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Chairman/President’s Report
Philip Greenlee

The purpose of this report is to cover the financial operations of the head office IFFF located in Livingston Montana. To better understand the operations we should look at the preamble of the IFFF which supports the foundation of the IFFF and our mission to teach fly fishing through conservation.

IFFF Preamble

We, in conclave assembled, out of a firm and abiding conviction that fly fishing as a way of angling gives to its followers the finest form of outdoor recreation and natural understanding, do hereby join in common effort in order to maintain and further fly fishing as a sport, and, through it, to promote and conserve angling resources, inspire its angling literature, advance its fellowship and broaden the understanding of all anglers in the spirit.

Out of the effort put into the preamble the IFFF has a supporting foundation made up of fly tying, casting, and conservation and education programs. The staff located in Livingston manages the day-to-day operation of the IFFF including managing membership fees, collecting dues for certified casting instructors and distribution of funds for conservation projects. Rhonda Sellers is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the IFFF in Livingston. The business model of the IFFF is broken down into sixteen councils with each council having their own board of directors and a treasurer for accounting purposes. At the end of each year each council sends to the office in Livingston financial data which supports our tax return. Also the headquarter office in Livingston prepares their tax return. So what I am trying to do is give you an idea of how we operate and we get our income from donations, Grants and membership fees plus we make a profit each from having our Fly fishing Fair.

Conservation
The conservation program Chairman has a monthly meeting that receives and approves grants provided by our councils. The IFFF small grants program allows the council to have $1.500 donated by the IFFF with matching funds of $1.500 from each council totaling $3.000 for each conservation project. In 2013 we had 21 projects and in 2014 we have requests six projects year to date.

Fly Tying
Recently the fly tiers have followed the fly casters model in that they now have a board of directors with a board of twenty-one including the chairman. They are currently considering offering fly tiers the opportunity to participate in taking a look at a program in the U.K. which offers recognition for certain levels of fly tying.

Casting
The casters are managed by a board of governors which has twenty four members including the chairman. The foundation of the casting program is an education and certification program. The casters offer three different levels of certification: Certified, Master, and two handed rod which is a spey rod. Currently the IFFF has 1422 certified casters.
Education
The IFFF has over two hundred fly fishing clubs and sixteen councils all hungry for funds to satisfy our need to educate people about the art of fly fishing. We have a program for giving funds for conservation and we plan to create a similar program for education. Please go to our website Fedflyfishers.org and you will find additional information on education. Currently we are looking for in general locations to start teaching fly fishing. The classes will be taught and administered through our sixteen councils.

Overview 2013/2014
The IFFF is growing in membership because we are creating more IFFF councils which mean we have additional funds to satisfy IFFF projects. Financially 2013 was breakeven and we came very close to our budget. Ron Winn our treasurer has a breakdown of our financial status in his part of this report. The last five years have been very stable for the IFFF. One big reason is our staff in Livingston has come together with a lot of dedicated people managed by Rhonda Sellers who is our Operations manager. Our membership in 2013 was 11,344 and today it is 11,604 and climbing. Our newly formed Texas council is a huge success. Each week keep of log on income which has seven categories such as membership, casting, fly tiers, merchandise, donations, grants, account receivable, fair. To date we are $100,000 in income above last year at this time, but we still have to pay for the Fair in Livingston, Montana even so it looks like we will enjoy a good positive year.

Secretary’s Report
Herb Kettler
This year’s activities as secretary have been varied. Minutes were taken and published for the Board of Director’s Meeting, the Executive Committee meeting and four Executive Committee teleconferences. Once again, I had the pleasure of serving as Awards Committee Secretary. The opportunity to insure that many of our hardworking and deserving members receive the recognition they deserve is a privilege.

The last of my duties for the year is producing this Annual Report. It can be very time consuming for those contributing but it provides a glimpse into what your Federation has been doing for the past year. Although not a part of the Secretary’s duties, I was the workshop chairman for the 2013 conclave. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Secretary for the past year and I look forward to my continuing service as Secretary and the opportunity to continue making other contributions to the Federation.
The International Federation of Fly Fishers Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in 1995 as a 501(c)3 Charitable Public Foundation. All gifts to the care of the Foundation are exempt from Federal income taxes. The purpose of establishing the Foundation was to have available to members and supporters of the IFFF an independent vehicle to which donors could make long term gifts to assist the IFFF, Councils and Clubs in the achievement of organizational goals and objectives. The Foundation provides funding grants for conservation, restoration and education projects and programs. Gifts of cash, securities, bequests under will, proceeds of life insurance policies, retirement plans and other tax advantaged gifts are welcomed. All gifts are professionally managed as long term endowment funds. Principal is retained and only investment income earnings are made available for distribution as grants to worthy recipients. The retention of principal as market value growth provides for a continuing source of grant funds.

A Board of Trustees, nominated and elected by the IFFF Board of Directors, manages the operation of the Foundation. The current Trustees are Mike Stewart President, Bud Frasca, Vice President, Ron Winn, Treasurer, Tilda Evans, Secretary, Gretchen Beatty, Frank Johnson, David Lemke, Earl Rettig and Len Zickler. The annual election of officers will take place at the Annual Trustees meeting this August.

As of January 1, 2013 Foundation assets totaled $193,456.67 and at May 31, 2014 assets totaled $218,766.42, a net increase of $25,309.75. Gifts of $347.50 were received. Four grants totaling $4,250.00 were distributed/approved. Market value appreciation since January 1, 2013 was $20,876.20 and investment income totaled $6,374.53. Investment management and custody fees were $1538.48. As of May 31, 2014 the Foundation had $25,626.92 of undistributed investment income.

Grants distributed/approved since 1 January 2013 were:

1. $3,000.00 to Appalachian State University for a graduate student conducting aquatic entomology research
2. $500.00 as a matching grant to the Marriott Scholarship winner
3. $500.00 to help support NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy
4. $250.00 to fly tier at the 2013 Fair as designated by Fly Tying Chair

Many organizations similar to the IFFF have long-standing foundations and have been successful through generous member and donor support in building substantial pools of assets. These assets generate the income necessary to fund the numerous projects and programs to enable their parent organizations to fulfill their goals. Donor support of the IFFF Foundation has been minimal for the past few years. Our members and supporters are asked to think of this foundation when they consider their estate and tax planning objectives.

Respectfully submitted.
TREASURER’S REPORT
Ron Winn

Following is the Balance Sheet for the two years ending December 31, 2012 and 2013. Also attached is a Profit and Loss Statement for the two years 2012 and 2013 showing the Income and Expenses for each year along with the respective net income/loss for each year.

Comments concerning the attached financial reports follow:

Balance Sheet

During 2013 the Federation’s current assets increased by $17,521.82 or about 4.8% and total assets had a net increase of $3,934.96. At the same time the liabilities increased by $31,936.89, resulting in a net asset decrease of $28,001.93.

Profit and Loss

During 2013 we operated at a net loss of $28,001.93. Much of the shortfall was a result of the annual show not reaching the expected revenues. On an up-note, membership/casting has shown its first increase in the last few years, 6.3%.
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
Balancing Sheet - Previous Year Comparison
As of December 31, 2012/2013

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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>$410,578.11</td>
<td>$414,513.07</td>
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| **LIABILITIES & EQUITY** |             |             |
| Liabilities            |             |             |
| Current Liabilities    | $14,801.49  | $46,738.38  |
| **Total Liabilities**  | 14,801.49   | 46,738.38   |
| Equity                 |             |             |
| Net Assets             | 414,368.23  | 395,776.62  |
| Net Income             | -18,591.61  | -28,001.93  |
| **Total Equity**       | 395,776.62  | 367,774.69  |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | $410,578.11 | $414,513.07 |
# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

January through December 2012/2013

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<td>Misc. Expenses</td>
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<td><strong>NET INCOME</strong></td>
<td>-$18,591.61</td>
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National Governmental Affairs Committee
Howard Malpass – Chairman

During the previous year, several aspects of communications have been carried on with the National / State and Local Governments. Several individuals have been contacted by e-mail as well as letters. The following specific officials are in the mailing list:

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Butch Otter</td>
<td>Governor of Idaho</td>
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<td>Rick Perry</td>
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<tr>
<td>John McHugh, Secretary</td>
<td>Department of the Army</td>
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<td>Dan Ashe, Director</td>
<td>U. S. Fish and Wildlife</td>
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<td>Jeh Johnson, Secretary</td>
<td>Department of Homeland Security</td>
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<td>Sally Jewell, Secretary</td>
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<td>Krysta Harden, Deputy Secretary</td>
<td>Department of Agriculture</td>
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Some of the letters were indicating issues such as:

1. Dan Ashe, U. S. Fish and Wildlife: *Early Detection and Rapid Response of Invasive Species.* Regarding action which is being formed and undertaken in the Northwest Section of the Pacific Region. {Washington/Oregon & Idaho}
2. **Letter of support to:** Butch Otter, Governor of Idaho Letter of Support for implementing the Sport Fish Restoration program.
3. **Various letters to the Governors of Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.**
   In regards to the multiple issues regarding the Vanishing Wildlife program and specifically regarding the lack of funds being dispersed to the Regional Fishing Industry within the Gulf States after the monies were received by the specific States and all spend on the Gulf of Mexico area only.
   - As to the States of Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama, it was regarding to the multiple issues related to the Vanishing Fish and Wildlife program and specifically regarding the lack of funds being dispersed to the Regional Fishing Industry within the Gulf states after the monies were received by the specific States and all spend on the Gulf of Mexico area only.
   - When it came to the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas it was over the lack of funding for the Stocker Trout which have taken on a fight for their life. The Fish Hatcheries within the States have come under Federal fire and they have cut the purse strings which threaten to kill the fishing in the Tailwaters, thus eliminate not only the Fly Fishermen but the small unknown to Congress industries of mom & pop area which support them.
When it comes to the States of Texas, it pertained to the need of assistance for the funding of the Department of Fishing in the lower West and Southwest of the State of Texas. The drought of the past few years has diminished the amount of lakes and the water which is in, and sometimes empty of it.

Request for help again for the States of Texas and New Mexico, it came to the physical presence of needed Law Enforcement for the protection of fishermen in the areas where the robberies and violence was getting out of hand in the Las Cruces, N.M. and Laredo, Texas. Many of the Fly Fishermen were reported having to carry weapons just to protect themselves while fishing.

4. **Letter requesting support to: Jeh Johnson, Secretary – Department of Homeland Security…** Requesting and informing the security for Fly Fishing enthusiasts along the Border areas of Mexico. Many of the Fly Fishermen are attacked, robbed and injured by illegal immigrants on American Citizens.

5. **Letter requesting support to: John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado…** Requesting help in the access of open water (rivers) of the State. Asking to stop the closing access to rivers by “Posting by State” areas around the bridges over the various rivers. This new program restricts the Fly Fishermen from accessing the public water access they had in the past.

This is not all which was accomplished there was the act of helping Mr. Phil Greenlee, CEO/IFFF in formulating an addition of the National legislature and other State Acts which are being proposed we may not be aware of, and drawing up the design, needs and geographical outline of the various States.

We are in need of the Presidents Council to support in getting interest and commitment from the people within the various States to assist in Legislative Watch. This information will then be fed into the proposed addition of the IFFF Website for all to be kept up to date on the various problems and actions.

**Conservation Report**

**Glenn Erikson – Conservation Director**

**Committee Members:**

Glenn Erikson PhD, IFFF Conservation Director
Rick Williams PhD, IFFF Senior Conservation Advisor
Tom Logan, IFFF Senior Conservation Advisor

**Conservation VPs from IFFF Councils.**

- Bruce Brown, ERMC
- Terry Lyons, GLC
- Chuck Fisk, GCC
- John Brognard, CC
- Brad Eaton, UMCC
- Clint Brumitt, Oregon
- Paul Goodwin, SCC
- Tom Logan, FC
- Debbie Sharpton, SWC
- Ben Dennis, WSC
- Duane Marler, WRMC
- Jere Anderson, TC
- Gilbert Biles, WSC
- Luca Troiani, WRMC
- Richard Machin, NEC
- Lowell Ashbaugh, NCC

Jim Schramm, Legal Counsel
Scott Hagan, Osprey, Steelhead Committee
Will Atlas, Osprey, Steelhead Committee
Conservation Small Grants Program - 2014
IFFF currently funds the Conservation Committee’s Conservation Small Grants (CSG) Program at an annual level of $1,500 grant opportunity for each participating Council. Additionally each spring, the Conservation Committee sends an annual appeal for Conservation funds to all IFFF members. The Conservation Appeal letter netted $13,954 in 2012 and $12,737 in 2013. The 2014 appeal will solicit funds for conservation/education and to be sent out in July.

In calendar year 2013, the Conservation Committee awarded 15 Conservation Small Grants to 10 of the 15 IFFF Councils through both a spring and fall grants solicitation totaling $17,425 of support. The spring 2014 grants solicitation awarded 4 conservation Small Grants to 4 councils and totaled $6,000 of support. The funded CSG proposals covered all phases of conservation issues that will impact our fisheries. The diverse array of projects, fisheries and locales supported by the IFFF Conservation Program has been encouraging.

