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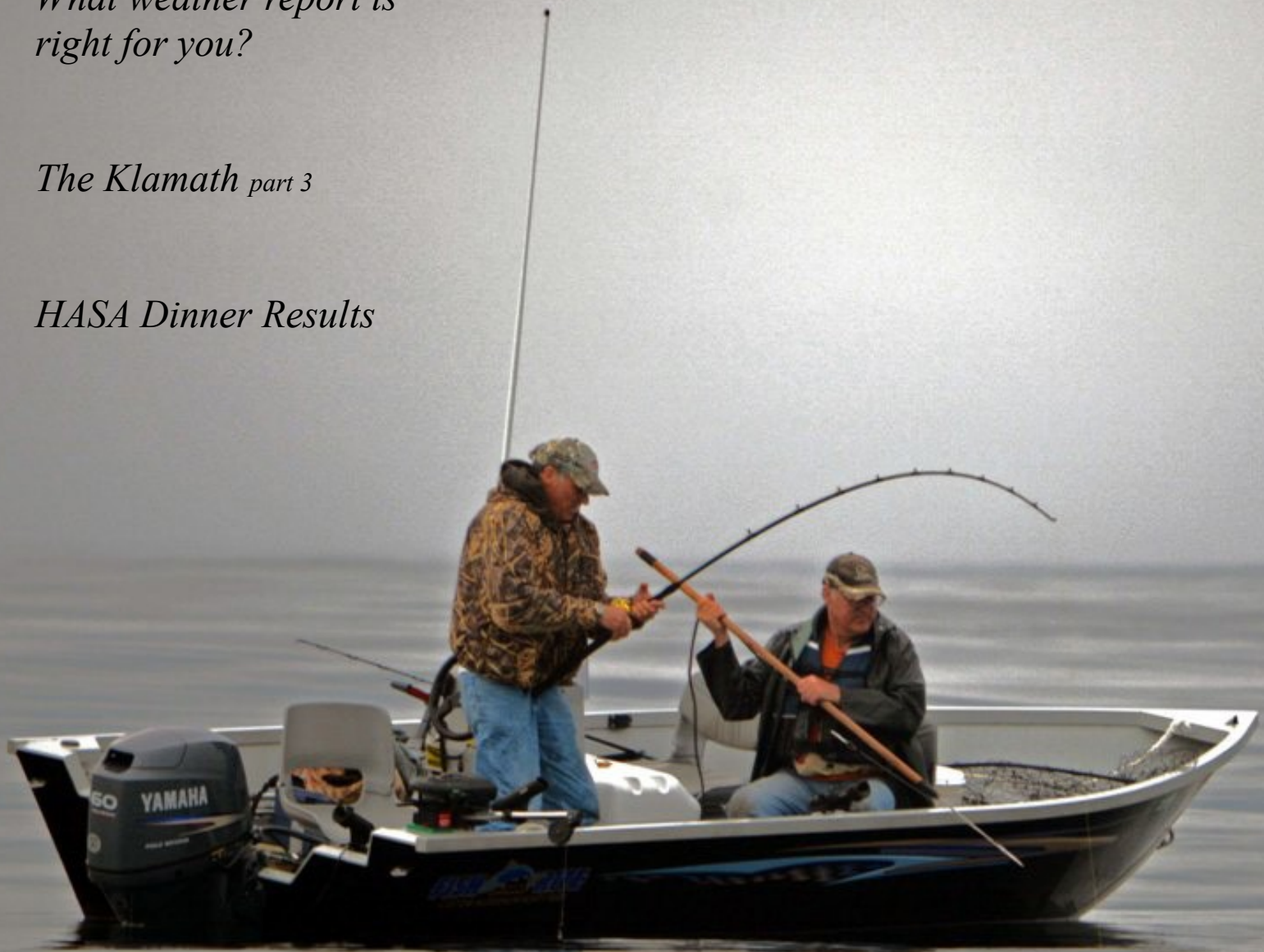
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Presidents Message

By Scott McBain



Well, fishing season has finally begun, and initial results have been pretty good for north coast anglers, The Pacific halibut bite for the May opener was very good for most (except me!), and opening week of salmon season has been good as the salmon have been cooperative in biting and being located near shore (so I've heard). And importantly, we are finally able to catch crab along the entire north coast! Keep in mind that because the commercial crab season also just opened, the density of crab pots is extremely high right now, so be careful in navigating and trolling through the crab traps. I hope everyone has a successful fishing season this year.

