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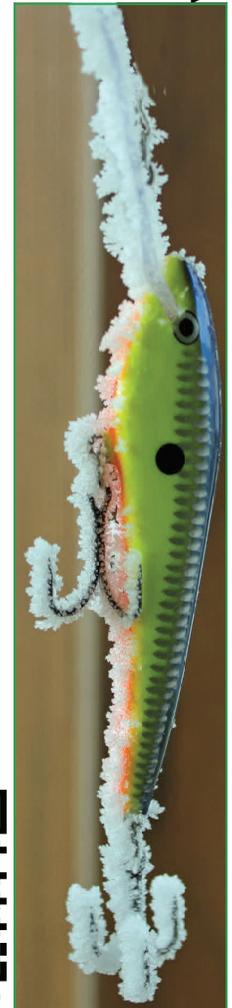


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issue of this news-letter is April 23rd

*Welcome
to
2014!*



George hands over the official scratch paper gavel to our new fearless leader. Welcome Tim!!

I would like to thank not only George on a great two years, but also to the club for giving me the opportunity to be president.

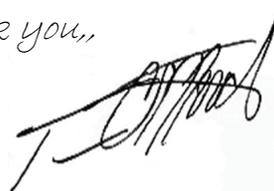
I find myself wondering what happened to 2013. It seems like it just started, now we are into February 2014.

It looks like 2014 is going to be a busy year with projects, tournaments, picnics, and so much more.

With the coming months there will be a lot of opportunities to volunteer for different projects such as The Big-horn Show, Kids Fishing etc. Without your help it is hard to accomplish our projects and goals, so Ask not what your club can do for you, but what can you do for your club.

Please help your Club and Volunteer!

Thank you,,



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MARCH						1 CABELAS DAYS 9AM
2 CABELAS DAYS 9AM	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting	20 BIG	21 HORN	22 SHOW
23 WKND	24	25	26 General Meeting	27	28	29
30	31	March is the deadline for membership renewals. Don't put it off and forget. Please mail in your completed membership form and funds to stay current.				

APRIL		1	2 rod building	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 rod building	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Board Meeting	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 General Meeting	When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.		

	Moon phase	Date	Time
<div style="text-align: center;"><h3 style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">Speaker/s</h3></div> <p>March</p> <p>Mr. Brent Nichols, the new Head of Fisheries for the Spokane Tribe will speak regarding the walleye fishery in Lake Roosevelt and the tribes desire for our help in determining current populations by participating in a tagging day.</p> <p>April</p> <p>Tony McCalmant, Pro-Staff at ALX Rods, Brick Squad at Legend Boats and Pro Team at Mercury Marine, will give us the run down on some bass fishing in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Board meetings</u> 6:00 PM at the Inland NW Wildlife Council Bldg. on North Market, (just south of Francis) all members welcome • <u>General meetings</u> 7:00 PM at the Inland NW Wildlife Council Bldg. on North Market, (just south of Francis) all members <u>and all visitors</u> welcome 	New moon	March 1, 2014	01:02:41 AM
	First quarter	March 8, 2014	06:27:08 AM
	Full moon	March 16, 2014	10:10:46 AM
	Last quarter	March 23, 2014	06:47:36 PM
	New moon	March 30, 2014	11:48:06 AM
	First quarter	April 7, 2014	01:31:44 AM
	Full moon	April 15, 2014	12:45:18 AM
	Last quarter	April 22, 2014	12:53:06 AM
	New moon	April 28, 2014	11:17:37 PM



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Unless you're out on big water, its' time for some hard water action. Perch like these 9-11 inchers are available on many local waters. These succumbed to the skill of Allan Walker down on Lind Coulee of Pot-holes Reservoir. 30 fish days were his norm. They will end up in some Jambalaya to keep things warm on a winter evening.

GET-UR-ARZES IN HERE

Volunteers Needed

Kids Fishin' rod assembly will be held at the INWC building on April 2nd from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

and again on the 16th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm if we need to.

We will be needing all the help we can get as we have 1200 rods to assemble.

I will try to have snacks and water available.

Thank You,
Tim Clifford

FALL CAMP-OUT NOTICE

The fall camp-out and picnic will not be at the group site at Fort Spokane this year. (Current plans are for a return to Fort Spokane in 2015.) I repeat, the fall camp-out this year, 2014, will be at Keller Ferry campground.

If you're planning on making it to the clubs fall picnic and camp-out, please mark your calendar. You need to reserve your own campsite at Keller Ferry for this event.

We can make reservations as early as March 18th for the fall picnic/camp-out which will be held Sept. 18th-22nd.

Go to recreation.gov to make your reservations. Keep your receipt so the club can reimburse you for the campsite fees.

