



## **STRONG RUNS**

**NATIVE FISH SOCIETY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **OUR MISSION**

The Native Fish Society is a forward-thinking organization guided by the best available science to advocate for historically abundant wild, native fish and promote the stewardship of habitats that sustain them.

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# GREETINGS

## Greetings!

Welcome to the second issue of our e-newsletter! In an effort to make your contribution dollars go further, we have made the change to paperless newsletters. We hope you enjoy it, and thank you for all your support!

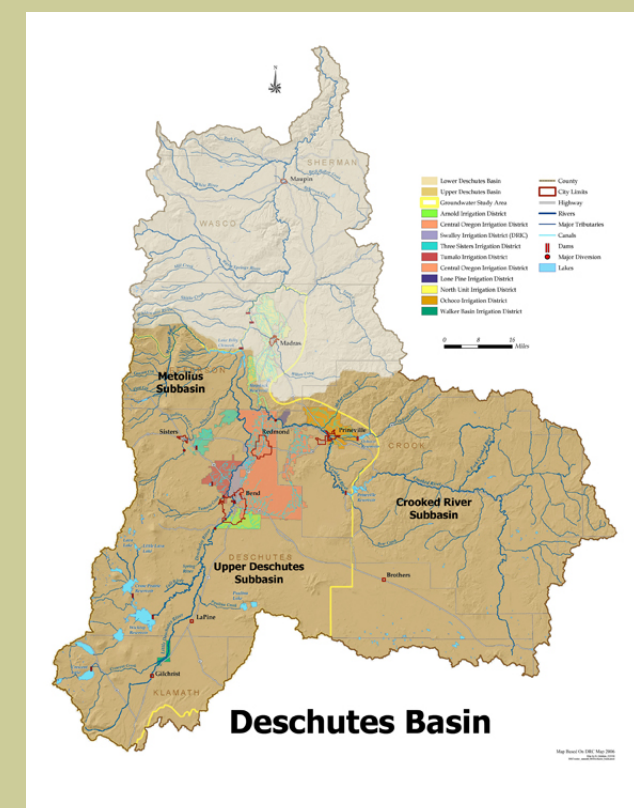
Sincerely,  
Native Fish Society

## FEATURE ARTICLES

### Native Fish of the Upper Deschutes

#### Status and Recommended Restoration Actions

by Tom Davis, Upper-Deschutes River Steward



The Upper Deschutes was once one of the most productive salmonid fisheries in the western U.S. Dams, irrigation diversions, fish passage barriers, extreme high and low flows, bank and riparian damage, water quality deterioration, grazing, roads, wildfire fighting, and erosion and sedimentation of spawning-rearing gravel have created one of our most damaged salmonid fisheries.

The Upper Deschutes can be restored through projects and actions by citizen groups, nongovernmental organizations, private businesses and federal, state, tribal and local agencies. This report summarizes the issues and problems, and the restoration and protection actions needed.

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Paper copies of the report are available for \$10. Phone the NFS office at 503.496.0807.

### Recovery of Snake River Threatened Salmonids

By Bill Bakke, Executive Director

Despite being listed as endangered for almost twenty years, Snake River steelhead and chinook populations continue to wither due to the neglect of government agencies and tribes, which have yet to formulate a recovery plan specifying agency responsibilities, implantation actions and compliance monitoring.

Chronicling the successes and failures of neighboring river system recovery plans, namely on the Imnaha and Grande Ronde rivers, Bill Bakke, presents historical examples to help guide the future recovery strategy for the Snake River basin. Click on the link below to explore



the complete text. [MORE --->](#)



## Native Fish Society Goes WEB 2.0

### Website Redesign, Facebook, YouTube and Blogger-Mania

Not just a facelift, we hope our redesigned, easier to navigate, NFS website will make access to your fish conservation news a breeze. By following the links on our home page you can learn about the latest news, science and current issues. Click on our conservation tab and view our extensive library of scientific salmonid research, see the history of salmonid decline and learn about our expanding River Steward program.

Our NFS Blog tab navigates to our hub of blogging Stewards who share everything from the latest conservation news to personal experiences while out enjoying our Northwest rivers.

Please visit our Facebook page and become a fan by 'liking' our site. We regularly post news updates, events and action alerts to the wall and hope to connect NFS members, Facebook fans and the wider public with the ongoing work of fish conservation. We also post updates regularly from The Osprey Steelhead News. Moreover, we hope our Facebook page will be a place you feel welcome to begin discussions and relationships that ultimately support our wild, native fish.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and watch videos from the field of our River Stewards as they relay their concerns and ambitions for conservation on their river systems. The YouTube channel is a great place to get to know our volunteer River Stewards and their on-the-ground efforts to protect and restore native fish throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Foremost, we desire that you have access to the information that enables change for wild, native fish in the Pacific Northwest. Your feedback on how we can best serve your information needs is invaluable. If you get a chance click on the icons below, check out NFS WEB 2.0 and let us know how we can best serve your information needs.

Click on the icons:



**Reclaiming the South Umpqua with NFS River Steward Stan Petrowski**



After 55 years of vacancy, a single coho hen returned to Joe Hall creek in 2004. Diligently working against the odds and much skepticism, Stan Petrowski has fought the idea that the S. Umpqua River is simply a lost cause -- a sacrifice. Mobilizing his neighbors, Stan has not only stimulated enthusiasm for the wild and native fish of this once great river, but has facilitated real change as the run of coho six years later is resilient and returning. In fact, where that one coho hen swam in 2004, Stan counted 5,585 juvenile coho salmon last year. Read the complete story of Joe Hall Creek and Steward Stan Petrowski's efforts by clicking on the link below. Also, check out the our S. Umpqua video to see Stan in action.

