Puget Sound Fly Fishers

July 2014



Have a happy and safe 4th! It's warmwater time!

July Program - Warmwater Fisheries w/Bruce Bolding

The Leader Line By Chuck Tye

I know most everyone reads the monthly newsletter but I felt it necessary to highlight some of the events that make us a great and active club.

July 9 & 23 - Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM

Saturday, July 12th – PSFF Annual Picnic at Nolte State Park

Every Monday evening at Titlow Park, Tacoma, Casting Practice at 6 PM

International Fly Fishing Fair, Livingston, Montana August 5th through 9th, 2014
Info - http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair.aspx

Make it a point to attend some of these events and I don't think you will be disappointed.

I had the chance to help out at the Fly Fishing Academy again this year and it was another successful year for them. They had 17 boys and 2 girls this year and it was a great group of kids to be around and teach them everything fly fishing. The Academy was held June 22-28 on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. They had a fantastic instructor lineup with IFFF, CCI casting instructors, fly tying professionals and conservation experts. This year they had over 50 volunteers. The 2014 Academy would not take place if it was not for the generous support from the Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters, corporate and private donors. Think about helping out during next year's academy, You won't be disappointed and you will be helping to bring in the next generation of fly fishers.



Our Next Meeting
Thursday, July 10th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

July Program

Bruce Bolding, Warmwater Fish Specialist, WDFW

Bruce will talk about the growing popularity of fly fishing for warmwater fish, such as bass, crappie, bluegill and even carp, walleye and tiger muskie.

He will show two videos recently produced which cover fly fishing for smallmouth bass and tiger muskie and will talk about the WDFW searchable database called Fish Washington, which provides information on fishing opportunities across the state. He will also outline options for fishing around the greater Pierce County area.





FFF Events in 2014

International Fly Fishing Fair, Livingston, Montana August 5th through 9th, 2014 Info - http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair.aspx

From the VP By Paul Fournier

As I reflect on how our club has progressed this year, I am filled with gratitude to be a member and chosen leader in this organization. I am also reminded of the great work ahead of us. How can our club dig in and really enhance the health of angling within the Puget Sound region? How can we partner with local fly clubs for large scale change? How can we explore creative forms of fundraising to make this possible? Most importantly, none of this is possible without you. It takes members who care about Puget Sound Fly Fishers mission of fishing, education, conservation and fellowship. It also takes the involvement of non-members who share a passion for the future of angling in the Pacific Northwest.

I see a time when our club is running \$50,000 fundraisers towards conservation. I see a time when we actively participate in the preservation of fly angling history from this region. I also believe that in my lifetime I will see most pressured fish populations rebounding like the Sea Run Cutthroat. All thanks to the vision, hard work and sustained dedication by angling enthusiasts. I believe the future is bright for our region and I believe our club plays an active role in that bright future.

Do you want to be part of shaping the future of angling in the Pacific Northwest? Let's talk. The time to realize the future is now. Over the coming months plan to keep this conversation going. If you would like to be a part of something truly great let me know.

Have a splendid summer. Be safe on the water. And remember, we are here for a reason: To protect, to enhance, to love and to share that which we hold dear.

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Outings News and Updates By Gene Jackson

Bass Lake Outing - Tuesday, July 1st

Please come out and join me (Gene Jackson, Gillie for the event) early Tuesday morning for a few hours of bass fishing fun. Bass Lake is located about 3.5 miles outside of Enumclaw. The plan is to get out early so we can sneak up on them. We will be meeting at the launch at 6 AM and fishing until around 9 AM. You won't need any lights since sunrise is at 5:15 AM. Bass Lake is a small (24 acres) and fairly shallow lake with the deepest part being 25 feet deep. Following the morning of fishing we will head over to Krain Corner Restaurant for a late breakfast. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call (253 -351-8818) or drop me an email gene33124@yahoo.com.

PSFF Annual Picnic - Saturday, July 12th

Mark your calendars and sign up now for the upcoming annual picnic. The 2014 PSFF Annual Picnic will be held at Nolte State Park (just outside of Enumclaw) on Saturday, July 12th. This year's picnic will include numerous activities for folks of all ages. Activities for the day include fishing, bike rides, boat demos, kids games and a fly casting challenge. And of course we will have a pot luck lunch with the main course (pulled pork and pulled chicken from Warthog BBQ) being provided by the club. So come on out and spend the day with fellow PSFF members and their families.