Make sure to be there. Fishing, fun, and good food are all in store for the four day event. If you can't make the whole campout, make the pot luck picnic on Saturday.

Tackle Craft

Our general meetings in the month of November will be tackle craft sessions unless otherwise noted. It's a great time to learn how to make lures for walleye fishing from those that know how, as well as the perfect time to start putting together some tackle for the annual raffle fundraiser which immediately follows in December-March.





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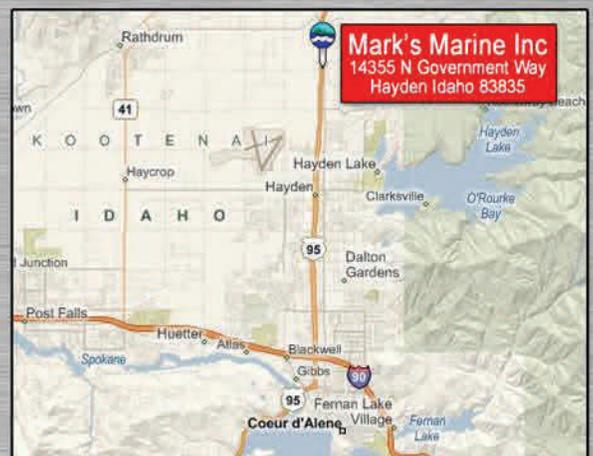
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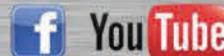
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Walleye Population Survey in Lake Roosevelt

Justin Seibert and Brent Nichols, Spokane Tribal Fisheries

Spokane Tribal Fisheries is interested in conducting a population estimate for Walleye in Lake Roosevelt in an attempt understand what is causing the population to be stunted and how the new regulation changes may be affecting the population. Spokane Tribal Fisheries is looking to the Walleye Club members for help in conducting this population estimate on Walleye. First we would like to give an introduction on why and how population estimates for Walleye are needed and what our intentions are.



In order to conduct a population estimate for Walleye, a mark and subsequent recapture event is needed. A Mark/Recapture study works by scheduling multiple events where a set number of anglers are on the water for a designated amount of time. This is called our "Effort" and all Walleye caught are measured, weighed and then tagged with floy tags. These "marked" individuals are released back into the reservoir alive. This process will be repeated in two weeks after the initial sampling date and then a third time 6 weeks after the initial sampling date. Mark-Recapture gives us an idea of the population size based on the percentage of "recaptures" that are seen throughout the survey. If we catch a high percentage of individuals with tags, it means that there is a small population, and if we catch a low percentage of fish with tags this means there is a larger population. Based on these percentages we can get an estimate of how many fish are within the reservoir. This can then be used along with creel information to see what percentage of the population is being removed each year.

Walleye populations can handle a certain amount of exploitation and in some cases exploitation is needed for the population to be healthy. Right now, we suspect that the Walleye population is overabundant resulting in the majority of fish being short and skinny. On average in Lake Roosevelt we are seeing 4-5 year old Walleye in the 14 to 16 inch range that weigh a little over one pound. Now, compare that to other Walleye fisheries (Potholes, Moses Lake) where the average 4-5 year old Walleye is in the 20 to 22 inch range and weighs 4-5 pounds. An increase in the harvest (catch & keep) rate of Walleye on Lake Roosevelt should result in an increased growth and overall health of the remaining Walleye population. This is a case where exploitation can be a benefit to the fishery.

Alright, so we bet you're thinking right now that exploitation is a bad thing and we should release fish so they grow up to be bigger. There are situations where this is correct, however in other situations this may actually hurt the fishery. Just think about it this way; you are growing up in a family that has 10 siblings and there is a limited supply of food for each meal that needs to be split up between all of the siblings. This leaves some, or all, of the siblings not getting enough food and their growth will be slow and they will appear skinny and malnourished. However, if the same amount of food is divided up between fewer siblings, such as three, then they will all get enough food and will exhibit normal growth and development. The same thing is occurring with the Walleye population where there is an X amount of food and a lot of individuals competing for that food, most will not get enough to reach their growth potential and will appear "stunted." Stunted populations result in a lot of individuals in the small size class but older age groups. If you have a more balanced population and the same amount of food these populations will have plenty to eat and can reach their growth potential and be "fat and happy." However, there are always exceptions where some Walleye reach large sizes. Once these individual reach a certain size they can eat a wider variety of prey and because there are fewer of these larger fish competing for food they tend to be very healthy.

The objectives of this study is to supplement our annual Lake Roosevelt Fall Walleye Index surveys where the data is showing us that our populations are stunted in an effort to ascertain the size of the population and how much exploitation is occurring. We want to understand what the best options are to improve the walleye fishery and understand how the regulation changes are affecting it. Lake Roosevelt is a very large system and Walleye will always be a part of the system. Managing the population appropriately will increase the growth and size of the individuals caught and the overall health of the population. The big question that remains and how do we make these determinations.