I think that most everyone considered the new venue for the annual fundraiser to be a great improvement, as the Arcata Community Center was much more spacious, the ability to mingle and catch up with our friends was much easier (less noise), and parking was much better. We plan on having the 2017 event there too. See Cliff's summary on Page 18 for more details, but I wanted to extend another thanks to all who attended and contributed to the event (including sponsors!). The annual fundraiser provides nearly all of the resources for our annual operations, including representation at fishery management meetings, economic surveys, HSU research, and other efforts to support our saltwater angling opportunities.

One of the HASA priorities for 2016 was to better manage and organize our membership process. A new process was initiated this year, and has resulted in over 300 members on our membership rolls! If you weren't able to attend the annual fundraiser or have not signed up to become a member this year, please consider doing so at <http://humboldtuna.com/mfi/HasaApp.php> or at our new website humboldtasa.com/shop as it really helps us in having a stronger voice in representing north coast anglers at fishery management meetings.

We will be soliciting input and letter writing assistance from north coast anglers soon on several important issues in the coming weeks via on-line surveys, so please help us by providing input. First, we will be soliciting input on priorities issues for HASA to focus on (strategic planning). Second, we will be soliciting input on the 2017/2018 rockfishing season structure and regulations (see Tom's article on page 15). Finally, we will be asking for your assistance to help HASA's efforts to obtain a fairer and more equitable allocation of Pacific halibut for California anglers. The upcoming PFMC meetings in June, September, and October will be critical for this effort. We will be sending out a request soon, seeking your assistance in preparing letters to the PFMC to support increasing California's Pacific halibut allocation. A number of us will also be attending the PFMC meetings to help make our case, and your letters will greatly help our collective efforts.

Lastly, best of luck in the coming year, and hope to see you out on the water!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott McBain".

The Klamath River – Past and ...Future? (Part 3)

By Larry De Ridder



In our last two issues we looked at possible Klamath River dam removal options under discussion, and what an actual dam removal could look like. Given the uncertainties of a blow-and-go removal, it's likely that the four dams would be removed from the top down, in an orderly manner, if removal is ultimately approved. That still leaves the question of just what will happen to the 3.6 million tons of mud, sand and gravel that are estimated to have built up behind the dams. In terms of volume it's estimated to be about 13.2 million cubic yards.

Two issues ago we reviewed some of what took place when two large dams were removed on the Elwha River, in Washington. Those two dams had locked up an estimated 27 million cubic yards of sediment, and when removed, 90% of that sediment quickly moved downstream and completely modified the lower river and nearshore ocean environment. If you missed that article and are interested in more detail, click here <http://humboldtasa.com/category/rivers/> to access the article on our website. Although the four Klamath dams are holding only about half as much sediment as the two Elwha dams, the bigger difference is that Iron Gate, as the lowest of the four dams under consideration, is 190 river miles (RM) from the ocean. The two Elwha River dams were located at about RM five and fifteen, so they were much closer to the river mouth.

Currently the river immediately downstream from Iron Gate reflects the fact that for the last century sediment which has washed downstream has not been replaced by sediment coming from upstream. From Iron Gate down river as far as Cottonwood Creek (RM 182) the Klamath is characterized by coarse cobble and cobble-boulder bars. The further downstream you travel, the more fine sediment is present, as it is replenished from tributaries. About 98% of the fine sediment in the river is currently deposited downstream from Cottonwood Creek. Thus the area which is most disturbed by the choked-off sediment flow is the reach from JC Boyle Reservoir downstream to about the Scott River. As far as the salmon are concerned, that stretch is either poor spawning grounds from the Scott River to Iron Gate, or simply inaccessible upstream from the dam. The lack of suitable spawning gravel below Iron Gate dam has been identified as one of the most serious limiting factors for salmon and steelhead spawning in the Klamath.

It's estimated that 85% of the trapped sediment consists of fine-grained silts and clays which will move downstream quickly once the dams are removed and winter rains arrive. The remaining 15% is primarily coarser sand, pebbles and cobbles which will move more slowly. Within the currently buried riverbed reach, much of the silt movement will take place in the first two months. How fast everything starts moving downstream will depend on the nature of the winter rains the first few years after dam removal. The finest materials will mix with the water and be transported as suspended sediment the length of the river till deposited in the ocean. We can expect the Klamath to run dirtier than normal for at least two years following dam removal. Computer simulations estimate that in the first two years the stretch of river from Iron Gate downstream to about Willow Creek (Klamath tributary at RM 185) will experience about a one-foot rise in sediment level, with decreasing amounts of riverbed modification further downstream. Simulations run to estimate the situation fifty years out show things will probably stabi-



lize with the riverbed about two to three feet higher in the Iron Gate to Cottonwood Creek reach, and about 12 inches higher in the first few miles downstream of Willow Creek. There would be measurable streambed effects downstream about as far as the Shasta River, but no significant effects below that point beyond dirty water.

