you're interested in serving on the board, please reach out to me, or any of the other board members. The board plays a vital role in the longevity of our club. This is your club after all, so everyone should join the board at some point to do their part. It's a two year term with board meetings one day a month for 10 months out of the year. It's not an overwhelming commitment.

Thank you

## **Financial Report – Tim Bolling**

It was great to see all of those who attended our first meeting since the picnic this past month. Unfortunately, turnout was very low and those people who didn't attend missed an excellent presentation by Steve Day on the Klamath Lake region. The only positive was that because we changed the meeting location to Fiesta Restaurant, if you want to have some food, you order off the menu and pay for it individually. That way we avoided the 50-meal minimum we were required to have at Centennial Golf Club. If we had had this meeting at Centennial, it would have cost the club \$ 550.00, money which we would rather spend on promoting the conservation, education, and environmental issues that are important to our members and the fishing community. Because of the low attendance, sales of raffle tickets was also adversely affected and we ended up netting only slightly more than \$ 40.00 after the cost of the raffle prizes was deducted from the sales of tickets. Congratulations to Harry Foster for walking away with new TFO rod and BVK SD II reel.

**HOPEFULLY WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING! WATCH THE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR TIME AND LOCATION**

## Conservation News

By Rick Graw

### The North Pacific Ocean Heat Blob has returned.

In 2025, scientists confirmed the return of the North Pacific Ocean “heat blob,” a vast expanse of unusually warm surface water stretching from Alaska down the West Coast, as illustrated in Figure 1. The anomaly, first recorded a decade earlier, reemerged with similar intensity, disrupting the delicate balance of marine ecosystems. Warmer waters reduced the abundance of nutrient-rich upwelling that normally fuels plankton growth, weakening the base of the food web. Species that thrive in cooler conditions, such as krill and forage fish, declined, while warm-water species like sardines and even subtropical fish began appearing in northern waters where they had rarely been seen before. This shift rippled through the ecosystem, changing predator-prey relationships and unsettling long-established migration patterns.

