The International Federation of Fly Fishers fulfills its missions through the thousands of volunteers that serve our organization through the clubs, councils and our leadership groups. During the past 12 months the volunteers have logged a significant number of hours in service to conserving, restoring and educating people at the sport that we value. The hours included in the total number represents the following groups:

- IFFF Board of Directors
- IFFF Councils
- Fly Tying Group Board of Governors
- Casting Board of Governors
- Charter Clubs

Our rods are tipped toward all the volunteers who played a role in fulfilling our mission, whether that was accomplished by teaching someone to cast, showing someone how to tie a fly or how to conserve our resources. Every one of you made a difference.

Thank You!
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Chairman of the Board Committee
Len Zickler - Spokesman

The chairman of the board committee including myself, Jeff Wagner, and Marvin Cash have been very busy since our selection and addressing the main task of identifying a new executive director for the Federation.

Our work has included:

• Evaluation of the financial condition of the Federation and identification of potential funds for the new executive director
• Evaluation of our current membership structure and cost for various membership categories
• Examination of the status of the Fly Fishing industry including demographics and financial information
• Update of the strategic plan and efforts to align the budget with the plan
• A job description and performance evaluation criteria for the new executive director.
• Outreach to the Council Presidents, Fly Tyers, Casting Board of Governors and Conservation Committee
• Regular, ongoing coordination with staff and Phil Greenlee

IFFF Strategic Planning Process

Our charge was to revise, condense and update the IFFF strategic plan from 2010. Even though great deal of work went into the 2010 plan, there was no budget attached to it and therefore it was not implemented.

The update of the strategic plan is a critical first step in the Executive Director search process. Our task was to confirm a vision and major initiatives which will guide the work of our committees and the new executive director.

As we proceeded with the update process, we wanted to make sure the hard work and time expended would result in a carefully considered plan, approved by the Board of Directors and implemented by the Federation. The budget will be aligned with the plan and standards set for tracking and measurement of progress.

The update accomplished two primary objectives. First, we came to agreement on the vision and core values of the Federation. In other words, what sets the Federation apart from other outdoor sports organizations?

Secondly, we examined some of the significant components of the Federation and evaluated to what extent each component supports our core values and our desire to invest time, money and resources to further enhance the component.

The work of the strategic planning committee will move forward on a couple of fronts. First, the executive director search committee will take the recommendations from the work in
Denver and refine the strategic plan accordingly. As this process continues, the work will be
shared with the council presidents and reported to the board of directors for comment.

In August 2015 at the Fly Fishing Fair, priority initiatives will be presented. This presentation
will be prefaced with a review of our detailed financial position, as well as the state of the Fly
Fishing industry. We will ask the board of directors in August to affirm the direction of the
strategic plan for final refinement and finalization.

**Status Report - Executive Director Search Process**

The executive director search process continues in earnest. There has been much work done
over the last several months regarding the process. The primary focus has been on updating
and aligning our strategic plan. The work done in Denver will be shared with the board and
council presidents. This is an important step in the ED search process.

As a reminder, a strong majority of the board of directors agreed the preference would be for a
full-time executive director. Identifying the necessary resources to hire a full-time executive
director has been a primary concern for the ED Search Committee and Chairman of the Board
Committee.

In this regard, we have prepared a detailed analysis of both membership costs and also an
evaluation of our budget. This information was presented to the strategic planning committee
in Denver and is included in a separate attachment. The good news is we've been able to
identify a good measure of the additional cost required to hire a full-time executive director.

As we move forward with the search effort, we will refine a job description and evaluation
criteria for selection of the new executive director. We will also identify industry salary
standards and benefits for this position.

We will have the job description and cost information available for review in Bend.

We will begin the search in earnest after Bend Oregon. This will include reaching out to
potential candidates, identifying a strategy for advertising the position and identifying a
executive director selection committee to conduct the evaluation of candidates, interviews and
background checks.

We will also prepare a draft contract. The intent is to clearly outline expectations for the new
executive director, which will be used to evaluate performance on a regular basis.

It is our recommendation we identify a new executive director within a timeframe to allow an
overlap of time to work with Phil, Rhonda and the Board. Several quality candidates have
already been identified.
President’s/CEO Report
Phil Greenlee

During my service as President/CEO over the past year, I have had the opportunity to visit many council and club activities. While I cannot cover all my visits in this short report, I do want to share some of the highlights of my travels and provide information about our operations in the Livingston office.

The International HQ supports our clubs, councils and all of our groups through administrative work. They are responsible for maintaining all the records of the organization, including financial, membership and policy records.

When the IFFF was first established, the records were maintained in a more casual way. Arnold Gingrich and Ed Strickland both kept the records in a spare room at their home. While we thank them for their service to the IFFF, today we cannot operate in that mode with over 13,000 members, a Casting Certification Program, Guides Association, Fly Tying Group and Conservation Committee. If we are to serve our members we must maintain an office and the staff needed to support our operation. As you read the efforts of our staff I think you’ll be surprised at what it takes to maintain the organization.

But, before I share that part of our story, let’s look at why we exist and what I personally have done to support the mission.

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.

Visiting clubs and councils
One of my responsibilities is traveling to various parts of the United States and also from time to time visiting foreign countries. I have found that making an appearance in person gives the volunteers recognition and shows them that we really care. I try to cover as many councils and clubs as I can in one trip to spend our travel dollars wisely.

Last October I visited the Penobscot Club in Maine, the Lake Eire Chapter of the IFFF in New York (which is a charter club), and attended the Florida Council Expo located at Crystal Springs, Florida.

The Penobscot Club requested that I come to Maine and explain the benefits of being an affiliate club. The club membership has 65 members with only six being members of the IFFF. They told me that no one had ever called them and were unaware of the Northeast Council. The visit confirmed my belief that reducing the size of the council to a more manageable size was the right thing to do. We now have the Northeastern Council and the Eastern Waters Council serving the Northeast part of the United States.

In early January I went to Denver, Colorado to attend the Furimsky Fly Fishing show. I went to promote the IFFF and honor Bruce Brown, who is the new Eastern Rocky Mountain Council president. The council had a booth which was successful in signing up new IFFF members thanks to Don Gibbs, who is an IFFF board member and very good at recruiting new members.
In March I traveled to the Oregon’s Council annual expo in Albany, Oregon. This council really has its act together! Their expo features over two hundred fly tiers, fly-casting certifications, plus loads of vendors. They top it off with some great fly-fishing classes.

In June I attended the Heritage Day event held at the Allenberry Hotel located in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Chesapeake Council of the IFFF attended this event and will be there next year. The main reason for my attendance was to support the council and present a check to the Pennsylvania Museum president to support their efforts and make the IFFF a museum member. We now have a copper plaque with the IFFF name on it.

My next stop was attending a board meeting in Newark, New Jersey with the IFFF council known as Eastern Waters. They have two major conservation projects on the Delaware River, which has other donors such as TU. The Eastern Waters council has a very informative newsletter, which reflects a great amount of time spent putting it together.

In May I attended the annual gathering for the Northern California Council of IFFF Board of Directors at Lake McCumber located East of Redding. Ken Brunskill and others have the council growing again, which means they are looking at creating a film festival plus possibly holding an expo in Reno.

While I have enjoyed my travels on behalf of the IFFF, I also feel it’s a necessary part of doing this job. The other part of my job is working with the staff in Livingston to make sure our members and our programs are served well.

The second part of this report was prepared to give you insight into the operations of the national office. The office operations support seventeen Councils covering the United States, as well as the Board of Directors, the Casting Instructor Certification Program, Guides Association, Fly Tying Group and the International Fly Fishing Fair. The following information was compiled by the staff members, so that we would all understand the work that is produced to support our activities.

**Overview**

The International Federation of Fly Fishers Headquarters, located in Livingston Montana, is the administrative arm of the organization. The staff is responsible maintaining the financial records and organizational records as well as supporting the various programs.

**Audit Requirements**

As a non-profit that is audited every 5 years with a review in between the full audit, we are required to have separation of duties. What does that mean?

The person who opens the mail or makes a deposit cannot be the same person who posts it into the membership database. The person who makes the deposit and posts it into the membership database cannot be the same person who posts it into Quickbooks. Therefore, the payment goes through at least 3 different employees before it sees the end of its processing.

We are held to a higher standard of financial record keeping attaining an acceptable audit report at the end of the auditors’ review. We achieved that status in 2011 when the auditors performed a review on the 2010 records and again in 2014 when they performed a full audit of our 2013 records.
What does it take to accomplish these tasks?

The Numbers Pure and Simple

Communications
42,673 E-mails received (NO SPAM included in this number)
25,662 E-mails sent
5,000 Telephone calls
1005 Facebook posts
480 Tweets on Twitter
336 Linked in Posts
450+ Website pages maintained
11 E-news editions distributed to approximately 15K members and interested parties
70 Bulk e-mail campaigns sent on behalf of programs and councils
8 Surveys sent on behalf of programs or councils

Financial Transactions
7,146 Membership payments received and processed
1,121 Casting renewals received and processed
178 FTG memberships received and processed
65 Guides Association memberships received and processed
766 Donations received, recorded in the database and thank you letters sent
575 posting tags entered in Quickbooks
192 Financial reports issued
204 Bank statements reconciled
500 Checks and electronic transfers issued
2 Tax returns prepared for the international organization and 17 councils, 78 clubs and the IFFF Foundation

Membership Services
5,216 Membership renewal cards mailed
1,918 New member packets mailed
78 Clubs and councils insurance declarations processed
24 New guides processed in the system
55 club newsletters posted to the website
13 Charter Clubs processed

Program Services
2,600 Fishing hooks mailed to various clubs for education programs
6 Loaner equipment mailings
1,034 Casting laminated badges created and mailed (842 CI, 139 MCI, 53 THCI)
160 Casting tests processed
11 Conservation Small Grants processed
373 Merchandise orders filled
3,856 Whitlock Vibert Box orders shipped in 21 orders, 15 to foreign countries
234 Visitors in the museum

**Fly Fishing Fair**

687 Financial transactions processed prior to the Fair
418 Registration packets prepared
94 workshops plus Women’s program, 2-day experience
20 programs plus if4 film festival
75 tiers
21 sponsors
31 exhibitors
12 authors
18 Show committee members
Registration Guide, 20 pages of content
Program, 40 pages of content
Marketing materials (place ads, press releases, save the date etc)
Banners, posters, onsite signage
219 mailed thank you postcards mailed
5 meal events with over 600 total attendees
43 onsite volunteers
30 website pages updated
9 meetings
Prepare the award recipients plaques and presentation at the Annual Award dinner

**Staff Members in 2014**

Operations Manager – Full time
Casting/Conservation Coordinator – Full time
Fair/Education Coordinator – Full time
Membership Coordinator – Full time
Receptionist – Part-time (30 hours week)
Administrative Assistant to clubs, guides and retailers – Part-time (28 hours week)
Bookkeeper – Part-time (4-8 hours week)

As you can see the Federation staff plays an important role in the Federation’s existence. However, the operations is just part of the wheel, so to speak. The other part of the wheel is our groups, councils and volunteers. One cannot work well without the other. The better we understand that symbiotic relationship the better we all will be served.

I have enjoyed serving as your President/CEO this past year and look forward to another exciting year in 2016.
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, two Board of Director’s teleconferences and six Executive Committee teleconferences. Once again, I had the pleasure of serving as Awards Committee Secretary. This year we will give out 19 awards exclusive of the casting awards and 23 Awards of Excellence. The opportunity to insure that many of our hardworking and deserving members receive the recognition they deserve is a privilege.
I also had the opportunity to participate in the strategy session in Denver this spring. 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 2015 conclave. Over the past several years we have substantially increased the number of workshops and the income these workshops bring to the organization.
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.

