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TIGHTLINES

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President's Report

Ed Kellison, President



Well, I'll bet everyone's flower beds are weed-free and the yards are looking better than they have in years. If you're like me, you've been spending a lot of time in the yard and doing those projects that you just never could find time for. Heck, I've even found time to practice my fly tying!

Before I ramble on too much, I'd like to welcome nine new members to the Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds Club. Our newest members are: Jim Ritchie, Dan Singley, Greg Mills, Kelle Crocker, Emily Disbennett, Leilani Howes, Blair Leckie, Bill Anderson and Vince Portacci. Welcome all! We are so glad you've joined us! I know some of you learned about us and became interested in the club due to our presence at the Fly-Fishing Show in February. Eight of our long-time members volunteered to cover the booth at the show, and I know that while I was there, I spoke with quite a few interested people. It was great to

meet so many current and future fly-fishing enthusiasts. Anyway, welcome again! Hopefully one of these days soon we'll be able to safely meet everyone in person!

Back to my recent fly-tying experience. I know most of you seasoned tyers will laugh at this, as I even laughed at myself when it happened. I was set up at the kitchen table next to a large window, watching all the people that have come out of the woodwork and have taken up walking lately. After I finished tying a chironomid, the clouds parted and the sun came out. Next, I thought I'd try out my new UV cement and UV light. I put a coat on, and was going to take care of a blob that was hanging from the fly, but the cement had hardened before I put the light to it. Then it hit me, the sun was shining on the fly; hmmm, UV... Oh well, after that I closed the shades. My tip: don't use UV cement in the sun.

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President's Report (continued)

I expect that most of you who are tyers, have been catching up on replacing your collection and working on new creations for when we're allowed back on the water again. Speaking on that subject, I heard that there are rumors floating around that the State may start allowing some sort of fishing soon. Won't that be great! We've still got plenty of time this spring to get some quality fishing in.

One more thing, I sent out an email letting everyone know of a webinar that's coming up on April 29th at 4:00pm. This presentation will be by Jim Cox of Western Rivers Conservancy. This is one of the conservation groups that our club supports and Jim always gives a great presentation. If, for some reason, you did not get the invite to the Zoom Webinar, email me and I'll send it to you. edwinkel@comcast.net

I look forward to seeing our members back on the water soon.

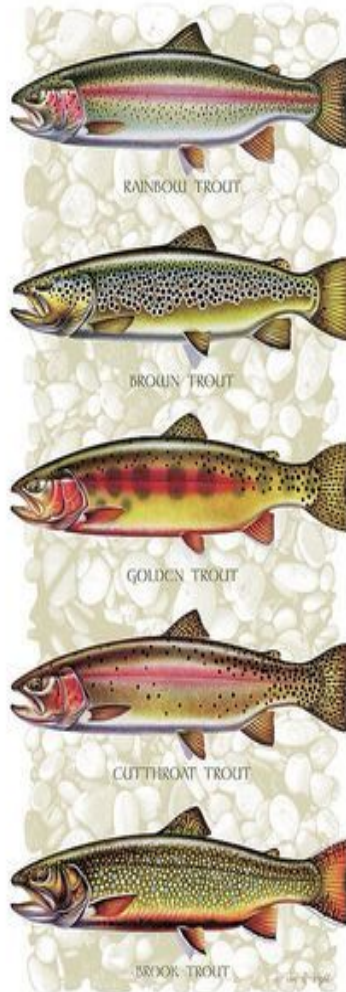
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LOOKING FORWARD

We are all anxious to go fish!



Have you thought about where you will go fish as soon as the opportunity is there? Your favorite lake, stream, pond, which one will it be?

Dreaming about it and planning for it are similar. Have you looked at the WDFW stocking reports?

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/reports/stocking> There are 2 reports, Catchable Trout Plant Reports and Statewide Hatchery Trout and Kokanee Stocking Plan.

Both reports can help you dream and or plan your next fishing adventure!

Western Rivers Conservancy Webinar

Wednesday April 29 at 4:00 pm, you are invited to a web presentation hosted by **Western Rivers Conservancy** and the **Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds**. The Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds gives to the Western Rivers Conservancy through our members generous donations at the annual Christmas Party Auction.