The initial push of fine-grained sediment downstream could effectively bury some spawning areas, making them unusable by salmon. Furthermore, the heavy silt levels in the river will likely reduce the oxygen level, though just how much will again depend on the flow rate, which will depend on the rainfall pattern in the first couple of years. Coho do most of their spawning in the tributaries, so it's unlikely this will affect them during the initial changes. Spring-run Chinook spawn primarily in the Shasta and Trinity rivers, and they don't generally go upstream as far as Iron Gate. Whether they will move to utilize the newly opened territory without being physically placed there is unknown. Fall run Chinook are expected to quickly move past the current dam sites and use new spawning areas between where the dams currently stand. Summer steelhead, which are currently rare upstream of Seiad Creek (RM 131) will likely continue to move upstream once the water temperature stabilizes at a cooler level than currently develops during the summer. Steelhead generally spawn in the tributaries, using the Klamath as a migration corridor. Both summer and winter steelhead are expected to eventually move into ancestral territory well above where the dams now stand. If everything goes as envisioned, the first fish to pass the site of Iron Gate dam would do so in the fall of 2020.

The first salmon to encounter the new conditions would be the young spawned by the fall 2019 run. At hatching time there will be far more sand and silt in some spawning areas than normal, and there could be a substantial adverse impact on the survival rate of eggs laid in the section below Iron Gate. It's possible that those fry hatching in the first eight miles downstream of the dam would have a low survival rate, and that could translate into reduced offshore fishing opportunities for the first couple of years afterwards. By about five years after dam removal, projections show substantially improved spawning substrate in that region than now exists. As mentioned in our prior article, projections show that once the initial river changes stabilize, future Klamath salmon and steelhead runs could increase as much as 81%.

As PacifiCorp and the many government agencies involved in this process announce new data or progress, we'll try to keep everyone informed.

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Weather Sources: What Is Best For You?

By Kathleen M. Lewis, National Weather Service



In this day and age, weather information is readily available from the local news broadcast to apps on your smartphone. The abundance of weather information can be overwhelming leaving you wondering which source is the best. Fortunately, there is a wide variety of tools as simple or technical as you can imagine. Choosing what's best for you will depend on your lifestyle but understanding the differences between various weather outlets will help you make a safe and educated decision before venturing out.



Weather information can be broken down into three fundamental components: federal, private sector, and broadcasting. The federal component consists of different governmental agencies that fall under the umbrella of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This includes your local National Weather Service (NWS) on Woodley Island. The NWS is the official voice for issuing warnings for life-threatening weather situations to the general public. The private sector is comprised of companies that provide services for profit. Customers will pay for a specialized forecast tailored to their unique individual needs. While the NWS is focused primarily on public safety, the private sector is focused on helping customers make cost effective decisions with safety in mind. Broadcast meteorology technically falls within the private sector but entails the distribution of weather information through the media. Broadcast meteorologists perhaps have the most profound impact and arguably the most influential role when it comes to weather safety as they provide moment by moment updates during dangerous weather. Despite the differences between these major players, they are all making efforts to provide accessible weather forecasts to the general public.

Some weather sources are better suited than others depending on what you are doing but there are undeniable strengths and weaknesses to take into account. Most sources will suffice for making day to day decisions like deciding if you need to wear an extra layer outside to whether or not you can do yard work over the weekend. For more critical decisions you will need to dig a little deeper. The NWS website is great for planning ahead from several days to several hours. An advantage over the private industry is that each weather forecast office across the United States is responsible for a small forecast zone. This allows forecasters to become intimately familiar with local phenomena and small scale weather patterns. These details usually get washed out of a forecast by the private companies as they typically forecast much larger regions from a central hub with their finer scale efforts focused on specialized customer forecasts. *“But doesn't everyone else use the NWS forecast?”* you may ask. Not necessarily. Other weather sources will utilize free NOAA data to make a forecast including radar imagery, satellite imagery, and model data. They may also relay weather watches, warnings, and advisories issued by the NWS yet their forecast is entirely their own. An area where the private sector excels and the NWS falls behind is the notion of user-friendly forecasts. Frankly, the NWS can't keep up with the explosion of smartphone technology which seriously limits the accessibility of the forecast. The private industry, however, is keeping pace with this movement making their information easy to find and easy to use to a broader spectrum of users. Fortunately, app developers have taken advantage of the free NOAA data and have created numerous apps purposed to display NWS weather information.