IFFF Foundation, Inc. Annual Report
Mike Stewart-President of Board of Trustees

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, 2014 Foundation assets totaled $213,446.60 and on May 31, 2015 assets totaled $223,292.04, a net increase of $9845.44. Gifts of $2069.76 were received. Two
Grants/awards totaling $3,500.00 were distributed/approved. Market value appreciation since January 1, 2014 was $4681.31 and investment income totaled $8221.96. Investment management and custody fees were $1627.59. As of May 31, 2015 the Foundation had $33,041.46 of undistributed investment income.

Grants and awards distributed/approved since 1 January 2014 were:

1. $3,000.00 to Appalachian State University for a graduate student conducting aquatic entomology research
2. $500.00 to help support NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

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 increased slightly in the past two years. Our members and supporters are asked to think of this foundation when they consider their estate and tax planning objectives.

Treasurer’s Report
Ron Winn

Following is the Balance Sheet for the two years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013. Also attached is a Profit and Loss Statement for the two years 2014 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 2014 the Federation’s current assets increased by $884,151.12 and total assets had a net increase of $877,273.30. At the same time the liabilities decreased by $12,420.23, resulting in a net asset increase of $889,693.53.

Profit and Loss

During 2014 we operated at a net income of $889,693.53. The large income can be attributed to a generous bequest the Federation received during 2014. Membership/Casting showed its 2nd consecutive year of growth being up 5.3%.
## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
### Balance Sheet - Previous Year Comparison
**As of December 31, 2014/2013**

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<td><strong>$1,291,786.37</strong></td>
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| **LIABILITIES & EQUITY** |          |              |
| Liabilities          |              |              |
| Current Liabilities  | $34,318.15  | $46,738.38  |
| **Total Liabilities** | **34,318.15** | **46,738.38** |
| Equity               |              |              |
| Net Assets           | 367,774.69  | 395,776.62  |
| Net Income           | 889,693.53  | -28,001.93  |
| **Total Equity**     | **1,257,468.22** | **367,774.69** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | **$1,291,786.37** | **$414,513.07** |
## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
**January through December 2014/2013**

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| **EXPENSE**    |             |             |
| Compensation   | $243,820.24 | $247,867.97 |
| Volunteers     | 885.02      | 8,723.28    |
| Publications   | 93,499.12   | 92,529.05   |
| Professional Services | 63,880.58 | 53,005.83   |
| Fundraising    | 17,121.67   | 9,938.10    |
| Services - Member/Non-Member | 115,770.89 | 107,002.35 |
| Interest Groups - Expense | 1,784.43  | 2,613.28    |
| Show           | 78,844.89   | 58,695.35   |
| Office Management | 102,792.34 | 93,204.00   |
| Misc. Expenses | 42,489.00   | 43,101.73   |
| **Total Expense** | **$760,888.18** | **$716,680.94** |

**NET INCOME**  

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Conservation Report
Glenn Erikson – Conservation Director

Committee Members:
Glenn Erikson PhD, IFFF Conservation Director
Rick Williams PhD, IFFF Senior Conservation Advisor
David Lemke, Board Committee Member

Conservation VPs from IFFF Councils.
Ivan Calhoun, ERMC
Dave Patterson, GLC
Chuck Fisk, GCC
Bob Molzahn, CC
Brad Eaton, UMCC
Sherry Steele, Oregon
Paul Goodwin, SCC
Tom Logan, FC
Debbie Sharpton, SWC
Ben Dennis, WSC
Duane Marler, WRMC
Jere Anderson, TC
Gilbert Biles, WSC
John Troiano, NEC
Jeff Skelding, EWC
Tom Smith, NCC
Jim Schramm, Legal Counsel
Scott Hagan, Osprey, Steelhead Committee
Will Atlas, Osprey, Steelhead Committee
Norm Ploss, Osprey, Steelhead Committee
Jim Yuskavitch, Osprey, Steelhead Committee
Robert Groskin, Salt Water Committee
Bob Tabbert, Coldwater Committee
Guy “Doc” Harrison, Warmwater Committee

Emertitus
Kyle Moppert, GCC
Verne Lemberg PhD, Cons. Advisor Emeritus
I. Conservation Small Grants Program - 2015

IFFF currently funds the Conservation Committee’s Conservation Small Grants (CSG) Program at a $22,500/annum level. The funding provides a $1,500 grant opportunity for each participating Council per year. In addition, the Conservation Committee sends out an email solicitation for Conservation funds from a select group of IFFF members. This solicitation netted $13,954 in 2012, $12,737 in 2013 and $17,650 in 2014. The 2015 solicitation letter is scheduled to be sent out in July 15.

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. In 2014, the Conservation Committee awarded 11 Conservation Small Grants to 9 of the 17 IFFF Councils through both a spring and fall grants solicitation totaling $16,500 of support. The Spring 2015 grants solicitation awarded 4 conservation Small Grants to 4 councils and totaled $6,420 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 2015 Conservation Small Grants awards included:

1. WRMC + FC + National – Bighorn River Alliance Grant $3,000
2. WRMC – Snake River Cutthroats Grant $1,000
3. SWC - Sespe Fly Fishers Grant $ 920
4. SWC - Golden State Fly Casters 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, Internships and Scholarships. In that regard, this spring the Committee has provided Board leadership with its strong sense of conceptual support for the following, understanding some details may need further work:

- For inclusion of Internships and Scholarships in the Conservation Small Grant program, with the following addition points being supported:
  - Matching funds not be required,
  - Graduate students in Fisheries related programs preferred,
  - Institutions should receive the funds so that they are non-taxable to the students,

- Local institutions for $1,500 grants, or up to $3,000 with matching Council or club funds,
- A nationally recognized institution for combining two or more councils CSG funds for larger grants for graduate students,
- Institutions would include:
  - Universities,
  - National Parks,
  - National Fish Habitat Partnerships.

- There was a sense that this may become an “Education” program in the future, but that for the time being at least, the Conservation Committee supported
being the responsible Committee, and that the CSG funds an appropriate locus for support.

The Committee has given internships previously, most notably three of them to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, so there is strong precedent. Beyond the obvious reasons to support this educational aspect of conservation, a great reason for supporting this program enhancement was provided by Jim Schramm, who stated that the Great Lakes Council has provided a similar program, that these interns and scholars go on to high level positions in our conservation agencies, and never forget who gave them these funds. It would be great if we could have this in place for the Fall round of Conservation Small Grant requests. We request review and discussion at the Executive or Board meetings at the Fair to hopefully accomplish that.

II. National Fish Habitat Partnership Update

The 16 National Fish Habitat Partnerships (NFHP) that currently operate in the continental US oversee the funding of much of the conservation habitat work done annually in the US. NFHP funding is primarily thru the US FWS and NOAA, and is directed principally towards native and anadromous fisheries. Every NFHP Coordinator we have spoken to agrees that there is a tremendous overlap of mission between the IFFF and the NFHP’s. That we are about “all fish in all waters” very much speaks to them. The IFFF is now officially joined ten of these Partnerships, has requested membership in three of the remaining Partnerships relevant to the IFFF, and is on three Steering Committees, the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV), the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP), and the Ohio River Basin FHP. In addition, two NFHP’s whose bylaws prohibit NGO’s such as IFFF to be on their Steering Committee Members, have placed IFFF on subcommittees, the Western Native Trout Initiative and the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership. We feel we have made significant headway and will continue to work to join more NFHPs and their Steering Committees.

III. 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. The WVB instructional manual was updated in 2014 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.

IV. Strategic Policy Plan

In 2014 Tom Logan led a Sub-Committee Which produced a new Strategic Policy Plan for the Conservation Committee which was approved by the Committee and the Board in 2015 and is available on our website.

V. Water Bottle Program

The IFFF Conservation Committee is currently busy at work on a Water Bottle Program, to be introduced at the Fair. As part of the Registration Fee, each attending member will receive a metal water bottle with a carabineer belt attachment. Filtered water will be available at stations at Fair activities. This will give us a more sustainable footprint at the Fair, as disposable plastic water bottles deplete our natural resources, especially valuable water
resources in their manufacture, and much of the water contained in these bottles is from freshwater aquifers depleting needed water to our trout and salmon streams. These reusable water bottles will be made available for Council and Club events in the future, and the Committee hopes they will be well used.

VI. 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):

- Support of the Clean Water Act Rulemaking being undertaken by the EPA.
- Supports the proposed addendum to the Draft Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass.
- Support of NOAA’s effort to establish a meaningful National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy.
- Support for funding the USGS National Streamgage Monitoring Network.

In addition, Tom Logan has offered to compile a file of letters and positions previously made by the Conservation Committee. This would allow us to more effectively make decisions regarding sign-on letters, and possibly come up with a number of issues that we can have pre-approvals from the Committee and possibly the Board on so that leadership can approve a particular request when needed. More on this subject as the work proceeds.

VII. Goals

- Increase Council participation by funding CSG’s all 17 Councils.
- Increase conservation funding support through collaborative grant writing as well as other means, with a long term goal of reaching financial self sufficiency.
- 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 the additional pages we have added to each of the two issues allows the magazine to maintain its usual magazine content and still cover the annual Fair properly. It is the hope that soon the magazine with be able to become three issues a year and eventually back to its original quarterly issue format.

The digital option for our regular membership in lieu of the traditional mailed copy continues to lag behind the hard copy option but has improved slightly. Currently, of our regular membership we have 1937 members signed up for the electronic magazine delivery. Using the digital option we also continue to offer a free electronic membership (which currently stands at 508 subscriptions) through a few charitable fly fishing related organizations with hopes of growing the exposure to the IFFF. All told, digital subscriptions (including free subscriptions) to the Flyfisher are 20% of the 12,478 magazine subscriptions. This leaves 10,033 or 80% continuing with the hard copy version of the magazine.

Communication flow from the clubs and councils to the magazine remains modest at best. This can be a handicap from time to time for the Home Waters section of the magazine. When the time comes to increase yearly issues this will be more of a problem as more content will be needed on an annual basis. Especially since the Home Waters section is intended primarily for club and council events, projects and happenings. This is also somewhat a reflection of the 2 issues a year format of the magazine which makes it hard for the Home Waters section to be as timely and relevant for date specific events. So to be fair, not all the lack of content is due to poor communication from the Clubs and Councils. However I am a Member profiles submissions from Council Presidents remain strong.

One new feature of the magazine to appear in the not too distant future will be a reoccurring survey of our readers using an on-line survey like Survey Monkey. The intention is so our readers can select their favorite fly patterns as they relate to an upcoming issue’s Biology on the Fly section. The top five patterns of each survey will then be displayed in the related Flyfisher issue with a picture, tying formula and how to fish advice for each. Stay tuned for the roll out along with more details in the upcoming Fall/Winter Issue.

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. I would also like to welcome Kelly Glissmeyer, a new addition to the Keokee Publishing team.
FFF Fly Tying Group
Tom H. Logan – Chair

Executive Committee: Tom H. Logan, Gene Barrington, Treasurer Fred DuPre, Secretary Mike Stewart, Past Chairman Jim Ferguson and Past Chairman Carl Ronk serve as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may conduct certain business of the Fly Tying Group (FTG) and its Board of Governors (BOG) as specified in Bylaws of the FTG.