Topic: WRC/Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds Bring Rivers to Your Living Room. This presentation will be hosted by Jim Cox, Director of Donor Relations of Western Rivers Conservancy and Club member Jim Black. The presentation will include current information on WRC's projects to protect outstanding rivers and fly fishing streams in Washington State and across the Northwest.

Register in advance for this webinar at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YkKp5gLiQJusoAhumCewDQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing a link to join the presentation. If you have questions before the webinar, email Jim Black @ jimblgm52@gmail.com



WESTERN RIVERS
CONSERVANCY

In every corner of the American West a stream cries out for protection, because it is habitat for endangered fish and wildlife, because it is the scenic centerpiece of a community, or because it is a favorite haunt of boaters, anglers and hikers. Western Rivers Conservancy answers those calls for help with one of the strongest tools for river protection: land acquisition.



Technology

By an old fool learning new tricks (Dave McCutchen)

Yet another saga! So this time I am standing in line at the Fred Meyer Service Counter. Our **Washington State Fishing Licenses expired on March 31st** and my **Discover Pass** was about to expire. So, there I am, a masked man socially distanced from everyone in front of me. Finally, it is my turn! I talk through the plexiglas shield telling the attendant what I wanted. The attendant politely points to the WDFW machine with a sign on it that says **FISHING IS CLOSED UNTIL MAY 4th** and reads it to me. I say, "Yes, I know but I still want to buy a license and a Discover Pass. The attendant says OK but wants to train the other attendant who has never used the WDFW terminal. (the person six feet behind me is now grinding his molars, as he has to wait while both attendants are now going to work the WDFW terminal). My mask isn't sealing properly and my glasses are fogging up (or maybe it steam from six feet behind me). The attendants gather at the WDFW terminal, remove the sign and begin. Five minutes later the attendant returns and politely tells me that they can't get through. So, I say "What about the Discover Pass?" No, sorry that is part of the same system. This time I am steaming my own glasses.

I had brought my expired license with me to aid the attendant in processing my new license, it was thankfully returned to me. Why? Because my WDFW License Wild ID was on it. Using the Wild ID at this website <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/#/login> and creating a simple WDFW Account and Password I was able to login, purchase a new license with all my options, and a new Discover Pass - SKIPPY DO DAH!

My license, salmon punch card, steelhead punch card, crab catch card, WDFW parking permit and Discover Pass will all be mailed to me. **But wait there is more!**

I was given the option to print a temporary license, parking permit and Discover Pass! So, if WDFW Director Kelly Susewind says recreational fishing is now open - I am ready are you?

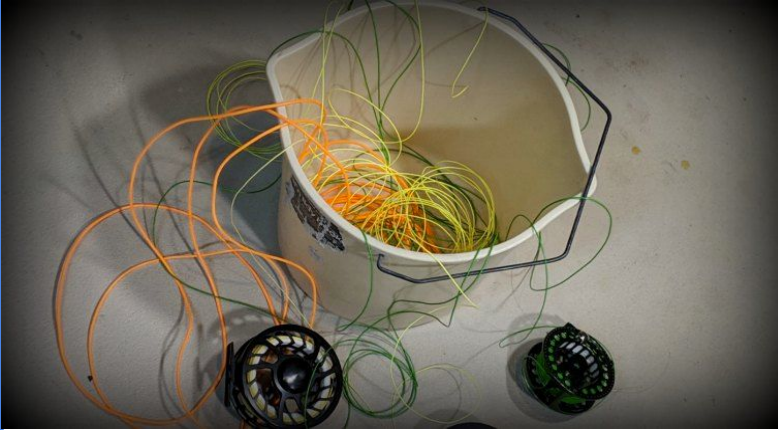
Anyone else want to teach an old fool about technology? Send it to me **Dave McCutchen** at deepwater22@live.com - yes, I am usually "way over my head" in deepwater! STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU!

MUST HAVE FAVORITES: <https://olympicflyfishers.com> and https://www.facebook.com/Olympic-Fly-Fishers-of-Edmonds-Washington-100516888107810/?ref=br_tf&epa=SEARCH_BOX

Tips and Tools

By Dave McCutchen

How to Clean and Care a Fly Line



Here is a “Safe at Home” activity that we can do while anticipating the re-opening. Fly fishing line is expensive! Protect your investment! You can do this! It is easy, if the weather is great do it outside, if the weather is lousy do it inside. Just follow these basic steps.

