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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



November 7th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Location: Elks Lodge, Northway Mall.

Elections for board members. Must be a current member and present to vote.

FISH TALK by Bill Hauser

This Fish Talk is a sort of sequel to last month's Fish Talk on Pacific halibut.

The IPHC

Fisheries resource allocation, in Alaska, is determined through the Board of Fisheries process and management of these fisheries resources is then the responsibility of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. But, is the BOF and ADF&G responsible for allocation and management of halibut resources in Alaska? No. The International Pacific Halibut Commission has that responsibility. The IPHC. I have found some interesting material in an IPHC Annual Report that I would like to share.

The IPHC was established in 1923 by a treaty between the United States and Canada for the preservation of the Pacific halibut fishery of the North Pacific and the Bering Sea. Three Commissioners each are appointed by the Governor General of Canada and the President of the United States. The commissioners appoint a Director who supervises the scientific and administrative staff. The scientific staff collects and analyzes the scientific and biological data to manage the fishery.

The IPHC meets annually to review proposals for new regulatory measures. These proposals may come from the industry, the scientific staff, a conference board of halibut fishers, and a Processor's Advisory Group. Recommendations by the Commission are submitted to the two governments for approval and regulations are enforced by the management agencies of both governments. Resource allocation among the commercial, recreational, and subsistence users is the responsibility of each government. In other words, the IPHC collects and analyzes data to evaluate the amount of harvestable halibut resource and the harvest rates of the halibut resource and to determine the biologically-based allowable harvest quotas of the resource for each of ten management areas from the coast of California to the Bering Sea in Alaska. Implementation of the regulations is the duty of each country's management agency.

To this end, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council was established by the U. S. Congress in 1976. The NPFMC is one of eight regional councils which oversee management of the nation's marine fisheries. The NPFMC has eleven voting members; three, of which, are from Alaska. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game collects fishery data for the NPFMC and IPHC.

I did hedge a bit in the opening paragraph. In general, groundfish fisheries in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ; 3–200 nm offshore) fall under federal authority whereas the State of Alaska (ADF&G) manages groundfish fishery resources and collect data within state territorial waters that extend out three miles from shore. For most federal groundfish fisheries, ADF&G issues emergency orders for state waters that duplicate federal management actions, except that gear or other restrictions may vary. These emergency orders establish parallel fishing seasons (termed “parallel fisheries”) allowing vessels to fish for groundfish (such as Pacific halibut, Pacific cod, walleye pollock, and Atka mackerel) in state waters with the same seasons as the federal fisheries.

The IPHC 2016 set the Pacific halibut commercial harvest allocation for Alaska at 18,160,000 pounds net weight.

Do you have a question for FISH TALK? Contact Bill at karellbill@gci.net.

Bill has published *Fishes of the Last Frontier*, *Life Histories, Biology, Ecology, and Management of Alaska Fishes* and *Letters from Alaska, The Inside to the Outside*.

Read sample chapters at www.billhauserbooks.com.

TYING CLINIC NEWS

The cooler weather is bringing the fly tiers off the river. We look forward to the room filling up for the next clinics. This will be your third and last chance to pick up materials and rules for the **One Feather - One Hook** challenge. Though the fly tying clinic is open to the public, only AFF members are eligible to participate in this contest. A chance to win the prize will be well worth the effort to enter and any one of any skill level will have a chance. The winner will be chosen in December based on technique, creativity, originality and fishability. They will be tested in the tank. Entry materials, details and instructions are only available to those attending the tying clinics in September, October and November. Get your entry in the feeding lane.

The November 19th clinic will be at the William Jack Hernandez Fish Hatchery on Reeve Blvd at Post Road between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm — third Saturday of every month. Materials and tools are available for those not bringing their portable tying supplies. There will be some guided tying for those wanting to follow along. I will be tying some variations on the balanced leech and other experienced members are happy to share their special skills or answer questions.

Spending more time with other members and catching up on new materials and techniques — and adventures, makes the clinic a special day. Drop in for coffee and a sample or spend the whole day.



The Alaska Department of Fish & Game is currently working to put together a series of instructional fly tying videos to help teach anglers how to tie flies for fishing in Alaska. Contact me or Eric Booton if you are interested in being the star of a production (i.e. channel Tim Flagler).

[Cheryl Cline](#), *Tying Clinic Coordinator*

MEMBERS' CORNER

Pudge Kleinkauf will be the guest on the Internet program, "Ask About Fly Fishing"

www.askaboutflyfishing.com on Wed, November 16th starting at 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time. She will be talking about her new book, *Rookie No More: The Fly Fishing Novice Gets Guidance from a Pro* and answering listeners' questions. People need to go to the web site and sign in prior to the show in order to ask a question during the show. Instructions are on the home page. She will be giving away a free Rookie book to one of the folks who has signed in.

If you have an item to sell, something to share, or even a picture to post, please share it with the club. Contact the editor at aff.flylines.ed@gmail.com



PROJECT HEALING WATERS UPDATE

PHW Tying Clinics

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly-fishing and fly tying education, rod building and outings. The Anchorage program offers weekly tying classes at the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery located on Reeve Blvd on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Charlie Hune has led several tying seasons and is introducing new tying skills. The Wasilla program at the Wasilla Veteran's Center on West Point Drive meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 5 to 7 PM. Refer to our Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Healing-Waters-Alaska/123753750975528> to obtain updates on activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at PHWAlaska@gmail.com.



PHW Anchorage is seeking volunteers who are willing to help staff tying clinics in Anchorage and Wasilla. If you know how to tie flies and want to share your expertise with others and be able to talk about fishing, please stop by one of our tying clinics and check out the action. You will meet some new fishing partners who are eager to learn and have fun fishing.

PHW Trip to Kenai River September 24 - 25th



PHW Alaska took ten program participants on a trip to fish for rainbows and Dollies on the Kenai River below Skilak Lake on September 25th. It was an awesome day that started with a gorgeous sunrise on Skilak Lake where our guides from Kenai River Drifter's Lodge rowed to the Kenai River and proceeded to enter the river and catching action. All participants had the thrill of landing colorful bows and Dollies and of course some very ripe red



and pink salmon.

Jan Schnorr coordinated this trip along with the help of Frank Stevens and Cindi Crawford. A special note of thanks goes out to businesses and guides who helped to sponsor the trip including Kenai River Drifter's Lodge (guides – Jon, James, Jerry and Nick) and the Sunrise Inn.

To see additional photos from this trip visit the [Project Healing Waters Facebook page](#).

Alaska Healing Hearts asked PHW to staff tying and casting sessions for their Warrior Western Weekend held on October 15th from 8 AM to 8PM. The large event drew hundreds of veterans and their families. Other activities included horseback riding, ATV riding, shooting, etc. The event was held at the Elks Lodge Camp located at All Elks Road in Sutton. Mike Harsh coordinated this event with assistance from Frank Stevens, Duane McHenry, Todd Green, Erin Smith-Cohen, Francesca Popp-Wright, and Greg Quinton.



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