



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## November 2013 Club Meeting

**PLACE:** Silliman Community Activity Center  
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560  
510- 742-4400

**DATE:** **Wednesday, November 20th** (Note day and date)

**TIME:** 6:30 **pm**

**PROGRAM :** Cal-trout's agenda

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\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING FUTURE EVENT \*\*\*\* *Annual Installation Dinner* on [January 25th 2014](#)

### Upcoming Events

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| Wed. Nov. 20   | <b>Fly Tying Night</b> **** <b>CANCELLED</b> ****                             |
| Wed. Nov. 20   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM     |
| Wed. Nov. 20   | <b>Club Meeting</b> - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30 PM             |
| Thurs. Nov. 21 | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM      |
| Fri. Nov. 22   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM    |
| Wed. Dec. 4    | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM     |
| Wed. Dec. 4    | <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 7:00pm Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont |
| Fri. Dec. 6    | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM    |
| Wed. Dec. 13   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM       |
| Sat. Dec. 14   | <b>Club Breakfast:</b> At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM         |
| Wed. Dec. 18   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM     |
| Wed. Dec. 18   | <b>Movie/ Swap Night</b> - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30 PM        |
| Thurs. Dec. 19 | Veterans First Fly Fishing- San Jose Respite Clinic, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM     |
| Fri. Dec. 20   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM    |

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President	<b>Dean Lewis</b>	Board Member	Ron Smith	1/2014
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<b>Chairpersons</b>				
Annual Dinner	<b>Open</b>	Conservation	Steve Schramm	
Distribution	Ray Gauthier	Editor	Ray Gauthier	
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Fly Casting	<b>Open</b>	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	
	<b>Open</b>	Boy Scouts	Jeff Lorelli	
Fund Raising	Stephen Culp	Graphic Design	Ed Huff	
Video/Archivist	Ray Gauthier	Hospitality	Kay Heyes	
Library	Dave Heyes	Picnic	<b>Open</b>	
Programs	Ron Smith	Raffle Chairman	Dave Heyes	
Video Library	Santiago Jimenez	Trout Bum Award	Craig Gittings	
Web Master	Ray Gauthier	Fukumoto Award	Mitch Matsumoto	
Trout in the classroom	Ed Huff	Fly Fishing Volunteers	Ken Brunskill	

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The club is compiling an e-mail address list for the use of club members. If you want your address included or wish to have a copy of the list, send an e-mail to Craig Gittings.

## Notice

**Members**

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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## President's Message

Here we are approaching the end of another year, 2014 is just around the corner. I hope all of you had a good year and were able to work in a few fishing trips. Some managed lots of trips, others not so many. The important part is just getting out there when you can do so.

In my own world of fishing, I like to go with others and enjoy the camaraderie of fishing with many different people. I have fished with some members many times, but I also enjoy being able to fish with someone new and get to know them and have a good time with them.

Some of my most memorable trips have been with groups that I hadn't had a chance to fish with some of the group. As a club, we have many different interests, skill levels and knowledge. I don't consider myself an expert at any given part of fly fishing. My skills and knowledge are somewhere in the middle of the range from beginner to expert. There are days I can't cast worth a darn, and days where everything goes right. Some days the fish can't resist the fly, others where you can't pay to get a grab.

Where does all this lead?? I asked for members to complete a simple questionnaire at the last meeting. Several members did. Thank you for your input and suggestions. I am puzzled by those members that didn't even attempt to fill out the form with one suggestion, idea or comment.

Mission Peak Fly Anglers is your club. You attend the meetings so we must be providing something to keep you coming back. What is wrong with asking you for some simple input for ideas or comments that might even make the club more interesting to you and other members.

If you just want to come to the club and attend the meetings and programs and leave, that isn't being much of a club member. The club is the sum of its whole. Everything runs better when everyone contributes willingly to the whole.

For those of you that failed to complete the questionnaire, take a minute, write some suggestion, comment or idea on the lines below and turn it in at the November meeting. It will help those of us that try to provide programs, outings or classes meet your needs and interests. 2014 is around the corner and planning time is now.

Dean

**What can you do for the club or what can the club do for you?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Item or event \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

How are you and/or club members to be involved?

## *Annual Trout Bum Award*

### **Starts Jan 1, 2013**

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

### **Requirements:**

Candidate must have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters). Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes with the use of a fly only, and report to the club documented with photos during a regular meeting.