The IFFF Spring 2014 Conservation Small Grants awards included:

1. TXC - Austin Fly Fishers Grant $1,500
   Kyle Lake Management Improvements
2. GLC - Anglers of the Au Sable Grant $1,500
   Brook Study on the Au Sable River
3. ORC - Klamath Country Fly Casters Grant $1,500
   Riparian Restoration on the Lower Williamson River on Wiest Ranch
4. GCC - East Shore Fly Fishers Grant $1,500

The Conservation Committee intends to continue with a Fall CSG solicitation and to increase its CSG applications and the number of councils participating by becoming more involved with National Fish Habitat Partnerships.

Whitlock-Vibert Box Program Update
The Whitlock-Vibert box (WVB) program is one of IFFF’s successful conservation programs based on participation and the revenue it generates. Over the last 2 years, the WVB instructional manual was updated into a DVD by Dave and Emily Whitlock, David Bruce and local members of IFFF and TU in the Mt. Home, Arkansas area and is available on our website. This manual offers both a summary overview as well as a detailed instructional video of how to place the Whitlock-Vibert boxes in a typical stream location, and was beautifully done.

In 2013 IFFF paid a total of $11,000 ($4,500 in 2014) to complete the WVB project. There are no additional invoices to pay. The White River Chapter of TU and North Arkansas Fly Fishers each gave $1,000 to help fund the remaining balance that Dave and Emily Whitlock felt that David Bruce, editor, deserved for his extra time.
Grants to support IFFF Conservation Activities
In recent years, IFFF has received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and two grants from Patagonia’s World Trout Initiative (WTI) in support of IFFF initiated projects.

a. Native Fish Conservation Areas in the Snake River Basin

In 2011, Rick Williams received a $45,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support the identification of native fish conservation areas in Upper Snake River Basin in Idaho and Wyoming. A secondary supporting $7,000 grant was provided by the Patagonia from World Trout Initiative for the project. The project is a joint project with scientists from the Trout Unlimited (Boise Research Office) and the Fisheries Conservation Foundation. The project was in the spring of 2014 and final results are being prepared for publication.

b. Habitat restoration in the upper Delaware River

In 2013, Glenn Erikson and the Wild Trout Flyrodders (WTF) of the NEC, received a $7,000 grant from the World Trout Initiative for habitat restoration in the upper Delaware River, where WTF is working with the Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) on a DNA, tagging and thermal refuge project that recently received its NYS DEC permits. Work is to begin this year, and be followed up in 2015 and 2016.

National Fish Habitat Partnership Update

The IFFF Conservation Committee has been investigating the potential for participating in the National Fish Habitat Partnership as a way of increasing IFFF’s conservation advocacy influence on native fish and habitat issues – something that is central to IFFF’s Conservation Mission.

The National Fish Habitat Partnership is focused on achieving national awareness and obtaining resources for conserving fish habitats. Its goal is to conserve (protect, restore, enhance) freshwater, estuarine and marine waterways and fisheries in the United States. The Partnership brings together fisheries professionals and other diverse partners including local and regional community groups, non-profit organizations, watershed groups, Native American tribes, local, state and federal agencies, and individuals all working to implement the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.

Sixteen (16) National Fish Habitat Partnerships (NFHP) currently operate in the continental US and oversee the funding of much of the conservation habitat work done annually in the US. Funding is directed principally towards native and anadromous fisheries. NFHP Coordinators we have spoken to agree that there is a tremendous overlap of mission between the IFFF and the NFHPs.

The IFFF has now officially joined 10 of the 16 NFHP Partnerships and has requested membership in the six remainder Partnerships. IFFF is also represented on one Partnership Steering Committee (the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture [EBTJV]), where the IFFF is involved in the selection and approval of EBTJV projects. Over the past 6 years the EBTJV has funded 67 projects for a total of $16M in costs over its 14 state region. While the IFFF has only provided one $1,500 CSG over this period (in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park), we are none-the-less a valued Steering Committee Member.

Advocacy Stances and Letters of Support

IFFF continues to have an active role in advocating for sound conservation and environmental policies that are based on sound science. IFFF has been involved in or written letters of support over the last year in several conservation issues including (but not limited to):
• Opposition to the Pebble Mine in the headwaters above Bristol Bay, Alaska
• Participant in successful lawsuit through the Steelhead Committee to stop the planting of hatchery steelhead in the Elwha River, to protect remnant native steelhead runs as the removal of two outdated dams occurs.
• Support to the Florida Council’s letter to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission for Bonefish and Tarpon Catch and Release designation.
• Sign on to the Pew Charitable Trust letter to the EPA regarding pollution runoff from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), requesting Clean Water Act permitting.
• Support for the conservation coalition lawsuit regarding Pacific Northwest/ Columbia River salmon and steelhead runs.
• Support for the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership’s Backcountry Conservation Area proposals to the Bureau of Land Management.
• Support for the EPA’s rulemaking on the Clean Water Act

Goals
• Increase Council participation by funding CSG’s all Councils.
• Increase conservation funding support through collaborative grant writing.
• Support published research on the benefits of the Whitlock Vibert Box to evaluate its use.
• Review, modify as necessary with Board approval, and publish FFF Conservation Committee Policies through the IFFF website to support Clubs and Councils on Legislative issues.
• Enhance IFFF participation with other strategic partners in conservation through joining mission related National Fish Habitat Partnerships and where practical becoming members of their Steering Committees.

Flyfisher
Bill Toone - Editor in Chief
The Flyfisher magazine remains a semi-annual publication due to the continuing financial constraints upon the IFFF. However, we have been able to add additional pages to each of the two issues, dedicated solely to Fair related items. This allows the magazine to maintain its usual magazine content and still cover the Fair properly. It remains the goal of the magazine to one day soon resume its quarterly issue format.

The digital option for our regular membership in lieu of the traditional mailed copy, while having increased by 337 subscribers from last year, continues to lag behind the hard copy option. Currently, of our regular membership we have 1482 members signed up for the electronic magazine delivery. Using the digital option we continue to offer a free electronic membership (which currently stands at 1916 subscriptions) through Cabela’s, Orvis and a few charitable fly fishing related organizations with hopes of growing the exposure to the IFFF. However this number is substantially less than at this point last year, having dropped by over 1000 free subscriptions. Conversion to actually FFF members from the free electronic version has been dismal.

Communication flow from the clubs and councils to the magazine remains modest. This continues to be a handicap for the Home Waters section of the magazine. Especially since the Home Waters section is intended primarily for club and council events, projects and happenings. On a more positive note, the
Council Presidents have stepped up with submissions to the I am a Member profiles and is a dramatic improvement over the past. In fact participation is the best it has ever been.

As always, Keokee Publishing and their staff continue to do their typical outstanding job of handling the publishing chores and producing an excellent magazine. Al Beatty has done his usual professional and tireless work as well, contributing to the high level of quality.

**IFFF Fly Tying Group**

**Carl Ronk – Chair**  
**Tom H. Logan – Vice Chair**

The Fly Tying Group (FTG) is a “committee” of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) that represents the interests of fly tiers who are members of the IFFF. The FTG generally represents its members by providing leadership and participating in fly tying events at local, regional, council, national and international activities of the IFFF and other related organizations.

The “Purpose” of the FTG follows:

The FTG is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and support of the art of fly tying as a historic element of the fly-fishing experience. Archiving of historic documents, development of educational and instructional materials, teaching and demonstration are fundamental to perpetuating the art of fly tying for anglers who fish with the artificial fly.

The “Goals” of the FTG are:

- To provide an organization to represent tiers at the local, regional, national, and international level.
- To develop and disseminate instructional material to enhance the teaching skills of all fly tiers, but especially for those who demonstrate or teach fly tying at all levels.
- To develop and disseminate instructional material to enhance the art of fly tying.
- To develop and disseminate instructional material to enhance the art of framing and displaying of flies.
- To develop an archive of flies for the IFFF.
- To enhance communication among fly tiers, especially demonstration tiers and fly tying teachers.
- To be the organization of reference for expertise in the art of fly tying.
- To educate the fly fishing public in the art of excellent fly tying.

**Summary of Accomplishments for 2014:**

1. **Membership** - The FTG currently has 291 members (compare with 231 in 2013), including 21 Life Members.

2. **Demonstration Fly Tying** - The FTG provides a "Standing Chair" (Gene Kaczmarek) and the Fly Fair Chair (Dave Roberts) to work with Jessica Atherton (Fly Fishing Fair Coordinator) to select and schedule tiers for the International National Fly Fair. Several members of the FTG BOG will be presenting programs relating to fly tying and teaching fly tying workshops at the 2014 IFFF Fly Fair in Livingston, MT.

3. **Website presence** - FTG, with the help of member Kit Seaton, is now part of the IFFF website to provide fly tying information thru appropriate tabs and links for IFFF members. Kit has also established a Fly Tying Group Facebook page. The FTGFlyTyingInstructorResource.org website was active this year under the guidance of Jim Ferguson et al. A link to the site is on the IFFF web site.
4. Fly Plate Framing Project - This project, under the leadership of Steve Jensen, involves construction of museum-grade fly plates that are auctioned at IFFF events. These plates have earned funds for the IFFF National, IFFF Councils, and IFFF clubs. The FTG sponsors a full-day workshop teaching fly plate construction every-other-year (if possible) at the Fly Fishing Fair. One additional framing project that is under consideration by the BOG involves the framing of selected flies and written materials that were submitted for the 1989 Patterns of the Masters Project. David Nelson has shipped the entire collection to Steve Jensen who will frame one fly to bring to the 2014 Fly Fair to measure general interest and potential for framing up to 15 flies for sale as an additional fundraiser.

5. Fly of the Month Project - This project, headed by Bob Bates prior to his passing, has been added to the IFFF website as well as links to other sites where it is available. Not only does this site provide a step-by-step tying instruction component, complete with pictures, viewers can also research the previous patterns chosen for this project. Kit Seaton has volunteered to assume this responsibility.

6. Bylaws - The FTG Board of Governors (BOG) adopted revisions to their bylaws at the 2013 Annual Meeting in West Yellowstone. Those revisions generally included:
   - Incorporation of a Purpose Statement as presented above.
   - Changes references from “FFF” to “IFFF”.
   - Improved language to facilitate approved voting procedures.

7. Buz Buszek and Dick Nelson Awards - The FTG BOG reviewed nominations for the Buz Buszek Award and the Dick Nelson Award. The FTG BOG provided its recommendations to Herb Kettler (IFFF BOD) for the 2014 recipients of both awards.

8. Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Achievement Award - The FTG BOG previously created a "Fly Tying Achievement Award" to recognize an IFFF member whose long-term contributions to fly tying is widely recognized and respected. The BOG voted to rename this award the “Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Achievement Award” upon his passing during this year. Final approval for procedures and implementation of the award will occur at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The award is for outstanding achievement and "demonstrated commitment" of the person in significantly advancing the craft and art of fly tying. Any FTG member may nominate an IFFF member for this award. It is proposed that selection of recipients for the award be by a 2/3 majority vote by the IFFF FTG BOG.

9. Instructor Database - The FTG is developing a database of fly tying instructors to assist councils and clubs find instructors in their areas for teaching fly tying. This database is one of the outcomes of a questionnaire that was inspired and designed by Frank Johnson on behalf of the BOG. His project has resulted in the collection and summary of valuable data relating to the status of fly tying instruction both at the national and international levels. The instructor database is posted on the IFFF website.

10. Minimum Skills - The FTG BOG adopted “Minimum Skills Recommended For Students Of Intermediate Fly Tying Classes”. The purpose for these recommendations is to assure students participating in fly tying classes are able to keep pace with and complete such courses by adding new knowledge and techniques to advance their existing skills. They also are intended to provide guidance for instructors for their class preparation. These “Minimum Skills” were published in the Spring-Summer 2014 issue of “Flyfisher”.

11. FTG Rendezvous - The FTG hosted the FTG Rendezvous following its 2013 annual meeting at the IFFF Fly Fair in West Yellowstone. The Rendezvous will again follow the annual meeting of the FTG at the 2014 IFFF Fly Fair in Livingston, MT in the city park along the Yellowstone River.

12. The Evergreen Hand Project - The FTG BOG continues to support this project by maintaining an account to receive and disburse funds for the Evergreen Hand Project. This project is led by Jesse Scott.
and Dean Childs, who currently are manufacturing and distributing special tying vises for participants in the project.

13. **Newsletter** - The FTG BOG has redesigned the newsletter in a more attractive format and now has a new editor, Bob Clay of Albany, GA. One new issue of the Newsletter that was posted on the IFFF website, and plans are to proactively invite informative content for support of quarterly issue. The BOG also voted to post future issues of the newsletter on the IFFF website available to and as an informational resource for all members of the FTG, IFFF and others who are interested in the subject and, more importantly, who wish to become members and support the Purpose of the FTG and IFFF. You also will notice that the newsletter is without a current name; it is anticipated that a new name will be adopted at the next annual meeting of the FTG in Livingston.

14. **FTG Logos** - The FTG currently has three logos in use that require trademarks to protect their value to the IFFF and prevent piracy by other organizations and/or entities. The BOG approved paying the fees ($300 each) required for trademark application for each logo and it is anticipated that the IFFF BOD will approve moving forward with the applications at their 2014 annual meeting at the Fly Fair in Livingston.