1. **Get together some liquid hand soap (not detergent), two buckets of warm water, and two soft cloths.**
2. **Add a few pumps of the liquid hand soap to one of the buckets and agitate it to create bubbles.**
3. **Pull your fly line off of your reel and place it in the bucket with the soapy water.**
4. **Run one of the cloths along the line from one end to the other.**
5. **Transfer the line to the bucket of water without soap to rinse.**
6. **Use the second cloth to dry off the line as you remove it from the water.**
7. **Respool the line back onto the reel.**

Why Clean Your Fly Line?

There are several reasons why you want to take the time to clean your fly line. The line will last longer, it will have more buoyancy, and it will cast further when clean. When you use your fly rig on a regular basis, the line will gather dirt and algae that will weigh down your line. This makes it difficult to get a good presentation on a fly designed to float on the surface.

The fact of the matter is that materials used for fly line are porous. Over time they will collect debris from their environment, which make the line denser and heavier. Some of this debris can also wear on the surface of the line over time. With just a few simple steps, you can remove all of this debris to keep your line working properly.

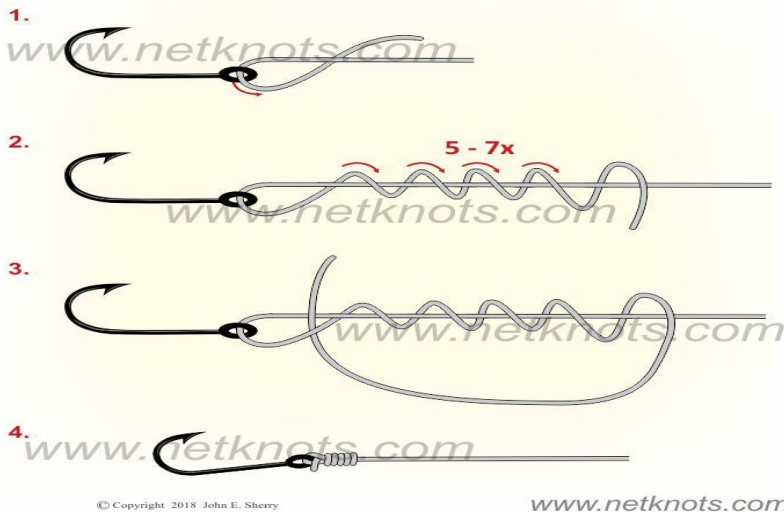
Tips and Tools

By Dave McCutchen

CLINCH KNOT OR IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

The first knot that most anglers learn is the clinch knot and then they move on to the improved clinch. But is the latter always better than the former? I mean, it does say “improved” right in the name. However, not everyone agrees. In this video, Ben Baxter from Anglers All in Colorado walks you through both knots and talks a bit about when to use each. The regular ol’ clinch works best with light tippets and small flies. In fact, lots of fishermen will tell you that the standard clinch is stronger than the improved version when you’re using anything under 5X. For large-gauge hooks, however, the improvement is necessary, as a standard clinch is sure to slip.

CLINCH KNOT



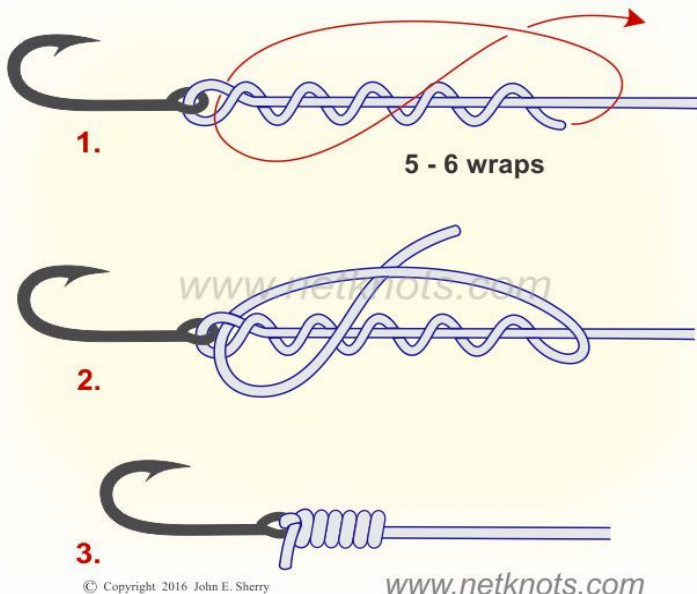
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Clinch Knot Tying Instructions