**Chairperson:** Craig Gittings

### **Veterans First Fly Fishing .....Attention Mission Peak Members      Veterans First Fly Fishing**

Who would like to join us and be part of helping our veterans through this worthwhile program?

What you might ask is involved? It can be as little as a group of us going out to Livermore and and/or Menlo Park once a month to teach fly casting and fly tying to our wounded veterans. It could go as far as accompanying a group of veterans on a fishing trip to be their 'gillie' and personal assistant on that trip.

I have made the initial contact at Livermore VA Nursing unit and there seems to be an interest, but I cannot do it alone.

I'd bet we can get funding help from the FFF, NCCFFF, the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis, VFW, and other service organizations, all we need to do is give a little of our own time to those who have given so much for us. If interested please contact me, Thanks.

Ken Brunskill.

**BUDDING FLY FISHING WRITERS**

Here is your chance to gain some experience writing about your fabulous fly fishing trips to places near and far. The club newsletter is seriously lacking in members written and photographic accounts of our fishouts. Of course you may not think a trip to Putah Creek is worthy of such notoriety, but remember, many members have never been there and would welcome a description of how your fishout went. And, as for a trip to Alaska or Baja, a story of your adventure would be most appreciated. Send articles to the editor.

**NOTE FROM TREASURER, BILL PEAKES** – Mission Peak Fly Angler’s patches and pins are available from Bill at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Bill Peakes.

\*\*\*\*\* Notice \*\*\*\*\*

this is my last fundraiser - somebody needs to step up and I suggest while I am here to show you in detail. I took over before I had been in the club even 1 yr - not hard - time consuming mid oct to middle of feb - here's your chance !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stephen Culp

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Want a high end fishing product at a discount?? some donations require prepay so call to see if this may work for you steve -our January banquet

## **Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of November 6, 2013**

President Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Ed Huff, Bill Peakes, Bruce Butler, Wayne Culp, Stephen Culp, Jan Van Zandt , Ron Smith, and Craig Gittings.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes:** Stephen Culp motioned and Ron Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2013 meeting. It passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Peakes reported that the club's finances were good.

**Speakers:** November meeting will include Cal Trout VP and Salmon Confidential in December.

**Club Apparel:** Bruce provided an invoice for club apparel- \$999.81

**Club Officers 2014:** Short list of potential candidates for treasurer, Bill Peakes, Secretary, Craig Gittings, VP, Bruce Butler and President, Dean Lewis. Directors included Stephen Culp, Jerry Reynolds, Don Jowers, and Ron Smith.

**Fishouts:** December 14 is the Yuba River Fishout and Black Friday Feather River fishout- the day after Thanksgiving.

**Awards:** None so far.

**Malcolm's Stuff:** Dave will keep a running tab of donation and moneys collected as per board's consensus.

**Club Dinner:** Last Saturday in January at Dino's in Castro Valley

### **Board Member Items:**

Ed Huff- Trout in the Classroom's egg deliveries will take place a month later, end of Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> part of March due Spring Break issues.

Jan Van Zandt- New staffing at the VA and outpatient resources. Looking for warm bodies to help out. If you have a couple of hours free time, think about joining this group. Over sight is back in place and they could use the help with expansion of the program.

Gene needs dates for a tying class and availability of a room. Dean will look into it.

Stephen Culp announced that he is stepping down as Fundraising Chair. Stephen has done it for 10 years running and it is time for some new blood to get involved. If someone wishes to learn the ropes now is the time to step forward.

Dean asked for a motion for adjournment, so Craig motioned and Ron immediately followed that the meeting adjourn at 8:03 PM.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

## Conservation News

by Steve Schramm

First, I would ask that you take a moment and remember Dr. Robert Behnke. He passed away on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the age of 83. As a longtime professor of ichthyology at Colorado State University he was an authority on trout and salmon worldwide, and a strong advocate for their conservation. If you have not already, check out his books for the layman, "Native Trout of Western North America", "Trout and Salmon in North America" and "About Trout". Barring that, check out the so called Pilot Peak strain of Lahontan Cutthroat that he identified in the 1970s in a small stream in the Pilot Mountains along the Utah-Nevada border. The trout were subsequently confirmed by DNA analysis to be the original strain of jumbo Pyramid Lake Lahontans, fortuitously preserved by transplant to the stream in the late 1800s, before those in Pyramid Lake went extinct. You can check them out, no library card necessary but fishing permit required, at Pyramid Lake. Amen.