Some details and other things to be aware of for the day of the event: The park opens at 8 AM and you will need a WA Discover Pass to enter the park. We have reserved Group Shelter #2 for the day. The shelter is located close to the lake and is approximately 100 yards from the parking area. The park itself is open from 8 AM until 8 PM and our activities are scheduled to start at 8:30 AM and end around 4 PM. Here is the activity schedule for the day's events:

- 8:30 11:00 Bass Fishing on Deep Lake
- 10:00 11:00 Bike or hike around the lake (1.4 miles)
- 11:00 12:00 Sample the boats
- 12:30 1:30 Lunch
- 2:00 3:00 Games for the kids
- 2:00 3:00 Fly Casting Challenge
- 3:00 Awards presentations and clean-up party

The fly casting challenge will be broken down into two groups, rookie and experienced casters. There will be awards for the largest bass caught, the best "rookie' caster, and the best "experienced" caster.

This will be a day that you don't want to miss! If you have any questions feel free to give me (Gene Jackson, Gillie for the picnic) a call (253-351-8818) or drop me an email at gene33124@yahoo.com.

2014 Coldwater Outing at John & Kathy Clark's Toledo place. By John Clark

This is scheduled to be a four day outing beginning Friday August 15th and ending Monday August 18th.

There is ample "dry" camping for any size RV.

The Cowlitz River will be very busy in August and especially on the weekend so it's suggested that Friday or Monday be the day to float and fish the Cowlitz. I have access for a nearby put-in and take out (pontoon, watermaster type boats) and I can provide shuttle service. Gene Jackson and I floated this section of river on June 21st, We did not fish and the float took just under two hours. Depending on the amount of time one fishes this can be a three or four hour trip.

We also visited Silver Lake with Gene's boat. Silver lake is approximately 3,000 acres so having a small power boat is ideal. Silver Lake Resort, a short distance west of the public launch, is situated in prime bass area and for a \$5 fee one can launch a pontoon type craft here. The receptionist provided me with a lake map, boat rental rates and she also pointed out a man who fishes this lake regularly. This gentleman went over the lake map with me and shared tips on where the prime areas will be for fly fishing. This would also be best done on a Friday or Monday to avoid the weekend crowds as well. I will have maps available of Silver Lake to hand out at our Toledo place.

Therefore Coldwater Lake will be considered for Saturday or Sunday.

The club pot luck will be held on Saturday so those attending need to bring the traditional salads, side dishes, desserts.

I will not make the July meeting so Gene will have a signup sheet (please list your email address and phone contact info) and a maps to our Toledo place.

Note—do not rely on your GPS system as some have been known to route you to a gated logging road!

Raffle News By Bev Simpson

ITS SUMMER MADNESS AT THE RAFFLE TABLE

Have you ever wanted to raid our PSFF Club fly box ??Here's two chances to do so

Greys large fly box with middle leaf, plus first pick of 20 flies from the Club fly box

Don't need a fly box ? You have second pick, so be ready to select 30 flies from the Club fly box..... enjoy!!

Summer Grab Bag of Rapala ez stow line scissors with neck cord; a 7 ft furled 4 lb leader; box of 50 Mustad hooks size 10; plus one of Ron's nifty hookers

...\$1 each or \$5 buys 6 lucky tickets; plus a cookie, drawn mid meeting.

Recent Member Donations, thx so much Phyl Moore, Gus, Brian Knutson.

RAFFLE SQUARES drawn when squares sold

GREYS XF2 ROD COMBO...

5wt, 4 pc 9 ft Greys reel, spooled with floating line value \$ 450... \$4 per square or 3 for \$10 currently 60% sold

TFO DEER CREEK SWITCH ROD.....

terrific multi-task 5 wt 4 pc, 11 ft rod valued at \$400 \$4 per square or 3 for \$10 currently 60 % sold

full BEAVER SKIN.....

perfect for fly tying fishos', enough to share / trade ,? forty squares... \$1 per square or 6 for \$5 currently 30 % sold



HOT SCOOP

Education By John Brett

By definition we use flies in our fly fishing. That may sound nice but we all know that isn't true!! We don't put flies on our hooks like a trout or bass fisherman will use a worm when baiting a hook or a salmon fisherman will put a herring on a hook. We try to imitate some reason for a fish to show an interest in what we present. Sometimes it is a true imitation of a fly but more often it is streamer or an attractor or some bug we think looks edible. I'm certain (I didn't look it up) there are millions of different kinds of bugs. Some of these God intended them to be bugs and others are a bug in some transient stage that will later turn into something entirely different.