Board of Governors: The BOG is comprised of 21 members that serve 3-year staggered terms. Members of the BOG are elected by the membership of the FTG each year by way of a Survey Monkey Ballot. The Chairman, Vise Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary each serve 1-year terms and are elected by a quorum attending the Annual Meeting. The BOG meets by quarterly Conference Calls and the Annual Meeting.

Membership: Membership of the FTG includes 345 members (32 life members) of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) as of June 2015. This compares well (19% growth during 2015) with previous year memberships of 291 and 231 members in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Purpose: The Purpose of the FTG of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) is set forth in the Bylaws for the FTG as 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.”

Achievements: The primary focus of the BOG towards achievement of this Purpose is to share information on all aspects of fly tying, teaching methods and use of materials with our members so that those who do tie flies may improve and expand their tying and teaching knowledge and skills, and in so doing, contribute to the Purpose of the FTG. This is accomplished with activities that include the following:

- The BOG implemented a new quarterly newsletter “Tying Times” during the fall of 2014. Articles are included in each issue of the newsletter on diverse topics of both tying and teaching preparation and methods. The newsletter is made available first to only FTG members and then to the full membership of the IFFF. Once the newsletter is available to all members of the IFFF, it also is available to the general public who visits our IFFF website. It is the intent of the BOG to inform all IFFF members and interested public of what the BOG is doing towards the Purpose and in so doing encourage both membership in the FTG and IFFF.

- The “Fly of the Month” is posted on the IFFF website each month. The fly tying information posted on this site is solicited from the membership to provide a diversity of illustrated tying instructions that represent cold, warm and salt water patterns being tied and fished by our members across all regions of the US and the world.
• A Fly Tying Skills Awards Program has been implemented to encourage our members to improve and expand their fly tying skills. Those who participate submit three each of a required selection of flies that includes three additional fly patterns of the applicant’s choice for evaluation. The flies are evaluated and the applicant is awarded a pin and certificate once general standards of technique, materials used and uniformity are met. The program is designed to award participants at three levels of achievement and complexity. The first level, i.e. Bronze, has been implemented and it is anticipated that Silver and Gold levels of the program will be implemented within the next 6 to 8 months. Each skill level is described and accompanied with a Handbook. The Second Edition of the Bronze Handbook was completed this June and the Silver Handbook will be ready for approval and implementation at the FTG Annual Meeting this August, if not before. The Gold Handbook will be completed by winter 2015-2016. Thirty-seven (37) IFFF members have participated in the program and received their Bronze Fly Tying Awards as of June 2015.

• Each level of the Fly Tying Skills Awards Program and associated handbooks also are accompanied with high quality instructional videos to demonstrate the tying of each required fly pattern.

• A Fly Tying Video Library (Video Library) currently is under construction as another informational resource that will be posted on the IFFF website to assist FTG and IFFF members expand and improve their fly tying skills. The Video Library will be a library of high quality links to videos that are already posted online around the world, but all in one easy to query location. The videos have been selected and permission secured from all authors to create the link to their product. The remaining work for launching the project is the design of the software that will facilitate query of content, very much as one would search for books by subject or author in a library. The Video Library will be launched by fall 2015.

• The International Fly Fair is a very important annual event where information shared, fly tying is demonstrated by an invited representation of the best US and international tyers and a diversity of fly tying workshops is offered. The BOG also will host the FTG booth at the Fly Fair to share with attendees what the FTG does, and feature tyers who have received the Buz Buszek Fly Tying Award and international tyers in the “Tying Theater” during the event. Our intent is to provide something of informational value to attendees that they may take home and share with members in their local Clubs and Councils.

• The BOG also hosts the FTG Annual Meeting at the International Fly Fair, followed by the Rendezvous. The Annual Meeting is the only face-to-face meeting of the BOG each year, and all FTG members are invited to attend. New BOG members are seated and officers elected during the meeting. Major programs are presented for discussion and decisions are made for the upcoming year. The FTG Rendezvous, Bar-B-Q and auction follow the meeting. The auction is the major fund raising event for the FTG where members take home fly tying, fly fishing and other valuable items that wouldn’t otherwise be available.

• The BOG also assists in the selection of the recipients of the Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award and Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award and has selected the first
recipient of the new Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Achievement Award to recognize fly tiers who have excelled in these areas of fly tying.

**Future goals of the FTG:** The BOG will strive to expand the ways we deliver more information on fly tying and teaching methods to our members towards the general purpose of preserving the art form of fly tying for all who fish with the artificial fly. Specific areas of activity will include the following:

- The BOG will continue to expand and improve the diversity and quality of content of *Tying Times* as our major informational resource for our members.
- The Silver and Gold levels of the Fly Tying Skills Awards Program will be completed and implemented by fall and winter of 2015, respectively.
- The Video Library will be implemented during fall of 2015.
- Perhaps most importantly the BOG will strive to develop ways to broaden and incorporate an international representation throughout our programs, activities and awards for benefit of all members.
- The BOG will seek to incorporate our purpose and activities as key elements of the IFFF strategic plan that is under development. It is hoped this will serve as endorsement of the FTG Purpose and to provide a formal role for the FTG to support the IFFF’s development and growth as the leading advocate for fly fishing interests, resource conservation and fly fishing education around the world.

**IFFF Casting Instructor Certification Program**  
**Rick Williams - Chair**

The Federation’s Casting Instructor Certification Program started in 1992 from a vision that Mel Krieger had to do for fly casting what the sports of golf and tennis had done to promote competency in their instructors. These sports had an official certification process for their instructors. Aspiring golfers and tennis players could readily find a qualified instructor in their field merely by contacting the certifying bodies in the respective sports and requesting the name of a qualified instructor in their area. For tennis, it was the United States Professional Tennis Association; for golf, it was the Professional Golf Association.

**Goals of the Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP)**

The FFF established its certification program with fifteen of the best-known names in American fly fishing. Our goal was to enhance the sport of fly fishing in three important areas:

1. To educate fly casting instructors;
2. To establish communication between instructors;
3. To offer learners a more accepted entry into our sport and a more qualified group of instructors.”

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After announcing the idea at the FFF Conclave in Calgary, Alberta, in July 1992\(^2\), Mel wrote a letter to those fifteen names on August 4, 1992, asking them to join him and the FFF in the effort.\(^3\) The Casting Board of Governors (BOG) was incorporated in the fall of 1992 under the auspices of the FFF. Its founding members were iconic figures in American fly casting or fly fishing. They were:

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**Present Status of the CICP**

Today, 23 years later, the Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) includes nearly 1500 instructors in 40 countries worldwide. The CICP has three levels of instructor certification: Instructor, Master Instructor, and Two-Hand Instructor. The majority of our instructors (70%) live in the United States. We have 60 instructors in Canada, but none in Mexico! Presently, the program’s growth is split evenly between North America and countries throughout the world.

Today (2015) the CICP looks like this:

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<td>Instructor (CI)</td>
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<td>Master (MCI)</td>
<td>253</td>
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<td>Two-Hand (THCI)</td>
<td>90</td>
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The CICP has always operated with considerable autonomy internally, but also with considerable support from the Board of Directors. This is much appreciated by the CBOG.

**The Last Decade**

The CICP expanded dramatically internationally starting in 2006 in response to increasing interest in FFF instructor certifications following the termination of the FFF-Europe program. While several other casting instructor organizations exist that offer instructor certifications, most are quite restricted geographically and serve a local or regional group of instructors. Several of these programs are very high quality, and the CICP has worked hard over the last decade to build and maintain good working relationships with instructors and leaders in those organizations. Instructors from these organizations, and elsewhere in the world, are drawn to the IFFF Casting Instructor Certification Program for two primary reasons: 1) CICP certifications offer a global standard of recognized high quality; and 2) certification with

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\(^3\) Allan Rohrer, email to Macauley Lord, March 2, 2001.
IFFF’s CICP and listing on our website offers these instructors (many of whom are professional guides) the opportunity to connect with traveling US anglers.

_Raising the Quality of the CICP Program_

Over the last four years (2011 – 2014) and continuing, the CICP has focused on upgrading the quality of our instructor tests, including a much greater emphasis on evaluating instructing ability during the CICP testing process. A new CI test was released on April 1, 2015, and a significant upgrade to the MCI test – again with greater emphasis on teaching ability – is underway. The THCI test was updated in late 2014 to also add greater emphasis on teaching ability and assessment.

Study and preparation materials for all three CICP tests are also being updated to improve candidate preparation, including perhaps positively influencing pass rates for exams.

_Raising Quality Standards and Training for CICP Examiners_

Paralleling the quality upgrade in our instructor tests has been the launch in 2013 of the Examiner Development Pathway (EDP) – a training and development program for CICP Examiners. Starting in 2017, only instructors who have been training and validated by the EDP program will conduct CICP tests. The program aims to increase training for examiners, increase consistency in testing, and increase communication among CICP Examiners. About 40% of existing Master Instructors (MCIs) have signed up for the EDP program, with more than half of those already participating in one or more examiner training workshops.

_CICP Activities in 2014_

_A Summary of CICP Testing in 2014_

In 2014, CICP examiners conducted 144 tests in North America and throughout the world.

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2. **CICP Tests Pass Rates:** 2014

   | CI test | 90 |
   | CI pass | 51 |
   | Pass rate | 57% |

   | MCI tests | 30 |
   | MCI pass | 8 |
   | Pass rate | 27% |

   | THCI test | 24 |
   | THCI pass | 14 |
   | Pass rate | 58% |

3. **CICP Events** – teaching workshops, EDP workshops, and CICP testing
1. Long Beach, CA
2. Oregon Council Expo
3. Atlanta, GA
4. Washington Council Expo
5. Texas Council Expo
6. Annual Fair – Livingston
7. Somerset Show – New Jersey
8. Crystal River, Florida

b. International Events – Conducted in 2014
1. South Korea
2. New Zealand
3. EWF
4. Bellingham England
5. Russia
6. Australia

c. International Events – Planned for 2015
1. Poland
2. EWF
3. Bellingham England
4. South Korea
5. Italy
6. South Africa
Other Upgrades for CICP

1. Study Materials and Guides

a. **CI Test** – Substantial effort has gone into developing several study aids for those interested in gaining their CI Instructor certification. These include


2. **Casting Instructor (CI) Preparation Video**, prepared by CBOG members Bruce Richards, Molly Semenik, and Bruce Williams, [http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Casting/StudyMaterials/CertifiedInstructor/CIPreparationVideo.aspx](http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Casting/StudyMaterials/CertifiedInstructor/CIPreparationVideo.aspx), and

3. **The Casting Instructor Study Guide** prepared by the CICP’s Professional Development Committee. The study guide is available to MCIs by requesting it from the PDC.

b. **MCI Test** – Recent efforts by Joe Libeu (CBOG) and Al Buhr (CBOGE) have produced a small format MCI Study Guide that is a clear advance over previous study guide and test preparation materials.

c. **THCI Test** – Recent efforts by Al Buhr (CBOGE) and the THCI Committee have produced a THCI Study Guide in the same format as the MCI Study Guide. Both the MCI and THCI Study Guides are in final review within the MCI and THCI Committees, respectively. Once completed, it has been proposed that they would be made available for purchase on the IFFF website.

