



# The West Seattle Sportsman

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## Youth Conservation Camp

The deadline is nearing for turning in essays for Conservation Camp club sponsorship. One boy and one girl will be sponsored by the club to go to Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. Conservation Camp is held in July with girls going July 18-24 and boys going July 25-31. Children will participate in training and field activities such as Wildlife & Habitat Management, Firearm & Archery Safety, Hiking & Outdoor Survival, Fly Tying & Casting, Ecology & Water Safety, First Aid & CPR, and Leadership & Team Work. As a way to determine whom we will send, we will have a little essay-writing contest. All your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews need to do is write in 100 words or less "Why I Want To Go

To Camp" and turn it into the board of trustees by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The board of trustees will select 1 boy and 1 girl from the entries received as the winners. The contest is open to all children ages 12 to 16. Entries may be turned in, to any officer or trustee on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> or by mailing to:

West Seattle Sportsmen's Club  
P.O. Box 16258  
Seattle, WA 98116

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 28<sup>th</sup> 2004.

This camp offers a wonderful learning experience for children so even if your child does not win you may want to send him or her on your own. If you are interested you may contact Marian Barker @ 253-761-0306 or Lonnie McCann @ 253-531-4072.....

## Annual Club Clam Dig and Bake

The Annual Club Clam Bake will be at 6:00 PM Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Alki Beach, shelter by the statue. This will be in lieu of the regular club meeting. The suggested donation will be \$5.00 per adult. Any shellfish you would like to contribute would be most appreciated. We are also having a Clam Digging party on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> at Steve Patnode's place on Hood Canal. Contact Steve for directions. We can really use as much help as possible digging clams as this helps keep down what we need to buy for the event.....

## Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby

Our annual Fresh Water Fishing Derby to Bowman Bay (near Deception Pass on the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) is almost here. We only have a couple sites left, so if you are planning to go, and have not already done so, call Jerry at 206-937-3614 let him know ASAP.

Our tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday:

7:00 PM Scavenger Hunt (Kid's).

8:00 PM Drop Crayfish pots at Pass Lake.

### Saturday

Dawn Till 2:30 PM Fishing Derby, also pick up and drop Crayfish Pots.

4:00 PM Pick up Crayfish Pots.

4:30 PM Kid's Crayfish Race.

5:00 PM Drop Pots again.

7:00 PM Potluck Dinner & Awards Presentation.

### Sunday

9:00 AM Pick up Crayfish pots.

10:00 AM Crayfish boil and feast.

Event prizes include a Rod and Reel plus much much more.

The Fishing Derby will be judged by longest fresh water fish caught and most fresh water fish caught (to limit) in both kids and adult class. In the event of a tie names will drawn to select the winner.

Hope to see you all there!

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## Crab season scheduled to begin June 1, 2004 in many Puget Sound regions

OLYMPIA - Recreational crab fishing is scheduled to open June 1 in much of Puget Sound, according to biologists with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

For the first time since 2000, opening dates for recreational crab fisheries were established prior to the fishing season, following a multi-year effort to determine annual molt timing for each area of Puget Sound.

"Recent crab shell hardness testing has shown the molt is occurring as predicted in most areas, but crab fishers should be aware that opening dates could be delayed in certain areas if the molting process doesn't continue on schedule," said WDFW shellfish biologist Rich Childers.

"Our goal is to provide recreational crab fishers with a fixed opening day of the season. However, crab shell molting is driven by unpredict-

able natural processes that can vary from year to year," Childers said.

Another change in Puget Sound crab management this year is the addition of a \$3 Puget Sound Dungeness crab endorsement fee. Funds will be used to support recreational fishery sampling and enhancement.

Childers said no other changes are expected for recreational crab fisheries this season. Bag limits and daily and weekly fishing schedules are expected to remain the same throughout the 2004-05 management period.

Areas scheduled to open to crab fishing June 1 include:

- The western Strait of Juan de Fuca (marine areas 4 and 5)
- Admiralty Inlet (Marine Area 9)
- Hood Canal (Marine Area 12)
- Central and southern Puget Sound (marine areas 10, 11 and 13).

Waters "inside" Whidbey Island (marine areas 8-1 and 8-2) are scheduled to open Fridays through

Mondays beginning June 4, while the extreme eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and the southern portion of the San Juan Islands (Marine Area 6 and a portion of Marine Area 7) are expected to open June 16. The remainder of the San Juan Islands and waters north of the islands will open later in the summer. Details of all the scheduled opening dates and additional crab-fishing information can be found on page 130 of WDFW's 2004-05 "Fishing in Washington" sport fishing rules pamphlet.

