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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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Scott Baumer and Rob Elam

## Greetings

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Welcome to the third 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

## Calendar

- **Saturday, April 9th 2011: NFS Banquet + Auction: Homewaters Evolve**
- **Monday, May 16th: Bob Clay Event Bend**
- **Tuesday, May 17th: Bob Clay Event Portland**

## Featured Articles

### **Sandy River ESA Listed Salmon & Steelhead**

ODFW needs to be accountable for the native steelhead decline on the Sandy River  
by Spencer Miles, Nestucca and Tillamook Bay Rivers Steward  
*Spencer writes about fish conservation issues at [www.whitefishcantjump.com](http://www.whitefishcantjump.com)*

While millions of dollars have  
been donated to make the the



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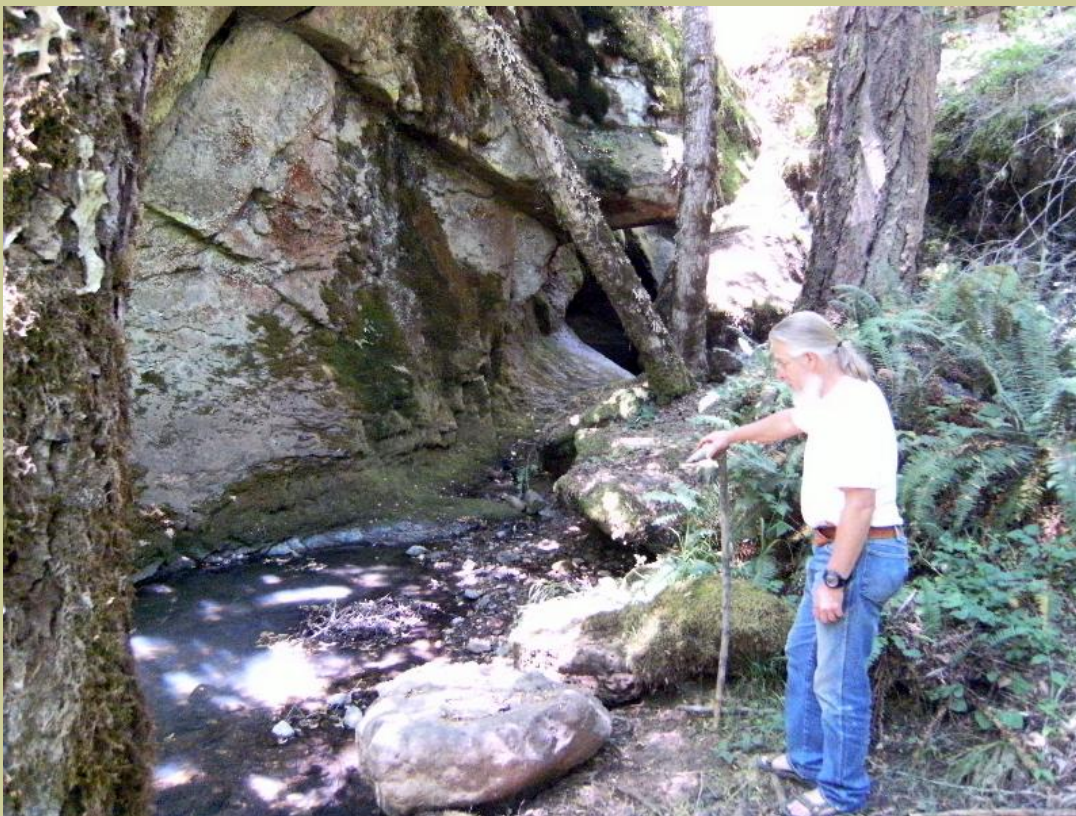
Sandy River fit for a strong run of native fish ODFW continues their hatchery program, ignoring decades of science indicting the dangers of hatchery fish on native populations. This informative and accessible report from River Steward Spencer Miles details the decline and ESA listing of Sandy River native salmonids as well as congruent hatchery operations.

[Read Article--->](#)

## The South Umpqua River

Very Ancient and New

by Stan Petrowski, South Umpqua Steward



Lamprey have long been significant biological partners to Pacific Northwest native species. River Steward Stan Petrowski traces the recent and ancient history the S. Umpqua River through the viability of these lesser know native species.

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Highlighting not only the biological risk to native steelhead, River Steward Spencer Miles has compiled economic data on the Kilchis hatchery program revealing its appalling cost-to-catch ratio. In a time when our governments are at a loss to provide citizens with essential services, the closure of wasteful programs makes economic as well as biological sense. [Read Article --->](#)



## 15th Annual Native Fish Society Banquet + Auction

The 15th Annual Native Fish Society Benefit Banquet and Auction on April 9, 2011 is shaping up to be another great event. This years theme is "Homewaters Evolve" and we are already receiving some really great items. We have been told that our Banquet and Auction has a special feel to it that makes it enjoyable for all who attend.

Once again through a generous donation from Doug Campbell and the Bill Naito Company the event will be held at Montgomery Park, doors will open at 5pm with a fantastic dinner being served by Food And Bloom Catering at 7pm. Cost for this years event is \$100 with all proceeds to benefit the work of the Native Fish Society.

[Purchase tickets online to Homewaters Evolve!](#)



# Consequence of the Path not Taken

by Executive Director, Bill Bakke



The decline of salmonids in the Columbia River Basin has initiated a variety of recovery strategies and plans. One of the councils formed was the Northwest Planning Council, which includes representatives from Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The purpose of the council is to develop a reliable power plan and a salmon recovery plan. Since, its founding in 1980, wild salmonid populations have

continued to wane. Citing, [Failures to Incorporate Science into Fishery Management: Lessons from the Columbia River](#) a 2009 evaluation by Jim Lichatowich and Richard Williams, executive director Bill Bakke outlines how the NWPC has eschewed status-quo management and the necessity for public comment and organization. [Read Article---](#)

## The Road to Recovery?

### The Ninth Circuit Weighs in on Logging Roads and the Clean Water Act

by Chris Winter, Staff Attorney with Crag Law Center



While Tillamook Area Rivers were swollen with mud and sediment and our phones were ringing off the hook, friend of NFS Chris Winter and his partners at CRAG law center were addressing a substantial source of this mess: unpermitted point source pollution from private and public logging roads. In this article Chris explains their recent victory,

now requiring NPDES permitting for point source pollution and upholding the congressionally mandated Clean Water Act. [Read Article ---->](#)

## Native Fish Society Board of Directors Welcomes Scott Baumer and Rob Elam

Both Rob and Scott were made official board members this winter. Both individuals bring a tremendous amount of passion for native fish conservation and advocacy.

Rob is an entrepreneur who founded and was CEO of Propel Fuels, an alternative fuel retailer, which became the west coast's largest alt-fuel station network. Rob has written and photographed for Fly Fish Journal and The Drake. Rob believes that the most effective way to achieve sustainable populations of wild fish is through grassroots actions like the NFS River Steward program.

Scott owns and operates TKO Surgical, Inc., a specialty surgical device distributorship located in Beaverton, Oregon and operating in six states. Scott is committed to restoring native anadromous fish to their historical abundance in the northwest and he tries to find time in his busy schedule to chase steelhead with a fly rod whenever possible.



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