2. New map-based search for CICP Instructors

It has long been a goal of mine to have a map-based search engine for locating CICP Instructors in addition to our longtime data query search engine. Recent assistance from Marvin Cash and Rhonda Sellers found an affordable option for us using BatchGeo. Using the new map, one can drill down into a specific geographic area and find instructors at all levels of qualification to assist in testing and candidate preparation. [http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Casting/CastingInstructorMap/tabid/636/Default.aspx](http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Casting/CastingInstructorMap/tabid/636/Default.aspx)

Goals for the CICP through 2017

My tenure as Chair of the CBOG and CICP will run thorough mid-2017, at which time, we anticipate having successfully upgraded all three CICP tests, and having a cadre of trained examiners – likely around 100 examiners – available worldwide, which should be sufficient to meet the testing needs of the CICP. These accomplishments are the result of deliberate and coordinated planning between David Diaz, previous CBOG Chair (2011 –
2014), and myself over the last four years, and have garnered enthusiastic support from other members of the Casting Board of Governors and many MCIs.

Many Governors and MCIs have devoted significant volunteer time to the CICP quality upgrades achieved and those still underway on the three CICP tests and the development and delivery of the Examiner Development Pathway. Both programs have been very successful and are contributing to CICP program growth with respect to increasing members, as well as increasing visibility, respect, and stature for the CICP within IFFF and within the global fly fishing community and industry.

My specific goals for the immediate future are twofold. They include:

1) Expanding CICP interactions with IFFF members and the public by supporting regional continuing education-focused events more fully, and

2) Rebuilding CICP relationships and involvement with members the fly fishing industry – manufacturers, outfitters, guides, and retail shop owners.

3) Assisting in developing a fly casting instructional curriculum aimed at fly fishers that supports the new IFFF vision of implementing Mel Krieger’s Fly Fishing Academy as a unifying educational structure for IFFF.

Museum Committee (now in its 4th year)

Sherry Steele – Chair

The museum has obtained some very wonderful donations for 2014-2015. Among these are the following:

Lee Wolf tied flies to be mounted and framed by Jim Fisher – Donor Joan Wolf
Books 6 ea – Donor Marlene Buttler
Original Framed Hackle – Donor Henry Hoffman
Very old Fly Wallet, Leader Box and Silk Line – Donor Dick Kellogg
Book – Back Casts – Donor & Author J. David “Skip” Hosfield
Deschutes River Brown Trout (in display case), Created by James R Eriser FFF President 1972,1973 – Donor Linvel & Gloria Hatton
Letters and bulletins from 1967-68 – Donor L. Keith Reed

Items in process
Phrozen Phantom Phlytyers - Fly display – Donor Snake River Cutthroats
Nor Vice S/N 001 – Donor Norm Norlander
Council Reports

Chesapeake Council
Ken Tidy – President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD (as of December 31, 2014)

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MEMBERS: Number of members ending December 31, 2014 was 596

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:
The CC has continued to move forward rebuilding a responsive and active council within the five (5) states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. The CC Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of each month via teleconference. Our first face-to-face meeting was held on Saturday evening at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show.
The current Board of Directors will remain in office through 2015 and most of 2016 and that should provide us with BOD continuity and stability during this critical period. Our bylaws have been edited to meet IFFF requirements and were approved at our October meeting. Work started on a Membership Survey (released in spring 2015), CC Standard Operating Procedures and a CC Strategic Plan (currently in comment and review) to identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.
During 2014 the Chesapeake Council made their presence known by attending as many of the regional Fly Fishing Shows as possible. This included the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster, Pa; Tiefest in Grasonville, MD; National Capital TU Show in Bethesda, MD; the Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival in Waynesboro, VA and the Carlisle Sports and Outdoors Show in PA.
CONSERVATION: The Chesapeake Council’s Conservation Chair left the BOD in 2014 and a replacement was not available until January 2015.

EDUCATION:
- The CC organized and held an IFFF Continuing Education Program during the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show and supported two (2) CI tests during the weekend event.
- Supported Charter Club Antietam Fly Anglers Fly Casters Rendezvous in March 2014 with CI’s and MCI’s teaching. Attendance was light due to predictions of heavy rain and thunderstorms.
- The annual May Fly Fishing Camp was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. (Note: Changed to Family Fly Fishing Event in 2015 and was successful beyond expectations!)
- Chesapeake Council Board Member Dianne Tidy served on the 2014 IFFF Fly Fishing Fair Committee and was the organizer and lead instructor for the 2014 IFFF Women’s Fly Fishing University held in August in Livingston, MT. Qualified women instructors from California, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Oregon, Virginia and Canada supported this effort and the two (2) day class filled to capacity. Three of the instructors are members of the Chesapeake Council and made the long distance trip to Livingston. The highlight was Maggie Merriman’s teaching and guiding on DePuy’s Spring Creek! Maggie was featured on the front page of the Livingston and the class dominated the Sports page with photographs and interviews with participants and instructors.
- The CC attended the Carlisle Sports and Outdoors Show (PA) in September and provided judges and competitors for the 2nd Annual Pennsylvania Fly Casting Championship.
- CC Charter Clubs, Antietam Fly Anglers and Potomac Valley Fly Fishers, sponsored a Learn to Fly Fish course held at Devil's Backbone Park in Boonsboro, MD in September. The weather was great and 15 attendees were introduced to the fun of fly fishing. The event was considered successful.

COMMUNICATION:
The Chesapeake Council quarterly e-newsletter “Watershed Moments” continues to provide current and future CC and club event information along with educational articles. The newsletter is managed and edited by Tom Cooper, IFFF CI.

The CC Facebook page continues to gather more “likes” and encourages our members and clubs by offering to “like yours” if you “like ours”. We are tracking views on our website http://ccifff.org and the Facebook page to make sure we are communicating effectively.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 1868 volunteer hours in 2014
FINANCIAL
Book Balance 6,255.16 - 1/1/2014
5,448.21 - 12/31/14
Total Revenue 1,074.04
Total Expense 1,886.89

Eastern Rocky Mountain Council
Bruce Brown - (interim President and Secretary)
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD election pending for the fall of 2015
Interim Officers:
   Terry Lewis, Interim VP, Pueblo, Colorado
   Mary Brown, Interim Treasurer, Flagstaff, Arizona
   Don Gibbs, Membership Chairman, Golden, Colorado
   Ivan Calhoun, VP Conservation, Denver, Colorado
   Pat Oglesby, Member Emeritus

MEMBERS Number of members ending December 31, 2014 - 774
The ERMC is one of the fastest growing Councils.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
First of all, I want to show my sincere appreciation to my good friends Pat and Carol Oglesby. Pat has served our council for many years, along with the many other efforts both he and Carol have provided to the IFFF and Trout Unlimited. I’m proud to call them good friends and look forward to many more years working with them and the IFFF.

Probably the most challenging issue with the ERMC is our large geographical area. However, having been raised in the Phoenix and Flagstaff, have lived for a time in New Mexico and now, having been in Denver for over 15 years, I am familiar with the region and look forward to creating a communication portal between all our clubs. This is my number one priority. In doing so, I am hoping to organize a Council Fair in late fall of next year. I am also hoping to get a member of each club to participate on our board and have quarterly conference call meetings.

I am thankful for the excellent support I am getting from Mr. Greenlee, Rhonda and the gals at the IFFF office, as well as, the other Council Presidents. I am encouraged and excited for this opportunity to serve the IFFF and local clubs in this part of the county I proudly call home.

CONSERVATION
I have just received a commitment from Ivan Calhoun to take on this role. Ivan recently relocated to the Denver area after living and participating in the IFFF in the states of Texas, Idaho and Oregon. I am looking forward to creating a more comprehensive conservation program in our region.
EDUCATION
Many of our local clubs organize education events, to include youth program specifically. I created and still direct a BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge program for the Denver Area Council, this year, being our 10th year.

COMMUNICATION
Recently, a Facebook page has been created and will continue to expand in the near future. I am planning a website as well.

VOLUNTEER HOURS
I am unable to report a comprehensive accounting of volunteer hours, but will do so next year. I am aware in general local clubs participate in many different local programs, expos and shows. Personally I feel these programs offer a better chance to market our clubs and federation, more so than purely a membership or fundraising drive.

FINANCIAL
Beginning funds in Council for 2014 = $5946
Ending funds in Council for 2014 = $5669.63

Eastern Waters Council
Patricia Decker (Sam) President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD
VP: Richard Ross
Secretary: Demetre Bove
Treasurer: Rodney Priddle
Jeff Skelding
Glenn Erikson
Gail Gallo
Paul Gallo
John Golon
Bob Groskin

MEMBERS Number of members ending December 31, 2014 - 482

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
Eastern Waters is a new Council and we are still working to get up to our full potential. We cover all of New York and New Jersey with parts of Pennsylvania and Ontario. We have started conversations and telephone conference calls with our clubs. The clubs were very pleased to be included in our conversations. The first newsletter has been issued and the second one has been started.
Eastern Waters participated in November the International Fly tying show, tying classes with children. In January at the Somerset Fly Fishing Show we had an important position and offered continuous casting warm ups for three days non stop. In May Eastern Waters had the casting clinic at the Boy Scout Jamboree at West Point.

Eastern Waters held their first fundraiser raffling off a Sweetgrass Rod with a $3000 profit.

Eastern Waters is planning on the annual Casting Rendezvous for later this fall.

CONSERVATION
The Council is working with Friends of The Upper Delaware River in a habitat restoration on Sands Creek.
The Council in conjunction with Wild Trout Flyrodders donated $500 for improved river access at Long Eddy on the Delaware River.

EDUCATION
Clinics as above, fly tying at the International Fly tying Show, casting at Somerset and WestPoint.

COMMUNICATION Newsletter to members

VOLUNTEER HOURS Too many to count!

FINANCIAL Present $5,072.68

Florida Council
Thomas Gadacz President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD (see below)

MEMBERS 652 members ending December 31, 2014

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
Goals include promoting fly fishing and membership in IFFF as the only organization specifically dedicated to fly fishing; recognize and welcome all fly fishing clubs in Florida; promoting youth fly fishing; encouraging fly casting clinics; and having a successful Florida Council Expo.

We also support local, state and federal conservation issues and partnerships with other organizations on initiatives that impact fly fishing.

Accomplishments: Identification of 22 fly fishing clubs in Florida; working with a fly fishing club in Panama City to become a Charter Club and one in Tri-county to resume Affiliate status; established a Youth Award to financially assist with attendance at a
youth fly fishing camp; conducting several casting clinics throughout the state; and having the FL Council Expo in Crystal River. The FL Council wrote letters in support of several conservation issues and endorsed initiatives of other conservation organizations.

**CONSERVATION**

June FL Council develops and adopts Conservation Plan – Tom Logan

Tom Logan reported on several conservation projects, including a lake project in Tallahassee, Leon County recreation site ($1,500 IFFF grant), Hobe Sound conservation effort with some IFFF funding, St. Marks wildlife Region, and joint efforts with Theodore Roosevelt partnership, to recognize and allocate marine resources to sport fishing in the Magnuson-Stevens re-authorization bill.

August 19, 2014, sent letter of support to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to request that the Florida legislature modify the tarpon program rules to resolve the inconsistencies between the Florida Statutes and the rule.

September 10, 2014, sent letter to NOAA commenting on Goals of the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy regarding adding additional goals which would emphasize consistent data collection and use of accepted scientific methods across political boundaries to collect and verify data. We also recommended that consideration be given to the forage basis and habitat in evaluating the health of specific fish species populations.

December 2014, sent letter to NOAA regarding support for the changes made in the National Saltwater Recreational Fishing Policy.

Many of the Florida fly fishing clubs participated in numerous conservation activities and partnered with other conservation organizations to educate Florida citizens of the major issues in our state and petition the Governor and legislature to protect, restore and preserve our waterways and fisheries.

