

STEPPIN' OUT

January 2017

Florence Salmon-Trout Enhancement

Weds., January 4th
Membership Meeting 7 p.m.
Florence Elks Lodge 12th St.

Surprise Speaker will be joining us!

Weds., January 18th
Board Meeting 4:00 pm
Port of Siuslaw Office

Trap Work Party
Tuesday, January 3rd
Install Trap at **Whittaker Creek** – leaving from the Shed (located behind Public Works on Spruce St.) at **9:00 a.m.**

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We are sorry to report that past President Joe Temple passed away on Christmas Eve

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you should have any information that you would like to share with your fellow STEP

Members (interesting articles, fishing experiences, etc. please feel free to forward them to florencestepcommunications@gmail.com this is YOUR newsletter so feel free to contribute – we want to hear from you!

Happy New Year!

A Letter from our President



Bump in the Road

Life is like a long road from birth to death. Along the way there are many detours. Some are good some are bad. You go to school, you get a job, you get married, you have a family, you have fun. Into everyone's life you have some sorrow. You endure it and keep going down the road of life. As you get older you get a series of bumps in the road.

I experienced a bump on December 12th. I had what I thought was a prostate infection. I got out of bed at 2:00 AM, took 2 steps forward and fell over backward into my printer table. I endured the fall fairly well. A little blood on the back of my head and then I discovered that I was so weakened by this infection that I could not get up off the floor even with the help of my big old wife Judy. So, I laid on the floor while Judy called 911. The ambulance took me to the Emergency Room. I was immediately poked and prodded at every part of my body. The on-duty Doctor came in. He was introduced as Dr. Moss, the Hospice Doctor. "Hey wait a minute I'm not ready to meet him yet!" "Get me out of here". The conclusion was that I had 105-degree temperature caused by infection getting into my blood stream. After 3 days in the Intensive Care unit and one day in a regular room, I was released to go home. Now I am on a diet, walk with a walker, and drink 100 gallons of water every day.

I hope each of you can endure your bumps in the road. Now about STEP. It's Steelhead season. Time to go fishing and time to put our trap and weir in at Whittaker creek. Please help if you can. We need members in waders to help put the trap and weir in place. We also need members to stay on dry land and hand the parts down to those in-water workers. I am planning on cooking lunch for everyone that shows up. As soon as the trap is in we will check it twice a week. We need members to help us check the trap and spawn the fish. Get involved. Join the fun. Be part of the restoration of fish runs in the Siuslaw Basin.

See you on the River.



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