Feed the line through the eye of the hook, make about 5 wraps around the mainline, put the tag end through the loop above the hook eye, hold tag end and mainline, start to pull them in opposite directions, as the knot begins to form, wet the knot, release the tag end and pull tight. The knot should slide down to the hook eye. Now trim the tag end.

IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT



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How to tie the Improved Clinch Knot.

The Improved Clinch Knot is a time-tested and a very popular choice for tying terminal tackle to monofilament line. This "improved" version of the good old Clinch Knot has become so popular that most fishermen have forgotten about the regular Clinch Knot. The improved version is also quick and easy to tie and reliable. It can be difficult to tie in lines testing greater than 25 pounds breaking strength. It is not recommended for braided line.

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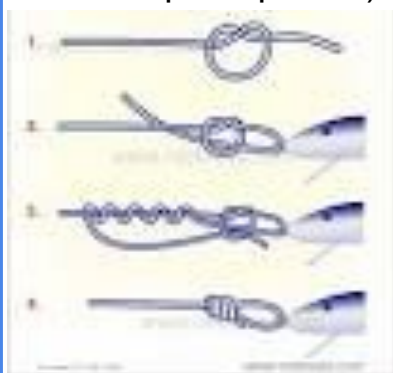
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LOOP KNOTS

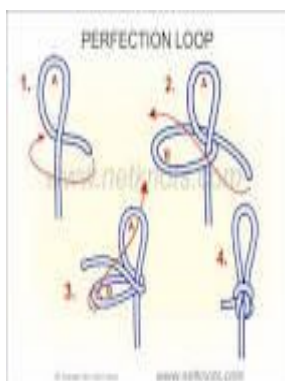
It's LOOP KNOT TIME! Loop knots are extremely important to anglers because they allow the fly to have the most action possible.

Given that it can't benefit from the 360-degree friction against the hook, the breaking strength of loop knots will be lower than most of the "snug knot options". However, the added action that it provides to your fly makes it worthwhile!

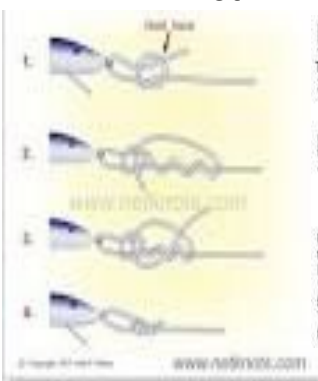
Kreh Loop Knot (aka Non-Slip Loop Knot)



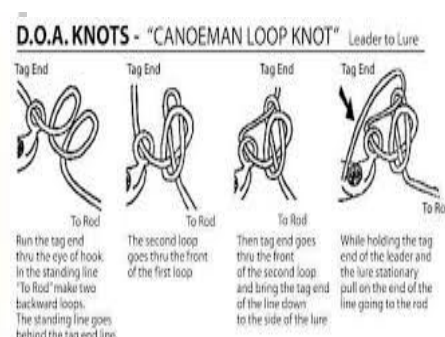
Perfection Loop Knot



Rapala Loop Knot



Canoe Man Loop Knot



To see videos of all these knots and how to tie them go to:

<https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/best-loop-knot-for-fluorocarbon-leader/>

ROUND 1

Kreh Loop (4 turns)

Winner

Perfection Loop

19 lb - 20 lb

Rapala Loop (3 turns)

Winner

Canoe Man Loop

17 lb - 18 lb

ROUND 2

Kreh Loop (4 turns)

20 lb - 23+ lb

Rapala Loop

Winner

Round 3

Rapala Loop

22 lb - 24 lb

This diagram shows the head to head matches that took place as part of this analysis. The test consisted of 3 rounds where the 3rd round was the winning knot tied against itself to test its strength. The **red values** below the names of the knots represent the amount of pull strength that the knots were able to withstand in each round.

