



Northwest Steelheaders

Mid-Valley Chapter Newsletter



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President's Message

The March Zoom Meeting promises to be another great program after our successful initial zoom attempt in February. This month's presenters are Guide Damon Struble, ODFW Biologist Karen Hans, and our Association President Tom VanderPlatt.

Damon is going to be giving us information to help us catch more steelhead and salmon. As most of you know, Damon is one of our favorite guides because he doesn't hold back with fishing knowledge. I truly enjoy fishing with Damon because not only does he do everything he can to make the trip a success; catch and knowledge wise, his warm personality adds the ingredient for life long memories.

Karen Han always keeps us up to date on how the local and far away events are affecting our fishing opportunities. This time she is going to explain how our fight for water is bearing on the fish numbers today and in the future. After listening to Karen's presentation this month I believe that most of you will understand much of what we need to do to get the steelhead population stable and even slowly building in our area.

Tom VanderPlatt has worked tirelessly to promote sport fishing in the Pacific Northwest. Tom is joining us this month to discuss the great guided fishing trips the association has put together, and how they will benefit all of our members. See the complete list of super trips offered in a section following my message. Tom has other association items to talk about plus answering your questions about the way headquarters is working for us.

Future monthly meetings will start off in April with Rich Bryan from Kokanee Power of Oregon. His

timely presentation should put us onto some great kokanee fishing.

May can be filled with a shad fishing trip/contest. If the trip does not come to fruition, a substitute event presentation will be found.

June 5th is scheduled to be our annual picnic at the Waterloo park shelter. Thanks to Ron Pockrus for getting the shelter donated during the weekend. We picked the weekend this year to allow more family members to attend than could attend during the week days.

A Few Items to discuss after the presenters take center stage will be a chapter shad fishing trip, our guided trip raffles, and a bill promoting a Veterans Group Fishing License. Please check out the excellent article Bill Kremers wrote about shad fishing to whet our appetite for a chapter trip. I know what fun, fast action, and tough fighters shad can be. I will also ask each of you to consider coming forth to serve when the elections come up in April.

The instructions to join this meeting are included following my message. If you had a problem joining last month's meeting let myself or George know before the meeting. We want to see everyone's smiling faces. ☐😊

Everyone stay safe during this pandemic. See you at our zoom meeting.

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SHAD FISHING

By Bill Kremers

Shad fishing in the Northwest is a fishery that anglers across the country only can dream about. Shad are plentiful, they are excellent fighters, it is an activity that the whole family can participate in, you do not need any fancy or expensive tackle and they bite all day long. May and June is the best time to go shad fishing.



Where can you fish for shad? For us the central valley angler, you have several options. If you travel south, you have main stem of the Umpqua River. This is a drift boat fishery, and you can combine a trip here with smallmouth bass fishing. A little over an hour north of us is the place I highly recommend, the lower Willamette River just below the Willamette Falls. There are other shad spots on the lower Willamette, with the Coon Island area on Multnomah Channel topping the list. Then if you have a large power boat and a good anchor system, the Columbia River has shad fishing all the way to the Idaho border. The most popular spot is the "Shad Rack" about a mile below Bonneville Dam. The Shad Rack is fast water, but so is the action.

Shad tackle: Once again, keep it simple. I prefer a light action steelhead rod; either spinning or a drift rod is fine. Just remember shad generally run two to five pounds and if are fishing in fast water like the Shad Rack, it takes a rod with a stiff butt to get that fish to the boat. My basic setup is 10-to-12-pound main line (or 30 lbs. braid) tied to a small spread bar. Off the spread bar I tie on an eighteen-inch lead line and a thirty-inch leader to my lure. Depending on where the water conditions I will need weights between one to four ounces. There a variety of lure anglers use, red and shad darts, small spoons, tiny

plastic worms (1 inch) and bead headed shad flies. When selecting a lure, just remember shad are plankton feeders and prefer small baits. The most popular lure colors are red, white, gold, silver and chartreuse. On occasions they will surprise you as I have even caught a few on spring chinook spinners. My personal favorite lure is the small Dick Nite spoon in pearl and pink. When I switch to the larger size Dick Nites, my catch rate goes down by at least fifty percent.

