

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

*January
2014*



Your 2014 dues are due!

January Program -

"EAT ME" (picking the right fly)

The Leader Line

By
Chuck Tye

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great holiday season, got some fishing time in, or got something new from Santa for your next fishing trip.

We are off to a new year and as you saw during the last club meeting we also have some new folks added to the board. It should be a great year as we work to schedule speakers, fishing trips, and special events that hopefully everyone will enjoy and participate in.

Ever since I picked up my first fly rod 40+ years ago, I continue to enjoy the sport of fly fishing and the camaraderie of fishing with fellow fly fishers. I learn something new every time I attend one of our club events and hope each and every one of you does as well. The membership of this club possesses a great deal of fly fishing knowledge, fly fishing talent, and a great devotion to the sport of fly fishing. Let us know if you have any ideas and or special skills you would like to pass along.

Last but not least, I reviewed the clubs by-laws and mission statement. They are listed below as a reminder to all club members why we exist as a club. Keep them in mind as the year unfolds and please pile on with ideas, support, and participation.

- a. To improve and encourage the sport of fly fishing by social, educational, and political means.
- b. To encourage fly fishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
- c. To encourage the conservation, enhancement and quality of sport fishing.
- d. To promote Sportsmanship in all aspects of club and individual activity.
- e. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
- f. To actively assist and encourage the public to become fly fishers, and to adopt the clubs philosophies.
- g. Conservation: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging fly fishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day .Conserving-Restoring-Education Through fly fishing

Chuck Tye

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, January 9th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

January 2014 Program

"Bite Me!" (What fly, Oh my!)
Mike Koslosky

Ever stood at the stream bank looking into your fly box and wondering "what the heck do I tie on?" Or, if you are like many people you look through your collection of flies and pick one out that *looks good to you*. Let's demystify this process a bit and learn a few tips on how to "Match the Hatch" which will hopefully give you logical reasons for choosing a particular fly and get you into fish quicker and more consistently. The presentation will cover both fresh and saltwater hatches.

PSFF member Mike Koslosky will be our guest speaker sharing his presentation "Match the Hatch", a program initially developed for the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Mike has been a playing with bugs and all manner of invertebrates since the ripe old age of 8 and for 35 years managed two Bay Area nature centers focusing on wildlife natural history and salt marsh ecology.

FFF EVENTS



FFF Events in 2014

Fly Fishing Show at the Lynnwood Convention Center

February 15th, 2014 from 9 AM to 5:30 PM

Info - <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Seattle.html>

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany Oregon.

March 8th and 9th, 2014

Linn County Expo Center Info - <http://www.nwexpo.com>

Washington Council Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, Washington

May 3rd and 4th, 2014

Info - <http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/test/Welcome.php>

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NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

by Mike Clancy

2013 is at an end, and we are now going into 2014. So is The Academy. We will be accepting new applications effective January 1, 2014 for another wonderful event for our youth 12 to 16 years old. What a great opportunity for these kids to learn about conservation and fly fishing! They will spend a great week at Gwinwood Christian Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. June 22-28th, in clean, warm, cabins with showers and comfortable bunks.

We are looking for mature and serious minded youth willing to learn the sport of fly fishing and conservation – willing to participate as a future fly fisher and conservationist.

The applicant must write an essay, stating why they would like to attend The Academy and they will need to provide a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or science teacher.

Any questions may be directed to Mike Clancy (mtclancy39@comcast.net) or Jim Brosio (brosioj@q.com)

Applications are available on our website – www.nwycffa.com

Our email address is nwycffa@comcast.net

The Year in Pictures

January



First SRC at Purdy
(Larry Vaughn)

July



Terry Lueck in his classic wooden drift boat on the Yakima River
(Gene Jackson)

August



Thomas and Ruben in the front of my boat as we are heading toward a fog bank
(Gene Jackson)



Steve Saville and Kyle looking for Pinks
(Larry Vaughn)

September



2 albacore boated off the Oregon coast 25 miles out to sea. They looked more fish like 20 minutes earlier.
(Mike Koslosky)

October



"Smoke on the water, fire in the sky". An early October morning at Ollala.
(Dennis Ehlers)

2014 ACTIVITIES!

2014 PSFF Outdoor Activities

By Gene Jackson, chairman

I have been busy putting together a schedule of fishing outings for 2014. I will be presenting the schedule at the regular January meeting but I wanted to give you folks an overview of what is coming.