This is where we need the Walleye Clubs help. Because Lake Roosevelt is such a large reservoir it will take a lot of effort in order to tag enough fish to get a good estimate of the population. Therefore, who else better to ask for help than people who know how to catch Walleye? We are looking for anglers to participate in a mark-recapture survey starting sometime in April and concluding in early June. This would involve a day of fishing in mid-April where all Walleye caught would be returned to the boat launch and the fish would be tagged and then released. The survey would be repeated 14 days later and then again 28 days after the second survey. The success of this study will depend on the angler's ability to keep the fish alive after catch and during transport; which is why we are asking the experts for assistance.

We will be attending the March meeting to present more of a detailed survey plan and discuss reporting the results of the survey in a future edition of the newsletter.



Set the hook on more tacos



Total prep time one hour

Caper White Sauce for Fish Tacos

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Juice from one lime
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp dill weed
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- rounded 1/2 tsp capers - rinsed and minced
- 1 fresh jalapeno minced (seeds removed)
- 1 rounded T chopped fresh cilantro



Mix all sauce ingredients together at least one hour before use, store in refrigerator.

(if sauce is too thick for your taste add more lime juice, and if too thin add a bit more sour cream)

Use this sauce with super thin sliced cabbage on top of sautéed or deep fried Walleye cheeks or pieces, then nestled in corn tortillas which have been heated just a bit over an open flame. Serve with fresh lime wedges and cilantro. Now we're talkin'. Accompany with a cold beer or two. Tasty stuff



SWC is presenting Walleye seminars for Cabela's Great Outdoor Days

Saturday, March 1st

Washington Walleye Waters: Join the Spokane Walleye Club to discuss methods for catching walleyes in the Inland Northwest. Greg Koch will discuss eastern Washington's top walleye reservoirs and the peak seasons to fish them.

Sunday March 2nd

Jig Fishing for Walleyes: Learn about when, where, and how to catch walleyes with the Spokane Walleye Club. John Carruth is a the 2013 Washington State Walleye Championship tournament. John will talk about one of the most versatile and effective techniques for catching walleyes, the **JIG.**



Walleye Ladies group began several years ago when three of us gals decided to go out to dinner in the fall and winter months because we missed being together after the summer and fall campouts ended. It has become a very popular event and our numbers have grown. This fall we ate at Rock City Grill in September, Longhorn Barbecue in October, Anthony's at the Falls in January and Our Thai House in February. We have 8-15 gals at our dinners. We would like to extend an invitation to any of the ladies in the club to join us. Dinner is always held the third Monday of each month, usually at 6 PM. We will have dinners in March, April and May before the club's camping/fishing season begins. If you are interested and wish to be contacted, please email me.

Dianne Fischer at lightning9@q.com.



If you hit Moses Lake for some walleye you might want to try

- **Cascade Campground** - [2001 W Valley Road](#) is the Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Department's premier outdoor camping area, located at [Cascade Park](#).

General Information

The campground is open April through September.

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- Ice & firewood available for purchase during operational hours.
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Gear Swap: There is a table available at the General Meetings each month for members to swap/sell/unload no longer needed or wanted **SERVICE-ABLE** fishing related equipment.



Large items will need to be approved ahead of time by contacting:

Mr. Tom Fischer (509) 926-2071

Shopping, Shopping.....

Sportsman's Warehouse is returning to Spokane

The pre-permitting process has begun on property at 6720 N. Division for a new Sportsman's Warehouse. After restructuring following their bankruptcy in 2009 the Utah based outdoor and sports gear retailer is coming back to the Spokane marketplace.

The Division Street address puts them on the block where A&W, and Carl's eateries are, just north of Francis a bit, on the east side. Most of that block is currently vacant. If all goes well, they hope to be open in a year or more.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT IT NOW

IT'S MEMBERSHIP Renewal Time

Don't become a **HAS-BEEN** And have to start **All over**

March is our deadline to re-up.

**Limited out on Walleye already? Just for a little change-up-
Here's an introductory course on some other fun.**

Steelhead Fishing the Pacific Northwest

By Capt. Ron Sharp, of Oakeysmokes Fishing Guide Service

We in the Pacific Northwest are blessed with many species of fun to catch and delicious fish, providing us with many opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and the bounty of nature. Every fisherman has their favorite, and the hard fighting steelhead tops the list of many in our region.

Basically a subspecies of rainbow trout, steelhead are genetically engineered to be different from other trout by their urge to travel to the ocean as smolts, then return to their waters of origin to reproduce. Unlike salmon that all die after spawning, steelhead have the ability to return to the ocean to feed, put their weight back on, and develop new reproductive material to be able to repeat their anadromous journey several times in their lifetime.



