

The West Seattle Sportsman

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**Don't miss the Annual Smelting Trip,
August 8th - 10th. Bring a net and some
corn meal!**

Annual Salmon Bake

We will be having our Annual Salmon Bake Aug 6th at Lincoln Park, Shelter 5 at 6:00 PM. \$8.00 per person **without** side dish. \$5.00 donation **with** a side dish. The Club will have the usual Salmon, Hotdogs, Beverages, Appetizers, Rolls and Watermelon, too. We will also supply plates, cups, silverware and napkins. 14 and under eat free. Bring a cup of cut fruit for community fruit bowl!

If you choose to bring a side dish or dessert, we thought it would be fun to bring the old tradition of breaking it down by the first letter of your last name!

A thru G Salad for 10 people

H thru N Beans or Hot Dish for 10 people

O thru S Appetizers

T thru Z Desserts for 10 people

Feel free to bring what you want! Be Creative with your Culinary talents!! But please call and let us know if you are coming to this event and or bringing a dish. This way we can arrange for side dishes that are necessary.

RSVP/Side Dish (206) 937-3614

Smelting Trip

Smelting trip Aug 8th -10th at the Hoh River Resort. Jerry has sites reserved (Pay him there when you arrive). A potluck on Saturday night

and Sunday brunch in Forks are planned. See Jerry Mascio to reserve your spot. The actual Smelting will be at Beach 4 north of Kalaloch, a short drive from the resort. Smelting to start at around 10 AM. We may have some nets available and they can be purchased at Boaters world for \$17.00. They have to order but say if ordered on Tuesday should have by Thursday. Seattle Marine and Fishing Supply Co. also have them for \$39.70 each these have a 14 foot handle and a hoop/net size of 22" x 29" x 42" depth, **Product Code: LIN7K-V-14**. You will have to call them on availability.

Fish Fry

At the September 3rd club meeting the we will be having our Fish Fry, so come on down and enjoy some of Jerry's cooking at the Range.

**MEETINGS FIRST
WEDNESDAY 7:15
Roger Dahl Rifle Range
West Seattle Stadium**

Cray Fishing

We are going to try and plan a Cray Fishing trip to Fred's brothers place on Lake Washington on September 13th. All interested contact Jerry for more information.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

**August 6th - Salmon Bake at
Lincoln Park.**

**Aug 8th -10th - Smelting trip at
the Hoh River Resort.**

Sept 3rd - Fish Fry at the Range.

**Sept 13th - Cray Fishing Trip on
Lake Washington.**

**Sept 20th - Crab Trip to Dabob
Bay at Frank Novito's place.**

**October - Hunting Outing Deer
and Bird**

November - Squid Fishing

December - Christmas Party

If you have any ideas for programs to have at the club meeting or any good outing ideas let one of the Officers or Trustees know.

Crabbing Trip

The Crabbing Trip will be weekend of Sept. 20th (**Date Change**) at Frank Novito's place on Dabob Bay. This should be a fun event and Frank has room for RV's.

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RANGE REPORT

July 18, 2003

The next hunter education classes are August 21, 23, & 24, September 4, 6, & 7. Gary, Richard, Steve, Mike and any others interested in being an instructor mark your calendar. Please note the August 21st class is filled.

The following items were on order, just waiting for them to come in.

Fan due about the first week in July, has been received and is at the range.

Backstops due the end of July, arrived early, delivery 7/17/03.

Filter box and filters due about the middle of July.

The next and last big item is the ducting, part of the ducting is at the range and the balance is being made. The old backstop has been removed, anybody want some 1/4" steel plate, free for the moving.

Crab fishing closes Aug. 11, in Everett, Port Susan, Glendale areas

Action: The recreational crab fishery in the Everett, Port Susan, and Glendale area of Marine Area 8-2 will close August 11, 2003, until further notice.

Effective date: 9 p.m. August 11, 2003

Species affected: Dungeness and red rock crab

Location: The area to be closed includes all waters of Marine Area 8-2, except those waters of Saratoga Passage north of a line that extends from Camano Head on the southern tip of Camano Island southwesterly to Sandy Point on Whidbey Island. The closed area includes Port Susan, Port Gardner, and Possession Sound from Possession Point to Sandy Point.



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The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club was founded in 1934 by a group of fourteen men who had the foresight to see that sportsmen, in a united group, would present views, be better heard and achieve goals that were not possible when action as unorganized individuals. The ambitions of these charter members, who strove for the propagation of wildlife and habitat as well as the conservation of all our natural resources, has proven prophetic, for today multitudes of individuals and sporting groups are carrying on the job of conserving the remaining outdoor assets of natural America. The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club helps lead in this fight in the state of Washington. A member has the opportunity to join others in formulating club action in achieving and maintaining these goals.

