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<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

**April 10, 2020**

**President's Message**

You probably have noticed that we have been forced to cancel many scheduled events in these uncertain times. Free fish day, Kokanee Karnival, and our opening day party as well as our monthly meetings have all been cancelled. Fortunately, our ability to get out and fish still remains open to us.

I would encourage us all to take this opportunity to fish. Please send us any stories and pictures of your outings but please practice safe distancing and the other practices recommended by the authorities. I hope that this finds you all well and that you and your loved ones will remain in good health until we are able to resume our normal lives.

Gary

**April Meeting has been cancelled.**

**Kids Free Fishing Day is cancelled.**

**Lake in the Dunes trips are postponed to the Fall.**

**Kokanee Karnival cancelled.**

**The Tubes** – are closed as it is part of La Pine State Park.

## Fishing News

### Oregon Closes hunting and fishing to non-residents

April 9, 2020

**SALEM, Ore.**— ODFW is closing recreational hunting, fishing, crabbing and clamming to non-residents due to concerns about travel to Oregon to participate in these outdoor activities. Such travel could spread the virus and put more of a burden on Oregon's rural communities.

As of Friday 11:59 p.m., non-residents may no longer participate in these activities in Oregon. The restriction extends until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and it is deemed safe to travel into Oregon. This order does not apply to anyone living in Oregon for less than six months who has not yet established residency.

Some states, including Washington, have closed hunting and fishing to limit the spread of the virus. While seasons remain open in Oregon (except for [Columbia River salmon/steelhead fishing](#)), resident hunters and anglers should not be travelling to participate. ODFW is hearing concerns from rural communities about people visiting to hunt and fish and placing additional burdens on these communities' limited resources.

"Rural communities are concerned about the potential impact of COVID-19 on medical and emergency services, search and rescue and their citizens. Some have asked us to close seasons to reduce travel," said ODFW Director Curt Melcher. "We would like to keep seasons open to give locals an outlet during this difficult time, but that doesn't mean it's OK to travel to these communities. Stick close to home and fish at your local lake, pond or river and do not go crabbing or clamming unless you live on the coast, and then only to places where access is still open."

ODFW monitoring has shown that while Oregonians are still participating in fisheries, clamming, shed hunting, and wildlife viewing it is in significantly lower numbers and that the majority of participants are doing it close to home and practicing social distancing. "We appreciate that many Oregonians are taking the Stay Home, Save Lives order seriously," added Melcher.

ODFW field staff monitoring participation in the field have seen out of state license plates and out of state angling and shellfish licenses in use. Staff are also fielding numerous calls from non-residents inquiring about plans to come to Oregon to hunt or fish.

"ODFW believes this action restricting non-residents will help local communities enforce the restrictions on out-of-state travelers violating the order, and putting local resources and residents at risk," said Melcher. "We appreciate everyone's understanding at this difficult time and look forward to seeing you outdoors again in the future when this passes."

ODFW anticipates there will be opportunity for non-residents who have already purchased a 2020 license to participate in hunting, fishing or shellfish opportunities later in the year. ODFW will refund non-resident spring bear and spring turkey tags and reinstate preference points for spring bear hunters. Please contact Licensing at [odfw.websales@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.websales@state.or.us), (503) 947-6101 to arrange for a refund.

## **Fishing Comments**

**ODF&W** – planted 5,000 Trout in South and North Twin lakes this past week.

Phil Fischer - Have not been out for 3 weeks or so. The fish in my article was from the Fall River at that time. 24". Took a couple there over 20". It has been busy up there. A friend shared he saw 24 cars there a couple days ago. The Tubes are closed, as it is in La Pine State Park. The Hatchery is closed. Both due to the virus. The campground and upstream are open, but all the folks off work are trying to fish that area. Enough room for social distancing, but too much pressure on that small river. So, I have not gone back out.

Chris Breault – Last weekend, North and South Twin seem like the places to be, with one Fly Angler catching a good size rainbow on a March Brown/Adams Parachute from the bank at South, and several anglers at North trying their luck with bait and spinners from the bank.

Wickiup Lake is still closed to fishing until opening day later this month, and will be open for Oregon Residents only.

The Crane Prairie road from Wickiup is fair (1-2 lane openings with All Wheel drive) – take it slow and watch for other vehicles.

Sheep Bridge entry still has some patches of snow and large ruts on the way in, but full and ready to fish in a couple of weeks.

North Wickiup boat ramp currently deserted, water level good, but no docks.