15. **Fly Tying Skills Awards Program** - The FTG currently is designing a Fly Tying Skills Awards Program that is intended to encourage and reward tiers for advancing their fly tying skills and generally contribute to the Purpose of the FTG in the preservation and enhancement of fly tying as an art form. It is an educational endeavor; it is not intended in any way to be construed as a certification program. The program is being designed with three progressive levels that will require tying and submission of prescribed collections of fly patterns for review and award. Each collection of flies will be of increasing complexity regarding tying skill and materials used. Tiers submitting the required flies at each level will receive Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards in recognition of their demonstration of suitable skills. This program is being patterned after a similar Awards Scheme Program that is administered in the United Kingdom by the “Fly Dressers’ Guild” (FDG). We have received enthusiastic support and endorsement by the FDG for implementation of the FTG Program. It is anticipated that the “Bronze Award Handbook” will be approved for implementation by the BOG at the annual meeting in Livingston with direction to proceed with design of the Silver and Gold Award Handbooks.

### IFFF Casting Instructor Certification Program

**David Diaz – Chair**

CICP Commences Examiner Development Pathway

In September 2013, The Casting Board of Governors launched the Examiner Development Pathway (EDP). The program is a formal Quality Assurance program that focuses on development and training of MCI-level instructors to serve as Examiners for the CICP. Benefits of this program will include increased training for all examiners in understanding and delivering the CICP instructor tests (CI, MCI, and THCI), which in turn should increase the quality of IFFF examiners and the consistency of the examination process for CICP candidates. The objective is to produce examining services for certification of instructors without much variation.

The Examiner Development Pathway (EDP) program is a necessary part of a planned upgrade to the CICP. The upgrade is quality based and includes revisions to all three CICP tests (CI, MCI, and THCI), development of a new CI Preparation and Study Guide, and establishment of Mentoring Programs for CI,
MCI, and THCI candidates. These upgrades are all designed to support IFFF’s CICP status as the preeminent fly-casting instructor organization in the world.

The EDP created three Examiner levels, each supported by specific levels of training and each having different examination responsibilities. The Examiner levels maintain current examination privileges and responsibilities for MCIs and BOG members, but define specific training and experience requirements for continuing qualification and for new examiners. Existing MCIs and BOG have been grand-fathered until the end of 2016 into one of the proposed examiner levels, as follows:

1. **Level 1 Examiner** corresponds to the current MCIs who can lead exams at the CI level as part of a two-person MCI team.

2. **Level 2 Examiner** corresponds to the current BOGs with MCIs who examine at the CI level as solo examiners or lead MCI exams with another BOG member or with two MCIs.

3. **Level 3 Examiner** corresponds to the current BOGs (and THCI Examiners) with MCI and THCI certifications who examine at the CI level as solo examiners, lead MCI exams with another BOG member or with two MCIs, and lead THCI exams.

The full set of Examiner Development Pathway (EDP) specifications is shown below in Table 1. Listed are the required credentials, experience (teaching, mentoring, observations, and examining), CICP involvement, presentation of workshops, and continuing education for each examiner level.

That specification is posted on the IFFF Website at www.fedflyfishers.org/Casting/ExaminerDevelopmentPathway%28EDP%29.aspx. Also posted are information FAQs about the EDP. As the program is modified and refined, Participants and interested MCIs will be able to find them on the website.

Over 50 of the IFFF Master Casting Instructors have registered for the EDP already. There is no fee to register; but interest and commitment are required. EDP Qualifications are not certifications. They are, however, recognized specializations for MCIs that make them more valuable to the IFFF. Since the program commenced in January of 2014, the EDP Advisory Committee has emphasized providing high quality Continuing Education Training Workshops for CI Examiners Training and the Examiner Effectiveness Workshop.

**A New Approach to Qualification as an Examiner**

Entry into the Examiner Development Pathway requires an MCI certification. Presently, MCIs can examine CI candidates (with another MCI) upon gaining their MCI certification. However, under the EDP, a new MCI, who is one certified after December 31, 2013, will be required to obtain specific training and experience before becoming a Level I Examiner. A new MCI would need to fulfill the Level I teaching, mentoring, and examination training (observations, second leads, and supervised leads) requirements, as well as taking the CI Examiner Workshop and the Examiner Effectiveness Workshop before applying to be considered as a Level I Examiner.

Members of the Casting Board of Governors who register for the EDP have to meet the same training and experience goals. The EDP will recognize some previously accumulated teaching, mentoring, and examining experience. One goal of the EDP is to conduct examinations without the special presence of a Governor which is now required for all MCI Certification Examinations.

Any Examiner at one level can prepare for application to the next level by gaining additional certifications, if needed (e.g., THCI), and additional teaching, mentoring, examining, and workshop training experience as shown in Table 1.
Table 1a. *Examiner Development Pathway Specification: Examiner Levels, and Requirements for each level*

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**Teaching**
Teaching is evaluated based on the number of hours taught annually, as well as on the number and type of students taught. Higher-level examiners (Levels II and III) are expected to teach Master and Two-Hand candidates in addition to teaching CI candidates (Table 1).

**Mentoring**
Mentoring is different than teaching, as it is based on a personal relationship between the mentor and the candidate in which the mentor teaches the candidate more than casting and teaching skills. Mentoring focuses on developing the candidate as a well-rounded CICP instructor and aids in their professional growth and development.

Higher-level examiners (Levels II and III) are expected to mentor Master and Two-Hand candidates in addition to CI candidates (Table 1). Mentoring involves ‘paying forward’ into the CICP, as well-mentored candidates are likely to pass CICP exams and in turn, become mentors themselves.

**CICP Contribution**
This category uses volunteer hours to show contribution to the CICP. As one moves higher up the Examiner levels, it is expected that annual contribution of donated hours and level of volunteerism will increase. CICP contribution (volunteer hours on behalf of FFF) may include: committee work, testing, test observations, non-fee teaching, non-fee mentoring, conducting pre-tests, giving presentations, workshops or clinics, and attendance at the CBOG’s Annual Meeting.

**Workshop Participation**
Presentation of workshops or clinics at public, club, and regional events is expected as part of a candidate’s training and growth. Presentation of workshops at national venues, such as the IFFF Annual Fly Fishing Fair, or at international events is strongly encouraged.

**Examination Participation**
Training through participation in examinations is an important part of the Examiner Development Pathway, where the candidate documents his or her participation in testing experience first through test observations, then through serving as second leads in exams, and finally through supervised leading of an exam. In each instance, the candidate is expected to benefit from a constructive debriefing with the exam leader or exam team after the exam as part of the learning and development process.

**Continuing Education**
A critical element in the Examiner Development Pathway is the suite of four training workshops, three of which are specific to the CICP tests (CI, MCI, THCI), and a fourth that is aimed at increasing overall examiner effectiveness.

Examiners at all levels are required to take the Examiner Effectiveness training workshop, a full day (6 hour) workshop that will emphasize safety, how to run an effective exam, how to lead or participate in an exam team, and how to deal with various exam and candidate scenarios.

The four Continuing Education Training Workshops for Examiners are being provided in several locations in the US and at International events. The fee of $75.00 for each Participant in a Workshop covers printing of the course materials distributed, site rental and janitorial services, projector rental, and Training Faculty transportation and maintenance.
Implementation
When the Examiner Development Pathway commenced in January, all existing MCIs were classified as Level I Examiners. BOG members with MCIs became Level II Examiners; and BOGs with THCs, Level III Examiners. Current THCI Examiners, who also hold an MCI, are now classified as Level III Examiners.

To retain and validate these examiner designations, current examiners have to take the Continuing Education workshops for their level of examiner status. And Workshops have to be taken over a 3-year period. The workshops are developed, ready for EDP Participants, and have been presented to those registered in the EDP in West Yellowstone, Long Beach, California, and Atlanta, Georgia.

EDP Requirements and Examiner Application Process
CICP instructors wishing to become Examiners need to enter the Examiner Development Pathway by contacting the Casting Coordinator, Holly Sandbo, at IFFF Headquarters who will coordinate with the Examiner Review Committee. Candidates would then follow the guidelines in Table 1 and accumulate the experience and workshops required for the appropriate Examiner Level. Experience and accomplishments will be documented annually. An online system overseen by the Casting Coordinator and the Examiner Review Committee is planned.

Review of Examiner Candidates
Once EDP candidates have completed the required elements for an Examiner Level, they summarize their experiences and training and make application to the Examiner Review Committee for consideration as a CICP Examiner. The Examiner Review Committee is composed of five CICP Examiners who job is to evaluate the candidate’s application and make a recommendation to the CBOG Executive Committee concerning the applicant. Final decisions on appointments of CICP Examiners rest with the CBOG Executive Committee, acting upon recommendations from the Examiner Review Committee.

Maintaining Examiner Status
Existing examiners will also need to file annual activity and training reports. Expected kinds and amounts of activities are noted in Table 1 for each examiner level. The Examiner Review Committee will review performance of existing examiners every three years. Examiners whose performance falls below the standard for their Examiner Level will be asked to bring their training and activity level up to standard within the following year. If they fail to do so, they may be downgraded in their examiner level or even removed from the Examiner pool.
Museum Committee (now in its 4th year)

Sherry Steele – Chair

2014 – Phase 4 will start July 28, 2014 and continue after the IFFF Fair through August 15th. The purpose is to tackle signage in the museum. Many of our items need further research and signage added that tells more about the item. We will also be hosting Museum tours during the IFFF Fair. The library will also get some attention by continuing the cataloging. We have several new donations to catalog.


Museum Committee History
Project Proposed October 2010

2011 – Phase 1 The museum collection was cataloged and Photographed by the committee members. Thank to John Kimura for the long hours of photographing all the items.

2012 – Phase 2 The Museum Committee joined forces in September 2012 for 2 weeks to catalog the Library Collection. We were successful in cataloging hundreds of books and were able to estimate the value of the book collection. We now have a database that lists the books. Thanks to all committee members that helped with this effort.

2013- Phase 3 of this museum project was to tackle the flies that have been collected over the 50 years. The IFFF Museum committee members spent 2 more weeks cataloging and photographing items. These are the flies that were in boxes and binders and not framed into a plate. The committee arrived at the Museum in Livingston following the fair September 30. The digital archive project (from the FTG) was our purpose this time. We found that most all the flies that were cataloged by the web interface developed by the FTG had already been published with pictures in book form. We decided not to pursue re-entering the data. Check out the display in the library. John Kimura took on the task of photographing the very old flies we had in boxes that have been previously donated. We also cataloged them.

Visit here to see IFFF Museum Mini Tour video. http://vimeo.com/55523928

Anyone that is interested in joining the committee, please contact me at Steelefly@msn.com
Council Reports

Chesapeake Council

President - Vacant

Report submitted by Ken Tidy, Membership Chair & Dianne Tidy, Development Chair

The Chesapeake Council started to rebuild last summer and the new Articles of Incorporation in Virginia were completed in September 2013. Our first public event as the newly formed Chesapeake Council (CC) was Cumberland Trout Unlimited Casting Competition at the Carlisle Sportsmen’s Show in Carlisle, PA. The new CC website www.ccifff.org was launched in early 2014 to provide club and event information to members and potential members within our region.

Despite winter storm warnings, the CC kick-off event was held at The Lancaster Fly Fishing Show in January 2014. Led by MCI Gary Kell, the CC offered our first scheduled CCI testing, CCI Continuing Education program and free casting lessons during the show. Fund raising at this show and a new membership drive was successful with the addition of “Square” technology so that we could take donations and memberships by credit card.

During March the CC sponsored a booth at Tiefest in Grasonville, MD; and at the National Capital TU Show in Bethesda, MD. The Antietam Fly Caster's Rendezvous (Antietam Fly Anglers - charter club) was held on the shores of the Potomac River in late March. The CC provided MCI’s and CCI’s for teaching single and double handed casting. Once again the weather predictions kept attendance low; but, those who ventured out and participated enjoyed the day. The CC also sponsored a booth at the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival in April; but, attendance at the event was not as large as anticipated.

The CC Youth Camp scheduled for the end of May was cancelled for the first time in memory due to insufficient registrations. The Council will be looking at this again for 2015 to see if there are other ways to attract younger fly fishing participants (perhaps parent/child or family event).

The Chesapeake Council is still in the re-development stage and is having difficulty keeping board members energized and active. Fund raising has allowed us to continue our efforts to expand in the region; but, additional funds will be needed to grow new IFFF clubs and membership.

Eastern Rocky Mountain Council

Pat Oglesby – President

The Eastern Rocky Mountain Council’s membership has seen an increase this past year. We welcome a new charter club, Pueblo Tailwater Renegades, located in Pueblo, CO. ERMC Membership Chair, Don Gibbs, has a presence with an IFFF booth at the two fly fishing shows held in Denver, CO each winter and gives away fly collections to new members that sign up during the show. New members are obtained but retention isn’t what it should be. Many clubs offer incentives such as, take a new member fishing, to encourage membership. Clubs are always looking for innovative ways to increase membership.
Individual clubs participate in a variety of projects. Pikes Peak Fly Fishers in Colorado Springs, CO has a very active involvement with Project Healing Waters at Fort Carson. Grand Valley Anglers in Grand Junction, CO is also very active with Project Healing Waters through the local VA hospital. One of our larger clubs, Arizona Fly Casters Club of Phoenix, AZ has a PHW program with an amazing schedule and huge volunteer participation.

