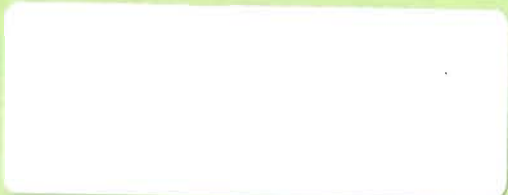


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### *Granite Bay Flycasters*

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** Granite Bay Flycasters general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. For directions call Drake Johnson at (916) 783-0343.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7 p.m. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows the show.

**Membership:** To become a member of Granite Bay Flycasters, a nominal fee is required: \$35 for a family; \$30 single; and youth (under 18), \$10. There is a \$7 initiation fee for new members. The cost of membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Jim Ferguson at (916) 781-2358.

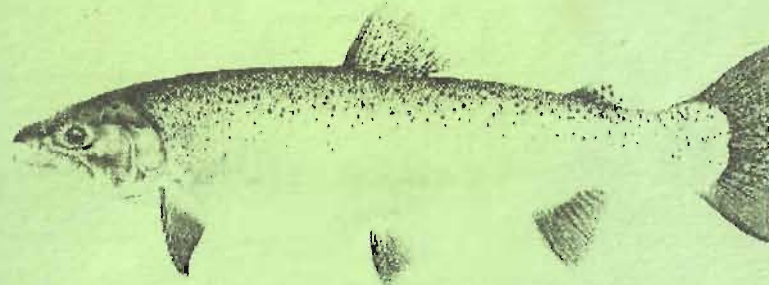
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# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> San Mateo Show Ends	<b>5</b> Pete's Bass Flies Class I 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> San Mateo Show General Meeting 7-10:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Youth Fly Tying 6:30-8:30 p.m. →	<b>10</b> Fish Out with Arno Indian Valley Reservoir
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pete's Bass Flies Class I 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Board Meeting 7-9:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pete's Bass Flies Class I 6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			

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### √ A Reminder of Ongoing Meetings/classes

In addition to specific events, ongoing meetings/classes appear in the calendar of each issue of *The Leader*. For those who have not made it a habit to flip to the inside cover and view the calendar entries, the following descriptive list of current ongoing activities is provided. This reminder will appear periodically; continue to refer to the calendar otherwise. Take a moment to mark *your* calendar with the following meetings/classes. Members are strongly encouraged to attend any/all of the club meetings listed below. See back page for contact numbers.

<u>Event/Meeting</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Lead By</u>
Conservation Comm. Meeting	First Thursday 7 p.m.	Round Table in Granite Bay	David Baker
General Meeting	Second Thursday 7 p.m.	Clubhouse	Drake Johnson
Annual Dinner Comm. Meeting	Third Wednesday (thru March) 7 p.m.	Round Table in Orangevale	Chris Ronshausen
Fly Tying Jam	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Clubhouse	Pete Peterson

## The Tail-Out Section

*By Amy March, Editor*

Well, mastering the software program for publishing *The Leader* has proved far more challenging than casting a size-22 mosquito into a stiff wind. Consequently, "this is it" for the tail-out section. It's time to go to press, so no time to write more.

One final note before I go: We are going to press prior to this month's publication of the NCC/FFF update, but we'll pick up that feature again in March.

## President's Message Drake Johnson

January has been a busy month for the club. We started our annual membership renewal, finalized our annual dinner plans, started selling tickets for the dinner, and participated in the International Sportsmen's Exposition, at Cal Expo. AND, we had a steelhead clinic and our Super Bowl fish out on the Yuba.

Thanks to all the members that helped out with our booth and with the FFF booth at Cal Expo. Our booth looked great this year. But, if someone has a lead on carpet, please let me know so we can get some for the booth.

The annual dinner preparations are moving swiftly. As most of you know this is our annual fund raising event. It provides the money to support our conservation program (\$5,000 or more per year) and our scholarship program (\$1,000 per award).

Soon you will receive a couple of tickets in the mail along with an envelope to mail in your dinner choice and dinner money. The dinner ticket includes a day program by Mike and Christina Fong at the club house, a fine dinner, and a presentation by Mike Fong at the dinner. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. And of course, there is a silent auction and raffle. All this for \$30 per person. Raffle tickets are extra, and all donations are tax-deductible.

The raffle is in two parts: fishing and non-fishing items. Please try to provide something for the raffle. Fishing gear, non-fishing items, and cash for purchasing items are all welcome.

So mark your calendar for Saturday, March 31 and we'll see you at the dinner.