It is because of this trait that coastal steelhead acquire a very large size, providing they continue to escape the gauntlet of predators that seek to make a meal out of them. We are blessed to have the Clearwater River B Run steelhead in our area that rival the coastal fish in size. It is rare, however, that our B run fish are in good enough condition to return to the ocean due to the expenditure of energy required to navigate the 8 dams and fish ladders, and over 400 miles to reach the Clearwater, Snake, Salmon and Grand Ronde rivers.



A Run steelhead, a smaller gene pool of steelhead, will average 3 to 6 lbs, and are the first steelhead to return to our area. They begin their return journey in June and July, with our local keep seasons starting September 1. Though small, these A Run fish are spunky and provide voracious strikes, jumps and tail-walking fight. The bigger steelhead, known as the B Runs, are much larger and show up a bit later in our area. Though a few early B runs will show up in September, most of the B run steelies arrive in October and November, with the keeper season on the Clearwater beginning October 15.

There are many effective ways to entice steelhead to bite, and the best way to prepare to fish for steelhead is to be diversified in your tackle offerings.

Bobber Fishing: One of the simplest and least expensive methods of steelhead fishing is to use a slip bobber with a bobber stop to control depth, an in-line weight to help pull your offering down, a leader about 18-30" tied to a 1/8 - 1/2 oz jig, depending on the depth of water you are fishing. This method works well to present a lone shrimp or cluster of cured eggs, as well. In deep pools, fish 5 to 15 feet below the bobber. A little breeze and chop on the water helps put a little jig motion to your bait. Bobber goes under....set the hook.

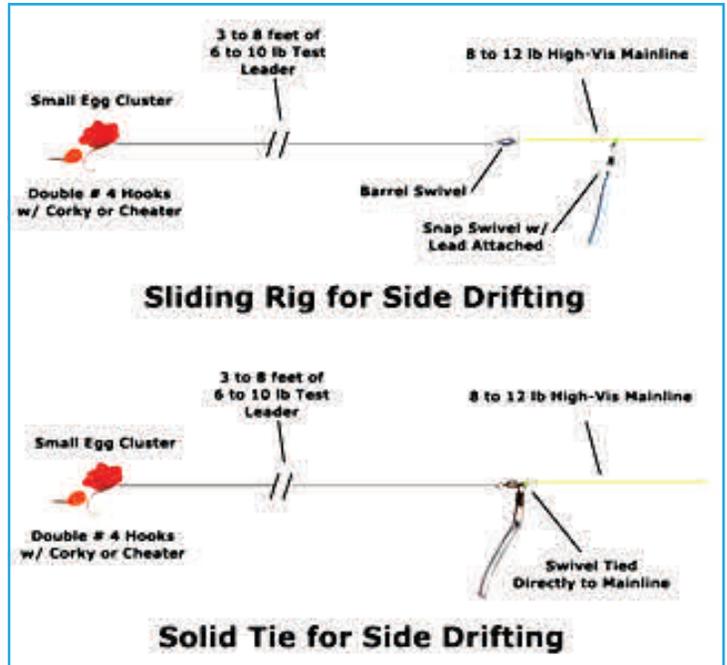


Side drifting: Using a slinky weight or pencil lead with a 30 to 40" leader with a corky and yarn with a piece of shrimp or egg cluster, you can fish this method from a boat or from shore. Casting 45 degrees upstream and letting your weight gently tick along the bottom, your bait presentation drifts with the current in a more natural speed just above bottom where shallow river steelhead will be lying. If your presentation "hangs up" or hesitates longer than a second or two... set the hook. With this method, a steelhead will only keep it in it's mouth for a short time before spitting it out.

Back trolling: In moving rivers, such as the Clearwater, Snake, Salmon and Grand Ronde, backtrolling plugs or bait is a very effective method of taking steelhead. Plugs, such as Wiggle Warts, Tadpollies, Hot-N-Tots, Hot Shots, Hog Boss, and the new Maglips are great for steelhead. The key, in my opinion, is a piece of or whole shrimp on the front hook of your plug. Put the plug 85 to 100 feet behind the boat and work the plug slowly side to side through the holes, allowing your boat to slowly work back about 15 to 20 feet before you work it side to side again. In this method, steelhead will often shy away and move downstream from your bait. When they get pushed to the bottom of the hole where it shallows up, they will often become agitated and will then strike out of territorial defense. When fishing plugs it is important to WAIT for the fish to pull that rod all the way back and start pounding. If you set the hook too soon you will pull it out of their mouth.