Now STOP! Take a moment and try to recall the first time you saw a salmon spawning pair on a redd. Was it a single redd in a quiet setting, or a mass of redds all clustered together in a broad open riffle? What river was it? How old were you? How far along were the salmon, just colored up, or a deep red? Did you witness any Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom moments with kyped males wrestling for dominance? Did you see a female turn on her side and clear the gravel with flicks of her tail? Did you notice any fungus riddled soreheads struggling against the current to stay amongst the spawning redds for a final chance to spawn? When was the last time you saw some spawning salmon? How far from your home were you? Was there still wonder in your heart when you saw them? Were you glad to see them there? Have you ever been with someone else that is seeing salmon spawn in a river for the first time? How did they react? How did you respond?

It was 1989 and I was 24 years old when I saw firsthand salmon spawning in a river. Of course that's not counting all the thousands I saw before that on TV with Marlin Perkins. It was on the Yuba River where the side channel at what is now Sycamore Ranch County Park outside Marysville flows into the Yuba. I was with my Uncle Les. They were king salmon just colored up, and in a group of redds in an open riffle. It was an amazing sight then and it is an amazing sight always. At the time I think my 28 year old uncle said something along the lines of "Cool, huh?" Cool indeed!

One more question, have you ever fished the egg hatch for trout behind spawning salmon? Did you do any good? OK, that covers it. Read on.

If you recall a few weeks ago there was an MPFA Action Alert forwarded to the club membership from SPAWN, the Salmon Protection And Watershed Network. SPAWN works to prevent the extinction of wild coho salmon in the Lagunitas watershed of Marin County, one of the last significant populations of wild coho salmon along the California Coast.

<\*)>> **Special thanks to fish angel Paul Lelis for acting on the SPAWN Alert – I LOVE YOU MAN!** >(((\*)>

In 1996 Central Coast coho were listed as "threatened" by the federal government. At that time Marin County had been contemplating a streamside protection ordinance to ensure the survival of wild coho as part of its 1994 Countywide Plan, however it did nothing. About a decade later in 2005, Central Coast coho were listed as "endangered" primarily due to habitat destruction according to the National Marine Fishery Service. At the time Marin County did little more than adopt a new Countywide Plan in 2007 promising an ordinance to protect Marin streams.

**(Conservation News continued on page 12)**

## Fly of the Month



**Hook:** Dry fly hook #14-18. The fly shown was tied on a #17 Tiemco 102Y

**Thread:** Color to match CDC

**Body, shellback and wing:** CDC feather

In September 2013, Mitch Matsumoto demonstrated tying the **IOBO Humpy Fly**.

[IOBO Humpy Fly Video](#)



## Monthly Programs

<b>Dated</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program Title</b>
Nov. 20th	Jeff Thompson	CalTrout's Agenda
Dec. 18th	Movie Night	"Salmon Confidential", about Rivers and Salmon of British Columbia
Jan. 22nd	Bruce Berman	Fishing in Southern Colorado, Conejos and Platoro rivers
Feb. 26th	Anthony Carruesco	Fishing the Lower Sacramento River
March 26th	Ken Hanley	topic still open
April 24th	Open	

### November Program

Areas of California & how the Cal-trout is involved.

by Ron Smith

### THE JOHN FUKUMOTO FLY TYING AWARD

The criteria:

- Only current members of Mission Peak Fly Anglers are eligible.
- The fly must be presented and tied at a monthly fly tying session.
- Special consideration will be given to original patterns and unique variations of a standard pattern.
- The award cannot be won by an individual in consecutive years.
- Selection of each year's winner will be made by the current Fly Tying Chairman and two club members of his choosing.

