

# Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club

Home of the Annual  
Washington State Governor's Cup  
Walleye Tournament



**Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (April 14) @ 7 P.M.  
Senior Center, Kettle Falls**

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The club's web site is located at: [lakerooseveltwalleyeclub.com](http://lakerooseveltwalleyeclub.com)

### **March Meeting:**

Donny Graham was the guest speaker. He shared what he does to catch so many walleyes. He showed everyone how to follow a "Progression of Change" to the presentation process to locate and catch fish. I waited a couple of days after the meeting to drop by the local sporting goods stores to get some of the items he was using, and there were only a few *Mustad* "Slow Death (no. 2) Hooks" to be had, and no worm threaders. It was a real down to earth session on catching walleyes, THANKS Donny.

### **April Meeting:**

I hear they are going to start filling FDR again about May 1. Greg Goodnight. asked to be on the agenda to talk about the Defibulators.

There will be a sign up sheet for Tournament workers; be sure and put your name on the list , we need more people getting involved in our Club events.

### **Club fishing Spring Canyon Fishing Trip:**

4 boats with club members participated in 3-day fishing trip to the Grand Coulee area. The big trout and Kokanee were biting better than last year. There were a lot of up to 4 lb. kokanee and trout caught; around 25 fish were caught by most of the boats (I heard Meskan's boat didn't fair as well). The weather was good, a little windy on one day, but otherwise fishing was good. Members who took part say everybody in the club needs to take part in this great fishing trip next year.

### **Tournament Update's**

Productive meetings have been held on a regular basis. Our ad sellers; Doug U, Doug E, Dennis H, Laramie E & Fred Y have really been doing a great job, they have sold many more ads than last year.

The Tournament Applications & Rules & Regulations were mailed out the first of the month. We have received 2 early applications for the tournament so far.

Cabelas have really came on board as a huge sponsor for us this year; if your over shopping at their store be sure to thank them for their support

**Rifle Raffle for Governor's Cup:**

The walleye club is offering two rifles this year for a limited number of raffle tickets. They are selling only 250 tickets. The raffle tickets are \$10.00 each, and at the last report they are going fast (only 10 left). Doug Eastwood will have tickets at our April meeting to sell.

**Priest Rapids Pool of the Columbia River will close to the retention of marked game**

**fish:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) temporarily close retention of small mouth bass, largemouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, and northern pikeminnow with circular (hole) punches in their dorsal fin.

**Effective date:** April 1, through May 31, 2011

**Species affected:** Small mouth bass, largemouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, and northern pikeminnow

**Location:** Columbia River from Priest Rapids Dam to Wanapum Dam

**Reason for action:** Grant County Public Utility District, with assistance from WDFW, will implant acoustic tags into selected game fish species to learn more about movement patterns within the Priest Rapids Pool. Game fish must be anesthetized in order to implant acoustic tags. The Food and Drug Administration stipulates that anesthetized fish must have a 21-day withdrawal period before fish can be consumed.

Informational signs including pictures of game fish with hole punched dorsal fins will be displayed at all accustomed public access sites on the Priest Rapids Pool. If anglers harvest any of the acoustic tagged game fish after May 31 and would like to return the tags, please contact Keith Garner at Grant PUD (509) 754-5088, ext. 2654) or Rod O'Connor at Blue Leaf Environmental (509) 210-7424).

**Strong runs of Columbia River Chinook, Puget Sound Coho & Pinks are**

**projected:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) project a bright outlook this year for Chinook in Washington's ocean waters and the Columbia River, according to preseason salmon forecasts. Opportunities for anglers also look good in Puget Sound, where Coho and pink salmon runs are expected to be strong this year.

**Columbia River:** About 760,000 fall Chinook are expected to return to the Columbia River this season. That's about 112,000 more Chinook than last year's return and would constitute the fifth largest run since 1948. More than half of the Chinook forecast - about 398,000 salmon - is expected to be "upriver brights" headed to the Hanford Reach area and the Snake River. This would be the second largest run of upriver brights since 1964, when fishery managers began keeping records, said LeFleur, Columbia River policy coordinator for WDFW. "This should be a good year for upriver brights, which provide some of the best in-river fishing opportunities for anglers," LeFleur said. While the Chinook run is expected to be up, the forecast of 362,500 Columbia River Coho is similar to last year's projection.

**Washington's ocean waters:** Anglers can expect an ocean fishery for Chinook and Coho this summer similar to that in 2010, said Doug Milward, ocean salmon fishery manager for WDFW. "Last year, fishing was good for Chinook and fair for Coho," said Milward. "The number of salmon available for this summer's ocean fishery is expected to be similar to last year, so anglers should see another good year of fishing." Nearly 250,000 hatchery Chinook are expected to return this year to the lower Columbia River. Those salmon, known as "tules," traditionally have been the backbone of the recreational ocean Chinook fishery. The 362,500 Coho salmon bound for the Columbia River also account for a significant portion of the ocean catch.