Note: Lines used were 10 lb PowerPro braid and 30 lb Ande Fluorocarbon.

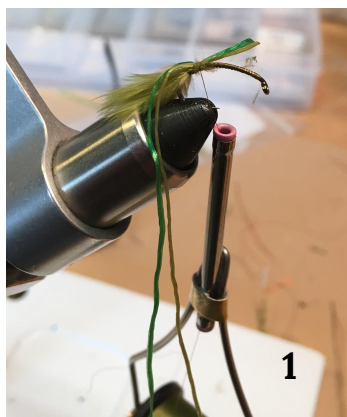
Fly Tying - The “Thing”

By Greg Sisson

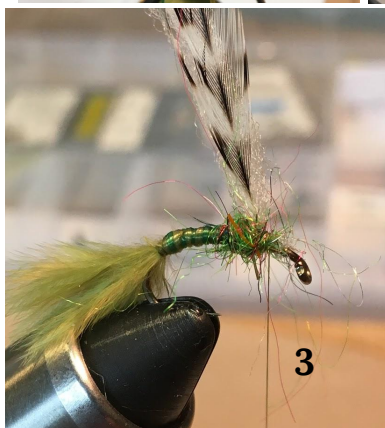


The “**Thing**” imitates an emerging damselfly. When you see trout rising just below the surface near the shore in May and June it's very often damselfly nymphs. This dry fly is really fun to fish. And it works! It's a bit challenging to tie and may take you a couple of tries. I fished this pattern last June at Chopaka and it was even more effective than the adult style damselfly pattern.

Ingredients: Olive marabou tail, #12 Klinkhamer style hook, olive thread 8/0 or 70 denier, two green shades of Flex Floss, damselfly color dubbing, Grizzlie hackle, white polypropylene yarn.



Step 1: Tie in a about ½ inch long marabou tail. Tie in the flex floss - one strand of each color of green. Bring the thread toward the eye leaving leaving about the top ⅓ of the hook for the post, thorax and hackle.



Step 2: Together wrap the two strands of floss forward stretching it as you go and tie off, secure with a tiny bit of super glue to make sure it doesn't get away. Trim off extra. Tie in about about 2 inches of the poly post material along with the hackle.

Step 3: Tie in the dubbing behind the post.

Step 4: Build your post and wrap the hackle up the post. Tie it off. Return thread to the hook eye.