How to Shad Fish: The closest shad water to us is the Willamette River by I-205 and the Clackamas River. There are two boat ramps here, Sport Craft Landing right under the 205 Bridge on the east side of the Willamette and Chackamette Park on the Clackamas River just above where it enters the Willamette. Sport Craft is a one lane ramp and the parking is limited and tight. Clackamette Park has a two-lane ramp and a larger parking area. It is also a very popular spot for bank anglers. Usually by the middle of May and June the water flow and current has slowed down enough in this area that you can safely boat this area with a trout size boat. Shad like salmon and steelhead like to travel lanes and once you get on the water you will see some of the boats catch more shad than the other boats. Since you are fishing directly behind your boat you can anchor fairly close to other boats. Just keep your anchor rope as short as possible. The average depth in this section is between five and fifteen feet. Once you decide on a spot and anchor up, bounce back your setup behind the boat until your weight settles on the bottom. Then tighten you line, put the rod in the rod holder and pop a beverage and watch your rod. Be sure and bring a net with a long handle as shad have tender mouths. We can now fish with two rods on the Willamette, so take advantage of it. Do not be afraid to move around if the fishing at first, second or third spot is slow.

What do I do with my Shad? Some people try to can or smoke them. I have tried their endeavor and one serving was enough for me. Shad are probably the best crab bait you can find. Just put them in plastic garbage bag and put them in the freezer until you head to the coast for some crabbing. What I normally do is cut them in large chunks the night before. Then I put the chunks in a plastic bucket, pour on some crab scent and let them soak overnight. By the morning they are ready for crabbing. My first step is to put on a pair of rubber gloves, then I put a

few chunks in your crab bag, drop the pots or rings and get ready for a fresh crab dinner. I also use shad chunks for halibut fishing. Depending on the size of the shad I can get four or more bait size chunks per shad. What I like about shad meat is that it is tough. While herring and squid easily come off the hook, shad is a tough bait and has a much longer hook life. I know a few Steelheaders who cut the shad meat into thin strips that they attach to hook for added scent when they troll for salmon in the ocean or at Buoy 10. Shad is also the number one bait if you want to fish for oversize sturgeon. Just be careful on where sturgeon fish as they have changed the deadline in recent years. You can also use a small chunk of shad on your hook as a “button” to keep your eggs on the hook when you fish eggs in tidewater. Just use your imagination as I am sure we can add to this list. Some people like to use shad for fertilizer. Just do not bury it where your dogs can dig it up, I learned that lesson the hard way.

EDITORIAL – GILL NETTING

By George Larson



- 267 commercial gill net fishing permits (with roughly 40 active boats) for Columbia River take ½ the allowed annual catch for the fishery and ~150,000 sports anglers are allotted the other ½ of the allowed annual catch
- Since 2013, ODFW has charged sports anglers \$9.75 additional to the regular fishing license to fish the Columbia River or tributaries (Columbia River Basin Endorsement) This fee was initiated to remove nets from the mainstem of the Columbia River to protect and enhance the fishery which has not been done. However, the fee has been extended to 2021. 2021 Sports Fishing Regulations now state that "Money from the endorsement helps fund improvements to Columbia River Fisheries, including: expanded off-channel commercial fishing areas, additional hatchery production, and

commercial/recreational fisheries law enforcement." (translation: Improvement for commercial gill netting areas, more hatchery fish to plant in off-channel areas, and thus far no law enforcement or monitoring of commercial fleet catch)