All our clubs teach fly tying in the winter and participate in fishing outings during the summer. The clubs in Arizona continue to work with government agencies in recovery of their native Gila trout. Grand Valley Anglers of Grand Junction, Colorado sponsors the Western Colorado Fly Fishing Exposition each spring and Gunnison Gorge Anglers of Montrose, Colorado holds their Black Canyon Fly Fair annually. Both have youth programs that introduce several hundred young fly fishers to fly casting and fly tying.

The Relief Ditch Diversion was a $750,000 project to replace a push-up irrigation diversion on the Gunnison River in Western Colorado headed up by Gunnison Gorge Anglers. An IFFF conservation grant helped fund this high profile project.

Clubs in the Council are involved in protecting our resources from threats due to widespread oil and gas exploration and development occurring across the West.

Most clubs work with schools and organizations in youth education. Don Gibbs and his volunteers teach youth fly tying and fly casting at The Fly Fishing Show held in Denver, CO each January.

Outings to entertain members and introduce nonmembers to fly fishing are being held each summer by most clubs. Individual clubs have discovered different ways of fund raising to finance their projects.

The Council’s twelve clubs are spread from northern Wyoming to southern Arizona creating a geographical challenge to hold a Council event.

Florida Council

Thomas Gadacz President

The Florida Council IFFF met on March 9, 2013 and discussed plans to expanded board membership to 20 members. We reviewed the leadership of the board and assigned responsibilities for the year. We continue to have excellent support from M.E. DePalma our web site manager and Ron Whiteley our newsletter editor. We had a very detailed plan for the Expo in October and assigned responsibility for several key positions. A follow up meeting was planned with progress reports for the Expo.

The following were elected at the March 9, 2013 meeting.

**Officers:**

- President: Thomas Gadacz
- 1ST VP: Tom H. Logan
- 2nd VP: Roger Maler
- Secretary: Joanna Williams
- Treasurer: Gerald Bell

**Directors:**

- M.E. DePalma, also Webmaster
- Ron Whiteley, also Newsletter Editor
- Pat Damico
- Dave Lambert
- Jack Neely
- Dennis O’Brien
- David Olsen
- Roger Williams
Directors at Large:
Andy Mill
Chico Fernandez
Flip Pallot

We had a teleconference on April 25, 2013 to update plans for the Expo. The Board and members met on July 13, 2013 at the Plantation in Crystal River to discuss plans for the Expo and exchange ideas for promotion of the Expo. We received responses from several club presidents and their interest in serving on the Board. We also encouraged casting clinics to attract membership in International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) and local clubs. Our goals are to promote fly fishing in Florida, IFFF membership, support of local club and their members, and support and attendance at the FL Council IFFF 2013 Expo. Additional goals include conservation, education and support for special fly fishing programs (PHWFF, Casting for Recovery, youth programs, casting and fly tying programs).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
In planning for the expansion of the Board and increased communication and participation of fly fishers in Florida we focused on the FL Council IFFF Expo which was held October 18-19, 2013 at The Plantation in Crystal River, FL. Phil Greenlee was an honored guest along with Chico Fernandez and Flip Pallot. We had 500 attendees with 40 featured fly tiers and many programs thanks to David Lambert and many vendors thanks to Dave Olson. The Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers were the local hosts. Many individuals contributed to the success of the event which was Chaired by Tom Logan and Co-chaired by Tom Gadacrz. Phil Greenlee met with administrators from the Boy Scouts of America to discuss promoting fly fishing Boy Scout programs. The FL Council Board met with several of the presidents of FL fly fishing clubs to discuss promotion of fly fishing and programs and support from FL Council and IFFF.

We developed a data sheet and map of the fly fishing clubs in Florida and distributed this at the Expo and e-mailed it to all the club presidents in Florida. We identified 4 Affiliate Clubs, 8 Charter Clubs and 8 other clubs. Information was sent on a regular basis to all clubs and encouraged clubs to host regional fly fishing events and share club newsletters. We also requested all presidents of clubs who were also IFFF members to join the FL Council IFFF Board in 2014.

The FL Council and clubs were represented at several state events such as testimony in Tallahassee for support of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Committee’s (FWC) policy on bonefish and tarpon as game fish. Several clubs supported the PHWFF event at the Bradenton Yacht Club on May 18, 2013 and the Renzetti Fly Fishing and Rod Building Fair in support of Casting for Recovery on December 7, 2013 in Titusville, FL.

CONSERVATION: Tom Logan
Florida Conservation Issue – Testimony
Testimony was provided by Tom Logan, Tom Gadacz, and Pete Greenan on behalf of the Florida Council IFFF and the IFFF in favor of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to declare tarpon and bone fish as catch and release game fish in Florida. The proposal passed with strong support.

Hobe Sound NWR Receives Grant
The IFFF awarded a Small Conservation Grant in the amount of $1,500 that was matched with an additional $500 grant from the Florida Council of the FFF to the Hobe Sound National
Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center for a conservation project in the Hobe Sound area to teach youth conservation ethics. Tom Logan was sponsor of the grant.

**EDUCATION:** Tom Gadacz

Several clubs including the Florida Big Bend Fly Fishers, Tallahassee, Suncoast Fly Fishers, Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club, and Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers sponsored casting clinics open to IFFF members (others invited upon payment for IFFF + club membership).

Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) received a grant from IFFF Foundation of $1,200 for a fly fishing exhibit at the Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing and Interactive Museum. Phil Greenlee attended the SFF annual banquet and toured the museum and exhibit.

SFF received a grant from Fish Florida for $2,550 to support fly fishing programs at summer youth fishing camps.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ken Hofmeister

Members: January 1, 2013 = 534  
December 31, 2013 = 626

Ken Hofmeister appointed Membership Chair at March 9, 2014 meeting.

**COMMUNICATION:** M.E. DePalma and Ron Whitely

FL Council IFFF has an excellent web site and newsletter. The FL Council discussed methods of improving communication and the use of social media to attract and include younger fly fishers. Our presence on Social Media is getting us a lot of positive exposure.

**FINANCIAL:** Gerald Bell

Florida Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Beginning Book Balance (January 1, 2013) $17,013.18

Ending Book Balance (December 31, 2013) $20,337.30

**AWARDS:** Tom Logan received the Silver King Award (Tarpon) for extraordinary contributions to the sport of saltwater angling over an extended period of time as well as the Florida Council award at the IFFF Annual Awards banquet on September 25, 2013. Ron Winn received the Lew Jewett Memorial Life Award for dedication to numerous fly fishing activities encompassing promotion, devotion, conservation, preservation and teaching. Tom Gadacz received the IFFF President’s Pin.

**Great Lakes Council**

**James Schramm – President**

**Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC)**

The GLC is an active member of the MHRC along with the Anglers of the Au Sable, Michigan Council of TU and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. The MHRC continues to be involved in the implementation of hydro dam settlement agreements on the Muskegon, Manistee, Au Sable, Thunderay, Menominee and Ontonagon Rivers. The MHRC efforts resulted in a Settlement Agreement that lead to the surrender of the hydro licenses of three dams on the Boardman River. In April, 2009, Traverse City and Grand Traverse County approved moving forward with the removal of the Boardman, Sabin and Brownbridge Dams. The Brownbridge Dam removal was completed in the fall of 2012. Plans are moving forward for the removal of the Boardman dam in early 2015 and Sabin dam in 2016. The MHRC will be involved as part of the Implementation Team in removal of the dams.
2013 GLC Fly Tying Expo
The Council’s Thirteenth annual Fly Tying Expo was held on December 7, 2013 at the Holt High School in Holt, Michigan. The event was a great success with substantial dollars raised for the education and conservation programs of the GLC. Plans are underway for the 2014 Expo scheduled for November 1, 2014.

2014 GLC Fly Fishing School & Fair
The 2014 GLC Fly Fishing School & Fair held on June 13-15, 2014 was a great success and plans are underway for 2015 event to be held June 12-14, 2015 at the Ralph MacMullen Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan. Education programs will be offered for aspiring fly anglers as well as those experienced in the sport. Simultaneous programs and workshops for beginners, intermediate and advance anglers will be offered Friday starting at 1:00 p.m. and all-day Saturday. A complete beginning fly fishing course to include on-stream instruction will be offered. Fly tying workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Programs and workshops on casting (including Spey Casting), warmwater fly fishing, saltwater fly fishing, beginning fly tying, FFF Casting Certification and fly fishing for trout will also be on the schedule. Visit the GLC website at www.fffglc.com for details.

Board Meetings for 2014 and 2015
The Board of Directors has scheduled board meetings for 2014 and 2015. The fall board meeting will be held by conference call in October, the winter board meeting will be by conference call in February and the spring meeting which is the annual board meeting will be at our Fly Fishing School & Fair in June in Roscommon, Michigan. The Annual General Membership Meeting will also be held on Saturday of the Fly Fishing School & Fair.

Conservation
Maple River Restoration Project: The Conservation Resource Alliance submitted an application for conservation funding for their ongoing Maple River Project earlier this year. Following established procedures we submitted this application to the GLC Conservation Committee for approval. The Committee approved both funding from the GLC and submitting the project to the IFFF Conservation Committee for an IFFF Conservation Small Grant. This application was then submitted to the GLC Executive Committee for approval. The IFFF Executive Committee approved the project and the CRA has now received $1,500 checks from both the IFFF and the GLC. This year’s work has already begun on the project.

Anglers of the Au Sable Brook Trout Telemetry Project: The Anglers of the Au Sable submitted an application for funding for their Brook Trout Telemetry Project. We followed a similar procedure to the one noted above. The Anglers have also received $1,500 checks from the IFFF and the GLC. Preliminary work on this project has already begun.

Grayling Fish Hatchery: Last year Harietta Hills Trout Farm submitted a proposal to the Crawford County Commission to assume responsibility for day-to-day operation of the Grayling Fish Hatchery, which is located on the East Branch of the Au Sable River. The agreement consisted of two components. The first stated that Harietta Hills would operate the Hatchery as it has been operated for the last few years. The second phase would allow Harietta Hills to utilize the facility for fish production. They would increase production for approximately 20,000 pounds of fish to 200,000 pounds annually. In order to accomplish this goal Harietta Hills is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits. They submitted their application earlier this
year. There are many concerns about how this increased production will affect the downstream reaches of the Au Sable River. Fisheries Division of the DNR submitted a list of their concerns early on in the process. Unfortunately The Department of Agriculture, which is responsible for Aquaculture issues has ignored these concerns and is pushing the project forward. The Anglers of the Au Sable, led by Tom Baird have responded to the application and have submitted expert testimony regarding the concerns that are shared by Fisheries and the Anglers. The DEQ is now considering all of the comments on the application. I will keep the Board informed about the progress of this issue.

**National Guard Expansion:** Recently we learned about a plan by Michigan Department of Military Affairs to greatly expand the boundaries and usage of the Camp Grayling National Guard Facility. The newly proposed additions are on both sides of the Manistee River above CCC Bridge, and adjacent to the North Branch of the Au Sable below Lovells. The GLC and Anglers of the Au Sable sent a letter to the Governor and others with comments on this issue. The initial response from the National Guard is that they will follow our recommendations and not request expansion into the sensitive areas.

**Cold Water Resources Steering Committee:** President Schramm and VP Conservation Terry Lyons attended the CRSC Meeting on May 6th. Issues discussed included adding a Retail Business Representative to the committee, an issue being considered by many DNR Advisory Committees.

We also discussed the proposed 10 Brook Trout limit in the UP. Fisheries division will continue to collect data and comments on this issue before making any recommendations. The number of streams that are covered under this agreement will expand from 5 to 10 this year; this provision was part of the original agreement with NRC Commissioners.

Troy Zorn did a presentation about the Fish Population Trend Viewer that will be available for the public to use soon. This viewer will allow anglers to access trend data on growth, abundance, and survival of important species sampled via electro-fishing at Fisheries Division=s Status and Trends fixed sites.

Seth Herbst, the new Fisheries Division Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator did a presentation about invasive species that are threatening Michigan waters. He showed us a model wader wash station that will be available for groups like ours to install and maintain. We are expecting to hear more about this project soon.

Troy Zorn also gave an update about the Coaster Brook Trout Study. Troy is hoping to implement some experimental regulations on a limited number of Lake Superior streams to attempt to re-establish a viable Coaster population. These regulations will mirror those used in successfully Minnesota.

The Department is planning to develop a Trout Management Plan over the next few years. A public survey and draft plan should begin next year.

Mark Tonello, one of the Fisheries Biologists out of the Cadillac office presented a proposal for treble hook restrictions on several Lake Michigan Tributaries. These include the Big Manistee, River the Betsie River, Bear Creek and the Big Sable River. The goal of this proposal is to limit the amount of snagging taking place on these streams. The proposed regulations from August 1 to November 15 would restrict lures on the proposed waters to unweighted single hooks with a maximum gap of a half-inch. Treble hooks of less than 3/8 could be used if attached to a lure. Only recognized lures would be allowed and created lures with lead molded to a body would not
be allowed. County Prosecutors and Law Enforcement division have already approved this proposal. We will continue to monitor this issue.

Dave Borgeson Sr. presented his research on the effects of different types of streamside vegetation. This was an eye opening program that showed how streams with grass lined banks responded much better than those with tree line banks. This applies to small headwater streams and not larger rivers, but the difference is significant.