The best weather source for you will depend on what you're doing and your personal preference. For instance, I will use a little bit of everything to make my weather based decisions. For day to day weather I check an app on my phone but for planning ahead I use the NWS forecast. When I go kayak fishing or surfing I will use the NWS surf forecast as well as several other private sources. I encourage you to use multiple sources for the big and little decisions you make based off of the weather. Ask around and see what your friends and family like to use but remember the Eureka weather office is here to serve northwest California so never hesitate to call when you have a weather question.

Weather tools for your convenience:

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- National Data Buoy Center: www.ndbc.noaa.gov/
- National Hurricane Center for the East Pacific: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/?epac>
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The Kayak Perspective

By Eric Stockwell, HASA Director

Greetings, HASA Family! I am excited to be a part of the HASA Board, and I hope to bring a good perspective on what it means to be a Humboldt Area Saltwater Angler who does it from kayaks.



To begin, I should provide a proper bio - I didn't do a good job of that the last time around, and I credit Casey for making do with what he had.

I am a near lifelong resident of Loleta. I came up fishing out of Humboldt Bay with my dad on his dories and later on nicer glass and plastic boats that he had. I remember trolling crappy swells outside of Humboldt Bay and catching what sometimes seemed like mostly Hake in the late 70's and early 80's - always drugged up on dramamine and bundled in clothing that kept me just warm enough to briefly forget about

my belief that we could easily die out there in those swells on that little boat!

In 1994, after school in Davis and a couple years in the Bay Area, my wife and I (we were highschool sweethearts) moved back to Humboldt where she secured an elementary teaching job and I got on with a contractor (New Life Service Co.) that I ended up managing for quite a few years. In 1998 we moved from Fortuna to Loleta, where I grew up, and our kids, Claire - 16 and Collin - 13 have only lived in our current home. We love Loleta.



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Right before Lisa and I started our family, I bought my first sit-on-top kayak in 1999. I enjoyed developing my skills and expanding my fleet of boats in the coming years, and now I am equipped with what I need to outfit people and introduce them to both river and offshore kayaking potentials. A pretty amazing thing that I discovered

was that, even though I've always gotten seasick on powerboats, I do not get seasick on my kayaks! It's really the basis of my ocean life, because I am miserable on a powerboat - even on a flat day.

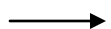
My family has supported my outdoor endeavors on a level that is truly amazing, and for almost two years I've been working as a fishing guide - kayaks only. I'm approaching 100 trips completed, and even though I have plenty of room for growth, I am so pleased with the trips I've had. I've met some amazing people and gotten so many guests on really nice catches and super fun trips.

My focus is on a multi-faceted opportunity. It always involves these things: 1) safety - those who are serious about kayak fishing (in the ocean especially) should be firmly committed to having the gear, training and fitness to be out there on their own boat; 2) exercise - it's typical to paddle 5 to 10 miles or more in a session, and while it's not extremely strenuous, it does require some level of stamina; 3) interaction with Nature - this at least entails learning a new area and often involves a relatively close encounter with an incredible animal; and, finally 4) what we are doing out there entails challenge - we are constantly looking to push our limits and dis-



cover new boundaries, but, please be clear on this, we are doing this with safety and conscientiousness in mind. I carry multiple GPS's, multiple VHF's, multiple compasses, flares, first aid, water...etc., and I always confirm that those paddling around me are aware of the requirements of true safety.

This coming weekend, May 21st, I'll host the tenth annual Gimme Shelter Kayak Fishing Tournament at Shelter Cove. The group is based on members of NCKA.org - the community of kayak enthusiasts that, years ago, I determined was worthy of being invited to Humboldt for a gathering. We will focus on lingcod, salmon and halibut - Pacific halibut will be closed, so only a California can score in the tournament. For the past few years I've not included rockfish in the competition because I don't want our group to have a major impact on those species.



I've shaped the event with many considerations. There are some trophies awarded, but prizes are at a minimum. We have a raffle at our awards potluck with many nice kayak fishing related items where all proceeds go to two charities that the group supports: HOW, which is Heroes On the Water, a program where vets are taken out for kayak fishing; and PIF, which is Pay It Forward, a program that gives direct financial relief to families experiencing dilemma from cancer or other hardships.

