



January 2023 Rooster Tails Newsletter

Message from the Board of Directors

We trust you all had a wonderful holiday season and your new year is off to a great start!

One can only hope that the weather we are experiencing will bode well for this year's fishing adventures. Reservoirs are filling and flows through the rivers are higher than we've seen in some time. As of Tuesday pm, January 10, National Weather Service has Shasta Lake at 41% of capacity or 67% of the average storage for the date. Lake Oroville is at 46% of capacity or 85% of average storage for the date. Folsom Lake is currently at 42% of capacity or 100% of the average storage for this date. To keep up to date with reservoir levels visit the [California Data Exchange Center](#) webpage.

Members are taking this time to prepare for what should be an active fishing season. Good luck to everyone.

CLUB UPDATES

- Jackpot Contest Winners will be announced at the Breakfast Meeting, January 20.
- A For Sale table will be set up in the back for members to sell off unwanted fishing gear.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting January 16.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting January 20.
- [International Sportsman Exhibition](#), Sacramento, January 19-22.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting February 13.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting February 17.

January Speaker: James Stone Executive Board President Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association



Our January 20th breakfast meeting Speaker will be [James Stone](#), Executive Board President of the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association. James will share the latest information on Sacramento Valley Salmon Management. He will be discussing the current process of setting the ocean salmon seasons, including the river escapements. The process starts in February at the state level moving into the federal level of the PFMC Pacific Fisheries management council. From there, after the ocean season is set we move into the state process of the inland fishery.

In addition he will discuss challenges over the past few seasons and goals for the future for raising escapement for inland future fisheries and species reproductions. James works advocating for our Northern California hunting and fishing opportunities through the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsman's Association. You can find more information about NCGASA at WWW.NCGASA.ORG.

CDFW AWARDS \$11 MILLION FOR FISHERIES HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM PROJECTS

(from the [NCGASA](#) website -12/29/2022)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) today announced the selection of 25 projects that will receive funding for the restoration, enhancement and protection of anadromous salmonid habitat in California watersheds.

The grants, which total \$11 million, were awarded through CDFW's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP). FRGP was first established in 1981 and since 2000 has included funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, established by Congress to reverse the declines of Pacific salmon and steelhead throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

"As California continually feels the effects of climate change, rising sea levels, prolonged drought, more extreme temperatures and extreme precipitation events, restoring degraded river ecosystems is more important than ever before," CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham said. "These FRGP funded projects will help restore the refugia salmonids need."

In response to the 2022 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Grant Solicitation, CDFW received 50 proposals requesting more than \$38 million in funding. As a competitive grant program, proposals underwent a rigorous technical review process which included CDFW and NOAA scientists.

The 25 approved projects will further the objectives of state and federal fisheries recovery plans, including removing barriers to fish migration, restoring riparian habitat, recovering wildfire impacts detrimental to rivers, and creating a more resilient and sustainably managed water resources system (e.g., water supply, water quality and habitat) that can better withstand drought conditions. These projects further the goals of California's Water Action Plan and CDFW's State Wildlife Action Plan, as well as addressing limiting factors specified in state and federal recovery plans.

The list of approved projects is available on the [FRGP website](#).

CA Fishing License Now Valid For 365 Days

Fishing Licenses are now valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. From the [CA Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) website - various licenses, permits, tags, and other entitlements continue to be available for purchase using the following sales channels:

- In person, through independent license sales agents (such as a local sporting goods store, large discount store, or a bait and tackle shop). [Search for a license sales agent near you\(opens in new tab\)](#)
- Online, through CDFW's [Online License Sales and Services website\(opens in new tab\)](#)
- See the [variety of items](#) that can be purchased online.
- Over the telephone, through CDFW's authorized telephone sales agent at **(800) 565-1458**.

FYI - In 2022, the following amount of licenses and validations were sold in the state of California: Annual Resident Fishing License - 983,010; 2nd Rod Validation - 321,790; North Coast Salmon Report Card - 18,169; Steelhead Report Card - 45,739; Sturgeon Report Card - 38,867.

And just so you know, the Annual License with a 2nd Rod Stamp is 7" long; the Salmon Report Card is 42" long; Steelhead Report Card is 23"; the Sturgeon Report Card is 32".

Will Fish Tackle Report by Craig Newton



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Happy New Year!!

As we ring in the new year we are wringing out our socks! We all wished for rain this year to fill our reservoirs and so far we have received it. With proper management and continued rains we should have plenty of water for us to enjoy next year.

That said the heavy rains and wind have made a mess out of our local rivers and lakes for the next month or so. Some north coast rivers will offer steelhead fishing between the storms but the local rivers are being managed for flood control and won't be an option for a while. The Delta is off the list until flows come down allowing access to launch ramps and water quality improves.

So that's the report for this month. Hopefully there will be more to report next time.

2022 Jackpot Winners!!

Rooster Tails Fishing Club Jackpot Contest Winners 2022

Prize money and certificates will be awarded at the January 20th breakfast meeting. The Total Prize pool is \$ 400. Awards will be \$ 40.00 for each of the 9 winning entries, and one non-winning entry will be drawn at the meeting for the One That Got away prize \$40.