**Stream Restoration Outing Opportunity:** The Anglers of the Au Sable Habitat Committee is making preparations for a work outing on the upper reach of the West Branch of Big Creek. The initial outing will be conducted on Saturday July 26 northeast of Lovells on Big Creek. The work will consist of removing old beaver dams and installing brush bundles to collect sediment loosened by the dam removal.

**Gulf Coast Council**  
Kyle Moppert – President  
**GCC Territory: Louisiana, Mississippi and south Alabama**  
After the great changes in the Council territories last year, this year (2013/14) has been a year of coming together. Previously, stretching some 1,200 plus miles from the western edge of Florida to the Rio Grande, the “revised” GCC’s is the much more compact territory of Louisiana, Mississippi and south Alabama links Federators with a history of fishing, conclaving, and EXPO’ing together.

**GCC Board of Directors (BOD)**  
Upon the division of the GCC, the previous GCC-BOD resigned with the exception of the President, Treasurer, and VP-Development, but only after two Federation members, representing each active GCC clubs, were ratified as an acting or “temporary” GCC-BOD. Subsequently, this new GCC-BOD elected a slate of officers. This year, the GCC has added a few more Board members, each representing additional GCC clubs. The BOD and Officers will serve the council until the council holds an open election at the Business Meeting, September 13, 2014.

**Communications**  
Over this last year, the Council President has visited eight of the 11 GCC clubs and plans to continue club visits. The GCC has published two of the very best newsletters in the Federation which are posted on our website: [http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/](http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/)

Since “the Councils are the Federation”, the theme of the GCC website is, “We are the Federation!” The GCC website has also seen significant revisions and additions of significant content, including over 450 photographs of Federators from all 11 GCC clubs, along with pictures of nearly 50 species of fly caught fish.

**Finance**  
In 2013, the previous GCC-BOD voted to split the Council’s treasury evenly between the two councils with each receiving approximately $13,500. At the time of this report the GCC’s treasury holds approximately $9,500. A GCC Treasurer’s Report, detailing all expenditures, will be available at the GCC Business Meeting in September.  
The GCC Fly Fair in September 12/13, 2014 will be the council’s first fundraising event.
Membership
At the time of our restructuring, the GCC started with less than 120 Federators, and as of May 31, 2014, the GCC had 227 members, for a 90% growth in Federation membership, in just 18 months!

Upon revising our council boundaries, the “revised” GCC was comprised of just seven, Federation clubs: Eastern Shore Fly Fishers, Magnolia Fly Fishers, Historic Ocean Springs Saltwater FF (HOSSFLY), Mississippi Coast Fly Fishers, Red Stick Fly Fishers, New Orleans Fly Fishers and the Acadiana Fly Rodders. Commitment to the Federation was weak in a few of those clubs. Since re-organization, support for the Federation has grown within all of these clubs.

In 2013, the North Louisiana Fly Fishers voted to affiliate with the GCC; the Cane Country Fly Casters joined the Federation and the GCC as a Charter club; and the Contraband Fly Casters re-joined the GCC as a Charter club. In October 214, the Chickasaw Fly Fishers was formed as the GCC’s newest charter club, thus, giving the “revised” GCC a total of 11 charter and affiliated clubs. In this last year, the members of the New Orleans Fly Fishers have voted to become the GCC’s fourth Charter club and are currently working on the required paperwork.

The GCC’s growth in both Federators and member clubs has happened prior to the council holding any council wide events, and therefore, we expect continued growth as the Council has more interactions between the Council, members and clubs, such as our first Annual Gulf Coast Council Fly Fair in Ocean Springs, Mississippi on September 12/13, 2014.

Conservation
Upon re-organizing, the GCC BOD agreed that conservation will play a central role in this council, and the GCC-BOD has voted to donate half of the profits from our upcoming Fly Fair in Ocean Springs, MS to the University Of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Lab (GCRL) for fisheries research, most likely for Gulf Strain Stripers or Tarpon research. To learn of the GCRL’s historic work with the Gulf Strain Striper and other fisheries research /conservation:
http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/research/striped_bass.php
http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/

A grant application for $1,500 by the Eastern Shore Fly Fishers for participation in a regional oyster reef building project in Mobile Bay, AL has been approved by the IFFF Conservation Committee, and upon approval by the IFFF Board, the GCC BOD has voted to match the IFFF’s funding ($1,500).

Education
For our second year, the GCC is breaking new ground in educational efforts, by working with a new, regional Boy Scouts of America “High Adventure” Camp, Swamp Base, a 65-mile kayaking adventure through the Louisiana’s famed, Atchafalaya Basin:

www.BSASwampbase.org

In April, 2013, the GCC committed to supplied BSA-Swamp Base 35 TFO Educational Fly Rod Sets. The majority of these rods came as donations from our member clubs. For both years, a fly box (including six flies /box donated by both GCC and Texas Council tiers) with Swamp Base imprinted on one side and FFF logo and web site imprinted on the reverse side was given to each...
scout and scout leader attendee, and Keith Richard, MCI, held trainings for Swamp Base staff, so that most BSA-Swamp Base staff members would be qualified to teach the overhead and roll cast to any participating scout.

In its first two years, BSA-Swamp Base will have hosted over 350+ participating scouts from 17 states – representing nine (9) IFFF Councils, many located far from the GCC:

In the coming years, BSA-Swamp Base plans on marketing this High Adventure Camp nationally as the BSA’s “Premier Fly Fishing Destination”, and the Gulf Coast Council has reaffirmed our commitment to supply an adequate number of educational fly rods to this program, as well as, flies and fly box for each scout/leader, to allow for every scout who attends BSA-Swamp Base to catch the abundant, trophy-sized fish in this, the country’s largest river-driven swamp.

It is our goal for scout troops to be referred by the BSA-Swamp Base program to their “local” Federation clubs/councils prior to attending Swamp Base. Such referrals will allow for Federation clubs and councils across the USA to work, train and form associations with “their” participating scout troops.

Additionally, most GCC clubs regularly hold/participate in educational events such as the Eastern Shore Fly Fishers participation at Delta Woods and Water Expo, where hundreds of children are taught to tie and cast each year and this club’s long standing relationship with regional Boy Scout Leader Annual Trainings for BSA leaders from throughout southern Mississippi, Alabama and western Florida; the Red Stick Fly Fishers teaching casting and tying at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries – National Hunting and Fishing Day; and HOSSFLY’s recent Tarpon Day.

**Events**

The clubs in the GCC have long history of holding successful events, such as the annual shows held yearly by the Acadiana Fly Rodders, Red Stick Fly Fishers, Contraband Fly Casters, and the Cane Country Fly Casters; the casting events held by the HOSSFLY; and the New Orleans Fly Fishers Rio Rodeo. The GCC plans to continue work with all of our clubs to enable them to hold successful events, such as the North Louisiana Fly fishers planned Fly Fair to be held in Shreveport in early 2015.

For those wishing to take CCI and MCI certification this year, the Gulf Coast Council’s MCI’s recently held a casting certification event and will have held at least one additional event by year’s end… one in Mississippi and one in Louisiana.
The GCC will hold a Fly Fair in Ocean Springs, MS on 12/13, 2014. Currently in the planning stages, this will be the council’s first fund raising event. At this time, the Fly Fair Chairs are very pleased with the participation that they are receiving and anticipation is running high throughout the council. The GCC plans on reviving the atmosphere of the old “South Eastern Council’s coastal conclaves”, which were well-known for their food and fun! Come down and join us!

Gulf Coast Council clubs have a long history of holding a variety of gatherings and events, such as the Red Stick Fly Fishers Annual Grand Isle Trip (with participants from eight or nine area clubs); the annual Caddo Conclave co-sponsored by the North Louisiana Fly Fishers and two east Texas clubs; and the Acadiana Fly Rodders and North Louisiana Fly Fishers sponsorship of Reel Recovery retreats with participants (Buddies) coming from New Orleans and Red Stick Fly Fishers, Contraband and Cane Country Fly Casters. The Mississippi Coast Fly Fishers have sponsored Project Healing Waters (PHW) events, and participants in other PHW events have come from the North Louisiana and Chickasaw Fly Fishers, and the Contraband Fly Casters, along with individual Federators in Mississippi.

In November, the Gulf Coast and Texas Councils will work together and co-sponsor the council’s longest running event, the 26th North Toledo Bend Rendezvous.

http://pages.suddenlink.net/w/Rendez/indexR.html

Our “Rendezvous” is the oldest, non-show related gathering of fly tiers in the South, and this “Rendezvous” has spawned a number of similar events across the country.

**Northern California Council**

Ken Brunskill- President

**This report covers the period of June 2, 2012 through December 31, 2013**

Because the now International Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (IFFF) the parent corporation of all councils belonging to the IFFF, have their fiscal year coincide with the calendar year, at the September 2013 Board meeting the Northern California Council (NCC) voted to revise the NCC bylaws to have the NCC fiscal year coincide with the IFFF calendar year.

Therefore this report attempts to cover the period of the 2012 fiscal year inclusive of the abbreviated 2013 fiscal year.

Consequent Annual reports will cover January 1 to December 31 of the year in which are being reported.

**President’s Remarks**

In his part of the 2013 annual report IFFF Chairman/CEO Phil Greenlee reported:

“The International Federation of Fly Fishers now consists of sixteen councils . . .”. The IFFF is still expanding in foreign countries with 750 foreign members including Canada. When we add up our U.S. members plus Canada and our foreign membership and the electronic membership it totals approximately 14,000.

*The IFFF through the Northern California Council has created a new program for veterans in the San Francisco Bay area called “Veterans First Fly Fishing” which works with the VA hospitals in California and hopefully will expand to other states.*

Now about matters closer to home and pertinent to our membership:
The NCC continues to search for ways and particularly individuals who are interested in making a difference. Someone once said “It takes a community . . . .”, as recollection serves, that was in reference to making a difference. The NCC board is comprised of members who are willing to step outside of their personal space and offer themselves to the fly fishing community. Your NCC board had a few rough spots during 2012-2013, and in 2014 we still have more that need to be done. We remain strong and resilient. It really depends on you our members, as you know we are 100% volunteer as are all the other (16) councils throughout the USA. You can readily see from the financial report that we have a sufficient funding to carry out our mission; however that comes at a significant cost. Paying particular attention to the burn rate (the revenue raised and the funds spent) the NCC is or has been more generous than our income would indicate we can continue doing without significant changes in our income stream.

We are always looking for members to become part of the Board of Directors, not just to hold a board position, but become an integral part of the organization, participating and taking the lead of committees, it is these kind of individual’s that get things done and shape the organization. Following the June 2013 meeting, the NCC meeting format changed from (4) quarterly Board Meetings to include teleconference meeting in-between those quarterly face to face meeting, in the interim I have made a point of calling each director at least once during the quarter to maintain an open and friendly dialogue, indications are this and the monthly teleconference board meeting have opened and improved communications.

Using the award that the NCC received from (AREA) Aquatic Resource Educators Association for the work the council’s clubs did with Trout in the Classroom (TIC), I have visited (11) clubs doing the TIC program within the NCC region sharing the award with those individuals or had meaningful telephone discussions with another (3) clubs. The attempt is to visit and or speak to the leadership of all of the 40+ clubs within that are in the council area.

Finally at the McCumber meeting I was tasked with reconnecting with CalTrout and Trout Unlimited, I am happy to report that this has been accomplished and we are once again partnering on some programs.

Secretary’s Report:
In the 2012-2013 the secretary’s position has been carried out and minutes were taken and published by various individuals, for the General Meeting of 2013, the (2) Members & Board of Director’s Meeting’s, and (4) teleconferences.

This Annual Report has been generated by your current president and reviewed by the current Executive Board.