My hope is to carry on the event's traditions of charity and conscientious harvest, and I hope that the local community is able to recognize the nature of our efforts as well.

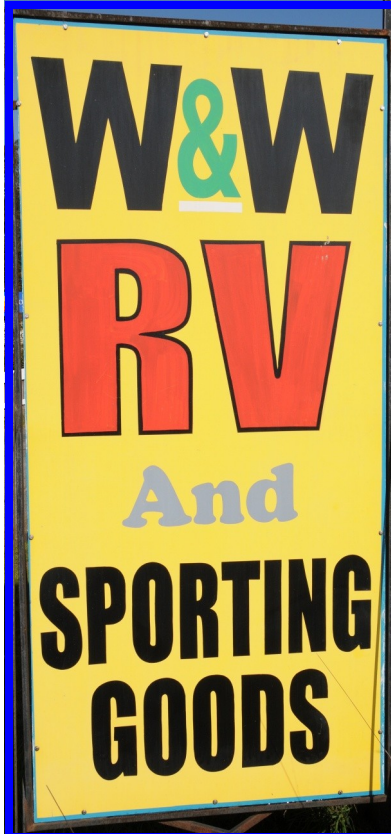
I'd like to offer more on the offshore kayak perspective in the time to come - thanks for the consideration.

Loleta Eric



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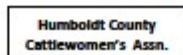
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The call of the sea

By 'romantic' Robert Burger

The sea exerts a strong pull on all of us. Back in the early 1890s, a teenager embarked in New York from a tramp steamer of Bristol, England. He got a job as a "bucket boy" in a Manhattan saloon. Yet in a few weeks he was cut out of his Sunday shift by a decree from the Police Chief, Teddy Roosevelt, to shut down the bars on the "holy day."

The kid survived, and sailed the Pacific. John Masefield wrote epic poems about his travels, eventually becoming the Poet Laureate of England.

Oh I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky, And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by...

And the wind's kick and the wind's song and the white sails shaking, And a grey mist on the sea's face and a grey dawn breaking.

After I first read this I couldn't ignore a much longer, narrative poem about his adventures in Hawaii and beyond. Yet I kept coming back to this short cry:

I must go down to the seas again for the call of the running tide is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied. And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying, and the flung spray and the blown spume and the seagulls flying.

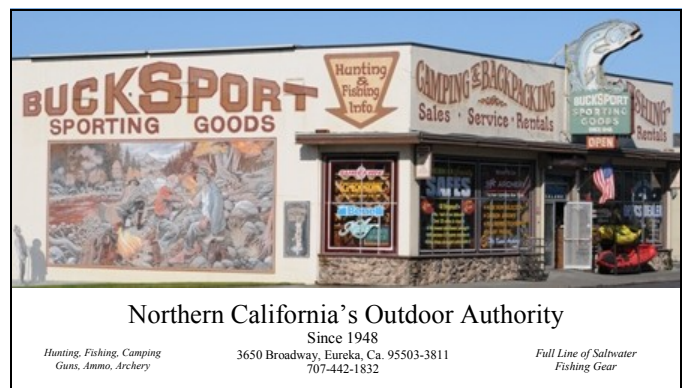
I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life. To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife. And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover. And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

Poetry is full of the pull of the sea. Carl Sandburg is revered for his massive tributes to Chicago, yet in his works is this small ode:

*There was a woman loved a man,
As he loved the sea,
And they made a sea chest for their belongings
Together.*

Perhaps the best known of recent tributes to the sea is Hemingway's last book, *The Old Man and the Sea*. Not everyone jumped on this bandwagon, including the finest writer of his contemporaries, William Faulkner. But then he penned this small review in a literary journal:

"The Old Man and the Sea is Hemingway's best. Time may show it to be the best single piece of any of us – I mean, his and my contemporaries. This time, he discovered God, a Creator. Until now his men and women had to make themselves out of their own clay: their victories and their defeats were at the hands of each other, just to prove themselves or one another how good they could be. But this time he wrote about pity – about something somewhere that made them all – the old man who had to attack the fish, then lose it, the fish that had to be caught, then lost, the shark that the old man thought was his fish, the one that made them all and loved them all and pitied them all. It's all right. Praise God, that whatever made and loves and pities Hemingway and me, from touching it any further."