However, "all work and no play" is not the format of the club. Many events are spaced throughout the year to insure a member many chances to participate in sportsmen's activities. For \$25, what more could a man ask than the opportunity to go salmon fishing with a group of his friends on a charter boat, fresh water fishing with other members and their families, have a salmon bake, a clam feed, or attend a banquet especially for the ladies. But there's more - he can shoot on the club range, go rabbit hunting, and if nothing else, should get \$25 worth just by watching the kids of the community have a real ball at the Kid's Fishing Derby. To sum it all up, a guy gets at least a hundred dollars worth of fun out of a year's membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

I, _____ of _____, Washington, being interested in the propagation and conservation of game birds, game animals, and fish in the State of Washington, do hereby apply for membership in the WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB and tender herewith the sum of \$ _____ in payment of one year's dues.

"I solemnly swear that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club and help in its up-building and I will not willfully disobey the Game Laws wherever I fish or hunt. I will always be a true sportsman both in the field and to my brother members at all times.

Signed _____
Street Address _____
City _____, Zip _____
Phone _____
Recommended by _____

Smelt Fishing

August 8-10

by Jerry Mascio

Fishing - We will be fishing at Beach 4, just north of milepost 160 on Hwy 101. Best time to fish is just before and after high tide. High tide will be:

- Friday – 10:36 AM
- Saturday – 11:38 AM
- Sunday – 12:31 PM

We'll probably be fishing by 9:00 AM and fish until we get tired of hauling them in or get bored from not hauling them in. If we catch a lot of smelt, we'll have to clean them, so plan on a few hours of fun. Bring scissors.

Nets – you can make a net, borrow a net, or just buy one at the Forks Triftway for \$19.95

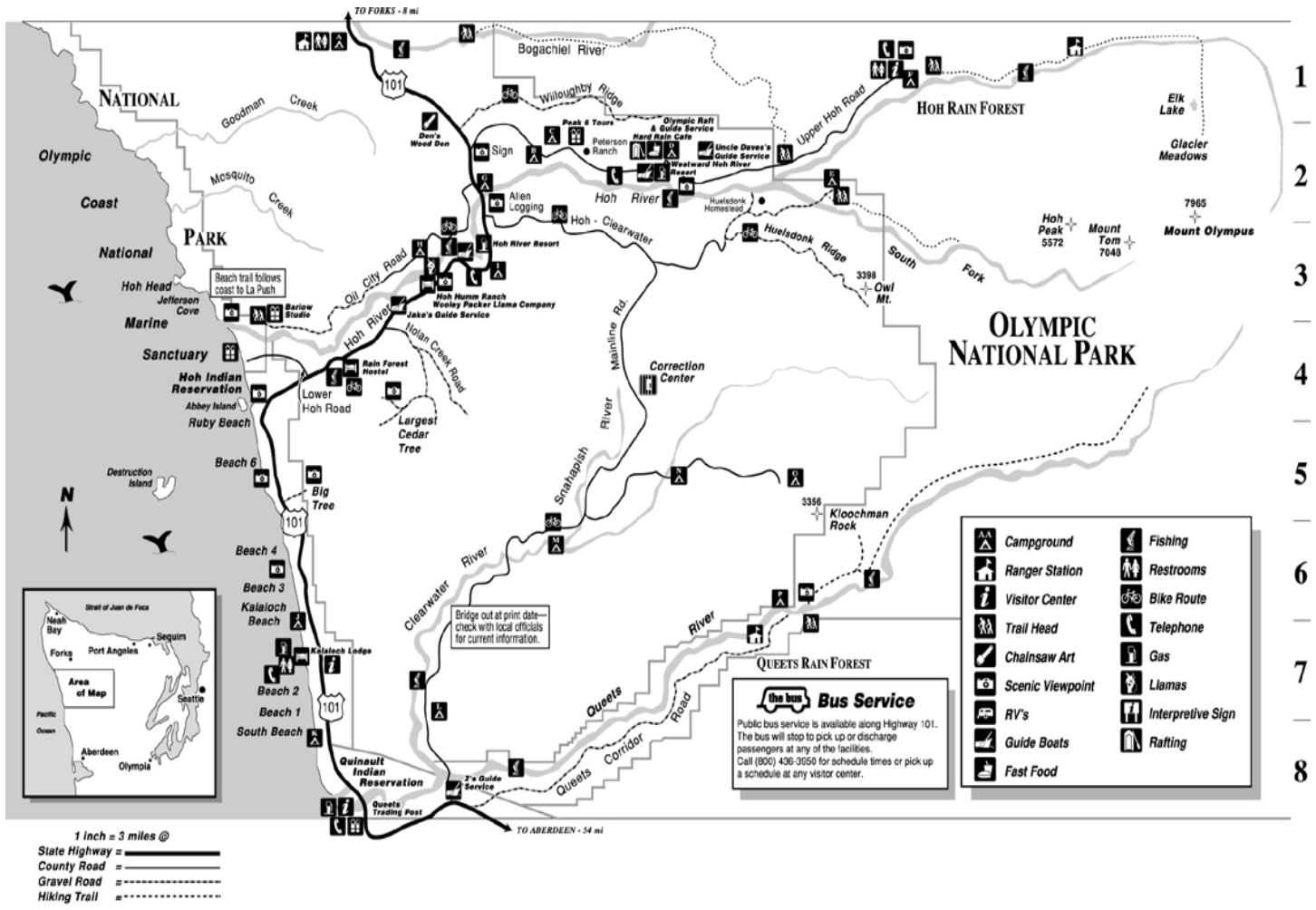
Lodging – we have reserved several R/V and tent sites at the Hoh River Resort, located between milepost 175 and 176 on Hwy 101. There is also the Hoh Hum Ranch (just south of milepost 172) which offers rooms and a full farm breakfast for \$35 per night.