Divers with Bait: Divers and bait are a very effective method of fishing for steelhead. In my opinion, bait is critical in consistently catching steelhead. Curing your bait will make it last longer, tougher, and able to reuse it several times. Depending on the depth of water you are fishing, Jet Divers are available that will take your bait to various depths. 10, 20, 30 40 and 50 feet depths are marked on the divers. Magnum Hot-N-Tots are often used by steelheaders to present sand shrimp, prawns or roe clusters and will produce a slight vibration or shake in your bait presentation. Other than the side drifting method, all the other methods mentioned will work forward trolling in the slack water impoundments above the Columbia and Snake River dams. The key to presenting anything to steelhead is slow...slow...slow.

Night Fishing: Steelhead are most active and aggressive in water that is around 50 to 52 degrees. September temperatures are often much warmer than that, and as a result, night fishing with lighted or luminescent lures or lighted jigs and bobbers is very productive as they are hunkering deep in the day, then come up when air and water temperatures drop in the evening. Night fishing is still effective even into the late fall and winter months, but as waters cool, the other methods become effective during the day, as well. When water temperatures drop to below 45 degrees steelhead slow way down in their upstream migration efforts, and when it drops below 40, they pretty much stop moving upstream altogether. During the winter, many steelhead will pocket up in deeper water to wait the winter out, moving upstream when a surge of warmer rain water runoff hits. They begin moving back upstream in earnest when waters again rise above 40 degrees and will be staging up to spawn in

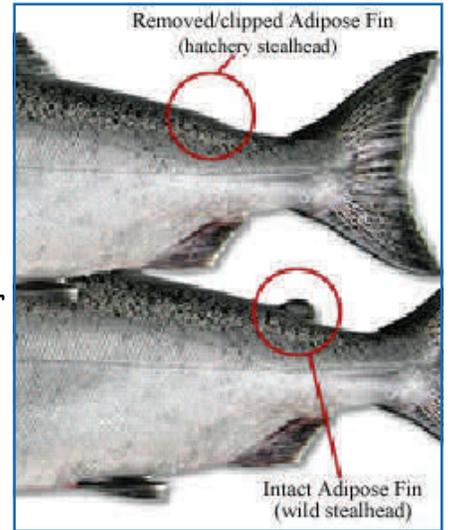


Steelhead Fishing the Pacific Northwest continued By Capt. Ron Sharp

Only steelhead with clipped adipose fins are allowed to be kept in our region. Not all hatchery fish are clipped, but if they have an intact adipose fin they must be released. Check your regulations before you go, as steelhead and salmon that are not going to be kept (retained) in Washington are not supposed to be removed from the water. In Idaho, however, it is allowable to remove the fish from the water, wild or hatchery, to enable the angler to take photos of your trophy.

Regardless, if you are releasing a steelhead, NEVER put your fingers in their gills to hold them. Grasp them right in front of the tail and put the other hand under the fish right behind the pectoral fins.

You can monitor steelhead upstream movement and daily counts at the USACE website. http://www.fpc.org/currentdaily/HistFishTwo_7day-ytd_Adults.htm



There are several good steelhead guides in the area, and booking a trip will usually provide you with valuable hands-on information for you to be successful on your own.

Get out there and enjoy these wonderful fish we are so blessed to have access to. Be safe and best of luck in your fishing adventures.

Feel free to email the author for advice or recommendations at Oakeysmokes@gmail.com.

It's Almost Tournament Time

Thousands of dollars are at stake at the Spokane Walleye Club's Washington State Walleye Championship July 26 & 27 on Lake Roosevelt out of Kettle Falls. But even though all tournament anglers will be vying for those dollars, there's a sense of camaraderie as competitors and tourney volunteers continue old friendships and new friends are invited into the fold. It's a time of celebration since it's the final leg of the Washington tournament circuit. The "Angler of the Year" will be identified and awarded for the points he or she has compiled during all five tournaments that began at Potholes Reservoir, then on to Banks Lake, Moses Lake, Lake Roosevelt for the Governor's Cup and Lake Roosevelt again for the Championship.

Mark's Marine of Coeur d'Alene has stepped forward with a \$10,000 first place guarantee provided there are 75 entries. The amount is pro-rated if less than 75 teams compete. There will be large cash payouts to the top 10 teams. Teams finishing 11th through 15th will receive gift certificates from Cabela's. Option pools allow anglers to compete for large cash awards presented to the teams with big fish of the day and big bag of the day.

All the excitement begins the afternoon of July 25 during the drivers' meeting at Happy Dell Park in Kettle Falls. That's when teams will receive their boat numbers and meals will be provided by the Spokane Walleye Club with refreshments donated by Tripp Distributing of Colville.

Blast off times are 6am both Saturday and Sunday out of the Kettle Falls Marina boat launch with the first flight due back at 3pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. The awards ceremony which includes a couple of exciting raffles takes place Sunday starting at approximately 4pm.