## Outings

**Lake in the Dunes Trips have been rescheduled to a date in the Fall of 2020**

### Tentatively Planned for 2020

June- Phil Fischer - the 2019 Project Healing Waters event in Central Oregon

Outings:

Crooked River  
Davis Lake  
East Lake  
Crane Prairie Hosmer

## Fishing expedition leader

Volunteer to fish a favorite (or semi-favorite spot) with the Anglers. A great way to meet people, and help them get to know an area. Or, if you've never been to a place before, a great opportunity to get a few others to go with you.

You can choose to serve a lunch or brunch and make it a party, or you can make it a BYOF&D (bring your own food and drink). Of, if you have a great idea, contact Rynie, and let's make it happen in 2020.

## Conservation

[Report Anglers who are violating fishing regulations](#)

Turn-in-Poachers (TIP)

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Poaching (illegal take of game or fish), trespassing, littering, theft, destroying of property and road closure violations affect all Oregonians.

Poaching wildlife and damaging habitats affects present and future generations of wildlife, impacts communities and the economy, and creates enforcement challenges. People who "work" the system and falsely apply for resident license or tags are not legally hunting or angling and are considered poachers.

Our Turn-in-Poachers (TIP) reward pays or offers preference points for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the illegal killing or taking of wildlife or illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling licenses or tags.

TIP rewards can also be given for the illegal taking, netting, snagging, and/or dynamiting of salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and/or large numbers of any fish listed in Oregon statute as a game fish.

Complete our online form below or, download a paper copy  [form](#) and return to us in person, call us, e-mail, fax, or mail. **1-800-452-7888 or 677 on your mobile.**

When making a report, provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Nature of violation or activity observed or advised about
- Location of activity (Road number, Milepost, GPS, Range, etc.)
- Date and time of violation/activity
- Description of any vehicle involved
- Name and/or description of violator

**Please don't fish the spanning beds – funny video.**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpkNsWCuB8o&utm\\_source=Redington+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=6b45972f3a-Redington+i.D+December+Campaign+COPY+01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_24046c7db6-6b45972f3a-84996397](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpkNsWCuB8o&utm_source=Redington+Newsletter&utm_campaign=6b45972f3a-Redington+i.D+December+Campaign+COPY+01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_24046c7db6-6b45972f3a-84996397)

## **Water News**

Please see the attached Oregon Water Conditions Report for April 6, 2020. As you view the “normal” Snowpack Graph for the Deschutes Basin, keep in mind that drought in 6 of the last 7 years has shrunk our aquifer and lowered the water table. It's almost certain that much of this year's snow melt will go to ground water recharge rather than springs, so there will be lower than normal spring recharge of the Upper Deschutes, Crane Prairie, and Wickiup.

COVID-19 has caused Mike Taylor, Coalition for the Deschutes, and myself to delay our May SRA meeting presentation on the current status and plans for flow restoration in the Upper D. Stay tuned for the new date. We are happy to host a Zoom update with anyone who's interested. - Jeff Wieland, cell: 541-280-3237, [jeffwieland@me.com](mailto:jeffwieland@me.com)

**Reservoir Levels and Upper Deschutes Flows:** for current reservoir fill levels and streamflows, go to the “US Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region Major Storage Reservoirs in the Deschutes River Basin, <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>

**Oregon Water Supply Report** “Follow this link to see the latest OWRD Water Conditions/Drought report.”

<https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Pages/Current-Conditions.aspx>

Frog, fish populations under threat in the Upper Deschutes  
Erratic flows from winter to summer have damaged river habitats, biologists say  
By MICHAEL KOHN The Bullet

[https://www.bendbulletin.com/.../article\\_5a112ed8-63ed-11ea-b...](https://www.bendbulletin.com/.../article_5a112ed8-63ed-11ea-b...)

Article on the Upper Deschutes River

Very effective and well-written Guest Column by Mike Weber in this morning’s Bulletin.  
Thanks, Mike!

You can read the article at [t.ly/xdWAb](https://t.ly/xdWAb)

## SSPT Soft Hackle

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### *Sunriver Angler’s Fly-Tying Corner*

*By: Phil Fischer*



I have gotten out to the Fall river a few times in February and early March. I’ve found solace and social distancing to be abundant during my visits. There is

nothing better than casting on a beautiful river with snow on the ground, crisp mountain air and a beautiful blue sky. However, since all this COVID-19 craziness has ramped up, I am electing to stay at home and tie flies.

