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Hello Chapter Members,

2019 was a busy year. In addition to members volunteering for over 1000 hours on projects like kokanee fry counting and spawner trapping, tree planting, the Cedar River Cleanup, helping over 30 disabled vets enjoy a day on the water through Project Healing Waters, and spreading the word of our work and the plight of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee at Sammamish Days and Issaquah Salmon Days; we held our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Run with the Kokanee, a successful Lake Sammamish Perch-A-Thon for vets, participated in Stream Girls events across the state, continued work on the film **Spawning Grounds** and held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual successful Candidates Forum at the Rogue's Issaquah Brewhouse.

Our conservation efforts were recognized by King County, who presented the chapter with the Green Globe Award for being the Leader in Salmon Recovery. We were thrilled and gratified to receive this award from County Executive Dow Constantine last May.



We also grew in 2019. We welcome members from the former Northshore Chapter. We hope to expand our conservation efforts to the north end with partners at UW Bothell, PERK and other conservation minded groups. We would like to continue holding the Northshore annual Kids Fishing event in Kenmore, but need help from NS members who were previously involved with this great community event. In order to accommodate our northern members we will hold meetings on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7 PM at McMenamins in Bothell. We will meet January 14<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>. We also like to add a NS member to our Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact me.



We have a lot coming up!

- Our membership meetings occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Issaquah Brewhouse starting at 7 PM. A raffle, an interesting speaker and beer! Come join the fun!
- We are hosting the world premier of the film Spawning Grounds on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at the North Bend Theater. A second showing is scheduled for Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Intellectual House on the UW Campus. This film shows years of our community's efforts to save our Lake Sammamish kokanee. Details and tickets can be found on our website, FB page and [www.spawninggroundsfilm.org](http://www.spawninggroundsfilm.org).
- We will be showing the 2020 edition of the Fly Fishing Film Tour at the North Bend Theater on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, a major fundraiser for the chapter.
- Members will tie flies for Project Healing Waters and the youth camp at Creekside Anglers on Sunday afternoons starting at the end of January. Beginners and experts welcome. Contact John Silvey for details. [ftrekerjohn@comcast.net](mailto:ftrekerjohn@comcast.net)
- We are sponsoring a student to attend the 2020 WCTU Youth Conservation Camp and Fly fishing Academy. If you know a student (12-16 yo) who may be interested, let us know!
- In March, we begin our annual 2 ½ month fry trapping project.
- In April we are fishing with veterans at our annual Project Healing Waters event on Lake Langlois.
- An Iron Fly Contest in the April.
- Our Annual Casting Clinic in June at Lake Sammamish State Park.
- Too much more to mention here including a couple of fishing outings and fishing contests. Hopefully something for everyone!

- **Because the name Bellevue-Issaquah doesn't reflect our membership or mission, we will be renaming the chapter. We are stewards for watersheds from Covington, Maple Valley, Renton, Issaquah, Snoqualmie, Bellevue, Mercer Island to Kirkland, Bothell, Kenmore, LFR, Woodinville, Redmond, North Bend, Duvall and Carnation. Basically, the Lake Washington/Sammamish Basin and the Snoqualmie and Cedar Rivers. A lot to cover!**
- **Send me your suggestions by January 31st. The chapter board will select the best 3 and we will put them up for a public vote in March. The person whose name wins will receive a guided trip for 2 on the Yakima. If more than 1 person submitted the winning name we will draw a name from that pool.**

We would like to see you at any or all of our events, but if you can't, you can help us in other ways.

- You can donate through our website or mail us a check.
- People who shop on Amazon can sign up through Amazon Smiles to donate .5% of all their purchases to our chapter at **No Additional Cost to You!** Details are below.
- You can also link your Fred Meyer shopping card to our chapter to help us receive funds from their community fund, our designation is **QE215**.
- Many folks also can help by designating our chapter as the recipient from their work place giving programs. We currently receive funds from many companies, like Microsoft, Dell and Boeing, who match your workplace giving and/or pay for your volunteer hours. Check and see what programs your company has to enable you to help us fight for clean, cold water for our community and our fish!

Finally, we would like to stay in better contact. Please make sure your email address is current with TU, or shoot us an email so we have your correct address.

I am always open to hear what you have to say, contact me anytime.

Details on all of this and more can be found on our websites [www.tu-bi.org](http://www.tu-bi.org) and [Lakesammamishkokanee.com](http://Lakesammamishkokanee.com).

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We also have an **Instagram** account **@BellevuelIssaquah TroutUnlimited**

Take a look at what we're doing and join in the fun! You won't be disappointed!

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