- 2019, ODFW Commission and the Fed allowed removal of predator sea lions at Bonneville and Willamette Falls fish passage choke points to improve fishery runs (this effort has been very successful in improving upstream fishery returns)
- 2019, ODFW Commission returned commercial nets to the mainstem.
- No mandatory observation of commercial gill net boats has been implemented to scientifically confirm bi-catch levels of protected or non-allowed fish to be monitored or marketed
- All major sports angler landing locations are monitored and multiple locations with spot checks requiring display of catch and reasonable sampling data to be collected
- 2020 Commercial Gill Net Delivered Catch as reported by ODFW Final Report

Steelhead			
6,387 fish	44,709 lb.	\$72,052	
\$1.63/lb.*			
Chinook			
60,855 fish	925,000 lb.	\$2,885,000	
\$3.12/lb.	\$9.90/lb.**		
Coho			
49,889 fish	359,201 lb.	\$588,000	
\$1.64/lb.	\$5.80/lb.**		
Sturgeon			
1,059 fish	32,000 lb.	\$120,000	
\$3.75/lb.*			

*not lawful to commercially catch steelhead, these are market delivered
 **line caught value
- Additional details of our concerns are contained in the following pages:

After multiple years of collecting extra money from sports anglers for fishing Columbia River fisheries that was to be used to preclude gill netting in the mainstem of the river, both Oregon and Washington

have reneged on these promises and again allowed “tangle-net” use in the main stem. This is a flagrant misuse of collected funds and an illegal taxation of Oregon citizens for unknown political gain. The following was written in 2018. As of 2020, the commercial gill-net fleets were just returned to the river’s main stem even though sea lions predators are being removed and destroyed. Someone needs to reset ODFW’s priorities to not pander to a group of about 40 individuals and look after the +400,000 sport anglers that bring so much revenue to the state.

Why hasn’t ODFW Commission removed the commercial gill nets from the Columbia River mainstem?

SELECTIVITY: Sports anglers are required to release native fish without removing them from the water by removing tension on the barbless-hook (which is a challenging method to keep the fish “on” in the first place) or cutting the leader. The commercial gill net fleet is only required to be selective on spring salmon runs (according to ODFW Staff statement to the Commission 3/17/2017), and thus only during spring are they required to revive and release native fish (no ODFW data is available on compliance). Summer and Fall salmon runs do not require the commercial gill net fleet to be selective on bi-catch nor are they monitored at all per ODFW staff statement 3/17/2017 public meeting. ODFW Staff stated that the commercial gill net fleet is assigned an arbitrary value of 30% of the annual allowable impact on native and protected species runs (with no monitored sampling) even though reports of up to 50% mortality occur for long net soak times. There is no monitoring of the commercial gill net fleet catch. Since it is a small, known group of boats and the fishing dates are controlled and the catch represent roughly the same number the fish taken that the Sports anglers it is not clear why only Sports anglers are regularly monitored and fined for infractions. In addition, why hasn’t ODFW collected mortality data from the commercial gill net fleet directly instead of assigning an arbitrary value to their impact (simple ride-along data collection is all that is required on nominally 20-50 boats).

COST: Economically, the 267 gill net fleet members’ catch has ranged from \$3.6-\$5M annually (about 3% of the \$150M Oregon ocean commercial fishing total.) Compare this to the sports angler

economic value of 530,000 licensed sports angler persons annually (2016 & 2017) with their boats, fuel, supporting bait, fishing gear, tow-rigs, transit fuel, and guides, plus hotels and restaurants which represents multiple \$10s of millions in State and business revenue. Both groups are allotted equal amounts of fish. ODFW has failed to report the number of Sports Angler licenses issued for 2019 and 2020 as well as Sports Angler catch for 2019 and 2020.