It can be very time consuming for those contributing but it provides a glimpse into what your Federation has been doing for the past year.
Treasurers Report:

A full report is available upon request in writing.
Jim Berdan, Treasurer
Board of Directors Action Plan

As this diagram shows the Northern California Council accomplishing many of our planned activities while falling short in some of the desired activities. The onuses is on us to review what we are going to accomplish, let’s review where we fell short: (Clockwise from the top)

1. **Conclave**: A proposal was made for a September-October – lacked Board Support, until there is board support and participation – nothing will be planned.
   a. A processes is in place and ready for trial to conduct a Conclave-Fly Fishing Fair.
   b. Await a board consensus & participation to conduct such an event.
2. **Image to Community**: Have communicated the accomplishments (*Conservation & Education reports*) - Lack information from clubs & members to share with the fly fishing community to publicize further accomplishments.
3. **Membership**: Have grown – lacking a dedicated Membership VP this area is not receiving the attention needed.
4. **Casting for Recovery** – Lacks a sponsor
5. **Master Calendar** – No inputs from clubs – will try monthly teleconference with club presidents to obtain a better flow of club activities to place on NCC web calendar.
6. **Social Media-Twitter** – Lacks a sponsor
Conservation Report:

1. Monitored FERC Relicensing of New Exchequer and McSwain Dams on the Merced River.
2. Opposed HR 934, which would remove Wild & Scenic Status from the Merced River to allow for possible expansion of McClure reservoir by the Merced irrigation district (MID).
3. Monitored FERC Relicensing of Don Pedro Dam on the Tuolumne River – in particular FERC’s decision on whether a non-FERC dam (La Grange), which blocks salmon and steelhead passage, will be included in the relicensing.
4. Worked with Environmental Water Caucus (EWC) & Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) to shape a responsible water export plan for California’s San Francisco Bay Delta.
5. Supported Coastal Habitat Education Environmental Restoration (CHEER) Fish Rescue Permitting Issues.
6. Worked with Middle Fork American Working Group & Foothill Anglers Coalition to improve flows in the Middle Fork of the American River.
7. Worked with Trout Unlimited & Cal Trout to achieve fishable flows in all but the wettest years in the McCloud River.
8. Continued seeking Wild & Scenic River status for Tuolumne River above Don Pedro Dam and agreements to allow the return of Salmon & Steelhead below the Dam.
9. Worked with Foothill Anglers Coalition & Nevada Irrigation district for better flows for fish in the Upper Yuba River.
10. Continued monitoring Secretary of Interior decision on removing dams on the Klamath River.
11. Helped craft the language the Department of Fish and Wildlife has accepted providing canopy corridors and road setbacks for California Forestry Practices, including better Timber Harvest Plans – resulting lower runoff into streams.
12. Helped establish a more efficient fish counting system on the Smith River.
13. Actively supported efforts to return anadromous fish to Alameda Creek and Permanente Creek. Monitored efforts in the San Geronimo Valley habitat legal battles.
14. Acted as fiscal agent for Striperfest, argued in support of science regarding striped bass predation on listed species vs. the speculation presented by the Delta water export contractors, and supported better management for our fisheries by State and Federal agencies to insure sustainability.
15. Worked with American River Operating Group & Healthy Water Forum to improve river conditions and to improve riparian habitat.

Development:

The 2013 Hall of fame was successful in celebrating 30 years of Hall of Fame honorees; Seth Norman was the master of ceremonies roasting the surviving honorees.

The event was well attended and everyone had a wonderful meal and enjoyed seeing the attending past honorees get lambasted by Seth.

A Veterans First Fly Fishing dinner was also held in December where the Northern California Council hosted 30+ veterans to a terrific dinner while we raised $8,000 for equipment and trips for our Veterans First Fly Fishing program.
Education:

1. Trout in the Classroom & Salmon & Trout Education Programs
   a. 47 Northern California Council area clubs have installed & supported
      i. 750+ Classroom aquariums
      ii. 1,875 Students (at 25/classroom average)
   b. These students are eager to learn about how to protect our streams.
   c. These students go home and influence their parents – who vote

2. The council received a national award from the Aquatic Resource Educators Association for:
   a. Developing Power Point Presentations for teachers and volunteers which provide graphic illustrations of:
      i. How the aquarium components replicate nature
      ii. The life cycle of a Rainbow Trout
      iii. What a rainbow trout eats
      iv. Components of habitats (Riparian and Aquatic)
      v. Watersheds and their impact on streams
   b. Creating three posters for classroom use
      i. Anatomy of a Rainbow Trout
      ii. Riparian Habitat
      iii. Trout foods

3. The council has become the fiscal agent for the CFW Trout in the Classroom

4. The council is the birthplace of Veterans First Fly Fishing with (7) operating Fly Fishing workshops: (Teaching Fly Tying, Fly Casting and Fly Fishing)
   a. Livermore VA:
   b. Community Living Center 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
   c. Bld. 62 Outpatient 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
   d. Menlo Park VA – Welcome Center every other Friday, 10:30 – 12:00 PM
   e. Palo Alto VA Spinal Cord Injury 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:00 PM
   f. San Jose VA – Respite Room, the 3rd Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
   g. Oakland VA – MAC Club, the 2nd Friday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
   h. Sacramento area – Granite Bay Club Meeting 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM
   i. New programs opening in Oregon and Louisiana

5. The council provides the “Learning Center” at Fly Fishing shows and venues throughout Northern California, where we teach:
   a. Fly Tying to all ages and skill levels
   b. Fly Casting to new casters, as well as advising and/or fixing casting problems
   c. Entomology – identifying aquatic insects
   d. Knot tying

Membership Report:
The most recent report from the IFFF office in Montana shows the NCC membership having grown by a modest 2.36%
As of the February 2013 we were at 678 Members
At the same period in 2014 we are at 694 Members
Your board remains to search for a Membership VP Please consider this position; I can tell you as the acting Membership VP, visiting clubs has been very interesting and rewarding.

To assist with the recruiting of members your NCC board and members with the appropriate skills have developed a very nice brochure, this brochure explains much of what the council and IFFF does for the fly fishing community. Of course it cannot give as much detail as we would like but it does a splendid job in the space available.  

Ken Brunskill, Acting Membership VP

North Eastern Council
Bob Ford – President

NEC Territory
USA – CT, N.Y., N.J., MA, VT, N.H., ME, R.I.
CANADA- Quebec, Newfoundland, Ontario, P.E.I., New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

Senior Advisors: NEC has added this to our table of organization. We have identified five members of IFFF who are no longer active with the council. They had been active over several decades holding positions as officers, directors and responsible for key assignments. They are ICONS in the fly fishing tradition and as advisors will share their wisdom, knowledge, and help guide our council as we move forward.

Activities:
Marlboro, MA - The Fly Fishing Show
Somerset, N.J. – The Fly Fishing Show
Taunton, MA - Bears Den Expo
Taunton, MA – NEC/Bears Den Event
Roscoe, N.Y. - Catskill Fly Casting Rendezvous
West Point, N.Y. – U.S. Military Academy/BSA Camporee
Somerset, N.J.- International Fly Tying Symposium
Freeport, ME and various Locations - LL Bean fly Fishing Expo

Education: All of the activities above are the NEC educational efforts. Described as follows:

The Fly Fishing Shows: Both Shows provide a great opportunity for NEC. The promoter has assigned NEC a large portion of the exhibit halls identified as “The Learning Center”. The area is reserved for NEC to provide fly casting lessons to youngsters of all ages. All three days of the Show. The attendance is about 10,000 anglers and beginners and gives IFFF great exposure.

Bears Den Expo and Events: The Bears Den is one of the largest retail fly shops in our area. NEC enjoys a great relationship with the owner. Their Expo is well attended. We also have a joint event at his shop just prior to the fishing season where we give fly casting and tying lessons all day.

Fly Casting Rendezvous: This is an annual event and held at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum. Over 20 CCI’s participated with hands-on instruction. Students ranged from beginners to seasoned fly fishers looking to take it to the next level. Instruction included basic with traditional methods to spey casting. Fly tying was another added feature.

U.S. Military Academy/BSA Camporee: NEC has been invited by the U.S. Military Academy for the last eight years which they host at their West Point campus. These camporees are
attended by 5-7,000 boy scouts. We provide fly casting lessons and process about 125 scouts, parents, cadets and officers.

**LL Bean Expo:** For the last 15 years Bean has invited NEC to provide fly fishing lessons at their retail stores in New England and New York. Also fly casting is space allows.

**Outreach:** We are joined at the hip with Stripers Forevers, stewards of the striped bass: a fish that is diminishing in numbers and size and should be protected. NEC is active with the Boy Scouts of America. We average about two Camporees/Jamborees per year.

**Conservation:** Our major target is the fracking issue, especially in New York. And we recently became involved with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture.

**Membership:** Has been steady at about 850.

**Finances:** Has been steady at about $4500.

**Council Split:** The NEC board has voted to split in two. The new council will consist of N.Y. N.J. and Ontario and be known as the Eastern Waters Council (EWC). We feel IFFF will benefit from the split for the following reasons: more efficiency, shorter drive time and distance, more opportunity to connect and communicate with local fly shops, clubs, fishing outings and attend fly fishing related events. We will be better able to service our members especially our clubs.

**Ohio Council**

**Jeff McElravy – President**

We are continuing to work on increase the size of our Board and reorganizing. We now have seven members and Miami Valley is going to add two more in the near future. There will be five clubs represented in its membership. Casting, Conservation, Membership, and Fly Tying have their positions filled. We hope to have Education filled soon. We have monthly online meetings with in-person meetings at the Warm Water Conclave and in November.

**Membership.** Our membership is still shrinking but has slowed. Ed Jones, our Membership chair and I are calling the new members and recently dropped members to try help. We have had booths at our shows to recruit new members. We hope to turn this around this year. I am contacting clubs in the state to look to rejoining IFFF or joining for the first time.

**Education.** The North Coast Fly Fishers have a fly tying show in January. It was larger this year than last and was better attended. Buckeye United Fly Fishers had their show in February. There was casting demonstrations on the portable casting pond. AK Best was the featured speaker and fly tier. About 1000 people attended. We had our Warm Water Conclave in June after not being able to have it last year. It was a good show with Chris Helm being the featured tier. The attendance was not what we hoped for, but we expect to do better next year.

**Finance.** We have been having raffles at the shows. This has been successful but funds continue to be an area on concern.

**Conservation.** We now have a Conservation Chair. He is in process of contacting the member clubs for input and checking for any needs.
Oregon Council
Sherry Steele – President
Period (July 1, 2013 - June, 30, 2014)
Membership Update  Total Membership as of Mar 31, 2014   611

Council Meetings
The full board had meetings every quarter. Participation was excellent. We have at least 2 of our meetings by conference call, and 2 face to face.

Events
Annual Meeting & Board Meeting at Joseph Stewart State Park, June 21, 2014. Our new council board for 2014-2015 is in place June 21, 2014. We approved the name change to add International, along with the revised By Laws.

Our Main Education Fundraising Event 2014 Expo was successful for Friday and Saturday, but the Expo committee recommended going back to a 2-day event. (Adding Sunday didn’t work for Exhibitors due to low attendance on Sunday except for the super youth program). We will include the youth program in our 2-day event next year. Expo will be March 13 & 14, 2015

Council Finance Report - John Kreft
   NW Expo - Profit for the 2014 NW Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo was $9,589.

Conservation grants funded
Rogue Flyfishers - $1,500 – Dam removal project
Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust - $1,500 – North Ditch project

Scholarships - Provided two Oregon State University scholarships in the amount of $1,500 each for advanced degrees in fisheries.

Council budget - The approved Council budget for 2013-14 was $20,479. As of 6/12/14, expenses to were $10,553.

Current Bank Balance as of 6-19-2014  $46,633.83


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Sherry Steele  Club Rep - Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild
Eric Steele  Club Rep - Central Oregon Fly Fishers
Bunnie Steiner  Club Rep - Stonefly Maidens (Affiliate)
Dave Thomas  Club Rep - McKenzie Flyfishers (Affiliate)
Dale Zenke  Club Rep - Klamath Country Fly Casters (Affiliate)

Non-Voting Appointed Positions By Council President

Robert Blount  Council Communications Chair
Hal Gordon  Council Expo Tyer Chair
Dwight Klemin  Council Casting Chair
Clint Brumitt  Council Conservation Chair (has 4 member sub-committee)
Garren Wood  Council Web Manager
John Kreft  Council Expo Chair (has 22 member Sub committee)
Bunnie Steiner  Council Club Grant Chair (has sub-committee)
Perry Biggs  Council Membership Chair
Dale Zempke  Council Education Chair (has Sub committee)

South Eastern Council
Marvin Cash – President
The South Eastern Council 2014 Fly Fishing Festival was held on May 16–17 at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. Steve Rajeff and Leslie Holmes were the celebrity presenters for the event. Many others contributed time as demonstration fly tiers, casting instructors, speakers/presenters, show volunteers and fly tying instructors.

We partnered with Little River TU and hosted a BBQ to benefit brook trout restoration in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. At the Saturday night auction and awards banquet, we gave the following FFF-SEC awards for 2013–2014:

FFF-SEC Man of the Year Award to Gary Jones
FFF-SEC Woman of the Year Award to Reba Brinkman
FFF-SEC Fly Casting Instructor Award to Tom Rueping
FFF-SEC Fly Tyer of the Year Award to Craig Riendeau

Nationally renowned fly fishing artist, Alan Folger ([www.clearwatermemories.com](http://www.clearwatermemories.com)) produced a beautiful print with the listed award for us to give to each of our award recipients. We awarded a $1,000 Fred Stevenson Memorial Scholarship in 2014 to Peter Blum of the University of North Carolina Greensboro.
**Southern Council**  
**Larry Wegmann – President**

At our annual budget meeting, it was determined that our operating expenses and sources of income have produced a short fall of money needed to support conservation and education projects. The Board approved a holding of funds for these projects for late October. The Board is hopeful that improved revenues from the October Fly Festival will permit the funding of these projects.

In an effort to improve attendance to the Fly Festival, several changes have been made in hopes of attracting existing non-affiliated fly fishermen and the general public. The following changes have been implemented:

1. **Vendor fees** have been eliminated and an appropriate donation is required. The intent of this was to offer small vendors the opportunity to participate. The result has been an increase of almost 300% in vendors. We have only four available spaces available as of this writing.

2. **The format of** has changed from a Thursday to Saturday period to a Friday through Sunday afternoon. **Our efforts in this modification may have reduced our numbers of long distance attendees.** This lose is hopefully overcome by attracting young families within the 250 mile radius of our site.

3. **Attendance fees** are eliminated for the last day of the festival and closed at 2 PM on Saturday.