What's coming up in February? There is the San Mateo show, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4 at the San Mateo Fairground. This is a must see, especially if you have never been. There are literally acres of fly fishing exhibits and boats, outdoor travel, hunting, and salt water fishing exhibits.

We have a fish out at Indian Valley Reservoir planned for the weekend of Feb 10.

Thank you all for coming to the meetings and helping out in so many ways. Hope to see you at the next meeting or on the water soon.

## Announcements

### The Annual Dinner: The Many Benefits of Buying a Ticket

#### First the intangibles:

You will have a blast at the annual dinner. The company and ambiance will be sublime—nothing but fish talk and fish pictures and laughter.

You will be supporting a club from which you enjoy year round information and fly fishing support.

You will meet new people or talk to members that you have not seen for awhile.

You will be participating in (and adding to) a rich tradition, the 15<sup>th</sup> **Annual Dinner of the Granite Bay Flycasters (16 years as a club).**

#### Now the tangibles:

If you buy or sell **four or more** annual dinner tickets, your name (or bidding number) will be entered into a drawing for \$150.

If you sell **the most** annual dinner tickets, you will win the fly line of your choice.

Assuming you buy your tickets no later than March 1, you will be entered into a drawing for a new Teton reel (compliments of American Flyfishing Company).

You will have the opportunity to spend as much money as you'd like on raffle tickets and likely win some really nice prizes.

You can participate in a silent auction for discounts on fishing lodges and merchandise--deep discounts generally unavailable otherwise.

You will eat good food and drink fine beverages and be full at the end of the night, perhaps with no room for cake.

You will sleep well that night having indulged in good food and fine beverages, with happy thoughts of having won some really nice prizes.

So why not invite a couple of friends? Allow them to experience how our club has become so strong through the years. For tickets, call John Bergman at (916) 966-7032. He will mail you as many tickets as you'd like.

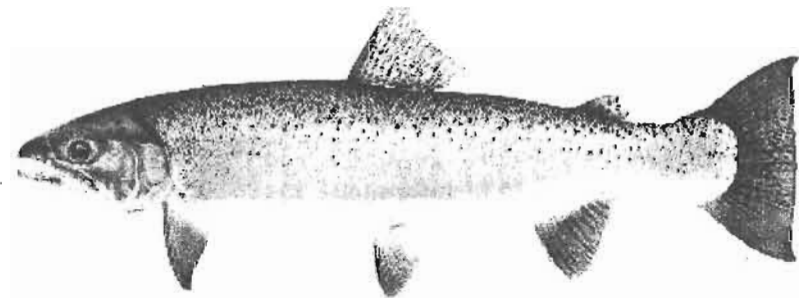
### Steelhead Clinic a Huge Success

by *Chris Ronshousen*

The morning was cold, the sun unable to penetrate the oak trees under which a group of ardent fly fishers gathered to hone (or be introduced to) steelhead fly fishing skills. Most in attendance were from *Granite Bay Flycasters*—local folk. But half a dozen came all the way from Livermore, having read about the clinic in *The Leader*.

Arno has fished many California rivers (primarily those in the extreme northern parts of California) and was able to offer an experienced overview of this fish and what tricks work best in different conditions. He started out by talking about steelhead behavior. Then he reviewed several steelhead techniques and displayed a number of flies, which he placed in groups according to these techniques, i.e., nymphing, top action, and crosscurrent swing. He talked extensively about line selection with an emphasis on lead-core lines and shooting heads, explaining their characteristics and respective uses. Arno gave a demonstration of how to cast a lead-core line, a skill quite unlike casting a standard fly line: pretty loops simply don't exist when casting these heavy lines. He was able, with one false cast, to shoot out 60 to 80 feet of line—effortlessly.

Following a tasty lunch, about a third of the group remained in the area to fish with Arno. From what I hear, none hooked up. Arno said he saw a couple of steelhead roll, but I suspect that most of the fish are not holding and have made their way upriver, from Rossmore Bar up to the hatchery. At any rate, it was a good day of learning—well worth ten bucks!



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- ◆ Drift the Yuba river for steelhead and rainbows for 2 people just \$200 for a half-day
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### Announcements *continued*

#### **GBF Dues: Such a Deal**

There's not much you can buy these days for \$2.50. But that's all you pay per month for an individual membership in Granite Bay Flycasters. Most would agree the rewards for that nominal fee are priceless: fish outs, education, conservation, friendship--the list, as they say, goes on. So, please take a few minutes to renew your membership today. You should have received a membership packet in the mail, complete with return envelope. It's easy to renew, and you'll buy another year of great fishing fellowship. Questions? Call **Jim Ferguson** at (916) 781-2358.

