



February 2023 Rooster Tails Newsletter

Message from the Board of Directors

Greetings Rooster Tails!

If you are like most of us, you are watching the lakes rise and hoping the fishing is going to get hot real soon. Reports from around the area are improving.

This month's speakers will be Gary Coe and Larry Abernathy of Kokanee Power. The guys will be filling us in on the activities of the organization and the outlook for this years Kokanee action.

We are also planning more outings for the club this year and would like your feedback. See the article below for details.

We look forward to see you on the 17th at the Elks Lodge!

CLUB UPDATES

- 2023 Jackpot Contest is now open. You can sign up at the meeting.
- 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 February 13
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting February 17
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting March 13
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting March 17
- Live Bait Halibut and Striper Trip out of Emeryville April 27 (more info coming)
- Rooster Tails Kokanee Tournament at Stampede June 15 (more info below)

February Speakers: Gary Coe & Larry Abernathy Executive Director & President Kokanee Power

Executive Director Gary Coe and President Larry Abernathy of [Kokanee Power](#) will speak before our February meeting discussing the organizations work. Kokanee Power is a 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation incorporated for the specific purpose of conducting educational, research, and enhancement activities regarding California Sport Fisheries. Efforts focus on the Kokanee and Chinook Salmon programs in the inland waters of California. Their primary program is assisting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in their ongoing efforts to maintain viable populations of these fish in public waters. Gary and Larry will also fill us in on the organizations first Kokanee Derby at Bullards Bar and their upcoming annual banquet.

CDFW To Host Virtual Public Meeting On Ocean Salmon Fisheries

(from the [cdfw](#) website -02/01/2023)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) invites the public to attend its annual Salmon Information Meeting via webinar on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will feature the outlook for this year's sport and commercial ocean salmon fisheries, in addition to a review of last year's salmon fisheries and spawning escapement.

Following the informational presentations, stakeholders are encouraged to offer testimony and recommendations for the 2023 fishing season regulations in advance of the upcoming Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) meetings in March and April.

The 2023 Salmon Information Meeting marks the beginning of a two-month long public process used to develop annual sport and commercial ocean salmon fishing regulations. The process involves collaborative negotiations between West Coast states, federal agencies, tribal co-managers, and stakeholders interested in salmon fishery management and conservation.

Public input will help California representatives develop a range of recommended season alternatives at the March 5-10 PFMC meeting in Seattle. Final season recommendations will be adopted at the PFMC's April 1-7 meeting in Foster City, Calif.

Salmon Information Meeting details, informational materials and instructions for attendance will be published in advance of the event on CDFW's Ocean Salmon webpage. Please see the [Ocean Salmon webpage](#) for a complete Calendar of Events and contact information regarding the Salmon Preseason Process, including other opportunities for public engagement in the season-setting process.

Boating Season Safety Precautions

As what looking like a very good year for being on the water we might want to take a minute check out our boats before launching! We suggest tips found in [Western Outdoor News](#).

1. Use a Checklist

The MyYamahaOutboards app has step-by-step checklists for checking on your boat.

2. Boat Maintenance - Remember to do the following:

- Change Oil

- Inspect fuel filters

- Lubricate all grease fittings

- Inspect hull - Inside and Outside and repair as needed

3. Trailer Maintenance
 - Wheels/Wheel bearings - Lug nuts tighten/bearings packed
 - Tires/Tire Pressure
 - Brakes/Brake fluid
 - Lights/Signals/Connectors
4. Inspect On-Board Gear
 - Life jackets
 - Fire Extinguishers
 - Throw Cushions
 - First-aid Kits
 - Flares
 - Radio/CB
5. Inspect Batteries, Battery Chargers, Battery Cables
6. Drainage
 - Boat Drain Plug
 - Motor - Flushed and Drained
 - Live Well - Fills and Drains
 - Bilge
 - Boat Interior
7. Fuel - Fresh/Full Tank

Be safe! And enjoy the water.