New this year is the Corporate Challenge in which corporations and businesses can sponsor a team for a \$50 fee. The winning Corporate Challenge team takes home the money and the travelling Corporate Challenge trophy is awarded to that team's corporate sponsor for display until next year's tournament.

Applications, rules and other pertinent information are available by visiting www.spokanewalleyeclub.com.

Fish, volunteer, or just show up for a fun time at the Washington State Walleye Championship!

Chuck De Bruin: Tournament Director

Who needs a run-down on MOSES LAKE KNOW-HOW ?

Club and Board member, Mr. Tim Bohr thinks he has Moses Lake fishing pretty well under control most of the time, and we've talked him into sharing just a bit of that knowledge with us here. Follow along as he gives us a run down on his preferred launches and fishing techniques. That way the rest of us can hit the water thinking that we at least know enough to get out there with a shorter learning curve, and give it a real go.



Moses Lake is a relatively warm lake for Washington. It has murky and stained water with low visibility making trolling spinners over humps and flats over 4-15' of water exciting. You'll find fish on structure spot on spot, so when we catch fish, we like to go back over the same spot. You can limit out by doing figure eights over a hot spot, a mere 200' from the Connelly launch in May.

This is lake fishing, not river, so it's easy, just get out there and look for other boats. Moses Lake is easy fishing because you can launch and then drive around and see where the other boats are catching Eyes. If they are trolling, they're walleye fishing. You'll know within the first 5 minutes where the hot spots are. The fishermen on Moses are open and will share their experience. IF the sheriff is out there, they'll help protect the fisherman from ski runners and yahoos.

When you find fish, keep going over it until no more fish are caught. Once the bite has stopped, I mark the spot, and then go find fish elsewhere, returning to my first spot when the second one stops.

Jan, Feb

If the lake is not frozen during these winter months, slow is the presentation and it is jigging time as it's hard to catch them on the troll.

Fish to Catch: Walleye, Smallmouth, Catfish Bullhead.

Method: jigging. Put it on the bottom anywhere from 1/2 ounce or less depending on water depth and your preference. Yellow, chartreuse, crayfish colors browns, pumpkins, motor oil. Jig should be salted or flavored.

Launches to use: Connelly or Peninsula.

March, April

The lake is filling up so we concentrate on trolling more. Typically, we catch them in 4-6 foot of water on the north side. As the year progresses, they'll go to 12-16 feet.

We use: 1.5 White smiley blades, brass, bronze, Orange blades, Blue blades, and Red or orange beads with day glow or clear faceted bead in the middle of the spinner.

Fish to Catch: Walleye.

Method: Double hook worm harness

Launches to use: Connelly or Peninsula

April, May

April is a good time for shore fishing, should you not have a boat.

There is ample opportunity around the lake. Continue with methods noted in April.

Method: Jigging and Trolling. You can even troll jigs this time of year.





June through September, October, November

We catch fish in 5-10' water.

Fish to Catch: Walleye, Crappie, Perch

Method: We troll jigs on the South side of bridge going slow through the channel.

Launches to use: [Connelly Park](#), or [Peninsula Park](#)



Sure looks like winter

December

Troll jigs on South side of bridge going slow through the channel.

Ice fishing can start now through February.

Catch fish in 20-25' FOW

General Information:

Launches to Use: If you're fishing the north end, the Connelly Launch on the North end is sandy, and has very little weeds.

This makes it easy to troll spinners and offers longer trolling runs. It boasts easy boat access, a better launch, has two lanes with centered dock, and plenty of space to tie up.

If fishing south of I-90, the Peninsula Park launch is closer. It's a nice launch too, with room for 30 rigs to park and closer to get to. It too has two lane launch with center dock. Tie up area is pretty much limited to the center dock. In this area, there's a more rocky bottom, can troll but more hang-up on weeds. Shorter trolling runs. Launch is closer, but not as nice as Connelly on the north side. Here's a couple of the less recommended launches.

[Blue Heron City Park Launch](#) small, and is a mad house during summer weekends, right off of the interstate

[Cascade Park](#) big park similar to Connelly, but a bit more out of the way, just west of the fairgrounds, with campsites, see p.9

Connelly Park Launch

The **Moses Lake** Parks and Recreation Department does not own or operate **Connelly Park**. Please contact the **Moses Lake** Irrigation District. <http://mlird.org/> 509-765-8716

Was formerly called the "Airmen's Beach", and was acquired from Larsen Air Force Base/General Services Administration (GSA) in 1968.

You can find it on Google maps just to the southwest of the Grant County International Airport 6501-6599 Road 6.7 NE, 47.186927, -119.352273, or go to <http://goo.gl/dOKzy0>, or use the QR code above.



