



# SEATTLE POGGIE CLUB

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## Letter From Your President

Summer is not only the best time to catch fish, but it is certainly the most enjoyable. The weather is (usually) conducive to leisure fishing on Inland and Coastal waters. On our recent trip to Desolation Sound, we were fortunate to have, if not picture perfect weather, calm seas, fair winds (we were on a sailboat), and pretty nice days with the temperature never dipping much.

Talking with other fishermen at the docks gave me all the current, local information I needed. It is this unselfish sharing of information that I find so rewarding about participating in a community of fishing enthusiasts. Okay – I did forget my poles – and my net – but it didn't take away from the pure enjoyment of just being out there and listening to other sportsmen talking about their catches, hot spots, and fishing anecdotes.

One such conversation provided the inside info on Nootka Sound – basically, it is that the salmon have already moved up the inlets and the water is so warm right now– 69 degrees +- that the fish are hanging close to the bottom where the water is much cooler. The guys getting the really big fish are

fishing down the middle of the inlets as deep into the channel as possible. Also, I heard that the fish are turning black while still in saltwater. There was much speculation of the reasons but no one I talked with knew why exactly.

It made me think of the Poggies and the reason many of us join – for the local knowledge passed from fisherman to fisherman. Which reminds me that the Poggies are holding their annual salmon fishing classes every Monday in August. If you want the lowdown on fishing local holes, this is the place for you.

Come join us at the next meeting on August 15. See you there.

*Sincerely, Tom Neu*

Poggie Tom at the helm of a 40-foot sailboat somewhere in Desolation Sound. Alas, he left his fishing poles and large fish net in front of his condo on busy Western Avenue—abandoned in his haste to get out fishing. Luckily a neighbor quickly identified the gear as Tom's and left it at his doorstep safe until his return home. Needless to say, this was a vacation *sans* fresh caught salmon on the barbeque!



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\* We are actively seeking candidates for these positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Tom Neu at 206-783-5859 or email him at poggietom@yahoo.com. Board members are elected by Club members to serve for a one-year period from January through December. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Seven Seas Restaurant on Lake City Way. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Scotty Downriggers

John Kamikawa

Showing up at the Poggie West Resort in Port Ludlow, I brought my electric downrigger to use on the “Dog House” for the Discovery Bay Derby. Flicking the switch on the downrigger to test it out before we hit the water returned a “bzzz bzzz” sound.... Hmmm I heard this before. The last time I heard that little “bee” buzzing in the motor of my Scotty electric downrigger, I brought my downrigger into Auburn Sports & Marine. Tom Pollack, the owner, had it fixed the next day. He told me it wasn’t the motor, but the electrical connection. As Tom told me, 90% of the time a Scotty comes in for problems it ends up being traced to corrosion within the electrical sockets.

For 2007, Scotty came up with a new electrical socket for their electric downriggers. Instead of their pointy electric plugs, they are using Marincos’ 12 volt two prong sockets. I’ve used similar Marincos 12 volt electrical sockets to connect my electric trolling motor to my boat, and have never had problems with them. For \$34.99 at Outdoor Emporium, you get a blister pack containing a female and male electrical socket. The female socket requires a 1 1/8 inch hole in a vertical surface. It also has a rubber cap to cover the opening for those times you aren’t using the downrigger. The male socket has an “O” ring which helps seal out the bad stuff from reaching the connections. The two prongs sockets are keyed in a manner such that they can not be put in backwards. The kit comes complete with 2 sets of screw/washer/nut combos and 2 wood screws.

Wires connect into the back of the sockets through two holes. Set screws hold your wires in place. This new method is a lot easier than the old method of trying to wrap those wires around screws, then wondering if someday those loose stray strands are going to short out the whole contraption. Rubber covers enclose the back of the sockets, helping to keep it water proof. Unfortunately, the old holes you put in your boat don’t line up exactly with the new holes required by the new electric plugs, but they are close... and the new plug cover will hide the old holes fine. Once you have the tools, the transformation job should only take about 30 minutes to do.