CO-USE OF A SHARED FISHERY: In 2016, ODFW Commission has allowed a roughly 50 active commercial gill net boats (of the 267 licenses issued) with a take valued at \$3.6-\$5M/y) and a good lobby group to control the Columbia River Basin tributaries fishery without regard to the 140,000 licensed sports anglers. In 2016, ODFW sports-anglers paid \$25.6M resident and non-resident sports fishing licenses plus \$1.3M for Columbia River Basin Endorsement fees collected (this does not include the above-mentioned peripheral business in-State expenditures) vs \$18,796 collected for gill net licenses both resident and non-resident. Just the license fees alone would suggest a much different split in the allowable take by each group. By the same ODFW Staff assessment, sport-anglers are assigned a 12% impact on spring and up to 15% impact on summer and fall fisheries and they are dock checked and ticketed for any bycatch. The gill net fleet is assigned a 30% impact for the same number of fish. Because the gill nets are non-selective, and again, according to ODFW data reported before 2013 commercial gill nets took 1100-1400 sturgeon each year with no regard to size regulations. This was again confirmed by 2020 ODFW data indicating 1,059 sturgeon have been taken. When the rules changed in 2013, the commercial gill net group stopped reporting any take even though there was no change in gear or fishing technique. Sports anglers have not been allowed to keep Sturgeon since 2013* and are monitored and fined for infractions.

*During 2017, both commercial gill netters and sports anglers were allowed a few days (~4) of Sturgeon fishing. This promotes combat fishing where the entire fleet all are on the water at the same time. Roughly the same numbers of Sturgeon were taken by both groups.

IMPROVEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF BOTH

USERS: Who supports the hatchery fish being planted in the non-main stem Columbia River locations for the commercial gill net fleet? ODFW provides hatchery operating funds to which the license fees of the commercial fleet contribute about 1.5% total for a 50% share of the annual take of fish. In this same plan, the commercial gill net fleet was to be removed from the main stem Columbia River to the hatchery planted locations off of the main stem. This has not been implemented to date. Also, changes in net types were to be initiated to allow lower impact by gill nets to the native and protected fish. Only a couple of tests have been conducted to date. The transition funding for these net changes will be retracted next year (2019) becoming part of the ODFW normal operating funds with no progress toward the promised action of no nets in the main stem.

DEROGATORY STATEMENTS: The Board has put forth that Sports Anglers do not remove sufficient hatchery fish from native spawning grounds. This is true because the Board has imposed low daily catch limits on hatchery stock for sports anglers of one or two fish per trip. Hatchery tags are available that allow additional hatchery fish removal but allowing only one or two fish per day thus requiring many trips to accomplish the task significantly impacts the efficiency of Sports Anglers. A change to the daily bag limit for hatchery fish would increase Sports angler catch substantially. The commercial gill net "efficient" method of taking all fish in an unselective manner with high mortality on bi-catch native fish and no monitoring of the bycatch will obviously be more efficient. In addition, commercial gill netting contributes nothing to spawn ground nutrients up-river because catch and bi-catch is dumped at Astoria whereas the Sports anglers distribute carcasses far up-stream. There is also likely some correlation with the seal pinniped problem in Astoria all the way up to Willamette Falls and Bonneville Dam that has not been addressed but exacerbated by the extra fish dumped in the main stem near Astoria to attract these nuisance predators.

BAIT AND SWITCH: 2017 ODFW Fishing Regulations stated that the Columbia River Basin Endorsement fee was collected to fund "the transition to eliminate non-tribal commercial gill nets on the lower main stem Columbia River and provide additional salmon and steelhead for sport

fishing." 2018 ODFW Fishing Regulations states that the Columbia River Basin Endorsement fee was collected to fund "improvements to Columbia River Fisheries, including: expanded off-channel commercial fishing areas, fisheries specific research and monitoring, additional hatchery production, and commercial/recreational fisheries law enforcement." Obtaining scientific data on the commercial gill net bi-catch impacts and monitoring the commercial fleet take would be important and appropriate near-term goals to support such a change in direction.

SERIES OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS: The bycatch mortality rate reported by ODFW on the Commercial gill net fleet for summer and fall is as high as 50% significantly topping the Sports angler rate of 15% and the applied rate of 30%.

