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# The Fishin' Club News

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## NEXT MEETING

We have a very special speaker this month, and one of our own members, Kes Tautvydas, who will enlighten us on fishing places, lures and styles used in North Eastern Canada, Minnesota and the Great Lakes area.

Kes has spent many years in the Midwest and has accumulated great stories, just waiting to be released to our membership.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

A big thanks to Chuck Leavitt and Doug Bishop who were our guest speakers. They discussed what to do with a man overboard, how to safely and efficiently tow a disabled boat, and discussed local areas where wind, weather, and tides can combine to produce dangerous situations.

Chuck also received names of members interested in two Saturday sessions this month on a "Boat Smart" course. Other members of the "Power Squadron" will assist him with this class.

## FISHIN' CLUB BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Richard Guenther. Richard reported the scholarships have been paid.

We are still working to determine the details of the club's insurance coverage. Scott Waltenbaugh will follow up with State Farm.

Jennifer Kelly is still working to get a group together to plan the Fishin' Club cookbook. It is expected this could be a good fund raiser. We will contact local people to advertise in the book. Mac Shearer is working with the Bed and Breakfast association. There will be a meeting on Friday, February 2nd, to get more people involved.

Mac and Scott reported the Christmas food drive was a big success. We provided food to twelve families.

John McClure reported that this year's Banks Lake

outing will be held on June 8 and 9.

Much of the meeting consisted of reviewing and discussing speakers and topics for the next year's meetings.

## 2007 DUES ARE DUE-NOTICE! WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

It will be if your dues are not paid ASAP.

If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, look to see if there is an invoice included with this month's newsletter. If there isn't, your dues are paid. If there is, your dues are not paid. If you get an invoice please return it with your check for \$25.00. THANKS.

## FISHIN' CLUB COOK BOOK MEETING

The groundwork for a new cookbook is being laid. Jennifer Kelly will meet with interested members for support and ideas for this challenging undertaking.

The meeting will be held at 10 am, February 2, at Neil's Cloverpatch in Bayview Center.

Telephone Jennifer at 321-6258 if interested.

## ANACORTES SALMON DERBY

This seaside community with a rich maritime history will host the 2007 Anacortes Scholarship Derby on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11. Members of the Fidalgo Island Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers (PSA) will partner with the Port of Anacortes and the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce to present a derby featuring prizes of cash and merchandise.

Plans include a grand prize winner (fish weight) of \$5,000 and a \$2,000 "secret weight" winner. The total of cash prizes is expected to be \$10,000. The derby organizers plan a large collection of merchandise prizes as well.

Boundaries of the derby will

be Marine Area 7. Ticket prices are \$50.00 per person.

This is a not for profit event. All proceeds will go to a scholarship fund benefiting students pursuing education in the fisheries area. The derby will also boost the economy and provide a recreational opportunity for families.

We encourage your participation and support of this exciting new derby, spear-headed by volunteer chairman, Jay Field and a team of volunteers who have shown evidence of considerable skills and commitment.

Saturday night will be a no host social with raffle prizes given away. Entry to the raffle is included with the derby entry fee. Sunday afternoon will be a Barbeque and Awards ceremony.

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## WHAT'S-UP WITH HALIBUT?

Check your Washington State Fishing Regs on when and where. There is no minimum size limit for halibut in Marine areas 1-13, which includes all waters from the Columbia River through Puget Sound.

All regions have a one-fish daily bag limit and two-halibut possession limit, regardless of whether those fish are fresh or frozen.

As in previous years, a portion of the coast off LaPush will be closed to fishing for halibut and bottom fish to reduce the likelihood that halibut anglers will unintentionally catch yellow eye rockfish, which are the focus of a long-term rebuilding plan.

Coordinates for the conservation zone will be published in the 2006-07 Fishing in Washington rules pamphlet.

**MEETINGS:** First Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Bayview Senior Services Center across from Casey's grocery on Hwy 525 between Freeland and Clinton.  
 Bring A Friend, We'll See You There!