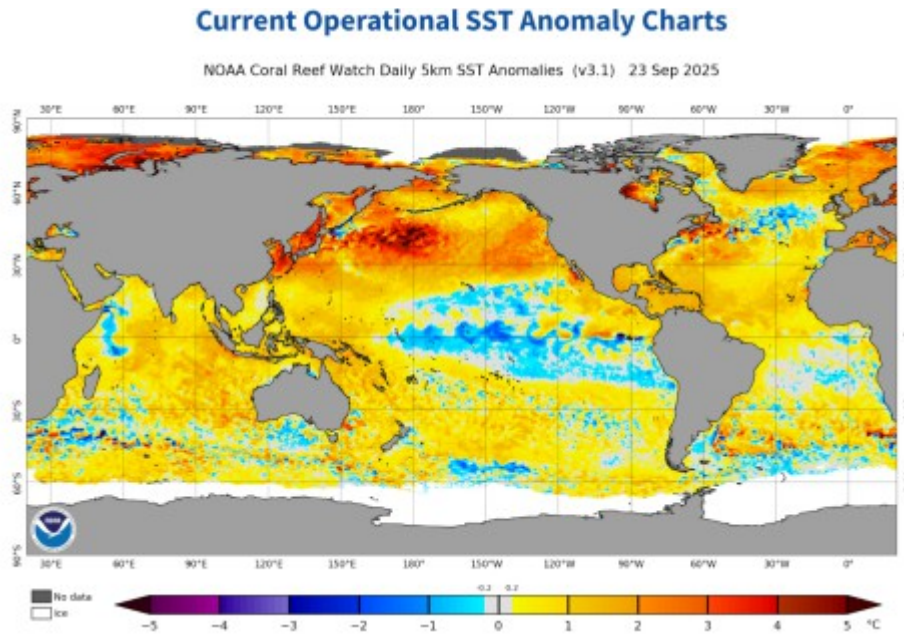


Figure . Heat Blob in the North Pacific Ocean

For salmon and steelhead in California, Oregon, and Washington, the impacts were profound. Juvenile fish entering the ocean encountered fewer cold-water prey and greater competition from species not normally part of their range, leading to reduced survival rates. Warmer ocean temperatures also stressed adult salmon and steelhead, making their journeys back to natal rivers more difficult and less successful. In rivers, low snow pack and drought compounded these problems, leaving already threatened populations in a precarious state. Fisheries managers scrambled to respond, tightening harvest restrictions and exploring hatchery interventions, but the heat blob’s persistence raised troubling questions about the future of these iconic fish in a rapidly changing climate.

### Gravel finally placed in the Upper Rogue River.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) finally received its permit from the Army Corp of Engineers to place the gravel in the river. The gravel was located at the western side of McGregor Park. The gravel offsets the material which is recruited upstream of Lost Creek Reservoir but retained behind the Dam. The gravel will help improve spawning grounds for salmon, steelhead, and trout in the river, and also enhance habitat for aquatic insects

## Vandalism at Denman Wildlife Area

Vandals have removed the entrance gate to the north side of Denman Wildlife Area (as shown below), allowing anyone access without a key.



*Figure . Photo of entrance gate at Denman Wildlife Refuge*

Vandalism continues to be such a problem at Denman Wildlife Refuge that ODFW will not maintain a port-a-potty on site. As such, please remember to bring a trowel, toilet paper, a zip-lock bag, hand sanitizer, and water with you. For more information on how to poop in the woods properly, please visit: <https://thetrek.co/five-ways-poop-woods-illustration/> Enjoy the illustrations.

## Upcoming Events

ODFW and Middle Rogue Steelheaders will be hosting a **work party** on October 7<sup>th</sup> to build hoop traps. All are welcome, especially if you're skilled at working with metal. For more information, please contact Monica at (541) 961-9957.

**Trout Tour** is coming to Medford on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This year, it will once again be held at Common Block Brewery and is hosted by the Fly Fishing collaborative. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Film begins AT 7:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Ashland Fly Shop, Rogue Valley Anglers (Medford) and Rogue Fly Shop (Grants Pass) upon availability + online. Limited tickets will be available at the event. For questions about the event email [shajuniper@gmail.com](mailto:shajuniper@gmail.com) or for questions about the Trout Tour email [info@flyfusionmag.com](mailto:info@flyfusionmag.com).

**Trout Unlimited** will be having its next meeting on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Gresham Room at the Ashland Public Library. Jack Williams will be the guest speaker. Social hour will be held across the street from the library at Growlers from 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm, the meeting begins at 6:00 pm at the library.

## First salmon on a fly



This Chinook Salmon was recently caught by Rick Graw on the Upper Rogue River on a size #10 red Copper John. It was Rick's first salmon caught on a fly. He credits TJ Orton for taking him to a favored location, putting him in a good spot to cast, and helping him land the fish. Rick met TJ indirectly through the Rogue Flyfishers. TJ is the husband of Sha Juniper Orton who is the lead mentor for the Mayfly Project, which Rick volunteered with last spring and which the Rogue Flyfisher's support. He met TJ during the outings. This is just one of the ways Rogue Flyfishers brings people together and makes lasting memories.

SOUTHERN OREGON WOMEN OUTDOORS

# PINT NIGHT

A FUNDRAISING EVENT

A stylized illustration of two beer mugs filled with golden beer and topped with white foam. The mugs are set against a dark blue background with a sunburst pattern behind them.

BEER - FOOD - RAFFLE

OCTOBER 22      GOLD RUSH BREWING      5-8 PM



## Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Sahady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	305 N. Bartlett, 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](mailto: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 Fly Fishers international? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_\_ or by **US Mail** \_\_\_?

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Mail completed form and payment to:

**Rogue Fly Fishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501**