Without patrolled monitoring of the Commercial gill net fleet, there is no indication that bi-catch is dispositioned properly without monetary value. It is not clear why the commercial gill net fleet is not fully monitored by law enforcement.

There were 267 Commercial gill net licenses issued in 2017. There is no indication of how many licenses were used (suggested 100 total with 20-50 each outing), nominal fishing days included only about 50 vessels. Also, there is no upper limit on how many licenses can be issued. Legally, all 267 licensed vessels could be used which would shorten the season drastically and do significantly more damage via bi-catch to the fishery.

It was suggested that issued gill net licenses could be bought out, but it is not clear why ODFW is issuing them in the first place with so many questions about the bi-catch issue. Note that ODFW reports Native Americans using purse seine nets (Commercial gill net fleet has only tried with a few boats and results are not reported by ODFW to our knowledge). Consideration should be given to raising commercial gill net fees to support hatcheries to a level commensurate with the advantage that is taken with the associated catch of hatchery fish (50% of hatchery operating costs).

Washington State has remained committed to the original 2013 OR/WA agreement to move commercial gill nets out of the main stem Columbia River. Where is Oregon State going with the current planning and break from the 2013 agreement?

Gill-netted fish are worth less than 50% of hook caught fish because the fish drown in the net, are not bled out, and remain with guts in the body for many hours degrading the value of the fish —"delivered in the round."

There appears to be no census data on Coho sports fishing...is there data? With the 2017 season closed for the lower half of the Oregon coast and no season open in the upper half Oregon coast ocean, it is not clear why were Coho allowed to be caught by the Commercial gill net fleet in the Columbia River. The nets do not differentiate fin-clipped from wild.

Will Sturgeon retention continue and can the season be limited in some other way rather than only a couple of days allowed for sports angling (like tighter length requirement to limit what is kept in order to lengthen the duration of the season). This used to be (pre-2013) a great fun winter fishery.

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Upcoming Meeting Information

We have guides, Curt Curry, and Rich Bryan from Kokanee Power giving presentations over the next two months.

- March 3: Curt Curry
- May 7: Rich Bryan from Kokanee Power

Damon and Curt have agreed to raffling a fishing trip to our members with details to follow at our meetings.

The meetings will be on Zoom programs for those that will join via computer screens. The meetings can also be joined by telephone. Meeting ID information will be sent to all members 3-4 days prior to the event.

2021 Chapter Picnic

A date has finally been set for this year's chapter picnic.

- **Date:** June 5th, 2021
- **Location:** Waterloo covered pavilion, across from boat ramp.

This is the same location as we've previously used with the large pavilion.

*Compliments of Linn County Parks Dept.
Reservations pending Covid-19 guidelines*

TRIBUTE TO DON WENZEL

By Karen Hans



I first met Don Wenzel in 2004. I had barely warmed my office chair when he called me. "So, let me take you on a tour around the District." We spent

several hours in the truck, driving around the Mid Valley as Don showed me all the places and

projects that he and the Mid Valley NW Steelheaders had worked on. Over the next 16 years, I spent a lot of time in a truck with Don and enjoyed every minute of it.

I had not been a STEP Bio before. Don was instrumental in helping me understand the District's issues. For the next 15 years, first as a Master Volunteer, then as my Salmon Trout Advisory Committee Rep, Don was an invaluable volunteer and friend. Anything that needed done, Don helped me do it. He was one of those rare volunteers that I could ask him to take on a project, and with little input from me, he would get the job done. Over the years, Don helped me with fish trapping, fishing line collection stations, teaching kids to fish,

delivering salmon and trout eggs to classrooms and helping teachers with their equipment, organizing construction projects to enhance fishing access. Don and I pitched thousands of salmon carcasses to Mid-Valley Rivers and creeks. He was always trying to find a better way to “convey” the carcasses to the creek. My favorites were the catapult and slingshot. None of his inventions ever worked any better than just tossing the fish, but it was always fun trying them out.

