

State TU meeting in Cle Elum on June 13, 2015

Attendees:

Meeting started at 9am and minutes from the last meeting were approved

State Fair in Puyallup - Ron Holtcamp is looking for people to work the State Fair in September. Please contact him to assist in filling the time slots.

Budget – Current budget was approved. State TU will be running a auction to make up for the current shortfall of \$9600.

Derek stated that a donation of an all wood 16' boat with trailer is being donated to TU and a raffle will be set up for the boat with other prizes donated to Council Tim Gavin donated his 1000.00 TU business gift certificate and Rosendo donated his Lifetime TU membership Radian 5wt Fly rod valued at over 800.00 to the raffle prizes a raffle committee will be appointed by the Chair to organize the raffle for 2015 and 2016.

State council support of habitat/stream restoration projects and fish outs.

State Council funding for projects falls into two general categories. Projects for habitat and stream restoration and fishouts for youth or adults.

A motion was made and partially approved due to only 7 chapters present to approve the following with an email vote to confirm the approval of the revision to the grant process:

- Funding for habitat and stream restoration.
 - Funding amounts for these types of projects will be determined on an individual basis. The committee that reviews all request needs an explanation of the work to be done and a budget for the project
 - A 2 to 3 slide presentation for all projects should be prepared and presented at the state quarterly meetings after the project's completion. We would all like to see what you did and how everything went.
- Funding for fishouts –
 - Funding for fishouts will be capped at \$500 with a limit of 50% of the funding coming from the state council.
 - Chapters need to find funding from local sources to cover their share. People's donated time will not be considered as an expense, only purchased items or use fees.

NLC – National Leadership Council – Tim will start forwarding all conference call minutes to all chapter presidents.

Communication Committee – Newsletter was sent out. A suggestion was made to put the TU logo on the front page. Also, it was requested that we keep a list of ongoing habitat/ecology projects so people can keep up on what we are doing in the state.

Several people reported not getting the newsletter. Overall response to the newsletter was positive and we will continue to send it out twice a year. It costs about \$2400 to print and mail a newsletter.

Conservation Advisory Committee – Committee will coordinate with the national objectives for conservation and pick 3 that make the most sense for us to pursue. I have attached the material they presented at the meeting. Contact Derek if you would like to work on the committee.

Three areas to concentrate on for 2015

1. Invasive species
2. Suction Dredging
3. Access to fishing areas on public lands



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Wild Steelhead Initiative – A competition between chapters is ongoing to see who can get the greatest percentage of their members to sign on the wild steelhead initiative. There is a wonderful video available for chapter meetings or as a fund raising movie. People are very interested in wild steelhead and want to know what steps are being taken to protect them.

Sportsmen for the Yakima – new website will be launching soon.

Volunteer Stream Watch program – we need to get more information about how this works.

Chapter Report Outs:

Duwamish/Green Chapter – Meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month

Projects – Salmon Hatchery Planting – double the size of salmon in the classroom to ~700 students. – Steelhead project on the Green River – gradual release of imprinted steelhead – 15,000 unclipped fish released

Yakima Headwaters Chapter –

Projects – Adopt a stream – Crystal Springs – cleanup on July 18th. – Headwaters matters project – Signage for boat launch areas – Keep them Wet campaign for fish release – how to act around boat launches – trash cleanup – don't fish after 1pm because of water temperature

Olympia Chapter

Projects – Duck Dash – rubber duck race down the river ---Fly fishing academy is full with 23 kids

Bellevue/Issaquah Chapter

Salmon Fry counting – completed counting about May 20th --- Casting clinic on June 10th with Orvis was a great success - ~40 people attended

The next council meeting location will be with Chris Taylor's Chapter North Kitsap date to be set before National meeting

Yakima Chapter

In February, sponsored booth at the Yakima Sportsmen Show. Helped youth and adults to learn to tie a fly and promote the club.

March: Participated in the Worley Bugger's Yakima River Clean up.

April: Assisted financially and with labor at our local Kids Fish In Event. Over seven hundred youth attended.

Sponsored a sign up campaign to help keep open our local fish hatchery. 849 youth and adults signed up and we were able to get the help needed from local legislators to keep the hatchery open for another two years.

Lead a youth fly tying and fly casting session in conjunction with Yakima's "Kiddin' Around" project.