



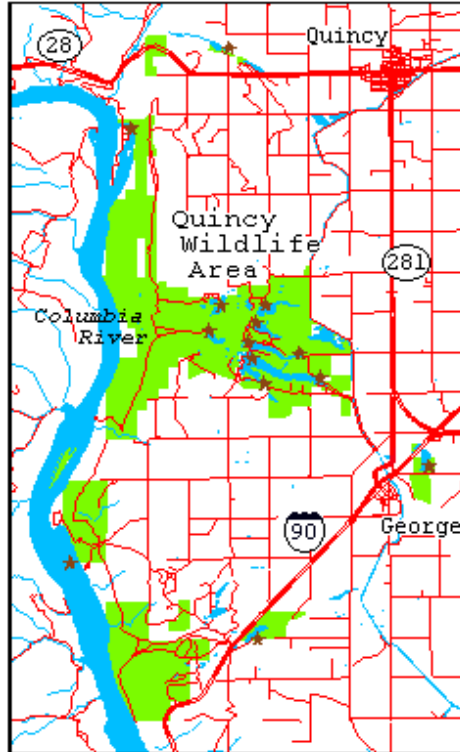
The West Seattle Sportsman

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First Club Outing of 2005

At the next Club Meeting we will be planning our first club outing of the year. This will be a trip to the Quincy Lakes Wildlife Area near Quincy Washington. This 15,266-acre area has a number of lakes such as Ancient, Burke, Cree, Dusty, Evergreen Reservoir, Flat, Stan Coffin and Quincy just to name a few. Fish species include yellow perch, crappie, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and rainbow trout. Burke, Quincy and Dusty lakes are seasonal trout waters open Mar. 1 through Jul. 31. All 3 of these offer excellent fishing for rainbows ranging from 10 to 16 inches. But don't be surprised if you hook a trout or two that's even bigger. These lakes have been known to give up rainbows over 5 lbs.

The geology of this area is a product of erosion of lava flows by glacial flood waters. The many layers of basalt are exposed in towering 800-foot cliffs, isolated mesas, stair-stepped benches, box canyons, and potholes. Several of



the potholes are filled with water that has seeped from the irrigation of the Quincy Basin farmlands upslope. These wetlands, ponds and lakes have

added important habitat diversity to this area. Most of the Quincy Lakes Unit is well-vegetated with perennial plants. Big sage/bluebunch wheatgrass is the most common plant community. These small lakes, potholes, and seeps are home to Canada geese, mallards, red-heads, canvasbacks, ringnecks, ruddy ducks, gadwalls, blue and greenwing teal, shovelers, pintails, goldeneyes, and wood ducks. Shorebirds abound and Caspian terns, pelicans, sandhill cranes, swans, and many other rare birds are seen. Ring-billed gulls, Brewer's, red-winged, and yellow-headed blackbirds, killdeer, meadowlarks, and horned larks are found. Game birds including pheasant, chukar and Hungarian partridge, and quail are common. Whether you want to fish, sight see, bird watch, or just get out of the city this should prove to be a fun outing. There are a number of camping areas near the lakes some where you can camp right on the lake shore. A tentative date for this trip is April 15th thru the 17th. †

Found at Big Game Dinner

Found women's watch, describe to claim, call Cam at 206-431-8337. †

Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby

It's time to start thinking about our June Fresh Water Fishing outing to Bowman Bay near Deception Pass. Jerry has made reservations at Bowman Bay State Park for the weekend of June 10th - 12th. The cost is \$39.00 for Friday and Saturday night or \$23 for just Saturday night. Contact Jerry Mascio @ 206-937-3614 to reserve a spot. All spots are on a first come first serve bases and in order to secure our spots at this popular camp ground we need to collect money to send in ASAP. This has always been a fun outing for all with special events for the kids. †

Club Meeting

We will be having our Club Meeting Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 PM. Fred Burr will give us a brief talk on fishing in the Quincy Lakes Wildlife area. This area offers fishing, camping, bird watching and hiking. We will then plan our April club trip to this area.

Jerry will be bringing leftovers from the Big Game dinner for all to eat. We will have fixings for sub sandwiches and of course the left over meatloaf and elk roast. We also have chips and salsa that did not get used at the dinner. Rolf may still have some more smoked salmon left and we still have a few pies to eat as well.

See you all at the meeting. †

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New Rules On Incidental Catch Rate & For Bringing Fish Home From Canada

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will have more flexibility in managing the commercial fishery for spring chinook salmon that gets under way later this month or in early March on the Columbia River.

Meeting Feb. 4-5, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission increased the maximum amount of wild winter steelhead that could be caught inadvertently during the commercial salmon fishery from 2 percent to 4 percent of the total run.

WDFW fishery managers, who requested the change, said they hoped to hold the bycatch of wild winter steelhead well below that level.

In other action, the Commission approved new rules pertaining to sport fishers bringing fish caught in Canada back to Washington state and adopted some minor changes to sportfishing rules for the 2005-06 season.

The Commission's action on the incidental catch issue followed a determination by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that a commercial bycatch of up to 6 percent of the wild winter steelhead returning to the Columbia River would not jeopardize recovery of those runs, many of which are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

By law, no wild steelhead can be retained by commercial or recreational fishers on the Columbia River or its tributaries.