One of my favorite Don stories is when he was helping me trap Mid Valley creeks around Albany. One of the creeks was frequently running thick with cow manure. I’m not talking about, “oops, I spilled the wheel borrow”, the water was so turbid with manure; you couldn’t see the trap a few inches deep in the creek. I ask Don to make a note on the data sheet whenever the creek was skanky. When Don turned in the data sheets, rather than saying “creek smelly and turbid,” or “creek thick with manure,” Don had used more a more earthy term. In the comment section Don had written “creek very

sh%&*y today” or “lots of cow s#%t in creek.” I said “Don! These data sheets are legal documents”. He just gave me his wry Don smile and a devilish chuckle. Sure enough, a couple years later there was an EPA criminal investigation into the manure spills. I turned over my data sheets to the EPA Investigator. My data sheets, Don’s salty language and all, are not part of the official Federal Government record.

Don was such a huge part of STEP. When a volunteer opportunity comes up like fish trapping or a youth fishing event, I still think “I need to call Don...” When I receive a STAC Mini Grant application, I think “I better call Don so he can sign this...” And then reality returns and I feel a deep sadness for the enormity of our loss. While Don has now gone on to his next great adventure, we can honor the time he shared with us. Cherish your family and friends, take your children, and grandchildren, and other kids fishing, advocate for the fish. In this way, Don will always be with us.

How to Join the Chapter Meetings

Mid-Valley Chapter Meeting are available using Zoom.

This meeting is FREE and open to the public! All are welcome to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting using audio and video

<https://zoom.us/j/92332137381?pwd=Q3JCSzFlSEdVWmJkSjNuaXJndVZSUT09>

Meeting ID: 923 3213 7381

Passcode: 901284

To join by phone (audio only):

Dial: 253-215-8782

Enter meeting ID: 923 3213 7381

Passcode: 901284

From your computer (if using a cell phone for video and audio, you will need to download a Zoom app):

- Open the Zoom desktop client or Zoom app
- Join a meeting using one of these methods:
 - Click Join a Meeting if you want to join without signing in.
 - Or sign in to Zoom then click Join.
- Enter the meeting ID number and your display name.
 - If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your default name to appear.
 - If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
- Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and click Join.

By Phone audio only:

- On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided in your invite.
- Enter the meeting ID number when prompted using your dialpad.

RAFFLE EVENT INFORMATION



Support Salmon & Steelhead Conservation!

From **March 1st - 7th**, Northwest Steelheaders is raffling off incredible trips with premier guides in the region to support our angling advocacy efforts. Our guides have generously donated their time and expertise to transform your fishing experience. Not only will you learn new techniques using top-of-the-line gear, you'll also come away with a deeper understanding of Pacific Northwest fisheries and why they are so important to protect.

We have big advocacy goals this year to protect endangered fish, restore habitat, and enhance fishing opportunities and we need your help to achieve them.

- Working with a multi-state coalition to remove the lower Snake River dams and recover endangered salmon and steelhead throughout the Columbia River Basin
- Ban non-treaty commercial gill nets on the lower mainstem Columbia River
- Protect salmon habitat in Northwest Oregon
- Collect new spring Chinook broodstock at the Clackamas hatchery
- Pass a group license bill for nonprofit veterans fishing events
- Increase fishing opportunities and access for all Northwesterners

Please support our angling advocacy efforts by buying a raffle ticket...or several! The more tickets you purchase, the more you help protect Northwest fisheries and the more you increase your chances of winning one of these world-class trips.