Before I started on the schedule, I got my four goals for PSFF Outdoor Activities approved by the Board of Directors. The approved goals were as follows:

Outdoor Activities Goals for 2014

Ensure open communications about activities
Provide something for everyone
Help members find new fishing partners
Expose members to new fishing locations

With the above goals in mind I put together a comprehensive schedule for 2014. The current schedule has 23 fishing outings including 2 river outings, 2 saltwater outings, and 7 multi-day trips. There are also quite a few one day outings (7 Saturday and 8 Tuesday). To further my attempt at coming up with something for everyone I have included trips that target not only trout but Walleye, Carp, Bass, Crappie, Salmon, Bluegill, Tiger Muskie, and Sea Run Cutthroat. Of course I couldn't forget the kids and grandkids so I have some outings that will have events/activities with them in mind.

Of course no one is required to attend any of these outings and most folks won't try to attend them all but I truly hope that every member makes at least one of these outings in 2014. Even though the plan is still firming up, the following dates may help you with your planning for 2014:

- April 22-24: Coffee Pot Lake outing (Tues-Thurs)
- April 25-28: Potholes Reservoir outing (Fri-Mon)
- May 13-15: Evergreen Reservoir outing (Tues-Thurs)
- May 16-19: Park Lake outing (Fri-Mon)
- **July 19th: PSFF Annual Picnic at Nolte State Park (Sat)**
- Aug 15-18: Coldwater Lake outing (Fri-Mon)
- Sept 18-21: Mayfield Lake outing (Thurs-Sun)
- Nov 3-5: Yakima River outing (Tues-Thurs)

It should be noted that the multi-day outings will include excursions to other nearby fishing spots.

And finally for those of you wondering if I am totally crazy for proposing such a full calendar, the jury is still out. My plan for the year is to attend every event. That being said I will be relying on the support of the

club members to help me make each and every outing the best it can possibly be. To that end, if one of your favorite fishing spots is on the schedule, volunteer to be the "Gillie" for that outing.

This is your club and I encourage your feedback. Please email me with your ideas and suggestions. My Yahoo email is gene33124@yahoo.com. Or just pick up the phone and give me a call. My home number is 253-351-8818 and my cell phone is 206-618-8989.

Looking forward to fishing with all of you in 2014!

Gene Jackson

Park Lake – Yes or No?

By Gene Jackson

I have heard from several people that the club has been looking at moving our "Annual Kick-off Outing" from Park Lake to another location. I am happy to leave it where it is and I am also more than willing to organize it at a new location. Please give this some thought.

To be prepared for a possible move I have located a nice resort on Potholes Reservoir. The place I have contacted is the MarDon Resort. They can accommodate us on our preferred dates (May 16-19). This resort offers a full range of accommodations including RV sites, Tent sites, Hotel Rooms, Rental homes, and Luxury Park Cottages. In addition to the variety of sleeping options, they also offer a wide range of boating rentals, from Kayaks to a 20' Party Barge.

Again I am not pushing for one place over the other but I would like to select the spot that will encourage the most members and their families to attend our "big" event. Feel free to drop me a line with your comments or suggestions at gene33124@yahoo.com or give me a call at 253.351.8818.

I will be giving a brief presentation of our Outings Calendar at our January 9th club meeting and this topic will be discussed.

HOT SCOOP

Classifieds

None reported

New Members

Tim Howell
Daniel Benson
Don Harold
Ralph Harrison

Welcome!

Library Report

By Galen Hansen

A big thanks to Phil Moore for helping get the library material out and returned to the locker at the last meeting. I would REALLY appreciate it if some of the younger, able bodied members could help get the materials out before the meeting, and returned to the locker at the mid-meeting break. My arthritic knees and back make it very difficult for me. I like being the clubs librarian but if I am unable to get guys to do the heavy lifting, I will be forced to tender my resignation from the position. I like to get the library set up at least a half hour before the meeting officially starts and return it to the locker before the speaker begins the presentation, and, before the drawings are held.

After the last meeting, we only had a total of 21 items checked out. It's a little disappointing to go to all the trouble of setting the library up and have so few items checked out. The good news is that only 2 items are overdue. I have emailed the individuals with overdue material. There is also a DVD out and the individual did not fill out the card. The video is "Fishing the Midge" by Gary Borger. Please check around and return it if you have it. Always fill out the card with the month and year you are checking it out (mm/yy). Always hand the card to the librarian so it can be checked for accuracy.

We have not had any requests for new materials for quite some time. If there is something you would like to see added to the library, please stop by and let me know or email your request to me at galen1943@gmail.com.

A reminder...only club members that are current on their dues are eligible to check out materials from the library. Only 3 items may be checked out at one time.

RAFFLE NEWS

Special thanks to Gus for donating nine popular items for Club raffle table, much appreciated.