**EDUCATION**

Many of the individual IFFF clubs had casting clinics, youth programs and outreach programs with PHWFF, Boy Scouts, 4H and several other organizations.

Specifically the Council provided an excellent educational program at its Expo. This included fly tying and casting, a youth program, and many specialized talks and demonstrations.

At the March 8, 2014 FL Council IFFF Board meeting, the Council established the Florida Council IFFF “Skip Mackey” Youth Award ($1,000) for a Florida youth interested in fly fishing. Mackey, who passed away in November 2013, was “The Voice of NASA”. He was an avid fisherman and championed teaching kids to fish. The youth must be accepted into the Bighorn Youth Fly Fishing Camp in Fort Smith, Montana. We wish to thank the Backcountry Fly Fishing Association of Brevard for contributing $1,000 to initiate this program.
COMMUNICATION

The FL Council has an active web site and the newsletter is available on the web site. E-mails are sent to club presidents and Board members about important issues.

We conducted a survey of IFFF FL clubs regarding their active and preferred activities. Results are available as the 2014 Florida Council Survey of club activities and update of fly fishing clubs in Florida (now 22 clubs).

Summary of Survey:

Most clubs have monthly meetings and monthly to quarterly outings. Outings range from local to distant locations. Fly tying and casting sessions are included at most meetings and additional casting clinics are conducted during the year. Many clubs participate in and support local and state conservation organizations and are very active in trying to influence Florida legislators to restore the waterways ways of Florida especially the Everglades and St. Lucie and St. Johns Rivers. Many clubs participate in and support youth fly fishing activities in fishing camps, 4H Fairs, Boy Scouts, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and other organizations and events. Support is given to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and Casting for Recovery.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Our main event is the Expo. Some 30 fly tiers, 20 course instructors and casters, and 15 volunteer staff spent 8 hours for 2 days in support of the Expo. This totals 1,040 volunteer hours just for the Expo. At least another 500 hours have been spent in planning, recruiting, promoting, and preparing for the Expo. An estimated 1,540 volunteer hours went to support the IFFF FL Expo.

In addition, volunteer hours in administering the Council by its officers and Board members is difficult to track but at least another 600 hours have been spent on administration, conservation issues and letters, communication with clubs and members, and finances. Total 2,140 volunteer hours.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Florida Council contributed $1,000 to the IFFF Awards Banquet.

FINANCIAL

2014 Beginning $20,337.18 and ending $17,620.75 in Council for 2014; funds spent leading to a decrease in the end of year balance included significant increase IT support, increase in venue costs for Expo and decrease in auction income for Expo.
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Great Lakes Council
James Schramm – President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

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MEMBERS Number of members ending December 31, 2014 - 869

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
Since its formation in 1980, the Great Lakes Council (GLC) and its clubs have been involved in numerous projects on rivers and lakes in Michigan and Indiana. While the focus has been on the Au Sable and Pere Marquette Watersheds because of the Anglers of the Au Sable and Pere Marquette Watershed Council, projects have taken place in all the major watersheds.

Many of the projects are done in partnership with other organizations. Michigan benefits by having organizations such as the Conservation Resource Alliance and Huron Pines available to work with. These organizations are non-profits who have staff that can provide the fund raising and technical expertise to organize, engineer and coordinate conservation projects. Other partners include Trout Unlimited and its Chapters and various Watershed Councils.

The IFFF and GLC have played a major role in bringing catch and release regulations to streams in Michigan. Significant among these are sections on the main stream of the Au Sable, the South Branch of the Au Sable and the Pere Marquette. The Michigan DNR seeks the input of the IFFF and GLC on all fishing regulation proposals.

For over twenty-five years, the GLC and Anglers of the Au Sable have been part of the Oversight Committee for the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC). The Oversight Committee also includes the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited and Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

The MHRC was formed to participate in the relicensing process of hydro dams in Michigan and has worked closely with the Michigan DNR, USF&WS, and USFS as part of the Resource Agency Team. The result of these efforts resulted in several settlement agreements with hydro owners involving over thirty hydro projects in Michigan. Key parts of the settlement agreements are habitat improvement funds, which have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars for habitat projects on the watersheds where the hydro projects are located.

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 2016 and Sabin dam in 2017. The MHRC will be involved as part of the Implementation Team in removal of the dams...

CONSERVATION

Maple River Restoration Project: The Conservation Resource Alliance has completed this year’s work. The year-end report will be distributed after it is issued.

Anglers of the Au Sable Brook Trout Telemetry Project with Grand Valley State University: Students have been collecting data all summer. They have now completed the data collection phase of the project and are working on the final report. It will likely be late winter or early spring before it is complete.

Grayling Fish Hatchery: The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has approved the discharge permit for Henrietta Hills Hatchery to increase the number of rainbow trout raised at the Grayling hatchery. The Anglers of the Au Sable have responded by filing a petition to contest this action. The first step of this process is an administrative hearing. The action may eventually become a lawsuit to prevent the permit from becoming permanent. The Sierra Club is also planning a legal challenge. In the meantime the Crawford County Commission has approved the lease for the hatchery with few restrictions on its use. This issue will be ongoing for some time.

National Guard Expansion: After having an opportunity to assess what they had proposed the Michigan National Guard informed us that they would not be expanding in the proximity of any of the rivers in the Grayling area. In the letter sent to the guard it was pointed out that there was plenty of land available that was not environmentally sensitive. The Guard decided to look closer at these possibilities and move any possible expansion to the south.

Cold Water Resources Steering Committee: The proposal by Mark Tonello, a biologist out of the Cadillac office will be presented at this month’s NRC meeting. The goal of this proposal is to limit the amount of snagging taking place on selected Lake Michigan 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 2 inches. 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.

A change in the minimum size limits from 8 inches to 7 inches for brook trout in Type IV streams will also be presented to the NRC. After a review by all of the Regional Managers, Fisheries Division determined that there are few if any brook trout in these waters so the impact would be insignificant. It would also simplify the regulation package. When we discussed this issue at an earlier CWRSC meeting it was not well received but we could not come up with any significant reasons to oppose it.

Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management Initiative: After months of work this Citizen Initiated Legislation has now become law. The Committee collected over 300,000 signatures. The Secretary of State verified 297,000 of the signatures on the petitions, enough for the petition to move forward. The Michigan Senate and House of
Representatives then approved the initiative and it has become law. This will now assure that the NRC has the authority to name fish and game species and set seasons. It also contains a 1 million-dollar appropriation for rapid response to invasive species by the DNR and free licenses for active duty military members. Approval of this law also makes the ongoing petition drive by the Humane Society of the US moot. That petition drive was an attempt to overturn an earlier law that contained the same authority for the NRC as this Citizen Initiated Law. The HSUS tried to make this all about the wolf hunting issue but for many of us it was about maintaining the authority for the NRC and DNR to manage our wildlife.

**Au Sable River Atlantic Salmon Planting:** This spring 36,000 Atlantic Salmon were stocked in the lower Au Sable River. Last year 30,000 were also stocked. Fisheries managers were expecting some to return to the river this fall but so far none had shown up. They now believe that very few of these fish have survived. One fish was caught earlier that is thought to be from these stockings. Managers are looking for ways to keep the yearling fish in the hatchery longer to allow them to reach a greater size, which will greatly improve their survival. This experiment will continue for the foreseeable future.

**West Branch of Big Creek:** Angling groups in the Grayling area are partnering to commence restoration on the West Branch of Big Creek, a major tributary of the North Branch of the Au Sable. Last summer volunteers removed the remnants of 17 beaver dams on the creek. The proposed project will restore stream channels and move excess sand and sediment out of the streambed. The goal is to restore spawning habitat to this once productive Brook Trout stream. Over the past few winters over 150 beavers have been removed from this watershed. Mason Griffiths Founders Chapter of TU has applied for a HIA grant from the Michigan DNR. The Anglers and North Branch Foundation along with Mason Griffiths Chapter have committed major funding to the project. We have been asked to support this project. The Conservation Committee recommends that the GLC contribute $500 in 2015 and 2016 in support of this project.

**EDUCATION**

The GLC has held a Fly Fishing School & Fair in June of each year for the past twenty five years. Education programs, classes and workshops for the beginner, intermediate and advanced fly anglers covering all aspects of fly fishing are scheduled. 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.

The GLC=s clubs also have many education programs reaching out to youth and adults who are interested in fly fishing.

For the past fifteen years, the GLC has held a Fly Tying Expo. While the event focuses on fly tyers demonstrating their tying skill, education programs are also presented promoting all aspects of fly fishing. The Council’s Fourteenth annual Fly Tying Expo was held on November 1, 2014 at the Causeway Convention Center in Lansing, 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 2015 Expo scheduled for November 7, 2015.
**MSU/Fenske Fellowship funding:** President Schramm was contacted by DNR Fisheries Chief Jim Dexter seeking GLC support for this project. The project will consist of work by Grad student Elle Gulloty to develop ways to improve the Stream Classification portion of the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool. This tool has been found to be lacking in its ability to accurately gauge the impact of water withdrawal on small streams. The Angers of the Au Sable and TU have also contributed to this project. We have been asked to provide a one-time grant of $1,000 for this project. President Schramm has distributed the info about this project.

Our VP Education will be meeting with Michigan Department of Transportation personnel regarding the creation of a fly fishing display at the MDOT I-75 welcome center near Erie, MI. Indicates it may become a model for other welcome centers.

**COMMUNICATION**

The GLC publishes a newsletter quarterly. Past issues can be viewed on the GLC website at [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org). The Council also produces a GLC brochure which is put in fly shops and Michigan welcome centers.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Including time spent by Council members at shows, clinics, demonstration, etc that were Council Events the total was 690 hours.

**FINANCIAL**

Beginning balance, January 1, 2014: $6,288.58
Receipts: $12,983.38
Expenditures: $13,347.66
Ending balance, December 31, 2014: $5,924.30

**Gulf Coast Council**

Kyle Moppert – President

**GCC Territory:** Louisiana, Mississippi and south Alabama

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

The Gulf Coast Council was split at the end of 2012 into two separate councils the Gulf Coast and Texas Councils. The Gulf Coast Council then consists of LA, MS, and lower AL, and with the affiliation of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida in Feb. 2015, the western most section of the Florida panhandle was added to the GCC.

**COUNCIL BOARD**

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MEMBERS

247 members ending December 31, 2014 – This reflects a 21% growth in membership from 204 to 247 for the year (2014) and 115% growth over the two years of the revised Council, from a starting number of approximately 115 on Dec. 31, 2012.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

- 2014 - The Gulf Coast Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers is on a roll. It was another year of membership growth, which was highlighted by the reorganization of the New Orleans Fly Fishers as a Charter Club - thus giving the Council four Charter Clubs (out of 11 clubs in 2014).
- Since re-organization, the council president has visited most of the GCC clubs.
- The highlight of the year (2014) was first GCC Fly Fair since re-organization. The GCC Ocean Springs MS Fly Fair, held Sept 12/13, 2014, was a success with over 250 in attendance and a profit of over $4,000.
- Seeking and replacing the more officers via an election is a major emphasis for the next year.
CONSERVATION
The council’s primary Conservation Activities were:

(1) In 2013, the GCC Board of Directors voted to donate 50% of the profits from the GCC Fly Fair as research grants to the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) in Ocean Springs, MS. In 2014, the GCC full filed this obligation with a donation of $2,000 to the GCRL. As a part of our commitment to conservation and research, the GCC plans to continue such donations to the GCRL.