### Outstanding Video

Video No.	Title	Out Since	Borrower
2	Fly Rodders Guide to Carp	05/13/12	Makarrand Vichare
42	MPFA Fly Tying with Abellar & Gettings	05/23/12	Makarrand Vichare
110	The Best Knots For Fly Casting Systems vol 2 of 2	05/23/12	Makarrand Vichare
6	Great American Trout Streams	06/24/12	Jeff Lorelli
58	Successful Fly Fishing Strategies	10/24/12	Steve Brosamer
19	Rivers of a Lost Coast	11/28/12	Jeff Lorelli
17	Skagit Master - Steel heading Outside the Box	02/27/13	Pheo Truong
122	Tying Dry Flies – covering tails, hackle, wings, bodies	02/27/13	Pheo Truong
18	Fly Fishing for Bass	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
51	Great American Trout Streams - Eastern Rivers	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
54	Articulated Stream	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
60	Spey Casting Techniques	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
62	Lessons with Lefty	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
71	Trout Tactics for Pan Fish	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
126	Intermediate Spey Tying Class	04/24/13	Bruce Butler
132	Yellowstone Ties	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
137	Fly Tying with Oscar Feliu	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
40	Fly Tying Workshop - Terrestrials	6/25/13	Don Jower
13.2	Tying Bass Flies	8/28/13	Ken Barker
100	Essential Skills	8/28/13	Steve Crosby
135	The Underwater World of Trout	8/28/13	Steve Crosby
123	Season of the Mayfly	9/22/13	Ken Barker

#### \*\*\*\* Video Library\*\*\*\*

MPFA Maintains a 200+ library for the benefit of its members and we need the help of every member to keep it available to the entire membership.

We ask that you check out a video (Honor System) and return it within 2-3 months. After the 2nd month, the librarian will send the borrower an e-mail or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.

After the 3rd month, the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of it's replacement. Thanks.

Your Video Librarian,  
Santiago Jimenez



## **(Conservation News continued from page 7)**

In 2010 SPAWN sued Marin County for its failure to protect Marin's salmon. Subsequently, the court imposed a ban on new development in San Geronimo Valley pending adoption of the ordinance Marin had been promising to enact since 1994.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 I attended a portion of the Marin County Board of Supervisors meeting that included a vote on the adoption of an interim Stream Conservation Area (SCA) ordinance. The interim SCA is to last 29 months and contains less stringent streamside protections than promised per the 2007 Countywide Plan, ostensibly so that Marin County can continue to study the problem as well as assess the impacts of the interim SCA on the watershed and development. Feel free to call "BULLSHIT" now.

Anyway, here's a brief description of what occurred at the meeting:

There was a large contingent of homeowners from the San Geronimo Valley area that were vehemently opposed to the 100ft stream setback advocated by SPAWN, and several expressed alienation and an unwillingness to cooperate further with the group for stream property access. Much was made about the lack of mapping data for "ditches", i.e. "ephemeral stream beds" in the SCA and the fact that there was a lack of political representation, as Supervisor Steve Kinsey and Supervisor Katie Rice were determined to have a conflicts of interest and were thus prevented from participating in the vote since they each own property in the proposed SCA.

Also, during the public comment period a SPAWN scientist admonished the Supervisors for allowing his staff to be threatened at a prior County meeting on the SCA topic where thinly veiled threats were apparently made about the safety of SPAWN staff and volunteers when out on surveys in the watershed. (Subsequent to the meeting I watched a video on the Web showing an unidentified individual destroying a SPAWN fish trap. Tensions have indeed been high over this issue.)

There was also a complaint about a "poison pill" provision in the SCA where the county would not enforce the interim SCA should the County be sued relative to it. In other words an owner could decide to sue the County over the SCA when seeking a building permit, and basically the County would roll over and not enforce protections to avoid a lawsuit. Given the cost tiered structure of the SCA building permits (I won't go into detail here) it doesn't take a genius to figure out that it is much easier to file a lawsuit for a few hundred dollars down at the Courthouse and have the County play dead, than it is to pay a couple thousand for a higher tier permit and be required to have a site review. Once the first owner does it, what might the rest be expected to do?

During public comment the Audubon Society representative supported the interim SCA which prescribes stream setbacks as little as 35ft. Several other conservation oriented groups and neighbor associations were in agreement in support of the interim SCA, presumably since at least some protections would be in place. This is far less than the 100ft setbacks that SPAWN endorsed and which the Federation of Fly Fishers signed onto as well. (At this point I'd like to note that if you've ever done any backpacking in the Sierra then you'll know that your campsite must be at least 100ft from the edge of any body of water. Even in lower elevation valleys of the Sierra such as those along the Tuolumne River, the Kern River and the Kings River where the forests are quite lush, the area adjacent to a campsite with 2-3 people staying in it for only a few days becomes considerably trampled and disturbed.)

Following public comments Supervisor Sears asked Marin County staff to add/clarify language that called for net improvement rather than no net loss of habitat in the interim SCA. That said, I do not

recall what net improvement guideline, if any, was ultimately specified. No net loss of habitat is the minimum acceptable, and SPAWN had advocated 2 feet restored for every 1 foot developed.