Time will tell about Scotty’s new “Prise de 12V pour le downrigger” (got to love the way those Canadians describe things). After spending \$70 for two downriggers (don’t tell Margaret)... they better work.. ▪

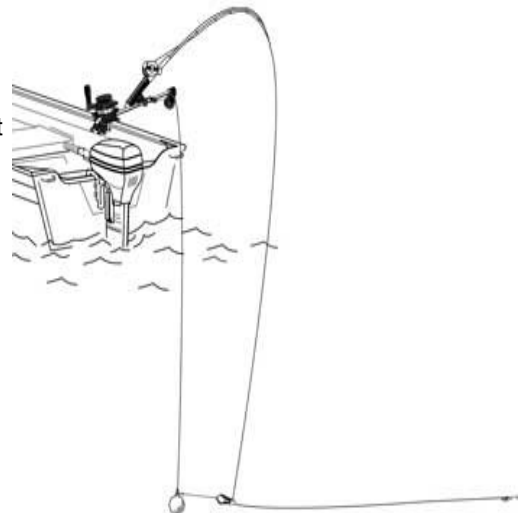
### In case you didn’t know — more information about downriggers (from the Scotty website at [www.scotty.com](http://www.scotty.com))

Downriggers were created for one principal reason: to allow fishermen to troll their lures at a specific depth. Years of testing and practical use has shown that moving bait or lure in the water, trolled at the depth where fish were present, was the best way to ensure a hookup and get results. Downriggers improved both trolling results, and the fun factor — they put the ‘sport’ back in sport fishing.

The earliest downriggers were very simple in form, generally consisting of a spool of wire mounted to the boat with a heavy weight hung on the end of the wire. The lure or bait was attached directly to the downrigger weight and did not release when a fish struck — the fisherman had to wind up both the weight and the fish.

The concept of deep trolling became popular with sport fishermen when the idea of attaching a rod, by means of a release clip, to the downrigger was introduced. A release is hooked to the wire and then the fishing line from the rod is hooked into the release. The downrigger weight is then lowered to precisely the depth required. When a fish hits, the line is released from the downrigger wire, leaving the heavy weight on the downrigger. The angler is then free to fight the fish on the rod and reel alone, without the added drag of traditionally heavy lines and trolling weights used in the past.

Scotty introduced its first downrigger over 35 years ago and now produces the most complete range of downriggers and accessories in the world.



# August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Class	7 Brd Mtg	8	9	10	11
12	13 Class	14	15 Gen Mtg	16	17	18
19 Out- ing	20 Class	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Class	28	29	30	31	

## Items on Our Calendar for August

### Speakers

#### August 15 General Meeting

Dick Kikuchi

As we go through life, we sometimes find others who strike us as being especially helpful, empathetic, or just plain nice. And when we find those increasingly rare individuals, we appreciate them all the more. Our August meeting features two such people — one who has a long association with many area sports-people and the other who has made a genuine effort to help us older fishermen and boaters who are technology cretins.

**Dave Elliot**, owner of the new **Elliott's Outdoor Store** and formerly of Outdoor Emporium, will be here to tell us why he is taking us "back to the future" at his new Lynnwood store, and what to expect when you stop by there to stock up on fishing supplies. (See page 4 for store details.)

**Aaron Carlson**, from **West Marine at the Everett Marina**, has been both energetic and helpful. Aaron is the store's technology guru. I have been pestering him for a new GPS. I found him to be patient and able to convey highly technical information in a manner that I could understand. He is conversant with marine electronics, especially with GPS and fish

finders. His co-workers really rely on his expertise. Aaron is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Portland and hopes to be employed in the local marine industry. He'll give us a hands-on refresher on using a GPS and show us some of Garmin's latest handhelds. I know you will be impressed with this young man and we wish him well in his future career.