Commission Chair Ron Ozment said the 4 percent ceiling on the commercial bycatch will help WDFW avoid an early closure of the commercial salmon fishery while holding the incidental catch of wild steelhead below the ESA threshold approved by NOAA.

"Obviously, the Commission would rather see no wild steelhead taken during the fishery," Ozment said. "But we, like the department, have a responsibility to maintain viable fisheries as well as viable fish populations. This action is designed to strike a balance between those two responsibilities, with a clear intent to take another look at the situation next year."

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled to consider the same issue Feb. 11.

In the past two years, the incidental catch of wild winter steelhead by Washington's commercial fleet has been 1 percent or less during the spring chinook fishery, said Jeff Koenings, WDFW director. All vessels are required to have "recovery boxes" on board to revive fish caught unintentionally, he said.

"There are times, however, when the incidental catch starts to rise, and there are still plenty of spring chinook remaining to be caught," Koenings said. "Clearly, we want to hold the incidental catch as low as possible, but the Commission's action gives us the flexibility we need to make the best possible decisions."

With regard to bringing fish caught in Canadian waters into Washington, Ozment said the new rules are designed to accommodate vacationing sport fishers

while also protecting wild salmon stocks in northern Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

"On one hand, we want to make sure anglers who vacation in British Columbia can bring home their catch," Ozment said. "On the other hand, we don't want to encourage people to run their boats into Canadian waters - where the rules generally aren't as protective of wild salmon - and then bring those freshly caught fish into Washington."

To address these issues, new rules approved by the Commission will:

- Allow anglers to land salmon that has been caught in Canadian waters in Washington ports that is frozen or heat processed (kippered, smoked, boiled or canned). Anglers are advised to check Canadian regulations to make sure they are in compliance.
- Require anyone possessing food fish or shellfish caught in Canadian waters to have a valid Canadian sport fishing license and catch record card when entering state waters or a Washington port.
- Prohibit anyone boating in state waters or entering Washington ports from possessing or delivering fresh salmon caught in Canada unless those fish meet the state's salmon regulations for that marine area. An exception is made if the vessel operator has a customs clearance number obtained while moored at a Canadian customs dock in one of five Canadian ports: Ucluelet, Victoria, White Rock, Sydney and Bedwell Harbor.

In addition, the Commission approved a variety of minor changes to 2005-06 sportfishing rules that include:

- Adding Dolly Varden and bull trout to the list of species that may not be totally removed from fresh waters unless it is

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Mar 5-6	Olympia	Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-P C'ship (West)
Mar 12-13	West Seattle	Junior 3-P & 3-P Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 20	Shelton	State 4-P Championship (West)
Mar 26	West Seattle	Cub Match (prone & kneeling)
Apr 23	Puyallup	Junior International 3-P PTO
May 6	Wenatchee	Junior air rifle match
May 7-8	Wenatchee	Jr. Outdoor Championships
May 21-22	Ariel	3-position PTO (60-40-40)

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6 PM
Tuesday - Winter Rifle League
Wednesday - Juniors - Call Fred Burr at 206-935-4883 for information.
Cost: Adult members \$2.00, non-members \$4.00, Juniors \$1.00.

The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club

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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 actioned 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

Mar 2nd - Club Meeting
 Mar 6th-8th Razor Claming Open
 Apr 6th - Club Meeting
 Apr 15th-17th - Quincy Fishing Trip
 Jun 1st - Clam Bake
 Jun 10th-12th - Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby
 July - Aug - Smelting
 Aug 4th - Salmon Bake

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

New

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 newsletter by email check here.



Hunting & Fishing Maps Available online

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has added a new internet-based mapping feature to their web site. "GoHunt" is the most comprehensive mapping source the agency has. It will allow you to produce customized maps, get detailed Game Management Unit maps, and view a variety of outdoor recreation related information. While much of the program is focused on providing hunting related information, GoHunt will also be very helpful for other outdoor recreation activities. As an example, you can view WDFW water access sites for fishing or wildlife viewing opportunities.

GoHunt Website:

www.wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt

I Tried the site out and was very impressed at the detail of the maps and what features you could turn off and on. †

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legal to retain them. An exception was made from the portion of the Columbia River downstream of the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line.

- Making it illegal to take, fish for, or possess Pacific, western brook and river lamprey statewide.
- Closing the area within 500 yards of the Toliva Shoal buoy near the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to fishing for food fish or game fish during most of the year. An exception was made for the period from May 1 to June 15, although any rockfish must be released.
- Limiting anglers to one single-pointed barbless hook when fishing for sturgeon.
- Opening all marine areas of Puget Sound to shrimp fishing on the first Saturday in May along with a number of other regulations for specific areas.

These and other new fishing regulations will appear in the 2005-06 Fishing in Washington pamphlet. †

Stuff For Sale



For Sale - Lowrance LMS350A

GPS/Fishfinder. Transom mount transducer and 5 channel external GPS head. \$400.00. Contact Cam Robison at 206-431-8337.

For Sale - Mossberg 12 gage, model 500, slide action, with (2) barrels, (1) 30" Full choke, (1) 28" with Accu-Choke (Full, Modified, and Improved), both accept 3" shells. Like new one scratch, used very little. Asking \$300 contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - SKB 410 gage, over and under, both barrel chokes' skeet. \$500 firm. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

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 20th of the prior month. †



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