In the end during the Supervisor remarks it was apparent before the vote that the Supervisors had already decided on staff's recommendation of adoption of the interim SCA since they all commented that the interim SCA would be an opportunity to "see how it goes". More likely the Supervisors were interested in maintaining their constituencies rather than extending their necks in leadership as was done 30 years ago when ridge top development density restrictions were put in place. They also adopted the option in the interim SCA that imposed the SCA countywide rather than just in the San Geronimo Valley. There had been much comment from the San Geronimo owners that while they only occupy 9% of the SCAs in the watershed that the injunction on building in San Geronimo Valley was making them 100% responsible for all the present, future and past loss of salmon due to development throughout Marin's watershed.

### **Do you remember when coho salmon went extinct in Lagunitas Creek? Did you try to stop it?**

And just so you don't think that this is a lone cry from the wilderness I have included this recent post by Mike McKenzie to the forum at danblanton.com. Reprinted here with Mike's permission, emphases in bold are mine.

## **Do you wonder why our fisheries are in constant decline??**

Posted by Mike McKenzie on 2013-11-06 10:15:16

Here's why! In spite of all our efforts (fighting law suits, fighting against phony science with regard to predation by striped bass, fighting reg change proposals that would further decimate our striped bass fishery) all our fisheries populations are sinking at a steady rate. The below release details the abject failure of those agencies with the responsibilities of maintaining public trust resources and why our fisheries are crashing.

Press Release: 6 November 2013, For Immediate Release

### **State and Federal Water Projects Violate Standards: Delta Fisheries Plunge in Summer of 2013**

#### **Regulators look the other way; refuse to enforce the law.**

The state and federal water export projects continue to ignore regulatory requirements and Delta fisheries have again been hammered by excessive water exports.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has released the 2013 Fall Mid Water Trawl (FMWT) abundance indices of Delta fish.

Fisheries continue to collapse. DFW also released the 2013 USFWS Delta Smelt Recovery Index, which failed to meet recovery criteria and restarted the five-year recovery period.

To expedite water exports this summer, the Central Valley and State Water Projects violated water quality standards in the South Delta in June and July through 15 August and at Emmaton in April, May

and June and at Jersey Point in June. Emmaton and Jersey Point are in the Western Delta. Additionally, the temperature compliance point on the Sacramento River was moved upstream from Red Bluff to Anderson, eliminating almost two-thirds of the river miles of spawning habitat for endangered winter-run chinook salmon.

**The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) informed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) that it would not take any enforcement action for these violations.**

The Fall Mid-Water Troll abundance indices reveal that populations of Delta fish are only a small fraction of their historical abundance before Delta water exports began.

The indices for Delta smelt (7), striped bass (23), threadfin shad (70), and American shad (135) were the second, second, third and second lowest, respectively, in the 46 years of the survey. The index for longfin smelt (36) was comparable to the very low indices of recent years.

**In other words, Delta smelt, striped bass, longfin smelt, American shad and threadfin shad populations in 2013 have plummeted 98.9, 99.6, 99.7, 89.1, 98.1 percent, respectively, from the average of the initial six years of the survey (1967-1972).** The splittail index was not released but the 2012 September-October index was zero.

The federal Central Valley Project began exporting water from the Delta in 1956.

“The historical pattern and practice of violating regulatory requirements established to protect fisheries is outrageous,” said CSPA Executive Director Bill Jennings, “but the consistent failure by regulators and trustee agencies to enforce the law is simply incomprehensible and indicates a collaborative culture of noncompliance.” “The FBI would be investigating and the Justice Department prosecuting if a financial trust had ignored regulations over three decades and reduced trust assets by 99%,” he said adding “I can understand water agencies attempting to take water that doesn’t belong to them but I can’t understand the cops giving them the green light.

The State Board has a long history of ignoring violations of Delta standards by DWR and the Bureau, despite the fact that the standards themselves are woefully inadequate. This year’s violations are only the latest in a long series. For example, between 1987 and 1992, more than 247 violations of delta standards occurred without enforcement. South Delta standards have been violated for the last 18 years, since adoption of the 1995 water quality control plan.

In the spring of 2009, the projects cannibalized a third of legally required Delta outflow for export. The Vernalis flow standards were violated in 2012. An August 2013 CSPA report titled Summer of 2013: the demise of Delta smelt under D-1641 Delta Water Quality Standards detailed how the state and federal projects massacred Delta smelt by increasing exports five-fold in late June and dramatically reducing Delta outflow in early July causing the low salinity zone and Delta smelt to be drawn into the western Delta where they encountered lethal temperatures caused by a upstream reservoir releases coupled with high ambient temperatures.

