



Organized in 1971, the Rogue Flyfishers seek to promote fellowship among individuals and groups to further interest in the sport, to improve angling techniques, and to educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley

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## PROGRAM

### Rogue Flyfishers Meeting

**Monica Magdaleno**  
 STEP Biologist - Upper Rogue



“Hello! My name is Monica Magdaleno, and I am the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) Biologist for the Upper Rogue. I graduated from Oregon State (Go Beavs!) in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources from the College of Forestry. My fisheries career started in the fall of 2021 conducting spawning ground surveys in the Siuslaw Basin. From there, I worked on a gravel augmentation project to enhance spawning habitat for bull trout and was the Fish Trapping Assistant for the District office in Newport. I am so excited to continue my career down here in the Upper Rogue, and I look forward to meeting your clubs’ members!

## **Presidents Message**

### **May 2025**

So May is here, and things are warming up. The lakes are all full and most are thawed out. Diamond is not even close to thawing out but it won't be long. Playoff hockey is upon us which is one of my favorite times of year. Not just for the fights and fast paced games, but it always coincides with things happening in the outdoors. Turkey season, morel season, lake fishing, the last of the winter run steelhead, and warmer weather.

This coming month we are trying out a new venue for our dinner meeting. It will be at the Fiesta restaurant and market. We don't have to meet a minimum number of people and you're free to order whatever you want off of the menu. You can spend as little or as much as you like on dinner. Our speaker will be Monica Magdaleno, the current Salmon Trout Enhancement Program biologist. Also coming up is our annual picnic at Tom Pearce Park in Grants Pass on June 12th in conjunction with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. There will be catered food, a silent auction, a raffle, and an early registration prize or two. The early registration prizes will be something worth coming for and you need to be present to win. Remember these events are not just to get out and socialize, but also an opportunity to raise funds for the club. There are some conservation events coming up as well. On May 1st is the Bear Creek restoration tour. This is a chance to get out and see what the Rogue River Watershed Council does with the funds that we give them. Also on June 5th is the roadside cleanup at Casey park and McGregor park. After we're done with the cleanup we will head over to the Holy Water for some salmon fly action

I hope to see you all at the monthly dinner meeting, Bear Creek tour, the roadside cleanup, and the picnic. Take care and get out there and go fishing.

John Pogue

## SOFF – RFF COPELAND POND JOINT OUTING

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025**



One of the club's most popular outings of the year is the annual outing to Copeland's Pond. Here Mark Swanburg displays a fine example of a large carp taken during the annual outing. There aren't many carp in the pond, but if you hook one, you'll certainly know.

Each year SOFF and RFF are given permission to fish Copeland's Pond. This year the date of that outing is May 10th. For those who are newer to the clubs, Copeland Pond holds warm water species only. There are some good-sized large mouth bass, crappie, blue gill, and others to be had. This is a strictly catch and release outing to maintain the fishery. Four and five weight fly rods are recommended, but there are those who say a 6 weight is needed. Fishing is best from a floating device. There is limited shoreline fishing available. We have folks that show up with everything from float tubes to bass boats. For boaters with power boats there are speed restrictions. The gate opens at 8:30am, but it would be best to plan your arrival at around 9:00. The event will end at 4:30 and the gates will be closed at 5 PM.

We will provide burgers, condiments, chips and non-alcoholic beverages for lunch. There will be a \$5 charge for this. We also ask that salads and desserts be brought to add to the meal. It has been a practice to have an enjoyable potluck lunch break, with good stories (and lies) to share. We need to get an accurate head count of those who want a burger so we can get enough fixings. There will be a sign up sheet at the April 15th Fly Tyers night meeting. You can also make a reservation by calling or emailing Steve Day at 661-742-5835 or [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) or Kevin Daniels at 541-660-8595 or [kwdaniels55@gmail.com](mailto:kwdaniels55@gmail.com).

Last year we canceled the event due to unfavorable weather forecasts. The weather seems to be warming up so hopefully we will have a nice day this year. The location of Copeland's Pond is 1000 Applegate Ave. This is southwest of Grants Pass and can be accessed by either going west on Redwood Highway to Applegate Ave. and turning right, or by heading west on Leonard Rd. to the confluence with Applegate.

## Financial Report – Tim Bolling

At the April Board of Directors meeting, we approved sending a \$ 1000.00 donation to WaterWatch of Oregon. This organization has been instrumental in removing the Pomeroy Dam on the Illinois River and is working to hold those accountable for the disastrous “repair” of the Winchester Dam on the North Umpqua River. In addition, we approved a \$ 1000.00 donation to Oregon Stewardship. This organization focuses on hands-on projects with elementary, high school, and college students in watersheds throughout Southwest Oregon. Much of their work lately has been focused on cleanup and trimming on Bear Creek.

In addition to those grants, we gave an additional \$ 600.00 to the Rogue River Watershed Council at their Celebrate the Rogue fundraiser to “Get the Salmon up the River”. We were given a table of 8 for our previous \$ 2500.00 donation and the additional \$ 600.00 came from selling those seats for \$ 75.00 each.

Finally, at the joint RFF-SOFF meeting in Grants Pass on 4/15, we raised \$ 105.00 from the sale of fly-tying books that we had in our inventory. That money will go into our operating funds account.

## Project Healing Waters Updates

**-In case you missed it the OUTING on April 25th was canceled.**

**-Caden Haverson** has taken over as the Project Healing Waters Program lead. So if you get an email from him, you will know who he is. I will still be involved as a volunteer.

