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The Fishin' Club News

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WHERE'S THE HALIBUT?

Our own lifelong fisherman, Whidbey Island native and storyteller, Lloyd Carter, will show us how to fish for halibut and sole. Included will be show and tell examples of the proper rods, baits and methods that he has successfully used for years.

He will discuss several areas to fish, however, exact locations may not be disclosed!! He will share pictures of his catches.

Lloyd will tell us about his recent fishing trip on the Sea of Galilee in the Holy Land. He claims to have gone swimming there, as well.

Please come and enjoy a chat about fishing with one of Whidbey's treasured personalities.

We will also have fishing reports, the latest on upcoming club outings, and a whole lot more. Don't forget about our world famous raffle. You may get lucky!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Scott Waltenbaugh and Don Steadman did a great job telling us all about beach fishing on Whidbey Island. They put together a handout of places to fish from the beach, with a map of the island highlighting those places, calling out boat ramp locations and public access for fishing and clamming.

There was a lively discussion between members present. Special thanks goes to Neil Simms, whose reports in the South Whidbey Record helped provide information for this presentation and also from the book, Getting to the Water's Edge.

FISHIN' CLUB BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Scott Waltenbaugh. Jennifer Kelly reported they had a good meeting regarding plans for the Fishin' Club cookbook. We hope to have it ready for sale at the fair.

It has been reported that people who sit at the back of the room, during our regular meetings, have a hard time hearing the speakers. It was suggested that we eliminate the back few rows of seats to bring people forward, in-

stead of getting a microphone.

All the Whidbey schools have been contacted regarding next year's scholarships.

Mac Shearer reported he is working on plans to redo our booth at the fair.

John McClure reported we are all set up for the Banks Lake trip. It is up to the individual members who are going to make their own reservations at the campground or motel.

FISHING INFO Via WDFW

Marine Area 8.1 & 8.2:
Remains open for salmon every day until April 30, 2007. Limit in this area is 2 salmon; Chinook must be over 22 inches and must be fin clipped. Mixed reports from here this past week, as lots of people are traveling to area 9 for faster action. There has been some success though from Saratoga Passage with a 15 lb reported and some other decent size fish. Area 8.1 continues to plug along with the occasional decent size fish coming from Greenbank or North Bluff area.

Marine area 9:
Thriving Blackmouth salmon fishing!!! Blackmouth salmon fishing remains very good with limits for all persons on board every trip we have taken to Possession Bar. Playing the tides right and fishing in the correct location on Possession Bar has been the key to continued success for lots of anglers. Point No Point and Double Bluff are also producing some nicer size fish. The best fish catcher has been a coyote spoon in 3.5 sizes, with the yellow tail and the frog racer being the top two color patterns. The best action has been around 120 foot depth, fishing as close to the bottom as we can get. Blackmouth are being caught throughout the day no matter what the tide is, but the best action has been coming shortly after the high tide change.

Fishin' Club Cookbook
Jennifer Kelly reports that things are moving along well with the Fishin' Club Cookbook fund-raising project. Although we

have over seventy recipes in so far, we still have a long ways to go to reach our goal of three hundred recipes. Recipes can be submitted either on the paper submission form, or on line, where you can just type it in directly to our cookbook project. Dig out those favorite family recipes and get them submitted right away, as we only have a couple of months left before the deadline.

For more information on how to submit recipes you can call Jennifer at 321-6258, or be at the next meeting for the whole story. If you have any great ideas for the title of our cookbook, please email it to Jennifer at

Keewee@whidbey.com

The cookbook committee will make the final decision on the title for the cookbook.

FISHIN' CLUB COOK BOOK COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 10 am, April 6, at Neil's Cloverpatch in Bayview Center.

Remember to bring those favorite recipes you have collected.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH CURRIED CRAB SPREAD

1/2 cup minced celery
 1/2 cup minced green pepper
 1/2 cup minced red bell pepper
 1/2 cup cream cheese
 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon curry powder
 1 teaspoon hot sauce
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 1 pound lump cooked crabmeat
 1/4 inch thick slices baguette,
 brushed with olive oil and broiled until lightly browned

Combine first 11 ingredients and stir until well combined. Gently fold in crabmeat. Serve crab spread on toasted baguette.

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.