Thanks also for December raffle contributions from Thomas Lamphere, Phil Moore, Mike Trask, Dennis Ehlers and John Bechtholt.

Fly tying fishos'.... Jerry Fremont and John Brett have both donated an assortment of animal skins, from bison to beaver, watch for them on the raffle table next few months.

Raffle Squares, drawing when all squares sold

TIOGA deluxe PONTOON BOAT -
value \$500.00 \$4.00 per square
65 % sold

(**)FLYCASTING Course, River Run Anglers -
6 x 2 hour classes \$2.50 per square

JACK MITCHELL & THE EVENING HATCH -
(more info coming) \$20.00 per square

New Item - FULL FOX SKIN -
fifty squares \$1.00 per square

Raffle Gear 6 tickets & a cookie for \$ 5 drawing mid meeting

NRA camo carry bag with shoulder strap plus salmon can holder

Double sided waterproof fly box with steelhead & cutthroat flies

A full mink skin... for tying flies or ?

Help organize your stuff, 20 compartment Spirit River utility box, 2 single zingers, magnetic rod tip protector and Arrow Point scissors

** Casting Lessons Raffle

Certified Casting Instructor and Two Handed Casting Instructor Aaron (Spey Bum) Reimer has graciously donated a certificate good for 6, two hour casting lessons. Single Handed or Two Handed, your choice. Aaron sells this package for \$400 and this is a bargain for that amount. I have been studying with Aaron for the last 8 years and will attest that he will take your casting to the highest level you can achieve depending on your willingness to practice! That is the key to success in most things in life but very important in becoming a better caster. You can win this incredible value for only \$2.50 Come on lets dig deep and fill up this board.

Robert Gerlach



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Twist and Shout...yahoo!

Yearning to try a furred leader but unwilling to pay \$15.00 for one? As are most of us. The reason these things are so expensive is that it takes a lot of leader material to make one; approximately 100 feet for a 9 foot leader. There is a ton of information on the internet on ferruling methods and formulas so I won't go into that here. BUT as a source of great material to tie your own try 100% polyester sewing thread. I use Sulky brand, Fine, 0.004, Soft. You get 2200 yards on a spool and it's equal to 7X leader material in size. A better material is clear mono material but it is much more difficult to find. Even better yet is the bulk fluoro-carbon leader material such as found at Sportco; a bit pricey but worth it. In addition the leaders can be tied with tying thread and/or Kevlar tying thread. Try one you'll like it.

Education

By John Brett

Several fly fishers are improving their knowledge and having fun while learning. Fifteen members attended the December class on fishing knots. Seven specific knots were practiced and a couple of them had interesting variations.

At the December meeting a sign-up sheet was provided for a Furred Leader Class planned for January 18, 2014. Twenty individuals signed up for the class !! This class is a lot of "show and tell" with a bit of "hands on" using provided jigs and other supplies. There is no limit on the number of attendees at this type of class so another sign-up sheet will be available at the January meeting anticipating more fishers interested in how to make these great fly fishing leaders.

Beginning in March there are several planned outings to investigate the eating habits of the local lake trout. If you want to learn about some of the more productive spring time fish catchers, a trout fly tying class is planned for February 8th and a new sign-up sheet will be at the January meeting. In the past, these classes have been very educational and productive for all attendees. Come on by, share a cup of coffee and see what you have been missing.

Conservation

Contributed by Al Schmauder

Late Chum Return to Leach Creek

Students from Curtis High School counted hundreds of adult chum salmon spawning in Leach Creek, a tributary of Chambers Creek. Al Schmauder, said the peak of this unique run is early January and about 500 adults are expected. Dennis Ehlers, member PSFF, took on the task of counting the salmon in a reach of Chambers Creek below the mouth of Leach Creek. Others are counting salmon in Leach and Flett Creek.

On the 20th and 21st of December, students in Nick Stephens' advanced placement environmental science class at Curtis met at Leach Creek with city council members from the City of University Place. The students explained the life cycle of the salmon and also talked about the water quality tests they had conducted in Leach Creek. The students reported finding high levels of arsenic, copper and mercury. More tests are needed to confirm the findings and locate the sources.



Out of the Salt And Into the Pan

By Steve Saville

“Euphausiid” – noun: “any of an order (Euphausiacea) of small, usually luminescent malacostracan crustaceans that resemble shrimps and in some areas forms an important element of marine plankton.”