Over the years, the Seattle Poggie Club has received support from both organizations toward our conservation efforts and we always want to reciprocate in kind by supporting those businesses, especially when you get to deal with such agreeable and genuinely nice folks. Please welcome Dave and Aaron to our Club.

### August 19—Humphy Hallow Outing

Fish in the morning at **Humphy Hallow**, 1/2 mile south of Mukilteo, then join Club members for lunch at Dick Kikuchi's —

Lunch at 1:00 pm

Place: 815—34th Street

Everett, WA 98201

Call Dick for details: (206) 930-3425

### Reminder: Salmon Fishing Class Series

Three more classes left in the series —

Time: The classes will be from 7:00-9:30 pm

Dates: August 13, 20 and 27

Place: Ballard NW Senior Center

5429 32nd Avenue NW

Near the Ballard Locks!

See July Poggie Newsletter for additional details.

### Mark Your Calendars: Outing to Tillamook

John Kamikawa

Tillamook Kings! I'll be taking another group of Poggies to Tillamook this year. Tillamook has a run of Kings which come later than other areas of the Northwest. We fish for Kings in the Bay — and they are big!

Last year, Poggie Alfredo caught his personal best with a 40+ pound King. The trip this year will be **October 11th and 12th**. We will drive down on the 10th. I have seats available in my van for those who will split the gas bill with me. Cost will be \$150/day. I will arrange for rooms for us at a local Tillamook motel. Give me a call if you are interested at 206-714-8961. It was sooo...hard to get Poggie Alfredo to stop smiling!

## FYI

### Discount prices at Heidi's Inn, Ilwaco

Stan Freed

Janak was kind enough to offer a reduced hotel price for Poggies. He has been a friend of the Poggies for close to 20 years and his motel is always clean and quiet with many amenities.

Poggie rates:

2 people \$65

3 people \$85

5 people \$125 (rec. room)

Place: Heidi's Inn, 126 Spruce St E, Ilwaco, WA 98624

Review from CitySearch:

*Great Fishing Getaway: Service was great! VERY friendly staff, and pleasant experience. We went on a Coho Sturgeon Fishing Charter, and needed a place to stay the night before our departure. We arrived at Heidi's the night before our fishing trip, and were very pleased with the quality and cleanliness. And because of the friendly staff, we will gladly stay here again in the future!!*

*We were offered and given a wake-up call, and were up and ready to fish the next day! Made our fishing trip experience an A+++++ too! Recommend highly! Quiet and pleasant here!*

### Welcome to our newest members

We have seven new members to welcome. We look forward to having them join us at future meetings and events.

- Robert Washburn, Seattle
- Tony Zanol, Seattle
- Karl Lundberg, Edmonds
- Matt Yglesias, Edmonds
- Robert DiFillipo III, Seattle
- Brent Ray, Kent
- Dave Miller, Seattle

### Elliott's Outdoor Store

Dave Elliott (formerly of Outdoor Emporium) and Scott Elliott have recently opened a new sporting goods store near the Alderwood Mall. **Elliott's Outdoor Store** is at **18825 33rd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA, 98036 (425) 248-2080**. Dave has been a strong supporter of our Seattle Poggie Club, donating merchandise on a regular basis to our annual banquet auction and raffle. Stop by the next time you are in the area to say hello and see what his new establishment has to offer.

### Salmon Update

John Mataka

Chinook:

The preliminary catch estimate through Sunday, July 22 for the Area 9 and 10 Chinook selective fisher is 4,061 Chinook harvested, with 564 harvest in Area 10. Catch rates were extremely high in Area 9 during the week of July 16, approaching 0.50 Chinook/angler, but have dropped off to 0.16 Chinook/angler on July 21 and 22. Area 10 catch rates were good early in the week of July 16 at 0.16 Chinook/angler, before dropping on July 20 and 21 to 0.075 Chinook/angler. The Area 10 catch rate increased to 0.19 Chinook/angler on July 22.