From Spokane it is 110 miles, and approx. 1 hr 41 mins
Take exit 179, then North on WA-17 N

Trolling Spinners on Moses Lake will commonly catch:

10-14" Perch

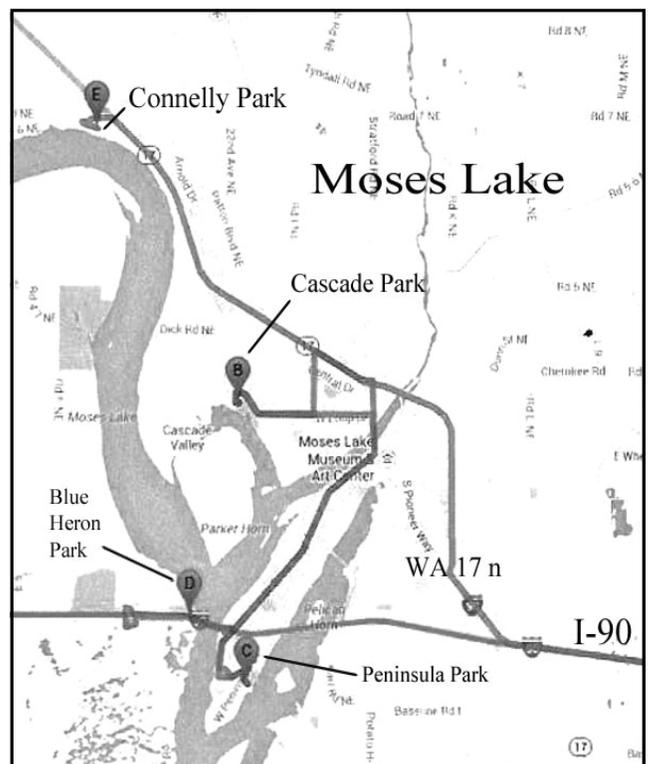
18-21" Walleye. They have humpbacks

1-3 pound small mouth

Bullhead catfish

Gear to use when trolling:

1.5 White smiley blades, brass, bronze, Orange blades, Blue blades, and Red or orange beads with day glow or clear faceted bead in the middle of the spinner. Hook size 4, Gamakatsu octopus. I like red ones tied in a double hook harness.



Spokane Walleye Club's Pro Corner



Fishing Buddies

By Bob Ploof

Fishing buddies are much more than friends that you fish with. I'm not really sure how to explain it, but what I can tell you is that there is no other relationship like the one you have with your fishing buddies. Sometimes your fishing buddies start out as an acquaintance, co-worker, friend of a friend, and every once in a great while they will start out as a fishing buddy. Months, sometimes years may pass without seeing or speaking to your fishing buddies yet you know precisely the right words to use when you reunite. You have an understanding between each other about life that never has to be spoken, yet is always understood. In some instances, your bond with your fishing buddy is greater than that of even your closest family member.

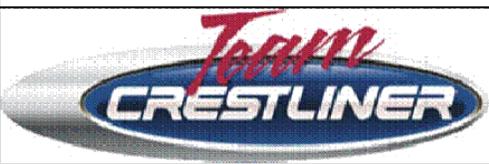
As fishing buddies you inevitably share a wide variety of experiences with one another. Perhaps it's the fish of a life-time or maybe the trip of a life-time. It could be a stunning sunrise on a warm summer morning on Lake Roosevelt or losing a giant pre-spawn walleye along the side of the boat on a chilly day in February. You will undoubtedly solve all of the worlds' problems and probably more than once. From time to time you'll solve each other's problems as well. What you say to your fishing buddies is never repeated and you share thoughts that you would never share with anyone else.

There are rules to being fishing buddies, but no one really knows what they are. At the end of the day, your fishing buddies are always your fishing buddies. You may have a number of fishing buddies, but none of them could replace the other. Your relationships will withstand the test of time and anything else that will try to dissolve them. It is a bond held together by all things that are good in the world of fishing and friendship.



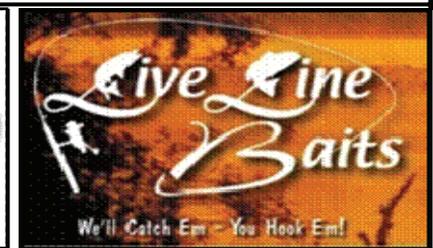
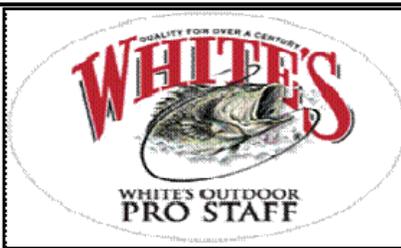
Like many of you, I've had several fishing buddies that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. Unfortunately, I've also lost a couple to the only thing that can take fishing buddies away...death. That's ok though, some day we will fish together again and this time the big one won't get away.