And in our case, they are one of the main sources of sea run cutthroat trout and resident Coho. Right now, they are present, on the surface of the Sound. If you have recovered from the holidays by now, it's time to hit the beaches and give the cutthroat and Coho a shot. These small crustaceans, or krill as we sometimes call them, are very small. I found a pattern somewhere that suggests size 18 to size 24 hooks. Now I'm not one to quibble about the small stuff (pun intended) but that's a pretty small fly, especially in salt water. I have rarely ventured below size 16 at any time and then with some difficulty but I thought I'd give it a shot. I have had some size 18 hooks lying around for years waiting for me to get up the gumption to try something small. It's a pretty simple to tie fly (just my style) and after the first two, tied very slowly and behind a giant magnifying glass, they have turned out to not be so difficult as I had once imagined. Heck I have size 22 and size 24 hooks just waiting for the challenge!

Once I get a few more of these micro flies tied, I'm heading for the beach to try them out. I'll have to break away from my normal Outbound intermediate line and use a floating line and a longer leader and instead of stripping the fly in like normal, I will probably

let it lay on the surface for a while and twitch it periodically. I guess it's sort of like surface chironomid fishing or like paint drying. It's not the most exciting type of fishing until the fish grabs it and then it gets pretty hairy because in order to get the tippet through the eye of a size 18 – 24 fly, it has to be pretty small!

Here's a brief recipe for the fly:

Hook of choice

Thread – clear mono

Body – translucent white antron yarn

Tail over the body – a few strands of mallard flank about the length of the hook shank

Monofilament eyes, burned and colored with a magic marker

UV epoxy over the body to form that crustacean look and to give it durability

When (if) you try to tie these, be sure to place the eyes at the rear of the hook and attempt to taper the body to the front before adding the epoxy over the top to form a translucent rigid body.

It's actually a very simple pattern that should attract the fish. Just look for fish dimpling the surface or rising to something that you can't really see. Oh and by the way. These small crustaceans are also the main source of food for baleen whales. They are, of course, catch and release so you may want a bigger rod.

Tight lines.

Gig Harbor Fly Shop – Fishing Report

Now that some of the holiday bustle is beginning to recede, anglers may be able to dedicate more time to fishing. For many that means focusing on winter steelhead. Initially, hopes were high for hatchery steelhead returns this year but an exceptionally low amount of rain has fallen this December. Most of western Washington is well below normal monthly rainfall tallies for December and for the year. Some anglers are pointing to the lack of rain as causing some of the difficulty thus far. Rain events tend to bring in fresh fish as well as more widely distribute those that are already in the river. If possible, try to time a steelhead trip after a significant rain event and as the rivers drop back into shape. Hopefully, we will see a wetter spring during the wild fish return.

If you are new to steelhead fishing, the one of the most important components is to set reasonable expectations. Steelhead are tough to fish for. Especially with the fly. And the weather can be downright miserable. All of this can equate to a poor experience, unless you change your perspective. Recognize the challenges and address them. A simple way to make the overall experience more enjoyable is to invest in quality winter gear and rain gear. If you can stay relatively dry and warm, getting skunked is lot more tolerable. Next, pick a "learning river." I spent my first steelhead season after I moved back here racing all over the west side chasing reports which were usually days old by the time I got them. In 30-40 days of fishing I probably saw 20 rivers but I didn't learn a single thing about any of them and I only hooked a couple of fish; didn't even land them! It's better to pick one or two rivers and learn them. If you have a boat or raft, float them many times. If you are on foot, take a day or two and leave the rod at home. Stop at every riverside pull off and hike in to explore what the river access might be like. It's a lot easier to bushwhack with just a small pack than it is with a 13 foot spey rod. Then make notes on a map. Finally, consider a guided trip or a clinic. I don't think I need to enumerate the benefits of these. Zack Williams, who used to write this column for the shop, will be conducting a spey casting class on January 18th and a Winter Steelhead Clinic on January 19th. Please contact us if you are interested in either of these learning opportunities.

Locally, resident silvers should be making their appearance in greater numbers. So far, reports have been spotty with some anglers catching multiple fish in an outing and others not even sighting a single jumper. Try dead drifting krill type patterns or swinging them through current rips. Small chartreuse or pink over white baitfish patterns stripped rapidly also draw strikes.

Some cutthroat will be available as well, though the numbers are usually down this time of year as the fish are in streams for the spawn. Patterns similar to those used for resident coho should work and I've found small dark flies to work well at times.

Trout options are generally relegated to year-round lakes and winter stalwarts like Rocky Ford and the Yakima. Be sure to check road conditions before making the drive to either of the latter. And make sure you are dressed ultra-warm.

Remember too, those cutthroat and salmon fly boxes need refilling so if the weather is rough, get to tying!