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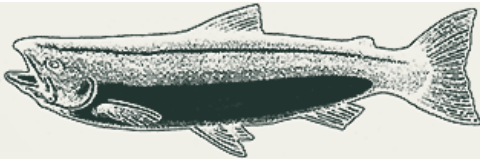
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While still having a passion for bass fishing, Jens has discovered a passion for salmon and steelhead fishing along with ocean fishing from his line of kayaks for sale. As he was introduced to fishing while he was young, Jens has a passion for getting youth involved and ensuring the future of fishing.

Jens has been working to involve himself in the fishing community to both advocate for our resources, like volunteering at the Mad River Fish Hatchery and educating the public about the adventures to be had fishing and what can be done to help keep this beloved resource alive and well in our community. He believes partnering with organizations such as HASA will help him bring excitement back to the industry.

He believes guiding provides a great introduction to fishing for people who don't have a buddy to teach them - he has even been known to take people out fishing for free from time to time. He is looking to unite the kayak & power boat fishing community by partnering with local guides and learning as much as he can from their knowledge and advice.

Jens is an avid photographer and speaks to the community through his photographs from the trips he takes which inspire him to travel the world fishing, hunting and adventuring whenever possible.

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GROUNDFISH REPORT

By Tom Marking GAP Sports Rep



SEASON AND BAG LIMITS

May 1st opened up for halibut and closed again on May 16. That will repeat for June, July and August. If last year is a pattern it will close long before September, so don't wait too long. One halibut per day, only two hooks per rod.

Rockfish opened on July 15th and will remain open until October 31st. The bag limit is still ten fish, but only five can be blacks. Remember, that blues and the new deacon rockfish look very similar to blacks but don't counts against the five, so learn to discern the difference. This is the same season structure as in 2015.

Salmon season is the flip side of the halibut season. While halibut is opened the first two weeks of the month, salmon is open the last two weeks of the month for May and June. In July it reopens in mid-month and remains open until mid-August. It reopens again on September 1 thru September 4.

CATCH

May 1st started out with lots of wind, but a few fishable days have occurred around May 3rd-5th and again about the 10th where there was good success on halibut. Some large fish have been reported up to about 70 pounds in Eureka. It's closed now but will reopen on June 1st. Crescent City and Trinidad have started out very slow, but Eureka has caught quite a few, with probably one per boat. Rockfish and Salmon are both open now, but it's very windy and really rough water. On the opener for salmon, a few charters caught their limits out around the dump site, and a few smaller boats joined in on the fun for one day before being blown out. It appears the high winds have created some upwelling that has cooled the water back to 52-55 degrees and krill are being seen. That is an improvement over last year when the water was upwards of 58 degrees all summer. And, Redtail perch are being caught in the surf, whenever the weather allows, so get out there and have some fun.

PFMC GROUND FISH PROPOSED ACTION FOR 2017/18

Season structures and bag limits are changing next year. Due to the high harvest pressure on black rockfish, the harvest limit is being reduced from our current 420 metric tons (mt) to 332 mt. Our success and concentration of effort in the 20 fathom range up north and 30 fathom in the central areas have caused this. The yelloweye (YE) and canary rockfish restrictions created this "local depletion" problem. Now with the canary being rebuilt, CDFW is trying to get us more time and depth on the water. There are a range of proposals on the table. Basically, all the options for various time-depth increases will require the establishment of "hot spot" closures for YE rockfish. The bag limit will probably be reduced to three, and ling cod will be reduced from three back to two. We will be allowed to keep one canary rockfish.

Back in 2008, the CDFW had proposed a number of Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas (YRCA) in the top half of the State. With the new season structure proposed, the YRCA's at Point St. George Reef, South Reef, Redding Rock and new "hot spots" west of Devils Gate Rock and further south will be implemented. This is to prevent the increased catch of YE, that are still over-fished and must be released. These YRCA's and "hot spots" are precautionary and will be reviewed every year for effectiveness. Closures are always a controversial topic, but they are necessary if we are to get increased depth. Be certain you have a release device on your boat to put these fish back down to depth.

Next year petrale and starry flounder are also proposed to be at all depth, so that will give us more opportunity to catch some very tasty flatfish in deeper areas. The final decisions on these proposals will be made at the June 23 PFMC meeting in Tacoma. The briefing book will be out by early June, so the proposals can be viewed at pcouncil.org. Look for the June agenda and briefing book.

Have a good summer and be careful on the bar crossing.

Tight lines!

Visit the new **HASA** website and shop for hats, shirts, beer glasses, logo stickers, and your membership. New items coming soon!

