

Board Meeting 3-2-2022

Mark, Jeff J, Larry, Jeff N, Kristin, Shawn, Bruce, Rebecca, Wayne, Keaton, Austin, Geddy, Bill, John, Judy, Bruce, Denis

Meeting start 7:05 pm

Fry Counting

- Lewis Crk trap swept by flood, pushed against bridge
 - No apparent damage, should be operational again soon
 - If we hear "atmospheric river" in forecast, we should probably disconnect traps from bases
- Kokes already observed in every crk
- More than enough volunteers, added more days

Clawed Frogs

- Warming weather + rain -> frogs more active
 - 11 frogs on 3/1
 - Only 8 in last 6 wks by comparison
- Jeff to install more minnow traps, included in permit
- Currently just removing, not sampling stomach contents
- USGS checking for viruses that can affect fish

F3T next Wednesday!!!

- Raffling off custom fly rod
 - Still need to sell 35 tickets
 - Make \$1000
- Silent auction for float trip, need details from Judy
- Mark needs trailer for All in the Water film from Judy
- Chief door prize is Yeti cooler!
- Also giving out chapter shirts, hats, etc
- Start setup at 5:30 pm

Chapter Awards

- Presented at F3T halftime
- Nominate Nick for conservationist?
 - Not that involved with chapter activities, but super involved in barrier removal
 - Might be nice to recognize people outside of the regulars
- Conservationist non-member award?

Chapter Meeting at McMenamins last month

- Successful meeting!

Kids fishing event

- Difficult bc of state of Logboom Park
 - Too late to get permits for spring, especially with all the other stuff we're doing
 - We can't do net pens in the lake in summer and fall
 - Under construction in summer
 - Tentative opening June 1st?
- Kenmore ppl want to do it. They'll take charge. We'll support
- We need L shaped dock for net pen

Kenmore ppl possibly doing kayakathon?

- Checkpoints, pay per checkpoints passed
- Good way to get other ppl besides fishermen involved

Project Healing Waters event

- 17 boats currently, currently sufficient for number of participants
- Robert taking care of lunch
- 28 vets total so far
- Mark will take care of accommodations

Interviewing UWRP outreach employee

- Currently at 6-8 candidates
- Should have new person hired by end of month to help with outreach

Four new members since last meeting, lost 27

- Lost ground significantly
- Currently at 500-600 members technically

Lake WA update- Jeff

- Would like to come up with name for Lk WA portion of koke effort
 - Helpful in submitting grants and interacting with city gov's
 - Discussion with Koke workflow group
 - Complicated bc closer to tribal co-manager
 - Too much focus on kokes might make things harder for us
 - Probably better with more generic name
- Submitted proposal to American Fisheries Society
 - Symposium about kokes, tribal interaction
 - Accepted
 - Late August
 - Come up with abstract describing what TU has done

King 5 mentioned Lk Sammamish Koke recovery

- Covered flying eggs back from Orcas Isl
- A bit of media coverage :)

Rain event

- Similar to rain event in December 2007
 - Significantly reduced koke run
- Might slow progress on recovery

Issaquah School District

- School development will go through, probably won't be slowed for proper EIS
- Focus on mitigation. Press them to overengineer
- HOA attempted lawsuit, unsure of legal standing
 - Not attacking from environmental standpoint but from nuisance standpoint
 - Also attacking additional funding for construction costs, tax increase
- Need more letters to voice concern
 - Voice professional. Trolls won't get taken seriously

New Storage location- move approved

- Next to frog pond and creekside
- Larger than current storage, cheaper
- Need help moving, organizing stuff

Cedar River Signs- Keaton

- Keaton figured out sign locations on King Co
 - 7-8 signs
- Going to do with City of Renton soon
- City and Country will install signs for us, we just need to provide the signs
- Keep one sign to show at events

Cedar River Cleanup

- Want bigger cleanup this year
- Add market/fair afterwards for local business that were hit hard during COVID
- Draw ppl in, benefit local businesses
- Need approval and need to rent area
 - Possible waiver since we're nonprofit
 - \$85 for permit
 - Approved
- OFFC giving \$500 towards cleanup this year
- WA fly fishing club gave us \$1000

Cedar River lot restoration

- Trying to kick off with blackberry removal in fall
- Tree planting

Annual casting clinic + volunteer appreciation + bbq

- Probably in August

Compass Outdoors partnership

- Fly casting in kids program