Another CSPA report titled The Consequences of the End of VAMP’s Export Restrictions detailed how the 2013 Vernalis pulse flow on the San Joaquin River was exported via an unauthorized water transfer that avoided environmental review and killed salmon and Delta smelt. Of course, regulators have long

ignored the massive stranding of fish drawn into irrigation channels of the Yolo Bypass and Colusa Basin and stranded to perish, as detailed in CSPA's July 2013 report titled Colusa Basin Drain Fish Stranding and Rescues. In 2013, National Marine Fisheries Biologists estimated that as many as half of returning endangered winter-run salmon were stranded.

The legal right to divert water from the Delta is conditioned on compliance with standards. DWR and the Bureau claimed that the violation of standards in 2013 was necessary to protect the cold-water pool behind Shasta Dam in order to protect spawning winter-run salmon. However, Shasta Reservoir storage was 89% of historical average only 55,000 acre-feet (AF) of water was saved in Shasta by failing to meet water quality objectives, according to their 21 August 2013 report. The projects exported more than that in each of the months they violated standards. Indeed, DWR exported some 826,778 AF and the Bureau exported 8,342 AF more than they had projected they would be able to deliver from the south Delta in 2013.

**That water could have been – should have been - used to comply with standards rather than being exported. Ironically, the Department of Interior (Bureau and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) gave away (i.e., didn't use and didn't store) some 451,000 AF of CVPIA water in 2011 that could have been stored for use in 2012 and 2013 to meet Delta standards and ensure sufficient cold water in Shasta Reservoir.**

The State Board is in the midst of a multi-year, multi-phase proceeding to develop new Delta Standards that is already years behind in revising the 1995 standards, which by law must be updated every three years. "The existing and outdated standards are seriously inadequate," said Jennings, "but one must question the point of revising standards if they're simply going to be ignored."

"The reports and information discussed in this release are either available on CSPA's website at [www.calsport.org](http://www.calsport.org) or by contacting Bill Jennings (contact information above).

The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit conservation and research organization established in 1983 for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing the state's water quality, wildlife and fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems and associated riparian habitats."

**This is a pretty sad report and really reflects EVERYONE in the fishing community's lack of DIRECT and personal involvement in the water wars. My comment is that every single one of us that enjoys fishing and wants to pass that enjoyment on to their children and grandchildren, needs to become active and maintain pressure on your elected representatives to force the agencies to do the right thing rather than succumbing to the political pressure of the water exporters and their minions of water profiteers!**

**We either become MORE actively involved and make the commitment necessary to do the work involved individually (not just sending a few dollars here or there) or kiss our fisheries good-bye!**

Mike

**Well said Mike, well said.**

# MPFA FLY 2014 TYING CLASS



Mission Peak Fly Anglers will be conducting a **BEGINNER FLY TYING CLASSES**.  
Classes will be two (2) hours in length from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on the following days;

**February 11-18-25 and continuing on March 11-18-25**

All classes will be held at the

Fremont Activity Center 3375 Country Dr. Fremont

The fee will be \$30 for club members and \$70 for non-club members.

Please pay Bill Peakes: Checks to be made out to MPFA

## You will learn to tie the following flies

Wooly Worm,

Elk Hair Caddis (dry fly)

Adams (dry fly)

Gold Ribbed Hare's ear (nymph)

Bead Head Prince Nymph

Pheasant Tail Nymph

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will supply all the tying materials needed for each class.

Your instructors will provide you with a personal packet for each fly you will be tying. This packet will include detailed instructions (and pictures) on how to tie each fly so you can continue to practice at home.

### MPFA will supply following tools for you to use:

Fly tying Vise

Bobbin

Thread (Pre-waxed Black 6/0)

Scissors

Hackle Pliers

Hair stacker

*No need to buy any tools until after the class*

**Those interested in taking the beginner tying class contact  
Gene Kaczmarek (510) 673-7162**



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Choice of: New York Steak w/ baked potato,  
Teriyaki Chicken w/ Rice Pilaf or  
Broiled Salmon w/Lemon butter sauce and Rice Pilaf.  
 All entrees served with Mixed Greens Salad, Vegetables and Dinner Rolls.  
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