For over 30 years, the folks at the GCRL have been single-handily responsible for keeping the "Gulf Race Stripers" from going extinct. This race of stripers was once extremely common in almost all coastal rivers from the Mississippi River to the Tallahassee region of Florida. Through the efforts of the GCRL, there has been real success with the comeback of this species from a tiny remnant population in one coastal river to breeding populations in to a number of northern Gulf of Mexico coastal rivers in Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. But that’s not the limit of the GCRL’s efforts and the GCC is also interested in the GCRL’s research involving tarpon, gulf sturgeon, shrimp diseases, beach ecosystems and oil spills. You can read more about the lab at the GCRL's web site and Facebook page:

http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/research/striped_bass.php
https://www.facebook.com/GCRLstripedbass

(2) For a number of years, the fisheries of Mobile Bay have been in steady decline, but artificial reefs have been proven to increase fish populations and opportunities for fisherman in the Bay. These reefs are easily accessible for fishermen with small boats or kayaks and provide recreational incentives for tourism. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division (ANDR) is currently spearheading a four-acre reef project in the Bay near Point Clear, AL.

To bring awareness to the fly fishing community about Mobile Bay’s fisheries, the Eastern Shore Fly Fishers (ESFF) and the GCC applied to the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) for a Small Conservation Grant to help fund this reef creation. The IFFF Conservation Committee approved a grant of $1,500 to the GCC. The GCC has matched those funds and additional funds are coming from the ESFF ($1,000). The ANDR will be matching these donated funds ($4,000) three to one, for a total of $16,000 to use for this artificial reef enhancement.
EDUCATION
The following are a number, but not all, of the educational efforts that occurred in the GCC in 2014:

- The GCC Ocean Springs MS Fly Fair held Sept 12/13, 2014 was a success with 250 in attendance. (NOTE: The total Federation membership as of Dec. 31st was 247!) The vast majority of those in attendance and in the Federation in this council had never before attended an IFFF show. Our next Fly Fair will be held in Ocean Springs, MS on Sept 18/19, 2015.
- The Acadiana Fly Casters, Lafayette, LA; the Contraband Fly Casters, Lake Charles, LA; and the Red Stick Fly Fishers, Baton Rouge, LA held very successful regional club shows.
- Most of our 11 clubs in 2014 held at least one education day/classes, which are open to the public such as the Red Stick Fly Fishers “Fly Fishing 101”.
- Many GCC clubs participated in regional fishing education days such as the Easter Shore Fly Fishers, Fairhope, AL, participation in the Delta Woods and Water 2014 Expo and the North Louisiana Fly Fishers, Shreveport, LA, and Red Stick Fly Fishers participation in the National Hunting a Fishing Day festivities put on by the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, where at each of those events, hundreds of children were exposed to fly casting and tying.
- The Magnolia Fly Fishers, Jackson, MS, have completed the first phase of their one line Fly tying course, “Arkansas Trout Fly Tying Course - Lessons in Tying Some of the “Must Have” Flies for Arkansas Trout”. This manual and associated videos were then shared with the IFFF Fly Tying Group.
- The Mississippi Coast Fly Fishers, Biloxi, MS, was very active in education through the Project Healing Waters, and the North Louisiana Fly Fishers also worked with several East Texas clubs on events through Project Healing Waters.
- Again in 2014, the Acadiana Fly Casters hosted their annual Reel Recovery event. Fly fishers from a number of GCC clubs volunteer their time each year in order to participate in this annual event.
- The North Louisiana Fly Fishers held their annual Masters Clinic, where they bring in a renowned personality for weekend classes. This event is utilized by the club as an education event for education of those in the public who wish to participate.
- The Historic Ocean Springs Fly Fishers, Ocean Springs, MS, volunteered in and funded two "scholarships" to the GCRL's "Summer Fish Camp" ~ $600; supported and contributed moneys to a GCRL seminar series which directly supports their Marine Education Center supported and specific legislative, conservation issues concerning regional agencies.
The Council purchased fly boxes, supplied six (6) flies per box, which in 2014 were presented to approximately 200 scouts who attended BSA Swamp Base, a regional BSA High Adventure Camp. http://www.bsaswampbase.org/ Keith Richard, MCI, taught many of the Swamp Base personnel to instruct the overhead and roll cast to the scout using the 35 rods/reels previously purchased by the GCC and its member clubs. In Swamp Base’s the first two (2) years, almost 400 scouts from 17 U.S. states have attended, were given these IFFF/website embossed boxes of flies, and had the opportunity to fly fish in the Atchafalaya Basin. For most of these scouts, it was their first fly fishing experience.

In November 2014, the GCC and TX Council again co-sponsored The North Toledo Bend Rendezvous. This is the oldest, strictly-tying, gathering in the South, where each year many of the very best Federation fly tyers from Louisiana, Texas and beyond gather at the North Toledo Bend State Park on the shores of Toledo Bend Reservoir for a weekend of tying flies and eating lots and lots of very good food! Held the first weekend of November, the 2014 Rendezvous was the 26th anniversary (since 1989) of this gathering of fly tyers. The North Toledo Bend Rendezvous remains one of the top tying events held each year in the U.S.A. If you have never attended Rendezvous or haven't been in a while, you are hereby invited to attend... Hey, we haven't gathered on the shores of Toledo Bend and thrown this party for 26 years for nothing!!!

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

Almost all of the clubs in the GCC hold weekly or monthly fly tying classes, which are open to the public and advertised throughout their regions. Many of these classes are held at venues such as Orvis fly shops, independent fly shops, Bass Pro, Cabala’s and other sporting goods outlets.

COMMUNICATION
While the GCC Website and Face Book Page have become our primary means of communication, the GCC still occasionally publish our excellent newsletter, *The Gulf Streamer*. The 2014 issue of *The Gulf Streamer* was some 19 pages in length:


The GCC website contains well over 600+ photographs of GCC Federators and over 50 species of local, fly caught fish. The GCC web site contains a great deal of information on the Council, the Federation, Council events, clubs, Contacts, By Laws, GCC Speaker’s Bureau, Casting Certification and GCC CI’s, GCC CIs’ Casting Events/Schools, Educational materials available, *The Gulf Streamer*, How to Found a Federation club, Membership Information, GCC partnership with BSA Swamp Base, *The
Loop, The Osprey, GCC authors, 100+ GCC and other IFFF regional tyers on the web, The IFFF Fly Tying Group, Cane Rod Builders, GCRL Striped Bass Restoration, GCC Awards and History, and much, much more…

http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/

Our Face Book Page has proven to be an effective means of communication with large numbers of our members and has a large following from both inside the Council, as well as across the country.


**VOLUNTEER HOURS**
- For a small council with only 11 clubs (2014), the Gulf Coast Council is very active
- Through our council and club shows, events, tying session, and etc. thousands of volunteer hours occur each year.
- Add to that total, the hundreds of more hours donated through Project Healing Waters and Reel Recovery.
- The council president alone donates well over 350 hours per year.

**MARKETING/OUTREACH**
- Continued to promote communications to all GCC members by council officers
- Maintain club president e-mail list and updated as club presidents change
- Regularly review and update IFFF membership rolls
- Promoted our presence and events on Facebook
- Promoted the GCC and the IFFF on numerous fly fishing web sites
- President visited 10 of our 11 GCC clubs in 2013/14
- In two years (2013-14), increased Federation membership by over 100% (115 to 247)
- In September, 2014, held the first Fly Fair of the revised GCC
- Continue to develop a tremendous relationship with the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory

**FINANCIAL**
Beginning balance, January 1, 2014: $11,417.23
Receipts: $8514.00
Expenditures: $3594.32
Ending balance, December 31, 2014: $16,336.91
Northern California Council
Ken Brunskill- President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD
No Vice president
Secretary: John Ryzanuch
Treasurer: Jim Berdan
Communication VP: Mondy Lariz
Conservation VP: Lowell Ashbaugh (CA) & Tom Smith (NV)
Development VP: Ken Brunskill (acting)
Education VP: Frank Rinella
Membership: Gene Gantt
Out Reach & Marketing VP: Bob Shoberg
Gary Bard
Ron Forbes
Larry Lack
Mike McKenzie

MEMBERS  Number of members ending December 31, 2014 - 714

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
➢ 2014 was a year of regrouping and reestablishing documentation, to set the stage for smooth transition of positions within the council. Many clubs were visited with moderate success recognized by a uptick in the membership.

➢ Bylaws revised bringing the council in alignment with the IFFF (Calendar year for financial as well as officers elections).

➢ Seeking and replacing the Development VP is the major emphasis, as that is the source of funding for grants and programs.

CONSERVATION
American River closure – Led an effort to close a portion of the River below Nimbus dam due to the extreme low flows.
Participated on a settlement with EPA to establish no-spray buffer zones near salmon streams for five toxic pesticides. We were included as contacts/signers in a press release.
Monitored FERC Relicensing of New Exchequer and McSwain Dams on the Merced River.
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).
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.
Worked with Environmental Water Caucus (EWC) & Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) to shape a responsible water export plan for California’s San Francisco Bay Delta.

Supported Coastal Habitat Education Environmental Restoration (CHEER) Fish Rescue Permitting Issues.

Worked with Middle Fork American Working Group & Foothill Anglers Coalition to improve flows in the Middle Fork of the American River.

Worked with Trout Unlimited & Cal Trout to achieve fishable flows in all but the wettest years in the McCloud River.

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.

Worked with Foothill Anglers Coalition & Nevada Irrigation district for better flows for fish in the Upper Yuba River.

Continued monitoring Secretary of Interior decision on removing dams on the Klamath River.

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.

Helped establish a more efficient fish counting system on the Smith River.

Actively supported efforts to return anadromous fish to Alameda Creek and Permanente Creek. Monitored efforts in the San Geronimo Valley habitat legal battles.

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.

Requested that the California Fish and Game Commission adopt policies to establish Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives for California’s anadromous fisheries and coordinate closely with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in development of the priorities and Management Plans that implement them;

Provided $1000 support to the Salmonid Restoration Conference in Santa Barbara.

Initiated work with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a Fisheries Management Plan for the Smith River to protect anadromous fish on that river.

Provided funding to California Fly Fishers United for telemetry equipment to use in tracking the migration patterns of Rainbow Trout on Putah Creek.

Provided funding to Trout Unlimited to use in habitat restoration on Secret Ravine Creek in Roseville, CA.

Continued working (through Chuck Bucaria, Dave Ford and Ben Taylor) on anti-snagging issues on the Smith River and pushing the Fish and Game Commission to develop strategic plans for anadromous fish in California rivers.
Signed on to a TU letter in support of the Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails Program. The LRT has helped make significant progress to address our aging road system. By repairing needed routes, replacing culverts to benefit trout and salmon and decommissioning redundant and environmentally damaging roads, LRT funding has helped secure public lands infrastructure and improved habitat for wildlife that future generations of sportsmen are counting on us to preserve. The Forest Service has about 375,000 miles of roads, nearly 8 times more miles than our nation’s Interstate Highway system. Many of these routes haven’t been maintained in decades and are prone to failure or are bleeding sediment into waterways that can clog critical trout and salmon spawning beds. In many cases, poorly constructed stream crossings create fish passage barriers and washout problems.

Signed on to a FOR/EWC letter created by Bob Wright letting BDCP know that they violated CEQA/NEPA by not analyzing alternatives that reduced exports, such as the EWC RX Plan.