Some of the bugs we think will help us in our efforts at fishing and others we respect less at least as fly fishing assistants. You don't see any patterns for lady bugs or ticks or centipedes or praying mantis! But there are some ugly bugs that if you get close up, they can be truly scary and both we and the fish think they are worth our attention. One type of these is a Stonefly.

The heat of the summer and fall encourages the stonefly nymph (ugly) to get out of the water and become a serious (and more ugly) fly.



If you like tying your own "bait" come join us while Steve Saville shows how to tie some ugly bugs!

WHEN: Saturday, July 26th WHERE: Tower Bowling Lanes

(where we normally meet)

TIME: 9:00 TO 12:00

If you are a seasoned tier, bring your toys; and if you are new or just want to give it a try, we've got plenty of the extra things you need and lots of room at the tying bench.

Don't forget to bring your lunch money. See you there.



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip - Wipe it up.

Do you use floss, Antron, very small thread such as 12x or other fibrous materials? Sure you do. And how often do your rough chapped fingers snag those fibers and make a mess? Keep one of your wife's very fine emery boards or a pumice stone near the bench and rub out those rough patches. And speaking of wiping up; An old wash cloth or small towel across your knee while tying makes short work of removing that dubbing wax on your fingers or that spot of head cement where you 'nudged' it over a bit or off that bodkin. Remember to wash it now and then!

Summer Solstice and some beach flies By Bob Triggs



The wild Sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout is an aggressive feeder.

This June has been one of the better ones for milder, warmer weather, with less rain and wind. We have had some beautiful days of beach fishing through this spring season. And the catching has been quite good too. As usual the Chum Baby fly has counted for many of the Cutthroat trout that we have caught here. With the banner year of Chum and Pink salmon fry that we saw this spring, coming out of so many rivers and streams across the region, it is no wonder that the sea-run Cutthroat so readily take this fly. And we have good success with this fly later in the year too. But by now there are some other prey species of significance to our fishing, and many of them are getting rather big. And so some of our flies should be getting bigger too.



Pacific Herring / photo U.S.G.S

Pacific Herring spawn here in the early spring. Rearing in the ell grass beds and shallow near shore zone, they feed chiefly on planktons and they grow rapidly. From juveniles of two to three inches, up to adults well over 8 inches in length, the sea run Cutthroat will feed on these fish year round. Right now they are plentiful, and many of the juveniles are closer to shore still. It is not unusual to catch a Cutthroat with the tail of a partially digested large Herring hanging out of its mouth. This says something for how aggressive these wild trout are at times.



Surf Smelt / photo W.D.F.W.

Surf Smelt spawn on many of our sand and gravel beaches here. In fact we have some of the more productive Surf Smelt beaches in the region. Adults may be as much as six to eight inches in length. Our wild sea-run Cutthroat trout, other predatory fish, and birds, seals and otters etc., will eat these smelt at every opportunity.



Sandlance burrowing / photo N.O.A.A.

Sandlance or "Candlefish" are finely slender forage fish, and the trout eat them much of the time. These fish spawn in the very shallowest margins of high tides, in the sand on the beaches. Their eggs incubate beneath the surface of the sand, high and dry, for several weeks before the next monthly high tide cycle returns to set the juveniles free in the waves. The adults have a habit if plunging into sandy bottom areas to hide. We can observe sea birds and ducks and trout feeding on these small fish at the same places and times. Remember this the next time that you see the birds holding in the current just off shore, feeding on small fish. Sandlance look like a wet noodle draped in the bird's mouths. Adults can be over 4 inches long.



Sandlance and Surf Smelt for comparison / photo U.S.G.S.

There are many other forage species that sea-run Cutthroat trout feed on all year- Sardines, Sculpin, Stickleback, Lamprey, Marine annelids, crustaceans' beetles, ants, termites etc., and so much more. I just shared a few ideas here to get you interested. When you are tying your flies for sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout fly fishing, once the summer solstice comes along- tie them a little bigger than you did in the spring. It should be obvious that some of the fish that these trout are feeding on are pretty big themselves by now. I tie mine in the 3 to 4 inch range. But I always have some smaller flies, some spring-time patterns, and a few much longer. One of my own favorite flies for this fishing, from the Summer Solstice through the autumn, is my "Little Stone's Beach Baby." A good general imitation for our Olympic Peninsula and Puget Sound forage fish.



"Little Stone's Beach Baby"
A good general forage fish imitation for Olympic Peninsula and Puget Sound beaches.

My good friend Leland Miyawaki always fishes the beaches with his big and bold "Miyawaki Beach Popper," and his fly box proves it!



