



# NEWSLETTER

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

## CCA Connect July 2023

### CCA Washington Flash Sale Auction

**FLASH ONLINE AUCTION**  
Thursday July 20, 2023 to Monday July 31, 2023

COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION  
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Our [online auction](#) is live until midnight tonight (July 31). Bid on a 4-night stay in Reno, a mystery cooler loaded with surprise items, and a thrilling Deschutes River Whitewater Rafting trip. Spread the word, join the bidding frenzy, and make this summer epic!

Visit <https://CAWAUAuction.givesmart.com> to bid now and secure your chance for adventure. Hurry, time is ticking! Happy bidding.

### Success Story: Steelhead Recycling Program

## 2023 DATES

### July - August

Baker Lake Sockeye Derby

### September 15

Lower Columbia Banquet (Longview)

### September 21

Capital City Banquet (Lacey)

### October 5

North Sound Banquet (Mt Vernon)

### October 27-29

King of the Reach Derby

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More than 10 years ago, CCA began advocating to reinstate the Summer Steelhead Recycling Program on the Cowlitz River. Working in conjunction with Tacoma Power and WDFW, the program was reinstated in 2014. The result has been a greatly enhanced summer steelhead fishery, particularly this year where summer steelhead fishing on the Cowlitz has been red hot at times. Thanks to the CCA Lewis County chapter members who made the difference.

Prior to 2014, a 2-year study was conducted by the US geological survey which determined that recycled steelhead rarely move into smaller tributaries, eliminating concerns that these recycled hatchery fish would compete with wild winter steelhead. This is only one of many examples where CCA's advocacy efforts have made a tangible difference in promoting and enhancing recreational fishing while also supporting and protecting wild fish recovery.

### **Baker Lake Sockeye Shootout: Reel in the Excitement Now**



Gear up because the Baker Lake Shootout is happening now! With over 30,000 fish transferred to Baker Lake as of July 25, and a 5 fish per day limit, the time to go is now!

Among those 30,000 sockeyes are 200 tagged fish for the 2023 Baker Lake Sockeye Shootout that is happening now

until the season ends. If you catch a tagged sockeye, simply go to <https://ccawashington.org/bakerlake/> to register and input the tag number. Don't miss out on the excitement and adventure.

Spread the word among your fellow anglers. By participating, you'll also contribute to crucial sockeye salmon research and conservation efforts in Baker Lake. Let's unite and make a real difference.

### Wenatchee Salmon Derby Recap



Our North Central Washington chapter hosted another successful Wenatchee Salmon Derby this year. While fishing wasn't red hot, the weather was. Chinook were hard to come by, but plenty of sockeye were caught near Wells Dam. There were 14 teams comprised of 55 anglers. Fish were once again weighed at Hooked On Toys and BeeBee Bridge Park. Congratulations to the top prize winners - Team Blevins for heaviest boat weight and Brandt Cappell for heaviest fish. Additional information can be found at [WenatcheeSalmonDerby.com](http://WenatcheeSalmonDerby.com).

### King of the Reach: A Fishing Derby for Future Generations



Get ready for the annual King of the Reach (KOR) fishing derby, held annually on the Hanford Reach section of the Columbia River. This year's event will take place October 27-29. Anglers help collect natural origin Upriver Bright fall Chinook salmon to integrate natural genetics into the hatchery offspring.

Early Boat Captain Registration is set to open at August's general meeting, taking place on August 15th at La Bella Vita Restaurant in Richland (1515 George Washington Way). Meeting starts at 7:30PM with registrations starting around 7:00. Go to <https://ccawashington.org/kingofthereach/> for more information and updates.

### **WDFW's Willapa Bay Policy**



WDFW is accepting comments on the draft [Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy](#). CCA Washington will be providing comments on this draft policy, which will include the need to maintain a recreational priority, promote mark selective fisheries, restore/maintain hatchery production and protect wild Chinook populations. We will be sending an Action Alert to our membership later this week.

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