Through Frank Rinella, working on FERC relicensing on the Yuba River. Latest action is to support a new Yuba Salmon Partnership Agreement being proposed by National Marine Fisheries Service. This new Partnership would be involved with volitional or semi-volitional fish passage on the lower Yuba River.

Supported tagging all hatchery-raised salmon to distinguish them from wild fish. This is a key recommendation of a scientific commission formed to examine measures that would improve management of salmon fisheries.

Maintained contacts with the Environmental Working Group, the American River Group, and others to advocate for fisheries in California.

Signed on to a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board requesting they maintain adequate freshwater flow and salinity standards for the San Joaquin River and southern Bay-Delta. Spoke to the board on this same topic at a public hearing.

Endorsed the drought response plan, Wetter or Not, produced by the Endangered Species Coalition in partnership with numerous other conservation organizations. This plan was a direct response to Senator Diane Feinstein’s complaint that the Conservation community "has been no help in crafting a drought response".

Worked with American River Operating Group & Healthy Water Forum to improve river conditions and to improve riparian habitat.

EDUCATION
Conducted a Learning Center at the ISE show in Sacramento and the Fly Fishing show in Pleasanton.

- Participated in the BSA Camp in Willits, CA teaching the BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge.
- Veterans First Fly Fishing held several events:
  - At Big M fishery in Lincoln, CA – 30 veterans served
  - At Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, CA 28 veterans served
  - Now conducting regular instructional sessions; (1,476 Hrs. of veterans being served).
40+ VFFF Volunteers have given 3,500+ hrs. to teach veterans fly tying and casting.
- Granite Bay – Once a month (72 veteran hrs./year)
- Livermore – 2 locations simultaneously – 2X a month (156 veteran hrs./year)
- Menlo Park – Every other week (468 veteran hrs./year)
- Oakland – Once a month (24 veteran hrs./year)
- Palo Alto – 2X per month (130 veteran hrs./year)
- San Jose – Once a month (48 veteran hrs./year)
- Los Angeles – every week (468 veteran hrs./year)
- Illinois, Oregon, New York, areas inquiring about starting VFFF programs.

COMMUNICATION
Continued to publish:
- Club Presidents Newsletter - Monthly
- Rivermouth – Quarterly
- Maintained website www.nccfff.org

VOLUNTEER HOURS
- Shows and Events: 360 hrs. at (2) regional shows and another 72 hrs. with 32 hrs. of driving for IFFF show in Livingston, MT.
- VFFF: volunteered at least 3,500 hrs. at VA hospitals and clinics teaching tying & casting, includes several trips taking veterans fishing.

MARKETING/OUTREACH
- Continue to promote communications to all NCC members by council officers
- Initiated monthly newsletter to all NCC Members, cc club presidents.
- Maintained club president e-mail list and updated as club presidents change
- Promoting our presence on Facebook, number of ‘likes’ up over 9% in the last 6 months.
### FINANCIAL

**NCCIFFF**

**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**

*As of January 1, 2015*

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North Eastern Council
Burr Tupper – President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

The North Eastern Council was split at the end of 2014 into two separate councils. The Eastern Waters council consisting of NJ, NY and the province of Ontario and the North Eastern Council (NEC) which includes all of New England, Atlantic Canada and Quebec

COUNCIL BOARD
The NEC BOD consists of 12 members representing the following states;
Vermont – 1
Maine – 1
Massachusetts – 5
Rhode Island – 1
Connecticut – 1
New Hampshire - 3

MEMBERS After the split at the end of 2014 there were 364 active members in the NEC.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
It is our intent to increase the number of BOD members from each state and appoint a state director for each of the states who will be responsible for coordinating all the IFFF activities within their respective states. We will also work on determining the best method for representation of the Canadian members of the IFFF.

Our biggest challenge will be to define and promote the benefits of belonging to the IFFF, raising funds and hosting events. Our survey conducted at the end of the year indicated that the majority of our members joined the IFFF to become part of a fly-fishing community, to improve their fly-fishing skills and to promote the sport of fly fishing to others. We will be working through the year to help our members realize their stated goals.

CONSERVATION
We are identifying other like organizations in our area that are interested in the protection and conservation of all fish habitats. Our efforts included a strong working relationship with the organization Strippers Forever.

EDUCATION
NEC will continue to work with the promoter of the Marlborough, MA fly-fishing show. In the past we have been assigned 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 for 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. In the past NEC has been active at U.S. Military Academy/BSE Camporee. As a result of the split NEC will no longer participate in this regional jamboree, but will continue to explore the opportunities of supporting Boy Scout activities in our various states.

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 as space allows.

We will be investigating other venues in our area as a method of promoting the IFFF and the sport of fly-fishing.

COMMUNICATION: We will be working on establishing our presence through social media as a means of communicating with our current members and recruiting new members. We believe that in order to attract families and young adults this will be the best method of accomplishing this goal.

VOLUNTEER HOURS
During the fiscal year NEC volunteers logged over 1000 hours at various events and educational activities.

FINANCIAL
As result of the split the NEC ended the year with approximately $1600 in its checking account.

Ohio Council
Jeff McElravy – President

No Report
Oregon Council
Sherry Steele – President

Period (July 1, 2014 - June, 30, 2015)

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS
Our council remains very active and strong. The ongoing support and constant activities throughout Oregon are amazing to say the least. The support we have for the angling education and conservation from clubs is one to be very proud of. The biggest challenge the council has is gathering the information from clubs that are so active to let us know what is being accomplished all year. Most clubs have a web site and that is our way to measure all the wonderful activities that take place all year. The Oregon Council is very pleased to host 50th Anniversary IFFF Fair in Bend Oregon. Our volunteers will be out in full force to help out.

VOLUNTEER HOURS
Our volunteer hours are extremely hard to track. Based on the number of volunteers we have for the Expo we sponsor every year for our fundraiser is some indication. The other measure is the very active board members that represent our clubs. These are the decision makers for our council.
Expo 5,000 hours
Board members and expo committee activity – 4,000 Hours
All (18) Club Activities 10,000 (wild guess)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE  Total Membership as of Mar 31, 2015 (611) (New members from membership drive at Expo 34) Total of 18 clubs (6 Charter, 12 Affiliate).

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 is scheduled for June 20, 2015 in Sisters, OR. Our new council board for 2015-2016 will be voted on at that time.
The Oregon Council sponsors The Northwest Fly Tyer &Fly Fishing Expo which was held on March 13 & 14, 2015 This event is our main education & Fundraising of our council.

2015 NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo Results – John Kreft
The 2015 NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo is over for another year and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the fly fishing clubs throughout Oregon for their efforts to make the Expo a success.
As the only fund raiser event for the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, all Expo profits provides dollars to fund 2 OSU fisheries scholarships, conservation projects in Oregon, and other education projects for member clubs in Oregon.
Here are some final numbers:
• Net profit of over $20,000
• Attendance – approximately 1,800
• Classes – 183 students participated in 56 classes
• Tyers – 200 fly tyers demonstrated at 72 tables over 2 days
• Volunteers – over 200 volunteers helped this year

COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT - John Kreft

NW Expo - Profit for the 2015 NW Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo was 20,000.00 (up 10,400.00 from 2014)

Conservation Grants Funded
• Deschutes River Alliance (10/31/14) $1500
  2014 Scientific Investigation and Work Plan Project Analysis and Results Publication for the Lower Deschutes River
• Klamath Country Fly Fishers (10/31/14) $1500
  Plant willows and alders along the newly constructed 1.3-mile reach of the SFSR in securely anchored cages that will protect the new seedlings from foraging wildlife

Club Grants funded
• OPF $1000 Production funds for Fishing Partner – Dean Childes
• Washington County Fly Fishers $500.00 club computer equipment
  Plant willows and alders along the newly constructed 1.3-mile reach of the SFSR in securely anchored cages that will protect the new seedlings from foraging wildlife

Scholarships - Provided two
• Oregon State University 2 Scholarships ($1,500 each) For advanced degrees in fisheries

CURRENT BANK BALANCE as of 4-30-2015 $57,875.49
This new board will be voted in on June 30, 2015, it is expected to pass with minimal changes  
Nomination Slate for ORCIFFF July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

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South Eastern Council
Marvin Cash – President

In an effort to increase the Federation's profile throughout the Council and the impact of our volunteers, our Board voted to shift from the traditional, annual festival model to participating in several smaller events throughout the year. In February, we participated in Chuck Furimsky's Fly Fishing Show in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In November, the Council will co-sponsor a Fly Tyers Weekend in Townsend, Tennessee. The event will include a Council fundraising BBQ and showing of IF4 as well as a fundraising dinner to support the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians. In 2016, we expect to add a casting rendezvous as well as a presence at the Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival.

Over the last several years, the Council has provided material support to the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians in Cherokee, North Carolina. The Museum, located in Cherokee, North Carolina, is the home of the rich heritage of fly-fishing from Maryland to Georgia and provides a base for education related to fly fishing with workshops, exhibits and presentations. The Museum opened to the public in June 2015. Finally, with respect to conservation, the Council continues to co-lead the formation of a foundation to support research on Southern tailwaters. Starting with the South Holston River, its goal is to fund research to facilitate data-driven resource management.

Southern Council
Larry Wegmann – President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

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MEMBERS: Number of members ending December 31, 2014 (779)
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

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 Saturday 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. Admission fees are waived for students K through college.
7. An incentive pricing to promote our auctions and raffles has been implemented. For $500 at pre-registation, 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
CONSERVATION
Individual clubs continue to monitor the local streams and do riparian maintenance.

EDUCATION
The Southern Council has two fly fishing workshops, three Expos and many local workshops held by the clubs. One club MTFA-Springfield, has classes at Missouri State University (Expos, clinics, shows, fly tying, fly casting, Boy Scouts, Fishing Camps, etc sponsored/participation by Council)

COMMUNICATION
Our members are informed through Constant Contact

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Include time spent by Council members at shows, clinics, demonstration, etc that were Council Events. Not Determined.

FINANCIAL: (Beginning and ending funds in Council for 2014; funds spent) Ending Balance $70,059.87

Southwest Council
Michael Schweit – President
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD Currently at 19 positions filled.

MEMBERS 850 Number of members ending December 31, 2014

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
Our Council continues to grow and engage the public. We are now up to 6 major events per year (FlyBuy, Double Haul Ball, OneSurfFly, our Faire, The Fred Hall Show and the Intra-Club Tournament). All of these continue to grow, both in numbers and financially. The holdback on any project or activity is the ability to recruit and retain quality volunteers. Every non-paid volunteer run organization is faced with this and there is no magic wand. I also wish we could engage the industry end here in SoCal. With over 12 brick and mortar stores, we only have active participation from 2-3 of them. Advertising monies come from the clubs and the Council. We are also working to change that to allow more outreach.

CONSERVATION - Debbie Sharpton
SWC clubs Sespe and San Diego Fly Fishers were awarded grants for Ventura River/southern steelhead habitat restoration and enhanced fishing at the neighborhood lake, respectively.

SWC implemented the paid intern component for the Golden State Fly Casters contribution to the Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery program on Silver Creek. Season 3 covered removing brook trout from an additional mile of creek. The project has now treated a bit more than 3 miles of creek. Trout Unlimited was the funding agency, as well
as SWC club Sierra Pacific Flyfishers. Volunteer, coordinated by Deep Creek Fly Fishers, came from all areas of California as well as one form Nevada.

Conservation VP Debbie Sharpton participated in several southern steelhead conferences and coalitions.