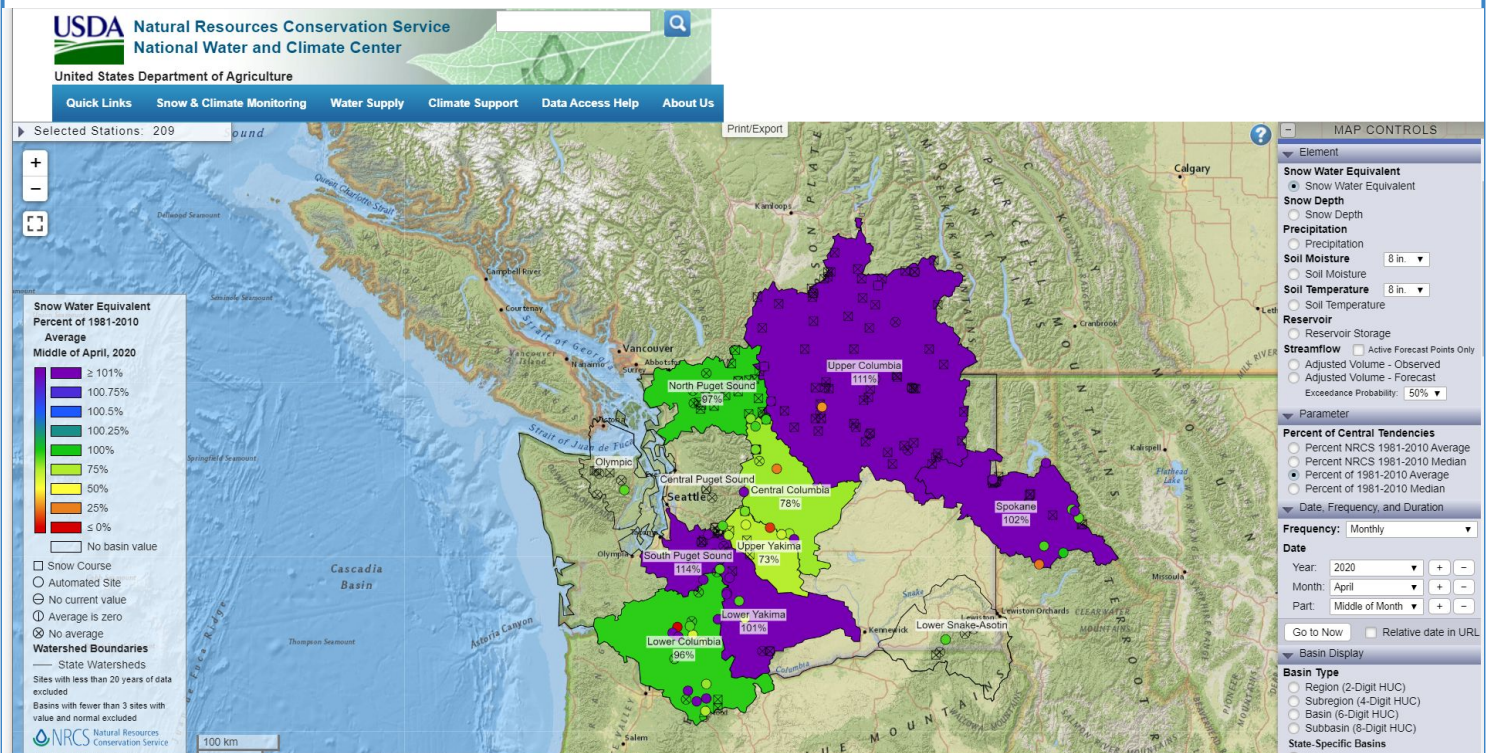
Step 5: Pull the post down with the hackle so it's pointing towards the hook eye. This will bend the hackle at an angle so the body of the fly is under water. Tie it down just behind hook eye and whip finish. Trim the finished post to about ½ inch.

Snow Water Equivalent - What does it mean?

By Greg Sisson

Now you know you've got too much time on your hands when you start studying weather maps! But it can be helpful to have some idea of what's going on with a region's water shed when you are trying to plan the timing of a trip. It looks like Spring in Canada and Montana are both slow in coming. Snow packs are 100 - 120% of average and the spring weather has been very cool. Here in Washington our snow water equivalent measures across the major basins are looking pretty good, especially the Upper Columbia at 111% of normal. **Snow Water Equivalent**, or **SWE**, is a commonly used measurement used by hydrologists and water managers to gage the amount of liquid water contained within the snowpack. In other words, it is the amount of water that will be released from the snowpack when it melts. It's important because it is a predictor of stream flows and groundwater. Both of which can impact the amount of water available for streams, lakes and reservoirs. As of mid-April the SWE was near or above 30 year averages. See the map below.