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**PETROWSKI'S RIVER STEWARD VIDEO --**

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## 2010 STEELHEAD EVENT



**Sunday, October 31 &  
Monday, November 1**

**15 Fly Fishers ~ 5 boats**

**Float the Lower Deschutes River  
with Deschutes Angler Guides**

Come enjoy the crisp, late fall air and the stunning rim rock scenery while steelheading on the Deschutes in support of the Native Fish Society. This annual event fills up fast as the guides from Deschutes Angler row fifteen lucky fishers into the good stuff. (see picture)

Trip includes two days guided fishing, two days breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals and two nights lodging. For \$850 dollars, this is an incredible deal; typically you would spend more than that on the guides alone. The dam counts are good this year and all the proceeds go to the work of the Native Fish Society.

For more information, please call the Native Fish Society office at 503.496.0807 or email Russell Bassett at [nativefish1@molalla.net](mailto:nativefish1@molalla.net)

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by Bill Bakke, Executive Director



Held against ODFW's own stated objectives for fishery management, Bill Bakke highlights how the practice of hatchery stock transfers injure already struggling wild, native salmonids. This article includes a compilation of the specific river systems from which hatchery stock are transferred and a summation of the science that notes the ecological, genetic and reproductive harm this causes wild, native populations. Follow the link below to view the complete text.

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## Hatchery Strays Deplete Wild Salmonids

By Bill Bakke, Executive Director



Relying upon 150 year old scientific theory, agencies continue their hatchery programs in hopes of revitalizing our struggling wild and native salmonids. In this concise article, Bill Bakke outlines and quotes the current science regarding the hatchery programs and the negative influence of hatchery fish on native, wild populations. A must read for anyone interested in fish conservation, click on the link below to better understand this critical, central issue.

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## NEW NFS RELEASE

**Coming this Fall:**

### **Lani Waller audiobook, "A Steelheader's Way"**

"Lani Waller has a passion for these beautiful creatures that comes across on every page."

~Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia

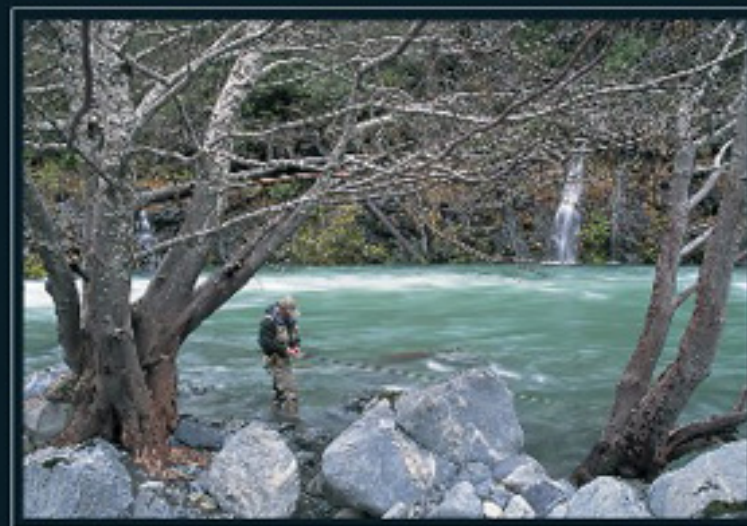
Read by Lani himself, this wonderfully descriptive book not only covers the essentials of fly fishing for steelhead, but contains stories as interesting and surprising as the fish themselves. Lani Waller has been fishing for trophy steelhead for more than four decades; a master of both modern and classic methods, "ASW" covers fly choice, presentation, casting and some of his favorite techniques. We were thrilled when he agreed to partner with the Native Fish Society for this audiobook project.

Produced by the Native Fish Society, the "ASW" audiobook will be made available directly from our office in two weeks. This is a must have for every angler, no longer must you worry about spending precious time reading about steelhead when you could be out fishing for them. Simply load this book onto your iPod for

the plane ride to B.C. or play it in your vehicle on the way to the river.

The price is \$39.95. Proceeds from the sale of the book will fund the work of the Native Fish Society. Each copy includes a free one year membership to the Native Fish Society making this a great holiday gift for fishing friends or relatives alike. To reserve your copy please send us an email at [nativefishsociety@molalla.net](mailto:nativefishsociety@molalla.net) or give us a call at 503-496-0807.

## A Steelheader's Way



Principles, Tactics & Techniques

Lani Waller  
photographs by Ken Morrish

## Umpqua Chub: Little Things Mean a Lot

by Stanley Petrowski, South Umpqua River Steward



Highlighting the dramatic effect of politics and economics on ecosystems, S. Umpqua River Steward, Stan Petrowski presents the case of the endangered Umpqua chub. Native to Oregon, the Umpqua chub represents yet another species under threat of extinction due to state supported programs that favor invasive, non-native species such as the economically stimulating small mouth bass. Stan argues that the notion of preserving anadromous salmonids without their evolutionary counterparts is foolhardy at best. Umpqua chub, pacific lamprey and crayfish are all vital for the health of our Oregon waters and their native gems, such as the anadromous salmonids. Access the full text by clicking on the

link below.

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## Richard Kennon Remembered

Longtime Native Fish Society board member and River Steward Richard Kennon passed away on August 14th. Richard was the founder and co-chair of the NFS auction and banquet. Richard will be dearly missed, but among his legacy are the wild, native fish that continue because of his invaluable efforts.

NFS is hosting a remembrance in Richard's honor on September 17th. For more

information please email Russell Bassett at [nativefish1@molalla.net](mailto:nativefish1@molalla.net).



We hope you enjoyed our newsletter, to keep current on NFS projects, campaigns and initiatives please visit our website at

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