I've heard the river has gotten very busy. Still plenty of room to spread out, but more pressure than this water is designed to handle. I am hoping that things will return to some state of normalcy and allow us to get out fishing more this spring and summer so I can use all these flies coming off my vice.

For this month's Fly Tying Corner, I tied an SSPT Soft Hackle. SSPT is short for squirrel, schlappen and pheasant tail, the main ingredients in this pattern. It is an adaptation of the more common pheasant tail nymph. But this version uses materials that give life and movement to the fly. The soft hackle is tied using a composite dubbing loop technique which blends the squirrel and dyed orange schlappen. Schlappen comes from a rooster and are the long webby feathers just in front of the tail. When blended and tied as a soft hackle, these materials move and pulse in the water, which hungry trout can't resist.



The tying video for this pattern introduces some new tools I've recently begun using for tying flies using a dubbing loop. The composite loop comprises multiple types of materials within a dubbing loop blended to form a composite material, in this case the soft hackle utilizing a Whiting Schlappen and gray squirrel. The technique uses a Swiss CDC Clamp which I obtained recently from the Hook Fly Shop in Sunriver, and a Loon Dubbing Spinner.

These tools make spinning materials in a dubbing loop much easier than the former methods I employed. And it creates endless alternatives for marrying materials in composite loops, only limited by the fly tiers imagination. Look at the video to see for yourself (Link below).

The trout have given their stamp of approval to this pattern. I've tested this fly on several big rainbows on the Fall river with excellent results. I have been sight casting to fish in shallow water using a hover line, which sinks very slowly. As the fly approaches the fish, I have let the fly swing, or given short strips to add to the movement of the materials. This beautiful leviathan rainbow took aggressively and ran me around the river for a bit before coming to net.



*Fall River Rainbow*

**SSPT Soft Hackle Materials List:**

- Hook:** Tiemco 3769 Barbed, or Firehole 609 Barbless, Size 14 - 18
- Thread:** Danville 6/0 Flat Waxed, Tobacco Brown
- Tail and Abdomen:** Ringneck Pheasant Tail Feather
- Rib:** Ultra Copper Wire, Size BR
- Thorax:** Natural Peacock Tail Feather
- Soft Hackle:** Whiting Schlappen, Dyed Orange  
Natural Gray Squirrel

Tying instructions and steps are published in video form, and can be found on the Sunriver Anglers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers/>, or at the following YouTube URL: <https://youtu.be/RI8Fd2GECsE> .

Experiment with this the composite dubbing loop technique to build your own creative patterns. If you have questions or would like additional information about the SSPT Soft Hackle, please don't hesitate to email me. Or if you have suggestions on future patterns to feature in this column, I welcome your input. I can be reached at [Philfischer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Philfischer@sbcglobal.net).

## FRED MEYER'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

The Sunriver Anglers will be credited with a reward from your purchase. Money from the Community Rewards Program will be added to support our club projects.

How to participate:

1. Link your Fred Meyer rewards card to the Anglers at: [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)
2. Scroll down and click on "Link your rewards card now"
3. Click on "Sign In" if you are already registered with the Fred Meyer rewards program. If not, then click on "Register" and fill in the registration information.
4. "Find Your Organization" should appear on the next screen.
5. Enter following number in the box to link your card to the Anglers: 87237 and click on "Search."
6. Sunriver Anglers should appear below "Organization Name." Click on the circle to the left of Sunriver Anglers and then click on "Enroll" You are now done.

## Member-Get-A-Member

Every time you recruit a new member, you help strengthen the Sunriver Anglers.

Recruiting a member is easy—when you connect with fellow anglers at meetings, online, or while fishing, simply tell them how you benefit from your membership in the Sunriver Anglers and suggest that they visit [www.sunriveranglers.org](http://www.sunriveranglers.org) to learn more about the value of membership.

If they decide to join, ask them to put your name on the membership application (available on our website) so you get the credit. It's that simple. You're Reward?



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## Facebook

The Sunriver Anglers has a Facebook page which members and anglers can post items of interest. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers>

**Resources – check our web site at [www.SunriverAnglers.org](http://www.SunriverAnglers.org) for a list of resources.**

## **Swap Meet - For Sale and or Wanted**

If you have fishing items for sale or need fishing gear, please contact Jerry Hubbard at [jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com](mailto:jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com)

Please provide a good description of the item(s) and contact information.

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