



## May 2024 Rooster Tails Newsletter

### Message from the Board of Directors

Greetings Rooster Tails! We hope everyone is doing well and has been getting out on the water. These past rains bode well for our water levels in the local systems.

Membership renewal began in March and was due by April 15th. If you haven't already you can pick up a membership application and release of liability form at our upcoming meeting or you can download the forms from the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club](#) website in the Become a Member section.

Our speaker this month is **Jerry Lampkin** of TNG Motorsports & Guide Service. Jerry has been guiding in the area for over 15 years and this time of year focuses on Folsom Lake. Jerry will share some of his techniques for catching Land Locked Salmon and Trout at the lake.

#### CLUB UPDATES

- 2024 Jackpot Contest continues. All those participating must be a member in good standing, have a liability form on file, and have paid the Jackpot entry fee. You can download a form from the [Rooster Tails](#) website or pick one up at the next meeting.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting - May 13, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting - May 17 - Auburn Elks Lodge
- Doors open at 7am, breakfast served at 8am, Speaker at 9am.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting - June 17, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting, June 21 - Auburn Elks Lodge



## MAY SPEAKER — JERRY LAMPKIN TNG MORORSPOUNTS & GUIDE SERVICE

Jerry has been guiding since 2008 and fishes the Klamath and Sacramento rivers, the Delta as well as Folsom Lake. He fishes from his custom built Rogue jet boat equipped with state-of-the-art electronics and outfitted with quality rods and reels and all tackle needed.

This month's presentation will focus on gear and techniques he uses for catching the king salmon in Folsom as well as trout. If you have been following reports from the lake you surely know he has been doing well so far this year. We will raffle a guided trip on Folsom with Jerry so be sure to join us on the 17th!

## KOKANEEMART.COM FISHING REPORT by Craig Newton

05/01/2024



Like last month we are in the midst of spring weather with a cold storm coming in that will drop the temperatures 20 degrees. I am hopeful that this will be the last one and a spring like pattern will emerge. I should be careful what I wish for as the likelihood is we will have a week of spring weather and summer will be here.

**STRIPERS:** The river fishing has picked up and the delta numbers have backed off. The quality is a little better in the delta though. Weather conditions are the big variable for both the rivers and delta with occasional north winds impacting the comfort level on the rivers and steady southwest winds making trolling the delta a little bumpy. River guys are power trolling live jumbo minnows for fast limits. Trolling broken back spoonbill rebels is also working when you run out of those high dollar minnows. Delta trolling along the west bank when conditions permit and in the San Joaquin is producing fewer fish but the size is good right now with fish over 10 pounds not uncommon.

**LANDLOCK KINGS:** Not much new to report here. Folsom and Oroville are producing decent landlock kings right now. Go big with 8" flashers and smaller anchovies or go small with 4" glow dodgers and anchovy tipped pearl hoochies to get your bites. Until the thermocline is established depths are all over the place so trust your sonar and target fish on bait.

**TROUT:** Much the same as last report. Think Collins, Pardee, Amador, and Camanche for the top spots. Water levels and temperatures are perfect right now for trolling fast or slow. Fast troll speedy shiners and/or F7 to F9 Rapalas or slow down and troll naked grubs in pearl and firetiger to get those large stockers to go. I always try to fit in a day at one of these lakes to get a nice limit of trout for the smoker. Don't forget the boat inspections at some of these lakes. Some of the upper lakes are accessible now with Stumpy Meadows, French Meadows, Hell Hole and Stampede all fishable. The upcoming weather may drop a little snow in the higher lakes but that won't last long. Folsom has produced some nice holdovers in the 18" size class.

**HALIBUT:** The SF Bay has been producing limit style halibut fishing with a few stripers mixed in. Live bait will be available anytime. Until then continue with drifting frozen bait and trolling. Rig is similar to a river flasher cutplug setup with a 4.5" hoochie over a frozen herring in place of the cut plug.

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**BLUEFIN TUNA:** Not much new to report this month as the offshore weather has kept sport boats from making the run to locate the tuna. There were reports a few weeks ago of fish off Moss Landing but nothing since. I spent 5 days on the Independence out of San Diego hunting for bluefin. It was a long boat ride in less than perfect conditions to fish for 4 hours at the end of the trip. 7 Tuna was the result of all that effort. It's been tough down there too.

**KOKANEE:** I fished the Kokaneepower derby at Bullards Bar last month. It was good to see so many friends out on the lake and at the weigh in. I fished with Jon Swanney of Glitterbugs and we managed to place 6th. The real take away from the event was there are plenty of kokanee in the lake and the average size was definitely larger. New Melones and Whiskeytown are producing 17-18" kokanee already so that is a good sign for things to come this summer. Stampede is open but I have not heard any reports yet, hopefully we have a good year there.