In contrast to the Lake Washington Sockeye return, at this point, the return of Chinook through the Locks are higher than the corresponding time frame last year. Last year's return of Chinook to the Cedar River was the highest since 1987. Unfortunately, the floods of last November, did significant damage to the spawning grounds and Chinook production. We can only hope that these returns will continue to be strong. The pre-season forecast for Chinook in the Northwest this year were to be lower than last year's return. Please pay particular attention to the percent of marked hatchery production and unmarked natural production. Ideally, over time, the percentage of naturally produced will increase. Last year, we saw good numbers of both hatchery and naturally-spawning fish in Kelsey Creek in Bellevue. Hopefully, we will be finding similar results in this year's spawning surveys.

Sockeye:

Here are the latest Lake Washington Sockeye counts for the Chittenden Locks. Hearty thanks to Mike Mahovich for his good work in developing all of this data! At the recent Cedar River AFC meeting (July 19) we received an update regarding the Lake Washington Sockeye return. At this point, it appears the return will come in at approximately 50 percent of the pre-season forecast (75k vs. 140K). It appears that there are several problems which have negatively impacted the '07 returns. The first and most important is the collapse, in the marine environment, of the '03 brood. The marine survival for this year's class in '04 has collapsed and impacted Sockeye stocks in central British Columbia (BC). Here in Lake Washington, the dominate year class are 5-year-olds (95 percent) and 4-year-olds (5 percent). This situation is similar for BC runs in the Fraser River and BC Coast. ▪

## Fishing Contest 2007 Updates

### Blackmouth

- 13lb 1oz Alexander Logan Area 10
- 10lb 4oz Don Saunders Area 9
- 10lb 5oz Mike Karbowski Port Townsend

### Steelhead

- 12lb 0oz Tom Zimmerman Cowlitz
- 10lb 0oz Bob Michajla Skykomish
- 8lb 0oz John Mataka Cowlitz

### Trout

- 14lb 4oz John Mataka Lake Chelan
- 11lb 6oz Tim Cullinan Lake Chelan
- 11lb 0oz Don Silvers Lake Chelan

### Chum

(no postings)

### Pinks

(no postings)

Copies of the contest rules and entry forms are in the membership listing. Get more entry forms and send completed forms to Poggie Jerry Bica, email Pog-gieJB@aol.com or contact him at (425) 415-8414.

### Kings Outside

(no postings)

### Kings Inside

- 15lb 0oz Jerry Bica Possession Bar
- 9lb 0oz Ken McElmeel Possession Bar

### Kings Freshwater

- 21lb 14oz Bob Michajla North Fork, Lewis River
- 17lb 0oz Jerry Bica Upper Columbia
- 15lb 5oz John Kamikawa Columbia River

### Silvers Outside

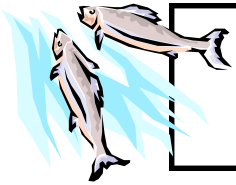
- 8lb 4oz Stan Freed Illwaco

### Silvers Inside

(no postings)

### Silvers Freshwater

(no postings)



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### ATTEND

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Seattle City Light North building located on 97th and Stone Way, one block east of Aurora Avenue. Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, and sharing stories and tips with other sport-fishing enthusiasts. Non-members are welcome to attend.

### CONTRIBUTE

This **newsletter** relies on contributions from our members. You can make editorial contributions by emailing your news item, announcement, photos, etc. to

poggietom@yahoo.com

Please write "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Contributions should be emailed before or on the first day of the month.



### JOIN

One year's membership is \$20.00. If you want to join or wish further information concerning the Poggies, fill in the form below and mail it to John Kamikawa, or contact Club secretary, John Mataka at (425) 742-7948 or email him at [jmataka@earthlink.com](mailto:jmataka@earthlink.com).

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