

Board Meeting 4-6-2022

Mark Taylor (President), Kevin Ostendorf (Treasurer), Austin Chu (Secretary), Rebecca Lavier, Jeff Jensen, Kristin Watt, Wayne Lamm, Alix Lee-Tigner, Shawn Broadhead, Steve Laing (Vice President), Bill Gerdts (Communication Chair), Jeff Norman, Geddy Lucier, Keaton Zyskowski (Conservation Vice Chair), Larry Franks (Advocacy Chair), Bruce Tyson (Veteran Affairs), Dave Kyle, Denis Ransmeier (Membership Chair)

Meeting start 7:05

Clawed frog trapping

- Training
 - 4 new ppl, started helping with trapping
- Catch rate slowing a bit
- No tadpoles caught yet
- University wants live frogs
- We should NOT collect fathead minnows
 - Put fathead minnows back

Kokanee fry counting

- Season ends when we go 2 weeks without seeing any koke fry
- Lewis and Ebright roughly same numbers
- Laughing Jacobs seems to have increased
 - Didn't have nearly as many spawners in Laughing Jacobs compared to Lewis and Ebright
- Good on volunteers
 - At least 2 ppl on each site for rest of season

Project Healing Waters (PHWFF) Lake Langlois event

- Trying to get a few more boats, should have enough
- ~75 ppl at event
 - ~30 disabled vets
- Ask WDFW to open gate Friday morning so the porta potty can be dropped off closer to launch.

Nils currently updating Spawning Grounds

- Mark reached out to Nils to update chapter vid but no response yet

Cedar River signage

- Keaton was supposed to meet with City and Parks ppl but had to delay
 - Need to meet in person, get recommendations for locations

Cedar River Cleanup - 8/6

- Based at Liberty Park instead of Ron Regis this year

- More parking space, more room for market afterwards
- Confirmed 10 vendors for market
 - Want it to be diverse, welcoming to community
 - Goal of reaching out to more ppl
- Orvis Seattle casting competition
- Maybe get rainbow trout painting to auction off?
- Anyone with ideas for market participants, let Keaton know!
- Costs
 - Renting porta potties
 - Two toilets might not have sufficient capacity
- Have garage sale to get rid of old fishing equipment in storage

Fishing swap meet - Geddy's idea

- July or August
- Ppl pay for spot to put old gear
- Can sell or trade
- Need fairly large space
 - Ask OFFC?
 - Possible State Park?
 - Needs to be on east side
- Need to find venue first
 - Figure out place and date before proceeding

Koke update - Dave

- Released all unfed fry. Just have extended rearing left
- Still waiting for otolith data
 - We use thermal marking- deliberately vary temperature to mark otolith bone
 - Used to identify fish later
 - Compare success of different strategies

New staff person!!! Alix

- Strong background in education and outreach
- Will be working to advance UWRP (Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership) goals

TU Natl Pres Chris Wood visiting Spokane to meet about Snake River Dams

Mural painting - very successful event

- 180 volunteers

Jeff Jensen met with Woodinville mayor

- Talked about north end Kokes

Upcoming frog Meeting

- With WDFW and USGS

- Discuss eDNA study in stormwater ponds

Maxxon Outfitters donated fly rods/reels!

- Plenty of fly setups to use at events

Koke Fun Run - October 15th

Mark and Dave will put out date for fall Perchathon

Membership - Denis

- 7 new members
- 33 lost members

Issaquah School District development

- Plan to pave near Laughing Jacobs
- Passed, moved to Issaquah City Council for vote
- Issaquah School District will NOT be doing full EIS
- Make point about climate change and precipitation
- Focus on mitigating damage to creek

Hatchery

- Working on native plant garden
 - Emphasizing indigenous usage of plants

WDFW Lake Sammamish merwin trap

- Catch yellow perch, crappie, bullhead, sunfish, small smallmouth
- Mitigate predation on salmon fry
- Currently dumping dead fish back into lake
- All native fish released