Will Fish Tackle Report by Craig Newton



2/8/2023

Spring is right around the corner and fishing is starting to pick up. Winter snow and rain bodes well for a spring and summer with plenty of water to go around. As conditions settle from the big rains and runoff, the bite continues to improve throughout the area. Foothill lakes are producing planted trout and spotted bass bite is coming on. Delta sturgeon is coming back around and the striper bite should be turning on any time.

COLLINS LAKE: The winter trout stocking continues and the fish are cruising the shoreline and top 8-10' for trollers. Still mostly a bait bite as the water has not cleared up yet..

ENGLEBRIGHT: The trout trolling continues to produce in front of the marina and up river provides a chance to land a few browns drifting worms where runoff is entering the lake. Most productive fishing seems to be above the no wake zone.

FOLSOM LAKE: The lake has settled into a even inflow and outflow balance for the time being. This should result in improved fishing for both bass and coldwater species. Look for bass to take small plastics like paddle tail and curly tail grubs on light jig heads from the bank down to 20'. Trout and king action should be picking up in the river arms. Sounds like the mouth of the south fork is starting to kick out a few trout and an occasional king.

LAKE CAMANCHE: Camanche is a grub or speedy shiner lake in the winter. The grub bite has been the best approach lately. The use of jointed rapalas is adding to the catch when used outside the grubs. Start trolling the shoreline in the morning and move out into the main body after the sun comes up.

OROVILLE LAKE: Bass fishermen are doing well on spots. Bass anglers have boated a few landlocked kings while fishing the banks of the middle fork. Lake level is coming up so we are looking forward to a great season for trolling the kings.

AMERICAN RIVER: Flows have stabilized over the last week and the steelhead fishing has improve. The writer took a drift down from Sailor Bar to Rossmoor Bar pulling plugs and landed 2, lost 1 and had several other take downs. River had 4-5' of visibility and was in great shape to drift at 3800 cfs. Small natural colored plugs like hot shots and wee warts did the trick on this trip. The fish didn't want the larger brighter plugs.

DELTA: Sturgeon fishing has picked back up in the last few weeks as water conditions improve. Striped Bass fishing has been fair in the lower delta and better up the deep water channel and into the port. It has not been easy but a few fish are being taken if you are persistent.

PYRAMID LAKE: Nice fish in the mid teens are being taken on spoons from the top to 25' deep in the last two weeks. A 15lber was landed this week with a 15" tui chub in its throat. Although it was caught on a spoon, this shows that big baits catch big fish. Put on the long johns and put the heater in the boat and give the lake a try.



2023 Jackpot Contest Is Open

Rooster Tail Members-only in good standing with paid dues and a signed liability waiver form on file may enter the Club's Annual Jackpot Fishing Contest by paying an entry fee of \$20.00 to the Contest Chairman or Club Treasurer. The payment must be made 2 weeks in advance of your entry and any time between the starting and ending contest dates.

No fish-entry will be accepted without a two-week prior entry fee payment. The official contest competition is from January 1 through November 30 of each calendar year. After the January breakfast meeting, only fish caught within the official contest term qualify for the contest.

Contest cash prizes and recognition certificates will be awarded at the Rooster Tails Fishing Club's Annual Jackpot Contest Awards Ceremony. Jackpot entrants that do not have a winning Jackpot Contest fish entry will have a chance to win a proportionate cash prize based on a random drawing 'for-one-that-got-away' at the ceremony. Potential random contest winners must be present at the event to receive their prize.

Pick up an entry form at the breakfast meeting or download a copy from the Rooster Tails Fishing Club [Website](#).

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.

Rooster Tails BOD Needs Your Feedback

Each year the Board of Directors plans and organizes events the club members enjoy. We are seeking your input as we develop the calendar for 2023. You can see above some of the outings we have so far but we would like to hear from members regarding other events.

We will have sign up sheets in the back of the room to gather your ideas or you can send them to info@roostertailsfishingclub.org. Or grab any of the directors at the breakfast meeting and let us know your thoughts.

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 **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