4. **Entertainment is provided free of charge on both Friday and Saturday nights will live bands.** Friday night we have a country band and Saturday a Blue Grass band. **Friday night food is also provided free of charge. Beverages both nights are $5 for an unlimited amount. Saturday includes an BBQ banquet prepared for by a competition BBQ team.** The public is invited to attend both free concerts.

5. **Saturday, our Youth Conclave will start with a fishing session at the famous Dry Run Creek. After a lunch, the youth will have tying instruction on the main floor of the festival by our featured tiers. Each family attended both sessions and who pre-registered will received a free fly rod and reel outfit.** The youngsters attending will be recognized at the evening concert and given their fly-fishing outfits.

6. **Sunday will include an on-site non-denominational church service.**

7. **Admission fees are waived for students K through college.**

8. **An incentive pricing to promote our auctions and raffles has been implemented.** For $500 at pre-registration, the participant receives two nights free at the local convention hotel, and $500 of “Festival Money”. Other participants can purchase “Festival Money” for a 10% discount to be applied toward workshops, auctions, raffles or the Saturday BBQ.

9. **Advertisement for the event includes all regional NPR radio stations, local commercial radio and television stations and newspapers.** The local Chamber of Commerce is providing the Friday evening BBQ.

10. **The resulting increase in revenue will provide the needed support for both conservation and education funding. Additionally, we hope to increase the IFFF membership and participation in upcoming activities.**

**Southwest Council**  
**Michael Schweit – President**

June 2013-2014.  
Established 1982

**OVERVIEW** – Our Council’s has two overriding goals. The first is to connect the clubs to each other and to the Federation. The second is to get more people into the sport and from there, into the Federation.
MEMBERSHIP – We continue to pull in new members through show activities and clubs converting to Charter status. Retention is still a concern.

CONSERVATION – We are now in the 2nd year of Silver Creek Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery program. Through grants and funding from the clubs, IFFF and TU, we have two intern led teams on the water this year. We hope to eradicate brook trout from an additional two miles of this 6 ½ mile stream. Adding to the 1 mile that was done last year, we hope to complete the project in the next 3-4 years.

Our conservation chair, Debbie Sharpton, has been working with us for two years and is becoming more and more involved with the issues facing us in California. She has been working with the clubs, TU and other NGOs on water and fishery issues. She is also working with the Northern California Council Conservation network.

One highlight of our year was getting the clubs, IFFF, the Council and TU to contribute over $4000.00 to the new Steelhead Exhibit at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. The exhibit opened in May and really tells the story of this endangered salmonid.

OUTREACH – We are still at the local fishing shows. This allows us to spread the word about the clubs and in turn, the Federation. In this way, we are giving the clubs what they want and it makes it easier for them to answer the age-old question “what does the Federation do for us”. We become the answer, as well as partners, with the various clubs.

One of the biggest shows (Fred Hall) continues to let us get a fly caster on top of the bass tank. This was an outstanding idea and attracted a lot of audience members. The hardcore bass people loved to see him work that fly and show what it can do for them. The Hall people also put up a lovely mountain/tree/forest backdrop (20’x100’) behind the casting area so it was a real attraction. In fact, the casters were swamped teaching people the basics.

Two of our biggest retailers have two day shows and invite us to have booths at both of them.

Project Healing Waters added new programs this year after they received requests from the area club. And Santa Barbara, Sespe and Santa Lucia Fly Fishers are working on a joint partnership to take on one VA facility together.

Trout in the Classroom continues to grow but struggle. We met with California Department of Fish and Wildlife in May to work out issues with trout egg delivery notice. Typically, we are getting 2-3 day’s notice when in the past, it was 2-3 weeks. So far, that meeting appears to have gotten the information out faster. We also found out that our two districts are not receiving any share of funds from CDFW that is allotted to outreach like this. We are now at that table and while it will take funds from other existing programs, we need to get our fair share. Two steps forward, one back.

Casting For Recovery - Continues to grow financially. But our coordinator put together their first ever SoCal retreat in June and I was lucky enough to be a River Keeper. What a great program.

EDUCATION – We ran our class called Teach the Teachers. It was not a pre-CI class but geared to the clubs that are teaching fly fishing to the public. We offered to make them better teachers and almost 25 stuck around for the 4 week, Saturday morning class. All it cost us was donuts!

We also held our first pure Continuing Education Program for CI’s and MCI’s in Long Beach in March. The class sold out, got rave reviews and put some money in our account, along with funding to the IFFF casting program.
FUNDRAISING – We held our second Fly Fishing Faire in Mammoth Lakes in September. The first year (2012) netted us $4500.00 in profits but it dropped significantly in 2013 to $500.00. We know where we made mistakes and are watching carefully heading into 2014. We have received $9000.00 to be used for advertising for this event and based on last year, advertising works! Who woulda thunk?

Once again, we did the FlyBuy in January. Clubs and members donated lightly used gear, our Casting Instructors gave lessons for $1 per minute and the clubs donated flies for their areas. This year, we finally felt we could do some “advantages of being in the FFF pricing” and gave people $5.00 off of admission if they were current or joined that day. Throw in the 1-in-12 rod incentive and we signed 16 new people in one day. Add in some artwork, a BBQ and we raised around $3000.00.

Unfortunately, we also lost around $1500.00 in showing two films last year and coupling that with the less than stellar performance of the 2013 Faire has not left us in great financial shape. We will bounce back.

RETAILERS AND GUIDES – We aggressively pursued the fly fishing retailers in our district. The majority signed up with National and we are giving them free access to our e-mail blasts to publicize their events and sales. Most of them are now using our calendar and allowing us to use their email blasts for Council announcements. They now have their own page on our website. We also signed up individual guides and are in the process of setting up a dedicated web page to help promote their services. Since many of them are saltwater, we are finally in a position to emphasize that part of our sport at shows next year.

Texas Council
Russell Husted
2013-2014 Overview

The Texas Council entered into its 2nd year of existence. With tons of excitement and energy, we met for a leadership weekend in Athens during the Fly Fish Texas event last March. We all participated in the event that Saturday, but had leadership meetings Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning before fishing together as a group. We all came together as a group and planned out the years events, and formed the Texas Council Expo Committee. This committee unfortunately had duel responsibilities, which made for a successful expo as I will explain, but did take us away from focusing on the council’s responsibilities. Lesson learned. The original plan was to divide the state into 5 logistical regions, to better cover the state. At this time, we have dropped the West region as we are having difficulties starting up any clubs or activities in West Texas. We still have hope for expansion here, and will jump on any opportunity we see.

Joining Texas as a council did not happen without any controversy, and all seems to be quieting down. There are still some hard feelings and less than a 100% desire for the success of the council, but opinions are softening and the council is growing at a very high level. We want to personally thank Kyle Moppe, Jim Schramm, Rhonda Sellers, and of course Phil Greenlee for helping us get started and growing new clubs.

Texas Council Board of Directors

The Texas Council BOD’s have had to make some changes during the year. We have had a few dropouts, and a few that were replaced due to lack of activity. We want a BOD that is active, supports the IFFF and council, and if they cannot live up to our expectations, they are replaced.
We must have active supporters. We currently have an awesome BOD and will begin to see some roll off of their terms in 2015. Those positions will be filled with new directors that fit our needs and roles. I will be staying on as President through the 2015 year, and will determine my status after that.

Communications
The Texas Council has been very effective in regards to communicating with our members. Our main site is the Texas Council website: [http://texascouncilifff.com/](http://texascouncilifff.com/). We use this site to communicate events that are happening throughout the state, help clubs locate speakers, inform others how to find a club in the state, showcase the expo, and now forming a Google calendar for all clubs to be able to use and add events so all can see what is going on in the state and country!! We have also been very active in regards to social media, using our Texas Council Facebook page, which now has over 700 likes, and many posts that are reaching well over 500 at a time. [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Council-IFFF/104870226350889](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Council-IFFF/104870226350889). Many of us are also administrators on other pages, helping clubs boost their performances as well. We have also used twitter, and linked in to promote the council and events. The council has also been publishing a newsletter every quarter, which is sent out through social media, sent out to the club presidents to share, and most importantly sent out to ALL Federation members through mail chimp. Our council was one of the first to ask permission to use from the IFFF national offices and it has been extremely successful and easy to do.

Finances
The Texas Council started out in great shape Thanks to the GCC and Kyle Moppert setting us up with $13,000.00. We started spending this income on advertising, building a website, getting help from a promoter, and boosting social media. Then we started putting the expo together, forming an aggressive budget to put on an awesome show. We sought potential sponsors, and soon had 7 sponsors, which was a BIG boost to our potential cash flow problem. We continued to be aggressive with our plans, and are pleased to announce our current status at $23,000. We have a couple of big bills still left to pay, and should end up with a balance at near $20,000. We changed our financial year to start in July, which will always be after our big show of the year. This way we always know how much we can spend on the council and still have enough left to put on an expo.

Membership
This is the exciting NEWS!!! Growth in the council has been way above expectations. Starting our council, we had over 400 members, closer to 500. Now we are currently approaching the 850 count!! Our success has come to us in many different ways. We have formed two new clubs, the Rio Grande Valley Fly Tiers Club, and the New Braunfels Fly Fishers. We have also converted 3 clubs from an affiliate status to become a CHARTER club!!! This alone has brought in well over 175 members, and may be closer to 2oo new members!!! Bob Shirley and the BOD’s are aggressively growing the membership of the council, and we plan to go after clubs that are NOT currently in the IFFF and clubs that are affiliate clubs this next year. Might even look at the possibility of starting a new DFW Mid Cities area club soon.

Conservation
Our council started off slow in regards to conservation. There is a positive outlook though as we now have the right conservation Chairman in Jere Anderson. He has great plans and is already involved and helping in projects around the state. The Austin Fly Fishers are leading the way, and received a grant from the IFFF this year to work on the Kyle Lake project. This is a local
lake that will be protected as a catch and release project, also funded by their club, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and the Texas council. The AFFers also won the Conservation award, and will use that to continue the work on their project. The council also had a very successful clean up on Brushy Creek, which was held by the Living Waters Fly Shop, and supported by the council and 7 other clubs in the state. Each region will be planning their own conservation projects this year, to implement in 2015.

**Education**
The Texas Council has formed a great partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife. Together we are training IFFF members to become certified instructors to help train kids and adults to teach about fishing and fly fishing in the State of Texas. Well over 150 have been certified this year, teaching kids all over the state about fly fishing. A few of them have become master instructors called Area Chiefs, and they train the next group of certified instructors. The expo was the major educational event of the year, as we formed a casting program that was one of the best in the IFFF. Steve Hollensed and 3 other MCI’s lead the program at the expo, and from this we gained another MCI in Bob Garber, and a new CCI in Chris Johnson. The program will lead us into a successful program for years to come. There were also many other educational events across the state throughout the year. Texas Fly Fishers Tying event, Texoma on the Fly hosted by the Red River Fly Fishers, the Caddo Conclave hosted by the East Texas Fly Fishers, and many more were had throughout the year.

**Expo!!!!!**
The highlight of the year was the first ever Texas Council Expo!!! “Destination Texas!!” Not really knowing what to expect, how we would work together on our first show, and what the final product would be was a real test for us. I thing, and many others do as well, that we nailed our first one, and will put on one heck of a show next year. Follow our expo at: [http://txflyfishexpo.com/](http://txflyfishexpo.com/). With attendance estimated to be at near 500, and a nearly flawless show, we felt good about the first one. We raised a decent amount of money and did not hurt the council’s budget at all. Many notes were collected from the event to make next year’s even better. There were presentations on how to fly fish in Texas, tiers from all over the state, second to none casting programs, fly fishing film tour, awards banquet, dinner, and auction. The Awards Banquet was a huge success as we awarded seven individuals or clubs for Man and Woman of the Year, Club of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, and Educator of the Year. We also had a photography contest, and 3 more were awarded recognition for a job well done. The venue and vendor layout was amazing, and we’re thrilled to support the local economy and our newest Charter Club, the New Braunfels Fly Fishers.

**2014 – 2015**
Our council will finish this year conservatively, focusing on helping clubs and growing memberships. We are working on the plans for our expo in 2015, and refocusing our attention back to Council activities. Conservation activities in Regions, and helping grow the Fly Fish Texas event will be the main focus. We will regroup, fill our current BOD vacancies, and make our plans for the 2015-year, in early March of 2015. Overall, a very successful year for the council. The Texas Council and residents in Texas were recognized by the IFFF for many special awards. Federator of the Year, Club of the Year to the Fort Worth Fly Fishers, a Conservation Award to the Austin Fly Fishers, an award to fly shop of the year, The Living Waters Fly shop, and special recognition to Bill Heugel as the recipient of the Dick Nelson Teaching Award. We are extremely proud of what we have accomplished, and will be even more successful in the following year.
We want to end this report by again Thanking EVERYONE that has supported our council, in whatever shape or form. So many to thank, can’t even begin to list them all.

