

## **BI-TU Board Meeting, 4/3/2019**

Attendees: Mark, Dave, Sasha, Duane, Bruce Tyson, Jeff Norman, John, Shawn, Steve M, Steve L, Denis, Bill, and Austin.

Fry trapping going well, catching lots of fry  
Looking for more fry trapping volunteers

Bruce Tyson, with Orvis, is coordinating PHW boaters

2<sup>nd</sup> Perch Derby to benefit Veteran's Charities

BI-TU has been awarded King County's Green Globe Award for conservation work. Award will be presented during a special ceremony on April 22. Mark, Dave, Chrystal, Bill, and possibly Shawn will attend to receive the award.

Dave reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Perch Derby will be Saturday, May 18 on Lake Samm  
Snoqualmie Tribe is donating two blankets as prizes  
Need volunteers, and to set time  
Entry fee \$30 for adults, \$20 for kids, everyone gets a T-shirt  
Need more donations for prizes

Disease sampling has begun (King Co.). First sampline caught tons of peamouth chub, cutts and a few yellow perch, 7-8 brown bullheads, about 200 fish in all. Doing lengths and weights and taking profiling samples to determine diseases every month into October.

Dave submitted grant for Tibbins (?) Creek work to take water samples for parasites.  
Also Laughing Jacobs grant with 5 different directions for possible technical support.

If trend of declining Kokanee numbers continue, it is estimated that they will only hold out for about 10 more years.

No kids derby this year – too many other activities going on. Maybe return for 2020.

Pursuing grant to hire additional staff

Creel survey volunteers will be needed this summer, may expand to collect data on additional species

North Sound Chapter has been de-chartered, and BITU will incorporate their members.  
Considering starting a North End Board to take them in and expand our territory.

May need to eventually consider a new chapter name to reflect our expanding reach.

Kevin reported we have \$30,153 as our current balance, after \$10,000 for kryo project.

Embrace a Stream Project – Mark requested we go to the TU site, read requirements, will have 2 weeks to propose a project for funding. Possibly some \$ for Cedar River Cleanup.

Speakers Series – Next speaker at our April member meeting, Alysa Kerr, will present on managing problem beavers.

May meeting will feature John McMillan and a presentation on the Elwa dam removal and river recovery.

Casting Clinic will be held in June 19 in place of our member meeting. Orvis will bring a set of various rods for attendees to test out. Kelsy Rosborough is the new Orvis fishing manager.

A test social media survey was sent out by Sasha for review before broadcasting it more widely.

Denis asked for more feedback on new member email he created.

Sasha, Bill and Denis to meet to discuss reorganization of chapter website.

Discussion ensued about a chapter newsletter and getting enough content. It was determined we need a newsletter editor.

Bill brought in a bag of used mono line he'd collected at our collection boxes. The idea is to mail it to Berkeley for recycling.

Dave want two signs to help explain the culvert catapult, and the RSI.

Austin suggested that sponsoring more trail runs might attract younger individuals to our cause. He also suggested holding a demonstration to create greater awareness about the Pebble Mine.

Mark noted that he was planning a fishing out this coming Sunday to go after clams and surf perch, and that anyone who wants to participate is welcome.