Attractions and events – there is much to see and do in this part of the Olympic Peninsula. There are fishing charter boats out of La Push, guided river fishing, kayak trips, the rain forest, Forks Street Fair, and more. I recommend looking up more information on the internet. Search for Forks, or Hoh River. Also try www.northolympic.com/wjc for lots of information and a nice map of the area.

Pot Luck Dinner - we hope to be frying our freshly caught smelt Saturday evening, accompanied by whatever you wish to bring to the table.

Fire wood – no need to bring firewood, I have located the mother of fire wood piles very near our camp, so we'll load up then.

Directions – Going south : I-5 to exit 104 (Ocean Beaches), follow through Aberdeen, Hoquim and then to Hwy 101 Forks-Port Angeles. Going North: Take ferry to Bainbridge or Kingston, over Hood Canal Bridge, through Port Angeles, follow signs to Forks. The campground is about 15 miles south of Forks and Beach 4 is about 15



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Chinook retention from Sekiu to Port Angeles closes Aug. 4

OLYMPIA - Although chinook salmon retention from Sekiu to Port Angeles will be closing Aug. 4, fishing for abundant pink salmon and hatchery coho salmon will remain open, and is expected to provide excellent fishing opportunities throughout the summer.

The chinook fishery is closing because Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) fisheries managers expect the 3,500 hatchery chinook quota to be reached by that date.

“We were able to provide one month of fishing opportunity for hatchery chinook salmon, while at the same time protecting wild stocks in the area,” said WDFW Salmon Manager Tim Flint. “By all accounts, this first-ever selective chinook fishery in marine waters was a success.”

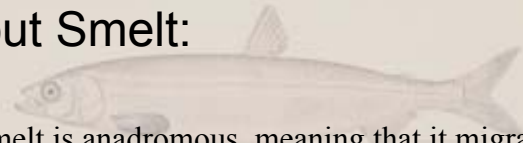
The fishery, which opened July 5 in Marine Area 5 and the western portion of Marine Area 6, was scheduled to run through Aug. 14, or until 3,500 hatchery chinook salmon had been landed, whichever came first.

Through July 27, an estimated 2,450 hatchery chinook had been taken in the fishery, along with approximately 4,600 hatchery coho and 1,700 pink salmon.

Chinook catch estimates for this week’s fishery will be assessed early next week and an announcement will be made by Wednesday, Aug. 6, if additional chinook fishing is possible.

Flint said catch rates for coho salmon and pink salmon should be improving through August.

About Smelt:



The smelt is anadromous, meaning that it migrates from its North American saltwater habitat to spawn in fresh water. It’s a small (average 4 to 7 inches long) fish with a translucent silver-green back shading into shimmering silver sides and belly. Its delicate flesh is rich, oily and mild-flavored. There are many varieties of this fish, the most widely distributed being the **rainbow smelt**, found along the Atlantic coast. Two popular Pacific Coast varieties are **whitebait** and **eulachon**. The latter is also called **candlefish**, a nickname that came about because Indians would dry these high-fat fish, run a wick through the flesh and use them for candles. Fresh smelts are best from September through May. Because they’re very perishable, many are now flash-frozen immediately after being caught. They are also available canned. Smelts are marketed whole and are usually eaten that way — head, viscera and bones. Though they can be cooked in a variety of ways, they’re generally simply coated with flour and fried.



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