**Upper Midwest Council**
**Todd Heggestad – President**
The Upper Midwest Council continues to move forward at a slow pace to becoming an active council. The UMC at present consists of 398 members throughout the Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Northern Illinois area. There are 5 clubs within the council – three in Minnesota, two in Northern Illinois, and one in Wisconsin. The UMC is financially solvent with approximately $5,500.00 as a result of monies from the previous defunct council and recent fund raising efforts. Stewardship of the existing monies is an important goal of the council.
Activities of the UMC have included casting instruction and fly tying demonstrations at the annual Great Waters Expo in Minneapolis in February 2014, a casting event in St Paul in May 2014, and an upcoming casting event in Detroit Lakes, MN in July 2014. Conservation efforts include streamside advisories on invasive species. There is much more that can be done and hopefully over time can be realized.
The main issue for the UMC is volunteer time and in particular for the board of directors. There are several unfilled positions of key importance including the Vice President position and the Secretary. It may be an obvious statement, but the viability of non-profit organization in part is dependent on the efforts, time, and dedication of its volunteers. Those on the board currently have served well and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Recruiting and engaging additional board members from the membership at large and from the clubs will need to be an important goal for the next year. Building a program of interesting events for the remainder of 2014 and 2015 will be the focus with the hope that those participating will join in and contribute their time and energy to further the mission and purpose of the Upper Midwest Council.

**Washington Council**
**Carl Johnson – President**
**Membership**
Over the past year WSC membership decreased by approximately 4% going from 862 members in July of 2013 to 829 in June of this year. The council had a successful year with new memberships at the Sportsman Shows in Washington, continued club visits, and had another successful Washington Fly Fishing Fair. We believe major portion of the decrease is the fact that impact from the "bump" from the International Fly Fishing Fair was held in Spokane, Washington and a lot of new members joined at the event. This year we hope to increase our membership back to the 2013 levels
The WSC participated in 4 shows this past year; the Western Washington Sportsman Show in Puyallup, the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show in Pasco, The Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood and the Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying International in Renton. At the shows we were able to increase the visibility of the IFFF and WSC.
We also sold FFF memberships and promoted our Fly Fishing Fair at the shows. In addition it allows us to direct fly fishers and prospective fly fishers to fly fishing clubs close to them.
The Board of the Council continues to make a concerted effort to visit the clubs during the year. The visits allowed us to get the word out to the members. Although communication to the clubs
via written or electronic methods is maintained the information does not seem to make it to the individual members on a regular basis. Visitations to clubs by Board members have helped get the message of the IFFF and WSC to the club members.

On May 3rd and 4th, the WSC conducted our eighth regional Fly Fishing Fair in as many years. In spite of the economy we had a successful event. WSC sold a number of IFFF memberships at the event. In part due to our “I’m a Member” rod raffle. The Council took advantage of the fly rod incentive program and received one of the TFO rods and held a raffle for members and new members. Every IFFF member received one ticket in the raffle and new members received 2 tickets. In addition, every member was given an “I’m a member” badge to wear.

Education
WSC participated in a number of educational events during the year. The highlight of our education efforts in the past has been the Friday morning prior to the start of our fair where we invited the local school districts to participate in an introduction to fly-fishing. Unfortunately, due to budgetary considerations this year we did not have enough students to hold this event as a couple of school districts did not allow any out of district transportation. The WSC also sponsors the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy in Lacy, WA. The WSC along with the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited sponsor the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy held in Lacy, WA in late June. The Academy hosts up to 25 youth, both boys and girls, for an extensive week of conservation and fly fishing lessons at this overnight camp.

Don Simonson, WSC Board Member and a member of the CBOG gave fly casting demonstrations at the Western Washington Sportsman Show. In spite of some bad weather at the show (it was January) his outdoor demonstrations were well attended and many came into the IFFF booth afterward to inquire about casting classes and clubs. In addition, WSC gave demonstrations and at the local Cabela’s stores in Washington. At our Fly Fishing Fair we held a number of fly fishing workshops, including beginning fly casting for women taught by women, how to improve your distance casting, casts for difficult places, single spey cast, beginning fly casting, intermediate fly casting and a CI prep workshop. In addition, we also offered free fly tying lessons to both kids and adults during the day.

Many of the clubs in the council participate in local kids fishing events throughout the state. The clubs also offer fly tying and casting classes for members and as a method to increase their membership.

The WSC along with the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited sponsor the Northwest Conservation

WSC became more active in local conservation activities during the year including supporting many local proposals and proposed regulations throughout the state during the year. This year the Council helped fund an insert in local publications about the conservation efforts on the North Fork of the Lewis River. We participated in meeting to establish limits on recreational gold mining in a number of streams and rivers to protect fish habitat.

In addition, the clubs worked on local conservation projects where they got out and got “their hands dirty” on things such as picking up trash from our rivers, restoring and protecting riparian zones including installing large woody debris and fencing and on working to remove invasive weeds.
Other
Many members of the WSC have been actively involved in International Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone last September.

The IFFF members within the Council are proud of the contributions made by WSC in the fields of fly fishing education and resource conservation, and are growing in number due to the recruiting efforts of the WSC members and clubs and its BOD.

Western Rocky Mountain Council
Michael Bantam – President

Summary
The Western Rocky Mountain Council produces E-Newsletters, which are now sent to all council members via direct e-mailing rather than depend upon the clubs to forward the newsletter to their membership. WRMC also developed a new Facebook Page [https://www.facebook.com/NIFFE.NorthIDFlyFishingExpo](https://www.facebook.com/NIFFE.NorthIDFlyFishingExpo) for clubs to post current events, fishing stories, and other items of interest. The Council in 2013 - 2014 has been actively participating in most of the numerous expositions/shows (4) held by our affiliated clubs and this included manning and/or hosting the IFFF booth during several events. The Western Rocky Mountain Council also held the first regional “Fly Fishing Swap Meet” event in June, which was well received by all those participating. We have maintained membership in the council which has been ranging from approximately 620 to 650.

Education Projects
Gem State Fly Fishers “Kids First Cast” and Spring “Cabin Fever” events were a great success. We are waiting on two awards to be given for fly fishing trips for youth programs.

Conservation Projects
The Western Rocky Mountain Council (WRMC) clubs have been involved or are currently active in a number of conservation projects. State wide water related issues are included along with descriptions of WRMC support letters regarding fishery improvements. Council club members in Idaho, Montana, Utah and the Dakota’s have submitted the following information.

MONTANA – Big Horn Alliance
The Big Horn Alliance in conjunction the WRMC conservation chairman issued letters of support to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding modernizing and improving water quality from irrigation canals into the Bighorn River. The Bureau is embarking on a long overdue project to rehabilitate the irrigation system on the Crow Indian Reservation. The two major concerns are sediments and clean water. Currently the irrigation returns carry undesirable materials including; erosion sediments resulting in turbid water, unsuitable nutrients, lower dissolved oxygen content, smelly warmed water that occasionally is fatal to the river fishery. The canal system is nearly 100 years old in dreadful state of disrepair. The project upgrades may take 10 to 15 years to complete. Once the project is finished, sediment control and water quality will be much improved.

Great news! On January 16, 2014 the Montana Supreme Court overturned a lower court and assured public access to the Ruby River from bridges on land privately held. The decision sets a precedent that validates all Montana stream bridge access laws. Significantly, the Court held that once a prescriptive easement is established, access extends to all public uses including recreation use. The Court also upheld Montana’s stream access law, stating “that Montana owns all the
waters in trust for the People … and that a riparian owner takes his property interest subject to a dominant estate in favor of the public.” The public’s right to wade or float any river or stream in the state has been recognized, as well as the right to access those streams at bridges crossed by public roads.

Other conservation news – The Beaverhead Conservation District, along with other area participants, is working on a project to enhance and improve angling quality on Poindexter Slough. The project is designed to remove fine sediment that inhibit the quality and quantity of spawning, rearing, trout survival and improving habitat by providing flushing flows. The District is presently trying to raise the remaining funds to complete the work.

The Madison River Foundation 2014 projects include: Restoration of O’Dell Creek, a major Madison River tributary and associated wetlands. The Foundation is providing funding as well as volunteer labor. Willow planting on BLM properties along the Madison will continue to restore and improve riparian vegetation.

IDAHO – North Idaho Fly Casters (NIFC)

A Small Conservation Grant was awarded by IFFF to the club for the purpose of improving fishing access on the North Fork Coeur d’Alene River. The NIFC is partnering with the Spokane Fly Fishers, Idaho Fish and Game Department and US Forest Service. The project provides two launch sites for drift boats/rafts plus improved parking and road access.

NIFC is also working with the US Forest Service, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and Coeur d’Alene River Watershed Advisory Group. The focus is signing and river cleaning up on the Little North Fork Coeur d’Alene River. The club continues to address stream access on local rivers. NIFC is working with two land owners on projects that would reduce sediment entering the Coeur d’Alene River and increase shade in these same areas.

Snake River Cutthroats - Fish habitat was improved by the Snake River Cutthroats using 70 sunken Christmas trees into Gem Lake last February. Club members placed the trees on the ice with the trunk of the trees attached to cement blocks, cables tied to the trees were used as anchors to keep the trees on the bottom. When the ice went out, the trees sank into the lake.

Gem Lake is a man made impoundment, on the Snake River, that is part of the Idaho Falls low head hydro project. The fishery consists of brown and rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, carp and perch. Club members are looking forward to seeing the fishery improve.

In April the Cutthroats will do a cooperative project with the Salmon National Forest near Leadore, Id. This will mark the 26th year, in a row the Cutthroats have worked with the Forest Service to improve salmon and steelhead spawning habitat in the Salmon River drainage. Projects have consisted of putting in log plunges, clearing streams of boulders and debris for fish passage, building fences and putting root wards in the streams.

Boise Valley Fly Fishers (BVFF) – A Small Conservation Grant application was prepared by Rick Williams, a member of the IFFF national board of directors. The application was approved for the purpose of developing a public fishing access map of the Lower Boise River: a Legacy Project for southwest Idaho Fly Fishers. The project will cover a 35 mile section of the Boise River from Barber Diversion Dam to Middleton, ID. It is planned as a joint endeavor between BVFF, the Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Idaho Fish and Game.

Last fall major fires swept through the South Fork of the Boise River drainage, leaving scorched, bare hillsides subject to sever erosion. Shortly after the fires heavy rains caused massive slides into the South Fork. Much of the vegetation and large trees along the river were burned including damage to culvers, power lines and camping areas. Last November BVFF and TU helped the
Forest Service with planting 500 new trees and shrubs in various locations along the river. Restoration work will be ongoing for a number of years. Also BVFF and TU helped fund the Pierce Creek culvert replacement, allowing fish from the South Fork to enter the creek for spawning.

A river draw down evaluation on the South Fork below Anderson Ranch Reservoir was conducted by Idaho Fish and Game, assisted by BVFF to determine the impact on 1-3 inch fish being stranded when flows were dropped from 600 to 300 cfs. The Idaho Fish and Game completed the first of the report; however its completion was delayed by forest fires and flash floods. Other BVFF projects include: Working with the Boise Parks Department to develop a children’s fishing dock at Merill Community Park in Eagle, Id. Also to provide non-motorized boat launch access sites along the Boise River.

Southeast Idaho Fly Fishers – A Small Conservation Grant was previously awarded to the Pocatello club for the new Edson Fichter Community Pond improvements including disabled fishing access.

Kelly Creek Flycasters (KCF) – The club is involved with Idaho Fish and Game on projects that are meaningful to north Idaho fisheries. Activities include: tagging steelhead smolt in the Potlatch Creek drainage under the direction fisheries personnel. KCF provides funds for equipment used by boys coming from the juvenile correction facility in Lewiston. They work at planting willows and hawthorn in riparian areas of certain steelhead streams that feeds the Clearwater River. Restoring the integrity of the spawning grounds both in and out of the creeks has made a major difference in the spawning success in these streams. The club is also custodians of about two miles of highway along the Lochsa River for cleaning up trash that would eventually end up in the river.

Silver Creek Update – The world renowned spring creek near Picabo, Idaho has undergone two major restoration projects and are now essentially complete. The work spans two properties, the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve and the Purdy family’s RR Ranch. The RR Ranch Kilpatrick pond was formed by an irrigation dam installed in the late 1800’s and created backwater onto the preserve. Over time the pond became very shallow through siltation. During summer months the pond became a “solar collector” with water temperatures reaching into the 70’s. As part of the project a new dam with a fish passage replaced the old Ranch dam. The Nature Conservancy portion of the creek above Kilpatrick Bridge had similar conditions. The purpose of the restoration work was to remove sediment, lower creek temperatures and restore the stream channel to a more natural flow. The exposed flats that were previously under water will be replanted. In the long term the restoration work will enhance wildlife habitat and provide a wonderful fishery for future generations.

UTAH – Bonneville Fly Fishers
The club indicated they are working with TU on conservation projects in their area.

SOUTH DAKOTA – Black Hills Fly Fishers
As Conservation Chairman for the WRC, I am trying to obtaining information regarding projects in South Dakota where IFFF may be of assistance. In addition to the Black Hills Fly Fishers, the South Dakota Wildlife Federation and TU Chapter will be providing updates on water and fishery related issues.

Duane Marler
WRMC Conservation Chairman
Council Election
The WRMC Council officers and directors terms lapse at the end of this September. A nomination committee has been established and submissions for key nominees have been made. Ballots are expected to be published via E-newsletter in September and received prior to the end of the month.

WRMC Membership
The council’s membership is holding steady. The IFFF Fair in Livingston this year should increase memberships in the WRMC as Montana is in our council area.