Leland Miyawaki's famous "Miyawaki Beach Poppers"

I would say that the *Clouser Minnow*, in all of its bait fish variations around the world, is probably the most ubiquitous of saltwater flies. Here are but some of mine, tied sparse and fine, for sea-run Cutthroat and Salmon fishing on the beaches. One of these flies took the biggest sea-run Cutthroat that I have ever seen here, last September.



"Bait Fish Clousers"
Tied for Coho salmon and Sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout.

My artist angler friend Jack Devlin ties some beautiful flat wing flies to imitate our Sandlance and other Puget Sound bait fish. This is a tying style that Roderick Haig-Brown talked about in his writings. More recently you would have seen this style featured in Kenney Abrahms book "The Perfect Fish." And the late author and angler Doug Rose wrote about these flies in his blog as well.



Jack Devlin's beautiful flat wing bait fish flies for sea-run cutthroat fly fishing.

Some of the best saltwater fly fishing of the year lies ahead. We will be sea-run Cutthroat fishing through autumn on the Olympic Peninsula beaches. And salmon season is opening up here in just over a week. Get those bait fish flies going!

Bob Triggs is a veteran fly fishing guide, certified casting instructor and writer. He guides on the Olympic Peninsula rivers and beaches for trout, sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout and steelhead. To learn more about Puget Sound and Olympic Peninsula region sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout fly fishing, call or write for details.

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Playing with Shad by Mike Koslosky



The shad has been called America's Founding Fish by author John McPhee since it played an important role in the early days our our country. George Washington saved his troops from starvation by intercepting a shad run on the Delaware River at Valley Forge and smoking the catch. And every Administration since that time has feasted on shad roe each spring.

An anadromous member of the herring family, shad equalled, and maybe surpassed, the more famous salmon in sheer numbers returning to their natal streams in the Northeastern US. But like our salmonids shad populations were impacted by dams, diversions, pollutants, and politics until their numbers dwindled to pathetic lows.

Fortunately for us Left Coasters, an enterprising fisheries biologist from New York, Seth Green, transplanted American Shad into the Sacramento River in 1871 and they exploded like popcorn at the multiplex. 10,000 shad fry found the Sacramento River and the nearby Pacific to their liking and reproduced so prolifically that by 1879 they were commercially available in San Francisco fish markets.

As wildlife is apt to do, shad ventured north finding the Columbia River as early as 1886 and discovered an even better new home. Within one hundred years shad counts peaked at over 3 million fish at Bonneville Dam. Current counts today top one million and with no minimum size or possession limit, there are plenty to go around.

Lucky for Phil Moore and myself, shad also head up Oregon's Willamette River and we found a few just below the falls on our trip June 13. Guide Rob Crandall of Watertime Outfitters tucked us into a back eddy were we managed to hook and land a few using a fly known as the shad dart. Shad schools move like other migratory fish - in and out of holding water. Apparently they were out at the time we tried for them but Terry Sanchez and Bill Fields of Overlake hit them as they came in and scored big time.





In the ocean shad are plankton feeders and no one knows why they hit flies and lures in fresh water. But they do and the tricky part is that they have paper thin tissue around their mouth and you can never land as many as you hook. They average 3-4 pounds and are feisty fighters often going airborne. While the yearly shad run may be over by the time you read this newsletter, put it on your calendar for next May-June. You won't be sorry.

Gig Harbor Fly Shop – Fishing Report -James Harrington

Summer officially begins July 5th according to local lore and it is reasonable to assume that we should see the stabilization of our weather as we move through July. As anglers we deserve to take advantage of it. What can't we fish for in July? Not many fisheries are off the table during this month. Here's a rundown:

In Puget Sound, cutthroat fishing should remain strong although anglers should concentrate on times when good tides align with early morning or dusk. Hot, clear days will likely have cutthroat moving to deeper, cooler water during the height of the day. Those with watercraft can fish during the warmest hours by running heavier sink tips in that deeper water. By the end of the month it is a distinct possibility that you may hook some incidental silvers while cutthroat fishing but take caution to review the regulations before you plan on retaining any.

Anglers with access to a seaworthy boat or willing to hire a guide may also consider taking a trip up to the Strait of Juan de Fuca or the northwest entrance to Puget Sound and Hood Canal and try bucktailing or casting for coho later in the month. Also, casting flies near kelp beds and underwater rocky structures can yield fast and furious rockfish action. Again, check regulations for rockfish targeting and/or retention and be responsible about what you may choose to keep.