This article was written in memory of all of our past fishing buddies. Hopefully you'll find it somewhat introspective and it makes you think a little about some of your current fishing buddies that you haven't shared a boat with in a while. Perhaps it's time to give them call and plan your next outing.



Tight Lines and Calm Seas,

Bob Ploof





Spokane Walleye Club - Membership/Renewal Form

New membership ___ Renewal ___ Member since _____

Yearly Membership fee is \$25.00 per family (includes children under 18 living at home)

BIGHORN OUTDOOR SHOW 2014 MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL: ___\$15, good during show only

Membership Length: 1 Year (\$25)___ 2 Year (\$45)___ 3 Year (\$65)___

Payment Type: Cash___ Check___ Check #_____

Last Name _____ First _____ DOB mm/yy ____/____

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Names, children under 18 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

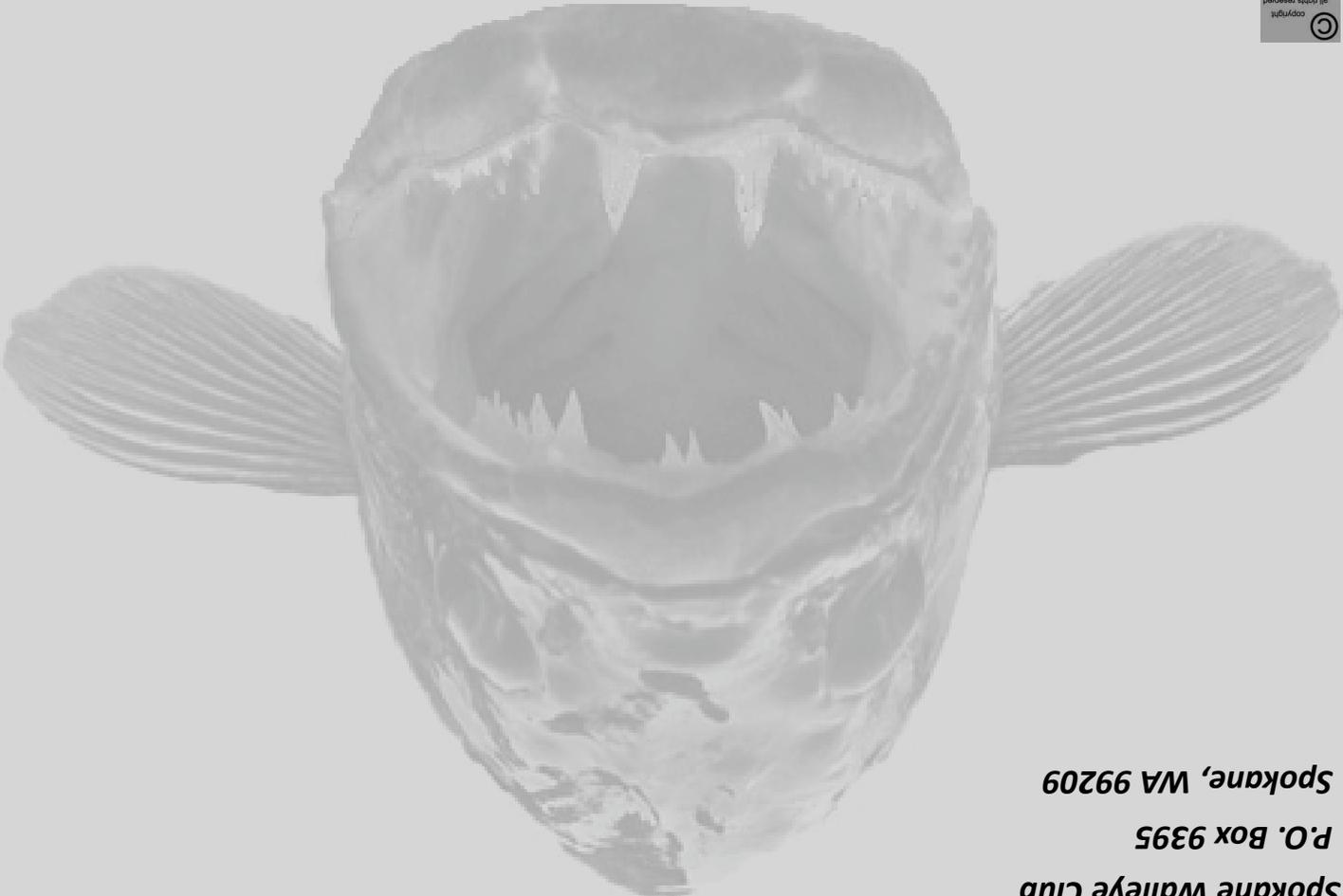
Club Newsletter? ___yes, please send a hard copy to me by mail , or ___no thanks, save the postage, just email a copy to me

Date _____ Signature _____

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