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Humboldt Currents

by Casey Allen



The eighth annual HASA Fundraising Dinner and Auction was bigger and better than ever thanks to member volunteers under the leadership of **Cliff Hart**. The new location, the Arcata Community Center, was a big hit with the crowd that numbered 350. The sound system was great and the round tables allowed more personal interaction. Cliff has already booked the venue for next year. The food was once again excellent, provided by **Brian Ferguson** and **Berit Meyer**, owners of Ramone's Bakery and Catering. Our sponsors donated some great merchandise and services that made all the winners smile. Please remember our sponsors when spending your money and thank them for supporting recreational fishing through HASA. Check out the photo gallery on our new website. For me, the highlight of the night was not Marlene buying the kayak, but was the kids serious and somber faces before the raffle, that turned to full smiles after.

Yes! Our new website humboldtasa.com is up and running thanks to **Mark McGowen**, web designer. We have a lot of plans for additions and improvements but if you have any input, please use the 'contact us' page. You can reach Mark there if you would like help with your own website.



Marlene Allen catches them two at a time

Humboldt Bay Entrance Shoaling

I am happy to report there have been no serious incidents on the Humboldt Bay bar as of May 19th. The Humboldt Harbor Safety Committee heard reports that the recreational fleet was doing a good job of avoiding trouble when crossing the entrance to the bay. One boat was rumored to suffer broken windows and the USCG responded to two reports of boats taking risks with the rough conditions. The bar remains dangerous with unpredictable breaking waves occurring at any tide. The dredge is on schedule to arrive May 20th and immediately begin work. It will take close to a month to clear the shoaling

Perch Tournament

The 7th Annual Perch'n on the Peninsula fishing tournament was held on Saturday May 7. This fun fundraising event benefits the Samoa Peninsula Fire Department. I was there defending last year's win, but my wife, **Marlene** was also fishing. So I knew, my chances of repeating were slim. We fished at Gold Bluffs, arriving early, only to find a bunch of rigs parked in our spot. The beach was full of anglers but none ventured up the beach to our favorite hole. I had a great day landing 19 redbtail perch, with one double, and a third place big fish in the tournament. Marlene caught 31 perch, had three doubles, and a second place big fish.

The winner was **Tyler Jabbour** with a 16.3 inch perch caught at Hidden Beach. Just wait until next year.



Tyler Jabbour with his winning 16.3 inch redbtail perch

Fish and Game Commission Appointments

Governor **Jerry Brown** filled two positions on the California Fish and Game Commission. I hear Mr. Burns is an outdoorsman while Mr. Silva's leanings are unknown at this time. He has an extensive history in water quality issues. Here is the online announcement :

Russell Burns, 55, of Napa, has been appointed to the California Fish and Game Commission. Burns has been business manager at Operating Engineers Local Union 3

since 2006, where he has held several positions since 1994, including treasurer, financial secretary, district representative, special representative to the business manager and business agent. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Burns is a Democrat.

Peter Silva, 63, of Chula Vista, has been appointed to the California Fish and Game Commission. Silva has been president and chief executive officer at Silva-Silva International since 2011. He served as assistant administrator for water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 2009 to 2011, senior policy advisor at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from 2005 to 2009 and vice chair at the State Water Resources Control Board from 2000 to 2005. Silva was deputy general manager at the Border Environment Cooperation Commission from 1997 to 2000 and served in several positions at the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department from 1987 to 1997, including deputy director for water utilities, assistant deputy director for the clean water program and civil engineer. He was a resident engineer at the International Boundary and Water Commission from 1983 to 1987. Silva was an engineer at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board from 1982 to 1983, at the Otay Water District from 1980 to 1982 and at the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board from 1977 to 1980. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Silva is a Democrat.

Humboldt Bay Boat Ramps

The entrance to Humboldt Bay is not the only place to suffer excessive shoaling. The Eureka Public Marina has boats sitting on the mud at low tide and the boat launch is unusable except at high water. Harbor Master, **Suzie Howser** said the dredging projects for the Eureka Marina and Woodley Island are held up waiting for permits. Disposal of the dredge material and Eel Grass mitigation is the issue. **Miles Slattery** with the City of Eureka said they will remove the maximum material allowed, (250 yards without a permit), around the boat ramp during the minus tide May 24th. The City will use an excavator and trucks to clear the mud.