SWC Annual Flyfishing Faire included presentations by top notch scientists in the field of fisheries and climate change and native trout recovery.

**EDUCATION**

**May 2014**
- 22nd Aquarium of the Pacific – Steelhead Exhibit Opening Gala
- July 2014
- 19th Summer Quarterly Council Meeting – Carrows Restaurant, Ventura, CA

**Sept 2014**
- 19th – 21st 3rd Annual SWCIFFF Fly Fishing Faire- Mammoth, CA
- 18th Fall Quarterly Meeting – Irvine, CA
- 8th 6th Annual Club Tournament – Kernville, CA
- 29th – 30th Bob Marriott’s Fly Fishing Fair

**Jan 2015**
- 17th Club Management Meeting : Deep Creek Fly Fisherman- Riverside, CA
- 24th Teach the Teachers – Casting Instructors
- 31st Fly Buy – Council Fundraiser

**Mar 2015**
- 4th – 8th Fred Hall Show
- 14th Double Haul Ball

**April 2015**
- 11th & 12th Fisherman’s Spot Expo
- 18th Spring Quarterly Meeting : Kernville, CA

**May 2015**
- 2nd One Surf Fly
- 15th – 17th CFR Retreat

**COMMUNICATION:** (Web & newsletters by Council) – Bernard Yin, Nicholas Blixt

4 quarterly newsletters

**Who do we reach:**
- The 24 clubs in the SWC
- Local/regional fly fishing blogs (i.e. LA River Fly Fishing)
- Local/regional fishing websites (i.e. The Fishing Wire)
- Local/regional online forums (i.e. Fliflicker, Fly Fishing Addicts, Kern River Fly Fishing)

**The Social Media Department (as I will call it) defines itself with these tasks:**
- Engage with the SWC clubs and other close affinity groups such as non-profits and guides via social platforms. This can include sharing their events and news items to the greater online community. This also includes integrating info. from them into our newsletter.
• Monthly SWC newsletter preparation and delivery.
• Posting-on as well as mining local/regional online forums for news and hot topics.
• Support for The Fishermen's Spot and Bob Marriott's social platforms. Both use the SWC's Social Media Dept. as a part of their online support team. Both alert me to hot shop-specific events and news items. Both offer more social media impact than the SWC and all of its clubs combined (Number of followers, subscribers and likers). These two entities have been a good part of the overall Social landscape for us.
• Offer suggestions/guidance to SWC clubs for their social media profiles. Note: This has improved more over the last 6 months than over the last 2 years.
• Some of these overlap with what you see in the Communications checklist for obvious reasons. For example, Blogs and Forums, by some, are defined as social platforms and have and still include some of my activities and long-standing contacts.

VOLUNTEER HOURS Our BOD spends approximately 200 hours per month on IFFF and SWC business.

FINANCIAL - Chiaki Harami

SWCIFFF
Statement of Activities
Year Ended 2014
(Unaudited)

Revenues
Donor Contributions $21,596
Program Fees 34,391
Fund Raising Events 37,455
Total Revenue 93,442

Expenditures
Programs 0
Fundraising 71,740
Management & General 16,739
Total Expenditures 88,479
Net Activities $4,963
Texas Council
Russell Husted

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD
• VP & Education Jerry Hamon
• Secretary Jack Janco
• Treasurer George Board
• Membership Bob Shirley
• Co Education Shawn Riggs
• Webmaster David Reichert
• Tying Rick Haness
• Casting Steve Hollensed
• Social Media Gordon Stehr
• TP&WD Partner Keira Quam
• North Director Dutch Baughman
• Central Director Chris Johnson
• South Director Rey Ramirez
• East Director Don Puckett

MEMBERS
867 (Dec. 31, 2014) Gained 227 members throughout the year

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
Goals:
• Grow membership. Our goal was to grow membership in clubs, convert clubs which we did three of, and start new clubs, which we did two of. Could be the club with the highest membership count by end of 2015
• Partner with TP&WD. Together we are working on river access in Texas, reducing litter through use of conservation bags and club involvement, and river stockings.
• Expo was a decent success. Well done but attendance down from weather and other factors. Casting program was the highlight of the event
• Conservation projects going on throughout the state.
• Education focus is on casting and tying. Both were extremely successful this year.
• Tying successes include Texas having a Board of Governor’s member, and more are getting the bronze level of excellence for completing different levels of fly tying.
• Casting is the strongest part of our education program. Steve Hollensed is leading a program that sets the example of how to do a casting program.
• Recruit BOD’s was successful, and will reach out for new BOD’s meeting
CONSERVATION
- TP&WD River Access Program
- Keep rivers clean. Received 5000 conservation bags to help keep rivers clean
- Adopt a Stream
- Kyle Lake project

EDUCATION
- Expo. Will show how we put together an expo for two consecutive years at the national meeting
- Club events are becoming more common, and clubs are combining efforts on projects
- Boy Scouts were a focus this year, helping the youth. With some success, we plan to do more of this in 2016.
- Fly Tying
- Fly Casting

COMMUNICATION
Very successful communication and social media campaign. Extremely active in this regard, and we used the following communication techniques to reach all.

- Texas Council Website  http://texascouncilifff.com/
- Texas Council Expo site  http://txflyfishexpo.com/
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Linked In

VOLUNTEER HOURS
Estimated Volunteer hours: 2000 hours

FINANCIAL
Beginning Funds(2014)  $8,072
Revenue  $34,736
Expenditures  $25,426
Ending Funds  $17,382
Upper Midwest Council
Todd Heggestad – President

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD
Vice President – Position vacant
Treasurer – Abraham Downs
Secretary – Position vacant
Membership Chair – Michael Carpenter (position now vacant)
Conservation Director – Brad Eaton
Casting Director – Lyth Hartz
Fly Tying Director – Paul Beckmann
Wisconsin Chair – Dave Duffy
Advisor – Vaughn Snook
Advisor – John Breslin

MEMBERS Total membership as of 12/31/2014 was: 413

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
The 2014 calendar year was another year of gaining experience and familiarity with the IFFF as an organization and working to become a viable council within the IFFF. Efforts were hampered by a small but enthusiastic board of directors in which there are several key vacancies. The Upper Midwest Council was able to again be a presence at the annual Great Water Expo held in Minneapolis in February/March of each year. There were two casting events scheduled with two of the clubs within the UMC region that were very successful. The UMC was able to be a part of various conservation events. The council president had an opportunity to meet IFFF members in the Chicago but no one attended. A visit to the Classic Anglers in Green Bay by the council president had a warm reception. Accomplishments by the UMC were modest at best.

The goals for the UMC going into the 2015 and 2016 calendar years is to offer various opportunities for the members to participate in fly tying, casting, fishing and conservation activities. It is recognized that 60% of UMC members do not belong to a club. As such there are many members for which the UMC programming would be their sole connection to the IFFF. To begin to meet that goal, plans are in process to hold a first annual fly fishing school in the summer of 2015. Other events will then hopefully occur as a spin off and interested members can join the board of directors to assist with the planning and implementation. It is with high hope that the board of directors looks into the future of the UMC. Financially the UMC is solvent and aims to be a good steward of monies earned through events.
CONSERVATION
Project include support of the Relic Brook Trout Study, public awareness of the Asian Long Horned Beetle threat, river clean up projects on the Rush River and the Namekagon River, and conservation awareness education at various venues.

EDUCATION
During the 2014 calendar year the Upper Midwest Council participated again in the annual Great Waters Expo held in February in the Minneapolis area. IFFF members provided casting instruction and fly tying demonstrations. Two casting clinics were provided which were held in the St Paul area to the Lew Jewett Club members and the Detroit Lakes area to the Pine to Prairie Club members. Planning also began for offering a Fly Fishing School in 2015.

COMMUNICATION
IFFF members are contacted by email with news or updates for upcoming events. IFFF members within the Upper Midwest Council can also find information about the council on the IFFF web council event tab.

VOLUNTEER HOURS
An estimate of volunteer hours by UMC members at various events as well as board of director times is 250 hours.

FINANCIAL
Funds at the beginning of the 2014 year were $5,132.92
Funds at the end of the 2014 year were $5167.87
Expenses were: $585.00, Revenue was: $610.00

Washington Council
Carl Johnson – President

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD as of July 18, 2015 Election

1st VP West – Don Simonson
1st VP East – Len Zickler
Treasurer – JoAnn Allison
Secretary – David P. Williams
VP Conservation West – Jack Whitney
VP Conservation East – Gilbert Biles
VP – Membership – Peter Maunsell
VP – Communications – Jim Maus
VP – Education - Vacant
Director – Pat Peterman
Director – Larry Gibbs
Director – Mike Clancy
Director – Chester Allison
Director – Robert Gerlach
Director – Vern Jeremica
Director – Dick Lange
Director – Abe Lillard
Director – Bill Wheeler
Director – Jay Woodbury
Director – Kuni Masada

MEMBERS  Number of members ending December 31, 2014 - 822

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
This is my 9th year of having the honor of serving as President of the Washington State Council. During this time we have developed the Washington Fly Fishing Fair as a successful event in the region. Next year will be out 10th year, a milestone that we could only dream about when we started. In the future, we hope to have the Council become more active in conservation issues of the State as they relate to protecting our waters. We will continue to support the NWTCFFA in the future and will look for more activities where we can introduce youth to fly fishing.

CONSERVATION
The Council this year started to become more active in legislative issues that will impact the waters of the state and our ability to fish. This included participating in a meeting to discuss the potential legislation regulating the use of hobby dredging in our rivers for gold.

EDUCATION
The Council provided fly casting instruction at the Leavenworth SalmonFest in September. In February we provided free fly tying instruction at The Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood. In addition, we provided free fly tying instruction for youth at our Fair in Ellensburg.

In addition the Council donated $820 to the NWYCFFA and $1,500 to Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations toward the development of their one handed fishing device. This device will allow someone who only has he use of one hand to be able to fish.

COMMUNICATION
In the past year we obtained the domain name wscifff.org and updated our website. The Council produces 4 newsletters every year, the majority of which are delivered by e-mail using Constant Contact.
VOLUNTEER HOURS
Over 1200 volunteer hours were donated to the Council this year working the booth at the Sportsman shows, the Fly Fishing Show, the Fly Fishing Fair, Salmon Fest in Leavenworth and the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy (NWYCFFA). The Council members did fly tying instruction, fly tying demonstration, fly casting instruction, fly casting demonstration, general instruction, assisting with our Fair doing everything from teaching, demonstrating, checking folks in and general help.

FINANCIAL
We began the year with a balance of $35,734.36 and ended the year with a balance of $36,573.08. We had an income of $27,797.25 and expenditures of $26,958.53. Major expenditures for the year included: Advertising for our Fair $3,237; Printing $3,332; Facility Costs $7,943; Hospitality Costs $3,806; and Grants $2,4700.

Western Rocky Mountain Council
Michael Bantam – President

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

COUNCIL BOARD
VP Bill Bishop / Conservation VP Duane Marler / Treasure David Londeree / Secretary Peggy Kingery / Media VP Brittany Davenport

MEMBERS December 31, 2014 (644)

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
A major goal would be getting more involvement form the council clubs. Members really like knowing what everyone is doing. Another goal would be more incentive from the IFFF in funding personal contacts with the clubs.

CONSERVATION
One conservation grant awarded in 2014

COMMUNICATION
RMC Facebook Page

VOLUNTEER HOURS
2 per week

FINANCIAL
Jan. 2014 Balance 12015.20 Ending Dec 2014 12015.20