-James Harrington

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month

FLY OF THE MONTH - January, 1998 - Clouser Deep Minnow



By Jim Abbs

The Clouser Minnow is one of the most famous American-designed flies. Bob Clouser of Middletown, PA tied this fly originally in the middle 1980's to catch smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River and it does that job very well. Like some other very popular streamers, this fly has been adopted for many other species and fishing situations.

From personal experience I can attest to its ability to also catch largemouth bass in small lakes, steelhead in Great Lakes rivers and brown trout in Lake Michigan. John Kumiski, in his book, ***Saltwater Fly Fishing*** says that he has caught sea trout, redfish, snook, tarpon black drum, bonefish, cavalle jacks, and ladyfish on the Clouser Deep Minnows. Flip Pallot calls it the best bonefish fly he has ever used. It is said that Lefty Kreh has caught over 50 species of fish on Clouser Deep Minnows, including permit and king mackerel.

The design of this fly causes it to simulate the swimming action of a baitfish heading for cover. The lead barbell eyes toward the front of the fly cause it to sink in between stripping actions of the retrieve, like a baitfish heading for the safety of the bottom. Another valuable feature of the Clouser Minnow is that because the barbell eyes are on top of the hook shank, it rides with the hook pointing up and thus does not get snagged very often.

MATERIALS

- **Hook:** 1X or 2X long, heavy wire, although Mustad 3407 is recommended for saltwater
- **TAIL:** None
- **BODY:** None
- **WING:** Layered - White bucktail on top, Krystal flash in between and bucktail dyed chartreuse on bottom (colors may be varied to imitate different baitfish)
- **EYES:** Barbell lead eyes, matched to the hook size. For a #4 hook, use 1/100 ounce (4/32) ounce eyes. If you are fishing shallow water, use smaller eyes and with deeper water increase the size. Painting the eyes (red and black) is said to make this fly more effective.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Step One: Lay down a base of tying thread to about half the length of the hook shank behind the eye. Attach the barbell eyes to the top of the hook shank about one third the distance along the hook shank with repeated figure 8's over and around the barbells. Cover these wrappings with some nail polish. Turn the fly over in your vise so it is upside down.

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Step Two: Lay down a stable foundation of thread, stopping at point on the hook shank opposite from the hook point.

Step Three: Cut some white bucktail from the upper part of the tail and pull out the smaller fibers. This fly should be tied sparse, so start with a bunch of hair about half the size of a pencil. If you cut the butts of the bucktail on a taper, it will give a smoother transition to the hook shank between the eyes. The bucktail should be long enough to extend beyond the bend of the hook about the distance of one hook shank. Tie the white bucktail in between the lead eyes and coat with nail polish.

Step Four: Select 6-12 strands of Krystal Flash that will extend from the front of the eyes to the tip of belly hair. Tie the flash in directly in front of the eyes on top of the white bucktail.

Step Five: For the upper wing, cut some chartreuse bucktail equal in length to the white belly hair. Use only a small amount, equal to or less than the white bucktail. Cut the butts on a taper for a smooth transition.

Step Six: Wrap the thread forward to the eye and apply a whip finish. Coat the head and the wraps over the butts of the bucktail with a couple of coats of nail polish.

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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			January 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	9 PSFF MTG 6 PM	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 PSFF BRD MTG 6 PM	17	18 Furled leader class
19	20	21	22 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	23	24	25 Newsletter submission deadline 5 PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	

						February 1
2	3	4	5 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	6	7	8 Fly Tying Class
9	10	11	12	13 PSFF MTG 6 PM	14	15 Fly Fishing Show - Lynnwood
16	17	18	19 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	20 PSFF BRD MTG 6 PM	21	22 Newsletter submission deadline 5 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	

**Check for Newsletter Article Deadline Date.
Remember articles can always be submitted early.**

Puget Sound Flyfishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at www.psff.org

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

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6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and

instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced gillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.

To receive and post to the PSFF Yahoo group you must first sign up as a member of Yahoo if you're not already signed up.

In your browser search for or go to Yahoo.com and look for the button asking if you want to join Yahoo. Click on the button and follow the instructions to join Yahoo. You will need an email address, a user name and a password. Remember these as periodically Yahoo will ask you to use them to resign in.

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities.

Scroll down though the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

You will need to select whether you receive individual messages or a Daily Digest. I suggest a daily digest but you can change this selection at any time later. At the bottom of the page you will have to enter, repeat, a displayed code of mixed letters and numbers. When you have done this go down to the bottom right and select 'Join'. You are done.

All new members are on a moderated basis and unable to post until approved by a moderator to help prevent SPAM and malicious posting. One of the moderators will handle your status usually within 24 hours.