**-Project Healing Waters (national program) requires all participants and volunteers to be enrolled in the program**

- To be Insured under the umbrella of PHW during our events, it **requires** all folks to be enrolled in the program.
- It allows the program event schedulers to reach out to everyone with just a few keystrokes.
- It automatically accounts for our volunteer hours and shows corporate donors where their money is going and how many hours are invested in the program.
- It keeps the bean counters and the lawyers happy.
- The information is used internally and not shared with anyone.

-Many of us are already enrolled in the program. Included in this email are links to enroll as either a participant or volunteer.

-I encourage all that want to continue to serve the veterans to enroll. It is a onetime thing and only takes a few minutes.

-Note: being enrolled does not commit you to participating in every event, it just makes sure you get invited to them. -You can pick and choose, and you can let the coordinator know with a click whether you are going to attend or not.



## Conservation News by Rick Graw

Over the past month, we have been developing a strategic plan to help us focus on how to invest our time and resources in conservation issues. With so many fisheries, issues, like-minded conservation groups and agencies, we felt it was important to begin the process by focusing on the purpose of our club, as stated in our bylaws:

*The purpose of Rogue Flyfishers is to promote the conservation, protection, and enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources and habitats; to promote conservation of recreational resources; and to facilitate and improve the knowledge of fly fishing.*

We worked our way through a process which eventually led to the following proposed strategic actions.

### **Geographic extent of our efforts:**

Our influence is strongest locally, but regional or national issues can also have a significant impact locally. Therefore, we should devote the majority of our efforts within the Rogue Basin but not exclude other opportunities which may affect fisheries we also frequently visit within a half-day drive.

### **Conservation Goal No. 1 – Protect and enhance the Rogue Basin fisheries.**

We will continue to support external partners both financially and with our time. Our partners such as the Rogue River Watershed Council and Water Watch have a proven record of streamside restoration and dam removal. We will continue to allocate a portion of the funds we raise toward grant requests from external partners who restore, maintain, and protect our fisheries.

We will continue to collaborate with organizations which advocate for and protect our fisheries. For example, the Rogue Riverkeepers, Upper Rogue Guardians, and Water Watch often alert us to potential threats to our fisheries and ask for our involvement by providing written comments or providing testimony to advocate for the fisheries. We should continue to partner with these organizations.

We will continue to invest our time, resources, and energy to participate in various projects which help our fisheries. This may include planting streamside vegetation, helping with fish surveys, and tossing salmon carcasses into the tributaries.

**Conservation Goal No. 2 – Conserve the recreation resources associated with the Rogue Basin fisheries.** We will continue to conduct roadside cleanup at least once per year along Takelma Road and at Casey and MacGregor County parks, and the Holy Water. As signs deteriorate, we may want to replace them, especially as government agencies have less funding to maintain these resources.

### **Conservation Goal No. 3 – Facilitate and improve knowledge of flyfishing.**

We will continue presentations about fly fishing and conservation at our monthly meetings. We will also continue to work with and support external partners who teach fly fishing and conservation such as Casting for Recover, the Mayfly Project, and other organizations. We will approach ODFW about collaborating on a local event during next year's Kids free fishing day. We will also approach a local fishing supply store or the County Parks and Recreation Department about giving a presentation on fly fishing to the public. We will also approach Salmon Watch about collaborating with them to educate youth about fisheries conservation.

### **Conservation Goal No. 4 - Educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve the natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Basin.**

We will continue to stay abreast of the best and most current science to keep our club members aware of issues and best practices. We will be soliciting articles from club members and others to share in our monthly newsletter.

Once finalized, the plan will be available on our website. Also, please check the club calendar for upcoming events and opportunities to be involved. The next event will be on May 1st at 10 am at Lynn Newberry Park in Talent, to tour of the restoration work along Bear Creek accomplished by the Rogue River Watershed Council. Then on June 5th at 9 am, we will be conducting our roadside clean up followed by an afternoon of flyfishing the salmon fly hatch.



# **RFF & SOFF BBQ**

**\*SAVE THE DATE \***

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12th**

**TOM PEARCE PARK**

**CATERING by JEFFRO'S GRILLE**

**Tri-Tip, Chicken, BBQ Beans, Mack-N-Cheese,  
Fruit Salad, Rolls & Dessert**

***RAFFLES and PRIZES***  
***STAY TUNED FOR MORE !***

# ***Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting***

The next club meeting is Wednesday May 21st at

**Fiesta Restaurant & Market  
1016 N Riverside Ave, Medford, OR 97501**

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm  
Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm  
Raffle to follow Program

**We order and pay for dinners individually with the restaurant staff, not the club.  
They have a bar for those who enjoy alcoholic beverages**

## **PROGRAM:**

**Monica Magdaleno**

I was planning on having a slideshow that can go over this past year's work, (April officially marked my first year, woo!), volunteer opportunities, and health/improvements of the fisheries.

Monica Magdaleno

STEP Biologist- Upper Rogue

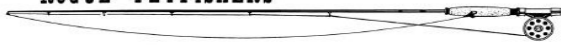
541-857-2411 (Desk)

541-961-9957 (Cell)

### **Upcoming Schedule**

Club Meeting 5/21  
Board Meeting 5/7, 6/4  
SOFT meeting 5/15, 6/10  
Events  
Club picnic 6/12  
Copeland Pond Outing 5/10  
Lemolo Lake Outing 5/30-31  
Diamond Lake Outing 6/12

**Check the Club Calendar for more  
information**



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### Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying \_\_\_ or renewing \_\_\_ as (check one): **Individual** \_\_\_ (\$35.00), **Family** \_\_\_ (\$45.00), or **Junior** \_\_\_ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.  
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues.  
**Dues accompany your application.** With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, name badge, and letter of further information and welcome. Monthly dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a social Wet Fly from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 9:00 p.m.

**Renew in December for the following year.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_. If a family membership,

List Family Member's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Member Fly Fishers international?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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