



NEWSLETTER

Protecting the resource *and* anglers' access to it.



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2023 DATES

Columbia River Fisheries Not a Priority



Based on the pre-season planning of fisheries, conducted by the [Pacific Fisheries Management Council](#) (PFMC), in-river Columbia River recreational fisheries are not a priority.

Given mandatory restrictions and closures in Alaska, California and Oregon, members of the PFMC had the ability to increase fishing opportunity in both Canada and Washington. **All other fisheries were either increased or saw no change except for the Columbia River, where shockingly, fisheries managers intentionally chose to reduce fishing opportunity**, where more than 350,000 licensed anglers fish. For more information about this alarming issue, [CLICK HERE](#) to read a document prepared by CCA Washington.

Pinniped Management



We've been receiving many reports about unnatural numbers of seals and sea lions in the Columbia River this year. For those of us who call Puget Sound home, we know that seals and sea lions are taking a toll on salmon and steelhead populations there as well. If you are on the water and have seal/sea lion activity to report, please use [WDFW's online reporting tool](#).

Sea lions are protected under the MMPA; the public should not approach or disturb sea lions unless they are at risk of harming humans or damaging private property. NOAA

May 12

[SW Washington Banquet](#)
(Vancouver)

May 24

[NOP Banquet](#) (Sequim)

July 14 & 15

[Pete Flohr Memorial Wenatchee Salmon Derby](#)

July - August

[Baker Lake Sockeye Derby](#)

September 15

[Lower Columbia Banquet](#)
(Longview)

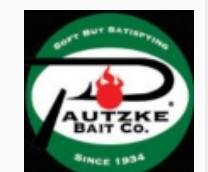
September 21

[Capital City Banquet](#) (Lacey)

October TBD

[King of the Reach Derby](#)

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provides a list of acceptable deterrence measures, which can be found [HERE](#). For those interested, [The Man Cave Outfitters](#), located in Centralia, currently has non-lethal shotgun shells available.



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FHN Kids Trout Derby



The 3rd Annual Kids Trout Derby, hosted by Fish Hunt Northwest, the Summit Lake Community Center and Mission Outdoors, will take place on Saturday May 20th at Summit Lake in Olympia. Upwards of 200 kids, 14 years of age or under, are expected for the derby. The hosts are once again seeking sponsorship to help support this very popular and fast growing event. For additional information Contact Duane at 253-307-7219.

Legislative Operating Budget



The Legislature adjourned earlier this week. The final 2023-2025 Operating Budget has been sent to the Governor where he has approximately three weeks to act. Several links related to the budget are provided below:

- * [2023-2025 Operating Budget Bill](#)
- * [2023-2025 Operating Budget Agency Detail](#)
- * [2023-2025 Operating Budget Provisos of Interest](#)

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