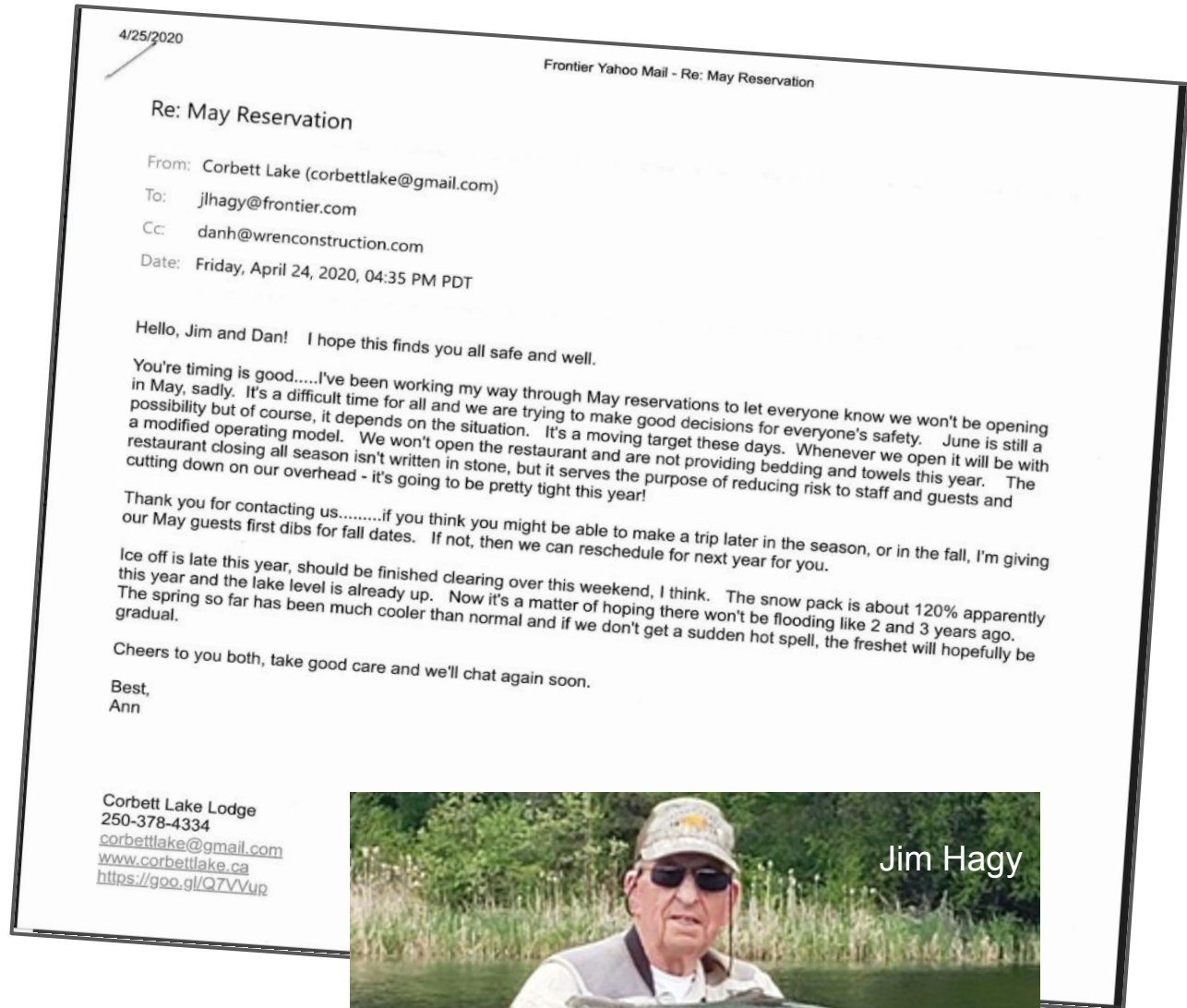
Check out these amazing interactive climate maps at the United States Department of Agriculture - National Water and Climate Center. [USDA Interactive Map](#)



Corbett Lake, BC Update

By Greg Sisson

Corbett Lake in British Columbia is a favorite of many of our long time members including Jim Hagy and Mike Truax who visit this terrific lake annually. Jim recently had to cancel his spring trip but he gave me permission to share this letter from the staff at Corbett with an update on lakes operation in the wake of the Covid outbreak. If you'd like to know more about this destination contact Jim Hagy.



Jim Hagy

For more info on
Corbett Lake Lodge
check out their website.
<http://www.corbettlake.ca/>

Membership Report

By Bob Chaffee

Olympic Fly Fishers has added new members from the OFF booth at the Fly Fishing show!

Send potential new members to our new website

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OFF Committees

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Conservation - Chair Bill MacDonald, members - Jim Black, Katherine Gold, Dick Weiss

Annual Christmas Auction/Dinner - Katherine Gold, Ed Kellison, Shannon Roeder, Barbara Stolzenburg, Randal White

Participation is welcomed! Contact committee chairs to help out.

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Christmas Party: Ed Kellison

The Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds Meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

The club holds monthly dinner meetings (except for July and August), social hour is at 6 p.m.
Fishing reports and presentation are at 7 pm. Dinners are \$20 and raffle tickets are \$5.

Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center
22000 Lakeview Drive, Mountlake Terrace, WA

See <http://www.OlympicFlyFishers.com/calendar> for program and meal information

Photo Teal Lake near Port Ludlow



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Thanks to all our contributors!