

STEPPIN' OUT

December, 2016
Happenings

Meet Your 2017 STEP Board Of Directors

Following the general election held at the November STEP meeting, a new slate of directors are ready to assume the reins for the upcoming year.

Elected at the meeting were Jerry Barnes, Ron Caputo, Roger Emigh, Mike Gomez, Tim Hansen, Bill Hennig and Skip Rosenbalm. They join Rick Samuelson who is in the midterm of his two-year post as vice president and Terry Barrett, who as hatchery manager takes the ninth seat on the board.

At the board meeting held mid-November, Ron Caputo was reelected president.

Work Parties Are On Tap

Cleaning out the old Area 51 Storage unit at the Port of Siuslaw is on the schedule for this Wednesday, December 7. Members should meet at 9 a.m. at the STEP Shed.

"The plan is to remove all the STEP materials in the Area 51 storage and take it to the shed," noted Bill Hennig, work party team leader. "We will no longer utilize area 51 after December 15. We are renting a new Dry storage unit just south of the bridge for our large pieces and the trailer. The shelving in area 51 will also be removed.

The steelhead trap work party will be scheduled, weather permitting, the last week of December or the first week of January. Watch your emails for updates and information.

Hendricks Shares Tips For Catching The Elusive Steelhead

Chasing -- and catching -- the elusive winter steelhead will be the topic at tonight's meeting of the Florence Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). Dean Hendricks, co-owner of North Country Lures and Flies, will guide the membership through tips, locations and tackle setups.

The group meets at 7 p.m. at the Elks' Lodge in Florence. The public is invited to attend. A short business meeting will be held prior to the presentation.

Hendricks plans to bring maps that will highlight good locations for both bank fishing and drift boat fishing for coastal rivers from the Elk to the Coquille, including Ten Mile, Yaquina, Alsea, Coos and Siuslaw rivers.

He will also have a number of rods rigged up with different setups and talk about the use of attractants, including spinners, eggs and yarn balls.

In addition to the presentation, Hendricks and wife Pat, will bring lures and rods from their company to a sale table.

During the business meeting, the group will introduce the 2017 board of directors, voted in at the November meeting. The group will also hear about plans to begin gearing up for the winter steelhead season, including the installation of the steelhead trap at Whittaker Creek, hatchery updates and fishing reports.

Happy Holidays To Your Family
From Your STEP Friends

Wed., December 7 Work party at Area 51

Moving all equipment to a dry storage unit south of the bridge. Shelving in Area 51 will be removed.

9 a.m. Meet at the Shed

Membership Meeting

"Chasing the Elusive
Winter Steelhead"

with Dean Hendricks,

North Country Lures & Flies
Business meeting precedes the talk
7 p.m.

Elks' Lodge, 12th st., Florence

Saturday, December 10 Ada Grange #570

Annual Family Christmas Party
Hay Rides, Crafts, Free Ornaments
Santa visits!

Refreshments provided

1-3 p.m.

10 miles out Canary Rd.

Questions, call Loni,

541-997-6933

Wed., December 21

Board Meeting

4 p.m.

Winter Steelhead Season is Starting!

Watch for emails updating date
and time for trap installation
at Whittaker Creek