**2011 spring Chinook:** According to the pre-season forecast, 198,400 upriver spring Chinook will return to the Columbia River this year, close to the 10-year average. Initial seasons announced today allocate 7,750 upper river spring Chinook to the sport fishery below Bonneville Dam, 1,650 to anglers fishing above Bonneville and 2,100 to the commercial fleet.

As in years past, anglers may retain only hatchery-reared fish, marked with a clipped adipose fin. All unmarked wild spring Chinook must be released unharmed.

Large, five-year-old fish are expected to make up an unusually high portion of this year's catch, said Joe Hymer, a WDFW fish biologist. More than 100,000 five-year-old spring Chinook - each weighing 18 to 30 pounds - are predicted to pass through fisheries en route to the Willamette River or the upper Columbia River this year. By comparison, only about 26,000 five-year-old fish returned to those areas last year, despite a strong run of 423,000 spring Chinook to those waters.

### **Legislature aims to institute a fee for recreation access on state lands:**

The Governor's proposed budget removed state General Fund support for recreation on state lands in favor of a user-supported funding approach.

The Senate bill, (5622) as introduced:

- Creates an annual, singular pass-called the "Discover Pass"-that will enable the public to visit lands managed by Parks, WDFW, and DNR. The pass will cost \$30 per year per vehicle or \$10 for day use. Improves public safety, by giving law enforcement officers from each agency the authority to issue natural resource infractions on land managed by any of the agencies.
- Hunting and Fishing license holders will be charged \$7.00 for their access pass to WDFW lands.
- Provides a free annual pass to volunteers who donate 24 hours of their time working on volunteer projects sanctioned by the agencies.
- Aligns DNR's recreational immunity with that of the other state agencies.
- Specifies how each agency must spend the revenue generated by the Discover Pass.

### **Box Tops for Education:**

The Ladies Walleye Club members are collecting eligible box tops to donate to schools as a fund raising project. They are also working on a cook book and they are always looking for more members so if you wife isn't in the Ladies Walleye Club she is encourage to join. Contact Dorothy Nesland at 738-6797.

### **RELAY for LIFE TEAM Report:**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that we are still working on our project to raise money for Cancer Research and Services via the Relay for Life event here in Stevens County, Washington.

Tom and I wish to, AGAIN!!!, thank all those who have found time and heart to contribute to this great cause and event. We all have been touched in our lives in one way or another by Cancer and must keep our spirits up in the task of looking for cure and care for Cancer patients and families.

We have raised about \$730.00 to date and have about 80 days until Relay Day. We also have a new member on our team and another prospective member. Being a "member of the team" is easy. Just sign up for the team on the Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club team page and donate your \$10.00 and submit your T-shirt size. There will be weird results that say your "Goal is \$100.00" but that is not a requirement!!!! It merely is part of the "Going Green" system that registers

people who want to participate in the Walk during the 24 hour period of the event.....June 24th at Noon [a Friday] at the Colville High School Track in Colville, Washington and continuing for a 24 hour period until June 25th on Saturday.,,this year of 2011.

Participating is easy. You can walk a lap or as many laps as you desire at any time between those times of Noon to Noon. The idea is to support the families and patients who are going through treatments and/or are survivors. You are personally not required to walk for 24 hours!!!!!! And do not have to walk at night.

Luminaries are placed around the track at night and the site is one to behold, even if you only come and look. Tom and I will be staying overnight in our motor home and provide whatever is required for our team participants during their time at the event.

In May we will be having a gathering of any and all team members so we can plan the support system.....such as what input can be given by the team members as per food, drink, etc. seating, etc.

We will be having our full display of summer Kettle Falls Farmer's Market items at the April Walleye club meeting.....this includes the two OPPORTUNITY DRAWING items [commonly called raffle items but by law are Opportunity Drawings by my choice].

Thanks again for your great support and donations to this great cause.  
Regards: Linda and Tom Thank // Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club  
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**Items for sale:**

1978 Evinrude 6 hp outboard - \$300 firm 738-6344 (Larry)

Three bedroom fully furnished home on the Kettle River, approximately 12 miles from Kettle Falls. Sleeps 6-8, Full kitchen with dishes, washer and dryer. Guests need only bring their own food and clothes. \$125/day up to 8 guests - \$90/day for up to 4 guests. Contact Kelli Rucker 684-4290 for further details.

12 ft. fiberglass boat 738-6797 (Bobby)

***TAKE A KID FISHING AND HIS GRANDPA TOO!***