Recreational crab fishing in each marine area will remain open until that individual area's quota has been reached. Childers said a dramatic increase in the sport catch of Dungeness crab has led to shorter fishing seasons in recent years. The total recreational Dungeness crab catch for Puget Sound for the 1996-97 season was 806,000 pounds, compared to an estimated 1.6 million pounds in 2003-04. All Puget Sound crab fishers 15 years of age or older must have an annual shellfish/seaweed license. A catch record card for recording Dungeness crab is required for all crab fishers, regardless of age. The daily limit is six male Dungeness crab that measure at least 6 1/4 inches across. Crab fishing regulations are updated as necessary at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm> on the Internet, or via the shellfish rule change hotline, at 1-866-880-5431.

## Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Jun 5-6	Tacoma	Schutzenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 12-13	Tacoma	CanAm Prone
Jun 26-27	Puyallup	NRA 3-P Regional
Jul 10-11	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial Prone
Aug 20-22	Tacoma	State Smallbore Int. Camp & PTO
Sept 11	Puyallup	State 4-H Championship
Sept 11-12	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sept 18-19	Tacoma	State Outdoor International Championship

## Lake Washington sockeye salmon fishery public meeting

OLYMPIA - With a good chance of a summertime fishery for sockeye salmon in Lake Washington, fisheries managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) want anglers' help in shaping the possible season.

The department has set a public meeting for June 8 at the

WDFW office in Mill Creek to hear angler preferences on daily bag limits, days of the week for the fishery and other regulations, said Tim Flint, WDFW statewide salmon resource manager.

"This will be an informational meeting only," Flint said. "No decisions about the fishery will be made until later this summer."

State and tribal fisheries co-managers won't schedule fisheries until they determine that the run will exceed 350,000 sockeye based on counts at the Ballard Locks. This year's forecast for sockeye is 485,000 fish, with the peak of the run coming in mid-July.

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# THE WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

## SPONSORS OF THE ROGER DAHL RIFLE TRAINING RANGE

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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 person 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.

### Events Calendar

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Clam Dig  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Clam Bake at Alki  
 June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - Bowman Bay Outing  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> - Craw fishing Lake Washington (Tentative)  
 July 7<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting/Shoot & Toot  
 July 11<sup>th</sup> - Hi Yu Kids' Fishing Derby  
 Aug 6<sup>th</sup> - Salmon Bake Lincoln Park  
 Aug 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Smelting Trip  
 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. You may contact us at:  
[info@westseattlesportsmen.org](mailto:info@westseattlesportsmen.org)

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

 Renewal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

(New Only)

If you would like to receive the Club News Letter by email check here.



*Lake Washington sockeye continued from page 2*

The meeting is set for 7-9 p.m. at the WDFW Mill Creek office, 16018 Mill Creek Blvd. Biologists from WDFW, the tribes and other institutions have been studying the behavior of Lake Washington sockeye and will present some results of those studies at the Mill Creek evening meeting.

One example of these investigations is the work conducted by University of Washington researcher Jenny Newell, who has been tracking radio tagged adult sockeye as they migrate through the locks. That research will be conducted again this summer, and anglers will be asked to help in identifying tagged fish that might be caught if a fishery is opened this summer.

The last Lake Washington sockeye fishery occurred in July 2002, when about 10,000 anglers participated each day of the three-day fishery and caught more than 36,000 fish.

**STOLEN!!!**

15' Koffler drift boat and Shorelander trailer. Boat has a cut out in the stern for an outboard and a new aluminum seat welded in the rear and painted black. The trailer has a newer trailer jack on it and shorelander stickers on either side of the center rail. It's a regular boat trailer, not a drift boat trailer. Hull I.D. # BKA001680984, registration number is WN9543RH in two inch letters on the bow, the trailer license #9549MR, trailer I.D. number WA98199195. if you see it call Tom at 206-935-1064 or 911 and let them know where it is. incident # 04-155301. Thanks, Tom.

**Stuff For Sale**

**Wanted** 23 foot Travel Trailer call Jerry at 206-719-3528.



**For Sale** Lowrance LMS350A GPS/ Fishfinder. Transom mount transducer and 5 channel external GPS head. \$400.00. Contact Cam Robinson at 206-431-8337.

**For Sale** Texan, FW, 12 GA., Manual Reloading Press. The only thing missing are the tops to the powder and shot tubes, otherwise it's in real good shape. Call Tom at 206-935-1064, Evenings, or just leave a message. Price is \$50.00

If you have something you would like to list in this section please send an email to "info@westseattlesportsmen.org" listing the item or items you would like to sell, the price, and your contact information. Put "Stuff For Sale" in the Subject line of your email. Keep in mind that this comes out only once a month. In order to be listed in the coming month's newsletter you will need to have your ad emailed to us no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.....



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