How it works

- **Winners will be announced live on Facebook and Instagram and via email on March 8th, 2021.**
- Each trip raffle is separate and only one winner will be drawn for each trip.
- The ticket cost and total available tickets are based on the value of each individual trip. Ticket cost ranges from \$20-\$50 and available tickets range from 25-40.
- Each trip has different stipulations, so make sure you read all the way through. Some are specific to a particular species, body of water, or timeframe, while others are the winner's choice. For additional details, please visit the guide's website or Facebook linked below their description.
- You can buy as many tickets as are available.
- If you want to buy tickets for several different raffles, check to make sure you're purchasing the intended tickets.
- Raffle tickets DO NOT include membership. If you would like to join or renew your membership, please [visit our website](#).
- Raffle tickets are NOT deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Please email us at office@anws.org if you have any questions.



Kevin Anderson, Next Level Guide Service

Trip: 3 persons, 2 night Kokanee trip on Wallowa Lake, OR (camping accommodations included). Selective dates May-June 2021 or 2022. Valued at \$1,350.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Wallowa Lake holds the record for the largest Kokanee ever caught world as well as 8 state records. Kevin knows how to target this species and has been doing so for years. His campsite includes large canvas tents, a camp kitchen, and wifi. You will need to bring food, beverages, and bedding. If the dates/travel do not work for you, you can redeem a Kokanee trip with Kevin at Detroit Lake during 2021 (which does not include overnight accommodations).



Damon Struble, Nomad's Fishing Adventures

Trip: 3-4 person full day fall salmon on the Alsea or Siletz Rivers in OR between Sept-Nov 2021. Valued at \$1,000.

Damon has been an avid fisherman and hunter all his life. The rivers and forests of Oregon were his playground growing up. After retiring from law enforcement, Damon returned to his passion of fishing by becoming a licensed Oregon fishing guide, where he says people are much happier to see him. If you are looking to book an Oregon fishing adventure, you can't go wrong with Damon.



Ciara Lambert, D&G Charters

Trip: 2 person, 1 day trip in Homer, AK (captain's choice). Valued at \$700.

Ciara specializes in fishing for lingcod, rockfish, salmon, and halibut and you're in luck! Homer, AK is the halibut fishing capital of the world, receiving this renown due to the quality and quantity of halibut it produces each season! Lodging is not included in this trip. Whether you're a beginner looking to try something new, or an avid angler ready to fill a freezer, Ciara is excited to take you on the trip of a lifetime in Kachemak Bay, Cook Inlet, or on the Homer Spit.



Chris Vertopoulos, Chris V's Guide Service

Trip: 2 person full day, winner's choice. Must be redeemed within 1 year. Valued at \$500.

Chris Vertopoulos has been an iconic guide for over 25 years. He started fishing at 8yrs old and has dedicated his life to the pursuit of salmon, trout and steelhead. In addition to being a licensed fishing guide, he also holds a U.S. Coast Guard license and is a Prostaff Member for G-Loomis Rods, Shimano Reels, and many other tackle companies. Chris is regularly featured in *Salmon and Steelhead Journal*, *Salmon Trout Steelheader* and other northwest publications. You will fish from a custom 25 ft Willie Nemesis or an 18 ft custom Willie Drift Boat with the best gear on the market.



Jordan Knigge, Addicted Fishing, 168 Fishing Adventures

Trip: 2 person full day, spring Chinook or summer steelhead between May-July, wherever the fish are biting. Valued at \$500.

If you've seen [Addicted Fishing's Youtube Channel](#), you already know what a creative angler Jordan Knigge is. No matter the weather or water, Jordan consistently tests methods to land monster salmon, trout, and steelhead. Having chased fish in remote areas his entire life, he's got a wealth of fishing knowledge. He's dedicated to teaching you his favorite tactics and giving you a day on the water that you will never forget.



Trevor Storlie, Red's Guide Service

Trip: 2 person full day, winter steelhead on the Sandy River in OR. Valued at \$500.

Trevor Storlie has been a State of Oregon licensed guide for over 25 years. Trevor is a native Oregonian, spending much of his youth learning the rivers that he now guides. His #1 goal is to help you land the chrome trophy you've been dreaming of. and aside from a stellar day of fishing on the Sandy River, Trevor can guarantee a great sense of humor and a day full of laughter and learning.