The Jimmy Smith Fields Landing Boat Launch has some sediment buildup but is still usable. According to **Hank Seemann** at the County of Humboldt, the rebuild of the Fields Landing ramp has been delayed waiting for permits. The ramp is scheduled to be rebuilt with a steeper pitch to allow launching of larger boats without getting your truck wet. It is still designed for two lanes. The ramp under the Samoa Bridge is basically one lane and a long seven miles from the ocean. The Samoa Ramp just north of the Coast Guard Station is unprotected with no dock. Launching can be a challenge and loading your boat back on the trailer exasperating. When compared with any Oregon boat ramp we have terrible facilities. The permitting process in California is ridiculous. Why does it take years to process permits? By the time the permits are approved for the Fields Landing Ramp we will need a larger facility with four lanes and three docks (not to mention a fish cleaning station, boat washdown, and parking security).



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2016 HASA Fundraising Dinner & Auction

By Cliff Hart



We had another successful HASA fundraiser on April 30, 2016 at the Arcata Community Center thanks to a great fundraiser committee, awesome donators, and all you loyal supporters. HASA is your local voice for saltwater sportfishing issues and it would not be possible without all of you. The new location was great, lots of room, great sound system, great food, lots of prizes, and lots of fun was had by all.

I would like to recognize our fundraiser committee and volunteers: Scott & Becky McBain, Cliff & Leslie Hart, Aaron Martin, Seth Naman, Dirk & Beck Pedersen, Rob & Stephanie Freeman, Kent Hulbert, Chris Hayes, Yoshi Uemura, Tim & Colleen Machado, Eric Stockwell, Gene and Margaret Morris, Ross Taylor, Larry & Carol De Ridder, Jed & Kim Douglas, Tim & Sherry Klassen, Jimmy & Brenda Yarnall, Ben & Sue Doane, Bob and Carol Stewart, and Casey & Marlene Allen.

We had a new record turnout of 345 persons, including 34 children. We raised \$35,000 with an approximate net income of \$24,000 that will be used for projects and representing our North Coast sportfishers during the 2016/2017 fiscal year. The food was provided by Ramone's Catering and was awesome, and the linens were supplied by Mission Linen. The beverages were donated by Mad River Brewery, Six Rivers Brewery, Redwood Curtain, Jed Douglas, and John's Fine Cigars. Our auctioneer was Fred Van Vleck who did a fabulous job for us and was a lot of fun. Thank you all!

The live and silent auctions raised \$13,500 and raffle ticket sales were \$7,500. We had 11 live auction items and 52 silent auction items, including but not limited to reclining sofa from Living Styles, recliner from Arcata Exchange, goose hunt from Mitch Ferro/Don Banducci, fuel from Renner Petroleum, drift boat fishing trip for two from Alan Borges, six pack boat charter in Shelter Cove with Sea Hawk Sportfishing, and two rod/reel combos donated by Accurate Reels and HASA. We also had the Zulu Nyala Africa trips once again that were bought for a bargain at \$1,500 each by Trevor Parker and Janae Gosselin. These are just a small sample of all the wonderful donations from our sponsors (see list of sponsors). The Super Raffle prize was an awesome Accurate rod/reel combo that was won by Jane Hart, and we had a fun card game in which Kent Hulbert won the Qualia Q12 Advanz Two reel / Accurate 7030 rod.

We received \$700 in donations for the kids' raffle. All 34 kids walked away with something like a rod/reel combo, tackle box, tackle bags, and snorkel sets among other things. Special thanks to Lima's Pharmacy, O&M Industries, Michael & Jeff Holland DDS, B2 Squid, Phil Grunert, and Pacific Outfitters for donating to the kids raffle. And thank you to Bob & Charleen Hoopes who provide a large cash donation to HASA every year.

We had a few vendors this year including the Coast Guard Auxiliary, B2Squid, Pacific Outfitters / Pac Out Green Team, and Fred Contaoi of Douglas Outdoors and Red Eye Trolling Lures who displayed their products or services.

And thanks to all who sold tickets for HASA including our partners at Bucksport Sporting Goods Eureka, Englund Marine Eureka, Englund Marine Crescent City, Mad River Tackle Arcata, Pacific Outfitters Eureka, RMI Outdoors Eureka, and W&W RV & Sporting Goods Eureka.



See the dinner photo gallery at humboldtasa.com

Thanks again for everyone who contributed and supported our annual fundraiser. We are always open for more volunteers to assist with pre-planning or the night of the event, so if you're interested, please contact me at 707-845-4106.

Please remember to patronize and say thank you to those businesses and individuals who donated to our fundraiser:

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