**SALMON:** Well it is official, what we had been expecting has come to pass. No Salmon fishing again this year. I am hopeful that these last few high water winter and springs will result in higher returns and renewed fishing opportunities.



## MONDAY, MAY 20 CLUB NDO FOLSOM LAKE

The Club will be holding a Non Derby Outing, Monday, May 20 at Folsom Lake. This is an outing where members who choose to will fish the lake. We can share info and support for those who show up. Jerry Lampkin will be on the water and we will be communicating on VHS Channel 68.

This is not an "official" outing, just members getting together to fish the lake. So bring your boat and your gear and let's fish! For more information contact Steve Burgess, 530.305.3810.



# RECREATIONAL GROUND FISH SEASON OPENS IN ALL STATE WATERS

on April 19, 2024

On March 26, 2024, the California Fish and Game Commission adopted proposed changes to the 2024 groundfish season. Those changes are now in effect. The following is an overview of changes in the 2024 groundfish sport fishing regulations:

**Split of Central Groundfish Management Area (GMA):** The Central GMA is now split into two sub-management areas. Using 36° N. latitude (near Point Lopez) as the split point, the sub-management areas are the Central GMA North and Central GMA South. This split provides more inshore groundfish fishing opportunities to anglers in areas south of 36° N. latitude, an area that historically has little to no catch of quillback rockfish, a prohibited species.



**20-fathom inshore fishery:** Extending to a depth of approximately 120 feet in state waters (0-3 miles from shore), this new set of waypoints define a 20-fathom boundary line that largely avoids quillback rockfish in their primary depth range between 20 fathoms (120 feet) and 50 fathoms (300 feet) off the coast of northern and central California.

**Boat-based fishing season depths:** Below is a summary of the 2024 seasons for each GMA. A 20-fathom or 50-fathom 'inshore only fishery' and the all-depth fishery allows opportunities to retain nearshore, shelf and slope rockfish, lingcod, cabezon and greenling. During months when there is an 'offshore only fishery', fishing for groundfish will only be allowed seaward of the 50-fathom boundary line, and only shelf rockfish, slope rockfish and lingcod may be retained. Take and possession of nearshore rockfish, cabezon and greenling are prohibited during the offshore only fishery.

## **Northern, Mendocino, San Francisco and Central GMA North of 36° N. Latitude**

- Jan. 1 – Mar. 31: Closed
- Apr. 1 – Apr. 30: 50 fathom offshore only fishery
- May 1 – Sept. 30: 20 fathom inshore only fishery
- Oct. 1 – Oct. 31: 50 fathom offshore only fishery
- Nov. 1 – Nov. 30: 20 fathom inshore only fishery
- Dec. 1 – Dec. 31: 50 fathom offshore only fishery

## **Central GMA South of 36° N. Latitude & Southern Management Area**

- Jan. 1 – Mar. 31: Closed
- Apr. 1 – June 30: All depth fishery
- July 1 – Sept. 30: 50 fathom inshore only fishery
- Oct. 1 – Dec. 31: 50 fathom offshore only fishery

*(For the full press release and further regulations, click [here....](#))*



## CALIFORNIA BOATER SAFETY CARD

Do you need the boater Boater Card? As of January 1, 2023, all boaters 50 years of age or younger will be required to carry the Boater Card. All boaters regardless of age will be required to obtain the card by 2025. Follow this link to <https://www.boat-ed.com/california/> to get certified online.



## KLAMATH RIVER RESHAPES ITSELF AS FLUSHING FLOWS MOVE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT DOWNRIVER

*from NOAA Fisheries*

*The Klamath River, upstream of Iron Gate Dam, cuts through decades of sediment exposed after reservoirs were drained in preparation for Dam Removal later this year. Pulse flows beginning this week will help carry the sediment downstream toward the ocean while it is still wet and mobile, jump starting restoration. Credit: Shane Anderson/Swiftwater Films*

The Klamath River is making the most of recent precipitation to rapidly reshape itself by removing decades worth of sediment accumulated behind dams now slated for removal. With the reservoirs behind the dams now empty, the river is transporting the sediment downstream while it is still wet and mobile.