There will also be a number of options for summer run steelhead as the month progresses, but it will be imperative to monitor the flows to determine if a river will be in shape to fish. Depending on the watershed, a river may be a bit low during the dry season or a bit high in an area that will experience high runoff during hot days. Additionally, these fish are likely to be most active early and late when the sun is not pounding down on the water.

As for trout, fishing lakes should remain productive early and late in the day but like many other area fisheries, the action tends to slow during the heat of midday. Anglers may also find bass or panfish lying in shaded areas waiting to ambush a popper.

Small stream trout fishing is also an excellent option. Although the fish are not usually large they can provide great sport on light gear, plus the scenery on these mountain streams is second to none. They also often offer western Washington anglers one of our few opportunities to wet wade.



For myself personally? Well, I can't wait for the chance to get after some coho out in the salt. Get those baitfish patterns tied up!

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website



Gapen's Muddler Minnow July, 1998

Comments by Jim Abbs

When it comes to an all-around fly there perhaps is none more popular or famous than Don Gapen's Muddler Minnow. This fly is commonly used as a minnow, a grasshopper, a cricket, an emerging green drake, a stonefly, a tadpole and even a spent mayfly, Spin anglers have tied a version of the Muddler Minnow on jig heads to use for bass and walleye. The Muddler Minnow is so respected and well-known that there are fly shops and even fly fishing clubs named after it.

Don Gapen of Anoka, Minnesota originated this fly in the late 1930s to imitate the sculpin, a bottom feeder-dweller that has no swim bladder and is more like a lizard than a fish. Gapen developed this fly for the big Nipigon Brook Trout in Ontario, using a head of spun deer hair.

This fly was popularized by Dan Bailey, a New Yorker transplanted to Montana, with several variations, particularly the Marabou Muddler, which Bailey described as the top producer for big Montana trout. The muddler minnow has been used for virtually all species of warmwater, coldwater and saltwater fish and also has served as a basis for many other patterns, like the Spuddler, Muddler Hopper, Missoulian Spook, Searcy Muddler, Keel Muddler, to name just the more famous variations.

The pattern described here is the classic one. Color variations can be accomplished by changing the color of the underwing, body or even the wing. A very popular and deadly variation is the marabou muddler, which basically involves substituting marabou (yellow and white are most popular) for both the wing and underwing, with a few strands of peacock herl.

MATERIALS:

Hook: Mustad 9672, # 2-10

Thread: Brown

Tail: Mottled brown turkey quill section

Body: Flat gold tinsel

Underwing: Gray squirrel tail fibers, fairly sparse

Wing: Two mottled turkey wing guill sections, tied slightly off to the side of the body and

angling upward toward the bend of the hook

Head: Spun and clipped deer hair, with some of the fibers angling backwards to form a

collar

TYING STEPS:

- 1. Attach thread at the rear of the hook and and tie tail on top (7-8 fibers for a size 6 hook). Wind thread about 2/3 of the way back toward the hook eye.
- 2. Tie in length of flat gold tinsel. Wrap the tinsel toward the tail in close, even wraps back to the tail and then wrap it forward over first layer to original tie in point.
- 3. Take a small clump of squirrel hair fibers with the tips extending to the center of the tail (about the bend of the hook)
- 4. Select a right and left section of a mottled turkey wing quill and place their conclave sides together. Tie these sections of turkey wing quill directly on top of the squirrel hair underwing. Wind the thread back toward the eye.
- 5. Tie in a small clump of deer body hair (a little bigger than a wood matchstick), with the tips pointed toward the rear of the hook and the cut ends point forward. 'Spin the deer hair' by bringing the thread around the deer hair and hook shank and pulling it toward you. The deer hair will flare. Add more deer hair on other side of hook and continue with small clumps until the front 1/3 of the hook shank is covered with flared deer hair.
- 6. Remove the fly from the tying vise and trim the flared deer hair to form a shape with a rounded top and a flat bottom. Different tiers prefer different shapes.
- 7. Whip finish and cement.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern. You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
		July 1 Outing- Bass Lake 6 AM	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	10 PSFF MTG	11	12 PSFF Annual Picnic
13	14	15	16	17 PSFF BRD MTG	18	19
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3	4	5 Outing - Green Lake (Seattle)	6 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Outing - Coldwater Campout 1/4	16 Outing - Coldwater Campout 2/4
17 Outing - Coldwater Campout 3/4	18 Outing - Coldwater Campout 4/4	19	20 7 Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24/31	25 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	26	27	28	29	30

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:

- To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational and political means.
- 2. To encourage flyfishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
- 3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
- 4. To promote "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
- 5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
- 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.