Jack Glass, Team Hook Up Guide Service

Trip: 2 person full day, winner's choice. Valued at \$450.

Since he began his guided fishing career in 1983, Jack Glass has been focused on providing Portland area clients with quality fishing experiences. He is a staple guide of Willamette Spring Chinook Fishing and is deadly on Walleye, Steelhead and Sturgeon. He's an excellent teacher with the ability to give insight into local fisheries and history on the water he fishes. Jack is one of the strongest salmon advocates we know and his passion is contagious, so we can assure you that you'll go home with much more than dinner when you take a trip with him.



Brandon Glass, Team Hook Up Guide Service

Trip: 2 person full day, winner's choice. Valued at \$450.

Fishing with his father at a very young age, Brandon Glass bought his first boat at 12 using his cash earnings from catching Pikeminnow in the Columbia River. Brandon uses tried & true techniques but is also constantly experimenting with new ways to catch more fish. He not only fishes the rivers for steelhead, salmon and sturgeon, but also offers trips offshore for albacore tuna. Brandon provides his clients a quality fishing experience with a lot of insight on the water they are fishing.



Herman Fleishman, Northwest Fishing Adventures

Trip: 2 person full day, spring Chinook or Buoy 10. Valued at \$450.

Herman's knack for being aware of the latest techniques, his commitment to using only top of the line equipment, and his patience and willingness to tailor each guided trip to the skill level and needs of his customers, give him his reputation as one of the top guides in the Pacific Northwest. Year after year, Herman fishes in all four seasons, rain or shine, consistently catching the biggest and the best. His aim is to make every trip more than just another day fishing, leaving every customer with the experience of a real Northwest Fishing Adventure.



Kevin Larson, Kevin Larson Guide Service

Trip: 2 person full day, winner's choice. Valued at \$450.

Kevin was born and raised in Oregon. As a young child, he spent many weekends and summers on his father's boat. His dad and family taught him everything he knows about salmon, trout, sturgeon, and steelhead fishing. Kevin took that knowledge and has honed his skills as an adult. He not only knows the places to fish in Oregon, he knows how to make it fun. Whether you are on the boat at Bouy 10 or in "The Jaws" at Waldport or Newport, you won't notice the time pass. Kevin is kind, helpful, and does everything in his power to make sure you to have a great time.



Bill Taylor, Osprey Guide Adventures

Trip: 2 person full day, spring Chinook on Willamette River, between April-July. Valued at \$400.

Bill is an extremely experienced Oregon fishing guide with a love for spring Chinook. Springers are the bell of the ball when it comes to table fare and can be pretty wily on hook and line. Bill's Willamette trip is excellent for Portland locals looking to explore their home waters, whether you're a new to salmon fishing or not. If you're looking to land a big one, Bill is your guide.



Bill Woods, Obsession Guide Service

Trip: 2 person full day, winner's choice. Valued at \$400.

For Bill, fishing isn't just a sport, it's an Obsession! Bill offers salmon, steelhead, kokanee, sturgeon, and walleye trips on the Columbia River and it's tributaries. Bill has an incredible energy for teaching others how to fish and bringing smiles to every client's face. His trip includes breakfast, lunch, and lots of laughs!



Dave Manners, Big Dave's Fishing Adventures

Trip: 1 person full day, winner's choice. Valued at \$225.

Big Dave offers guided fishing trips for steelhead and salmon along the Oregon Coast tailored to both avid anglers and beginners. He mainly fishes Tillamook Bay, tidewaters, and the Wilson, Kilchis, and Trask Rivers in Tillamook, Oregon. All of Dave's trips are fully guided in sleds and drift boats, using Lamiglas rods. Enjoy either fall Chinook fishing (mid-September-December) or winter steelhead fishing (December-mid-April) with one of our most famous and esteemed guides!



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