NOAA Fisheries and the Bureau of Reclamation are working with tribes and other basin partners to release water from Link and Keno dams farther upstream through March and April. Starting this week, releases will create a flushing flow that peaks at approximately double the current river volume. The pulse will last for a week while managers monitor water quality. Additional releases will be conducted weekly with potentially higher peaks determined through monitoring and adaptive management. These variable flows will pick up the sediment and flush it downstream and into the ocean.

The next few months offer the river its best opportunity to move the sediment that had built up behind the dams over the last 60 to 100 years. That will jump-start recovery of the once-prolific salmon-producing river's natural configuration and channels. It's an early step in the nation's largest ever dam removal and river restoration project.

"We want to give the river as much chance as we can to do its work while the sediment is ready to move," said Jim Simondet, Klamath Branch Supervisor in NOAA Fisheries' West Coast Region. He said the agency has coordinated with other agencies and tribes on a technical team that is using real-time information from river gauges to manage flows. The goal is to maximize the amount of sediment moving downriver while reducing risk to fish released from hatcheries and others migrating in the river.

Read the full article [here](#).

# ROOSTER TAILS BAY HALIBUT & STRIPER TRIP

The Rooster Tails Club chartered the NEW HUCK FIN out of Emeryville on April 22, 2024. 22 club members were on board as the boat left the marina at 5:30am. The weather was flat calm in the morning and the wind came up in the afternoon making for a wet ride back to the dock. We trolled frozen anchovies and landed 23 keeper halibut and 3 keeper striped bass fishing above the San Rafael Richmond Bridge. Dave Stallions won the jackpot with the biggest halibut about 8.5 pounds. There were many short halibut & stripers caught & released. The boat got back to the dock around 4pm. The deckhand filleted all the halibut caught as well as untangled many lines. Watch for a rockcod trip in the summer.



Deckhand Jack begins the trip with a briefing.



The sun greets us on the ride out.



The fun begins!



The catching begins.



Keeping the lines straight was a challenge.



Anticipation



Jack shows off a striped bass



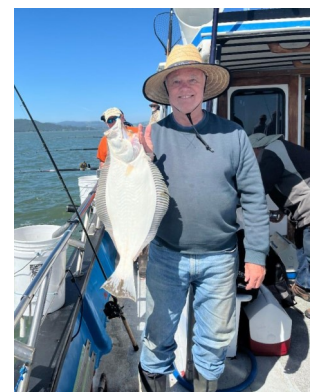
Halibut to the boat.



Ray Attleberger brings one to the boat.



The Stallions show the first one off.



Skip Hazen with one of the two he brought in.



## ROOSTER TAILS BAY HALIBUT & STRIPER TRIP

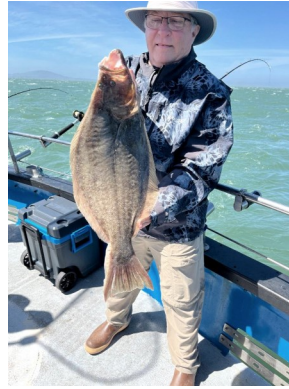
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Bruce Hansen and his catch of the day.



Peter Vogt with his halibut.



Steve Burgess with his first halibut ever.



Dave Stallions with another halibut.



The Coetzze crew bags the first of the day.



Dave waits for the next one.



Skip enjoys the dry ride home.

## ROOSTER TAILS LOCAL LAKE INFORMATION SCOTTS FLAT LAKE

*by John Warren*

Located 46 miles from Auburn, California is the Nevada Irrigation District's [Scotts Flat Lake](#). This lake with approximately 850 acres of surface water (7.5 miles of shoreline) hosts rainbow and brown trout, kokanee, and large/smallmouth bass. When at full capacity, which it was as of 4/28/24, the lake will reach a depth of between 80 and 100 feet.

The lake has two boat launch ramps. Jet boats and jet skis are prohibited. However, an angler can easily launch a kayak or float tube from the shoreline. The lake's inlet and dam area are the most heavily fished areas of the lake.

Trout are planted each year and hold overs do get some size on them. The main fish at the lake are the bass. Smallmouth bass in the 3+ pound range are not uncommon. According to people who fish Scotts Flat, May is a good time for going after bass. As the water warms up to around 62 degrees, smallmouth bass will become very active in the shallows. Largemouth bass will move into the shallows later. The smaller population of large brown trout can be targeted year-round.

Other amenities at the lake include camping, marina, general store (with bait available), picnic area, and sandy beaches. If there is a down side to fishing Scotts Flat, it may be in their pricing. Boat launch and vehicle is \$24 for the day. Camping is \$56 per night for a standard location and \$62 per night for a lakefront site.