Thanks go out to Mel Ewing for his years of support keeping track of the Jackpot contest. Also, this year thanks go out to Ed Pigeon for filling in and Dave Stallions for taking over at the end of 2022 and agreeing to be the Jackpot chairman in 2023.

Dave will be at the January breakfast meeting with the 2023 signup sheet. Entry fee is \$ 20 and should be paid with a check made out to RTFC. A copy of the rules and entry form can be picked up at the meeting or found on the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club Website](#)

The 2022 Jackpot contest winners are:

Rainbow Trout **Bev Mierkey** Lake Oroville 23 1/2" 5/27/22

Landlocked Salmon **Bev Mierkey** Lake Oroville 20" 5/27/22

Brown Trout **Chuck Mierkey** Lake Shasta 26" 4/30/22

Catfish **Trudy Liske** Lake Camanche 25 1/2" 4/30/22

Halibut **Tom Hamada** SF Bay 34 1/2 " 9/8/22

Striper **Bev Mierkey** Sac. River 32" 9/17/22

Kokanee, **Erik Liske** Bucks Lake 17" 8/25/22

Large Mouth Bass, **Tom Hamada** Lake Berryessa 18" 11/17/22

Crappie **Tom Hamada** Lake Berryessa 11" 11/17/22

Thank You to all the members who participated in the 2022 contest and congratulations to the winners.

Members Only
Stampede Kokanne Fishing Tournament
Thursday June 15th, 2023
Stampede Camping
Tuesday June 13th 2023 through Friday June 16th
(Checkout Day)

The Roster Tails Fishing club is planning next year's members only [Stampede Reservoir](#) Kokanee fishing Tournament for Thursday June 15th, 2023. In addition, the club has reserved the Prospector group campsite at the Emigrant Group campground starting on Tuesday June 13th through Friday June 16th, 2023 (checkout day). This group campsite is next to Stampede Reservoir, between the Logger campground and the dam. The Prospector group campsite has room for 15 vehicles and 50 guests, the site has water and bathrooms with no showers.

Members can review information about the site at www.Recreation.gov. Members do not need to participate in the group camping to sign up for the tournament. Members who would like to sign-up for one of the 15 vehicle sites within the Prospector group site can sign up at a breakfast meeting or contact Shawn Conlan at 831-320-3671. The fee will be \$ 40 per vehicle for the three nights. Paid to RTFC by check only.

The Club will host a Kokanee Salmon Fishing Tournament on Thursday June 15th, 2023. A separate tournament signup sheet will be available at the January 20th breakfast meeting. Sign up fee will be \$ 20. With 100% of the tournament fees being awarded to the top four fishermen with the most weight. 40% first place, 30% second place, 20 % third place and 10% forth place. Members who have signed up for the tournament can start fishing at first safe light on June 15th. The weigh in will start at 12:30 pm sharp at the launch ramp parking lot and end at 2pm sharp. Contact Shawn Conlan, club Treasurer for more information 831-320-3671 or sconlan@aol.com or sign up at one of the breakfast meetings.

Brannan Island State Recreation Area Opens

[Brannan Island State Recreation Area](#) is now open daily from sunrise until one hour after sunset. This will include the day use areas, the boat launch, and select sites for camping. Camping reservations will begin on January 1, 2023. You can reach the park at (916) 777-4004

Rooster Tails Website Updates

We continue to update the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club website](#) and hope you will visit soon. There you can find membership lists, archived club newsletters, a membership form, Jackpot Fishing Tournament Entry Form, and the **Active Buddy List**. We continue to work on making it a useful website for members. We encourage your [feedback](#).

The BOD encourages fishing with a buddy, or two. We have members who are new to fishing and would like to join more experienced anglers for a day on the water. Also there are those who don't own a boat who would like to go out and learn how things work in a watercraft. Of course you can get help with expenses for fuel and bait but you can also share a day with a new friend.

The [Active Buddy List](#) is in the Members Only section of our Website. There you can let everyone know what type of fishing you prefer, wether or not you have a boat, do you prefer salt or fresh water fishing, etc.

Check it out and add your name to the list. Sign up sheets will be at each Breakfast Meeting our you send us a note at info@roostertailsfishingclub.org

Fishing Reports from Members

Bruce Hansen and Shawn Conlan fished Folsom lake on December 20th before the big storms came through. We launched at 7:30 AM and started trolling from the Granite bay ramp with speedy shiners. We were marking lots of fish but no hungry ones. Once we got to the dam we slowed down and switched to hoochies and wedding rings. Nailed 3 real fast on mostly green near a flock of feeding birds, then nothing. Trolled back to the launch ramp after switching back to speedy shiners with no action till we were in front of the ramp and started to pull in the rods. We had three more on in a few minutes and then it shut off again. We were trolling with 2 lead core lines on long rods and 2 on downriggers. Marked a lot of big fish deep but the hits were in 17-25'. Ended the day with 3 holdover rainbows and 3 salmon.