## ROOSTER TAILS CLUB BREAKFAST UPDATE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Board of Directors has decided to increase the cost of Breakfast to \$20 per person. As previously noted, the new contract with the Elks Lodge has increased the cost of breakfast to \$21. The Board has decided to cover part of the increase to keep the increase manageable for members. The Board will continue to review this and announce any new decision.

In an effort to help us estimate the number of attendees for the May meeting, we are asking you to RSVP if you plan on attending. No obligations are expected, but this will help us estimate the cost of breakfast.

### Will we see you at breakfast?

**LOCATION** — Auburn Elks Lodge

**DATE AND TIME** — 05/17/24 7:00am - 05/17/24 10:00am US/Eastern

Monthly Breakfast Meeting with Jerry Lampkin of TNG Motorsports & Guide Service.

I'll Be There!

Maybe

I Can't Make It

## ROOSTER TAILS FISHING CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES — DUE APRIL 15TH, 2024

Thank you to those who have renewed your memberships. As a reminder, for those planning to renew, membership renewals were due by April 15. You can either mail your form and release of liability to RTFC P.O. Box 7741 Auburn, CA 95604 or bring them to the breakfast meeting on May 17th. Forms are available on the [club website](#).

You can pick up a membership application and release of liability form at our meetings or you can download the forms from the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club](#) website in the "Become a Member" section.



## MEMBER FISHING REPORTS

**Steve Lenheim, Dave Parr, and John Warren** fished Bullards Bar Reservoir on Tuesday, April 23. Four Kokanees were caught in the 11–12-inch size and kept. Three small, 6- to 8-inch size Kokanees were caught and released successfully. Fish were caught on pink Apex and pink wedding ring lures. All fish were caught at an approximate depth of 35'. Trolling speed was between 0.8 and 1.2 miles per hour.

**Jonn Melrose** went bank fishing at [Prosser Reservoir](#) near Lake Tahoe. At the time there was no boat launch but shore access was available in several areas. The water is about 60% full and rising. Jonn used powerbait to no avail but will try again later.

He also tried his luck at Stampede from the bank. Again he was using Powerbait with no success. The boat launch is open and the dock is clear. The lower parking area is about 75% clear, the upper parking lot is about 40% open and the overflow parking area is wide open. *(This report was submitted April 26.)*

**Jerry Lampkin** has been fishing Folsom but you have to come to the meeting on the 17th and get the latest info!

**Shawn Conlan** fished Folsom Lake with **Peter Zittere** on May 1. Launching out of Rattle Snake Bar around 7am they were able to pick up 6 fish. First fish came on a silver Rapala, then a gold Rapala and one was taken on a worm behind a dodger. Lead core line at 2mph with about 4 colors out did



**Randy Bergquist** fished Stampede on the 29th and encountered a tough bite. He had four 10" Kokanee to the boat, all caught on the surface. The water temp was only 50° and he was off the water by 11:00. There was no problems accessing the lake, the dock is in place and the lake is 95% full.



Keep us posted on what you're doing, fishing wise, by sending a message to [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org).



## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS MONDAY

MAY 13th , 2 PM

Rooster Tails Board of Directors currently consists of 8 members consisting of Mike Walker, Steve Burgess, Dave Stallions, Bruce Hansen, Gregor Roschitsch, John Warren, Gregg Motta and Shawn Conlan. The next Board meeting is on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 2pm at the Lyons Real Estate office, 1900 Grass Valley Highway, Suite 100. If you would like to join us as a guest at the meeting just drop in. The meetings normally take about an hour. We will have pizza at the meeting!

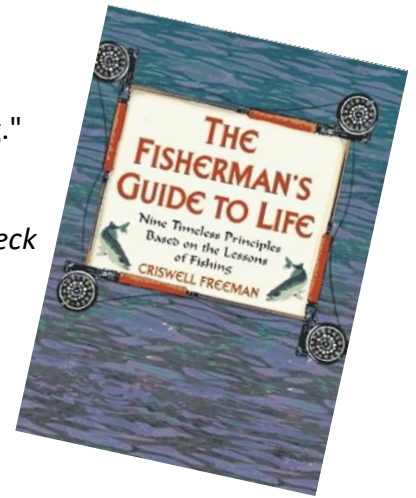
As always, we are interested in your feedback about our meetings, newsletter, and fishing reports. We strive to make this club as inclusive and responsive as we possibly can so, please let us know your thoughts by sending an email to [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org)

## Rooster Tails Monthly Quote

*From "The Fisherman's Guide to Life - Nine Timeless Principles Based on the Lessons of Fishing" by Criswell Freeman.*

"Any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming."

*John Steinbeck*



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