#### **Do You Know a Wet Fly?**

Do you know someone who is particularly "at one" with the water? Do you have a fishing buddy who just can't seem to stay out of the drink? Well, here's your chance to give credit to the wading-challenged.

The board of directors will be taking nominations for the Wet Fly Award at the February meeting. The Wet Fly Award is given to the individual who has demonstrated unsurpassed affinity for the waters we fish. In other words, one who, with or without grace and finesse, has taken unexpected dips in a stream or lake.

If you have someone in mind, please fill out a nomination form at the February club meeting with the name of the individual, a brief description of the event, and your name so we can contact you for additional confirming details. If you can't make the meeting, contact a board member with your nomination by the Wednesday, Feb. 14. The nominations will be kept secret until the winner is announced at the annual dinner.

#### **Calling All Craftsmen...Well, Actually, One Will Do...**

The club has purchased a wall map, "The Lost Streams." The map covers Northern California in great detail. Is there someone out there who would be able to build a frame and mount the map in it? We could then hang the map in the clubhouse and point out fishing spots of interest to our friends during the meetings. If anyone is willing to do this or has any ideas on how to get this done, please call Drake Johnson at (916) 783-0343.

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## Mark Pinto to Speak at Clubhouse

Mark Pinto, of Home Waters Guide Service, will speak at the February general meeting, Thursday, Feb. 8. Mark is one of the premier guides in the Sacramento area where he has been guiding for over 20 years. He guides primarily on the American, Yuba, Upper Sacramento, Stanislaus, Putah Creek, Calaveras, and Delta Stripers. Come hear what promises to be a dynamic presentation.

## Speak Out During Creek Week

The Creek Week 2001 committee is looking for presenters during **Creek Week, Friday, April 27 to Sunday, May 6**. Presentations can pertain to a wide range of topics related to stream and watershed ecology, maintenance, safety, wildlife, botany, recreation, etc. Presentations should be made to the public within the Dry Creek watershed, which includes Antelope Creek, Clover Valley Creek, Secret Ravine, Miners Ravine, Linda Creek, Cirby Creek, and Strap Ravine.

Past presentations include sunrise bird walks, video and slide shows, water quality demonstrations, community meetings on erosion, bat calling demonstrations, and tours of restoration projects.

The committee will publicize presentations in fliers, mailings, press releases, and other media. Attendance in past years has varied widely, and presenters are encouraged to publicize within their own networks.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Baker at (916) 315-0715 by **Friday, February 9**.

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## Book Review

Reprinted from the January 2001 issue of the Federation of Fly Fisher's ClubWire News Service

### **Bass Flies**

by Dick Stewart  
The Countryman Press  
Woodstock, VT 1989  
48 pages, softbound  
Illustrated, color and B&W  
Suggested price \$12.95

Dick Stewart is one of the best writers of fly tying instructional materials because he clearly and concisely can transfer information. Additionally, Dick is one of the most inquisitive and curious people I have had the privilege of meeting. His small book on tying bass flies condenses this tying knowledge on the subject into a clear, concise, 48 pages of useful information on the subject. The book is especially useful for the beginner bass flytier. However, even seasoned tiers will find many helpful ideas and suggestions within this slim volume. You will find clear instructions on spinning hair, stacking hair, making balsa poppers, and tying zonkers. Also included are instructions on tying eel flies, mice, moths, leeches, and many other critters eaten by bass.

The author has also provided a sound knowledge of tools, materials, and a glossary of terms to get the bass fly tier jump started down the correct path. Add to this the extremely well done illustrations and artwork of Larry Largay and you have one of the best tying books for bass flies available today.

This book is a prime example of what a fly tying instruction book should be. It is well thought out, well-written and edited, well illustrated, and contains exactly the right amount of pertinent information in an easy to use format for the bass flytier.

Overall, one of the finest fly tying instruction manuals for tying bass flies you will ever read. If you tie bass flies, or would like to learn how, this is necessary addition to your library.

(Reviewed by Bruce E. Harang, editor of the Smoky Mountain Fly Fishers of North Carolina)

## Upcoming Activities

### **Intermediate Bass Fly Tying**

*with Pete Peterson*

**February 5, 12, 19, 26 / March 5, 12, 19, 26**

Pete is a bass-fishing maniac who loves to tie innovative bass patterns for a variety of situations. In each of these classes you will learn to tie such classics as the Clouser Minnow and the Blanton's Punch. And you'll create some more obscure but just as effective flies, such as the Sheep Shad, the Hair Jig, the Bonker, and the Whistler.

This class is for those with some fly tying experience. "I will not be teaching the basics," says Peterson, "but I won't be spinning deer hair either." At the end of four sessions you will have tied numerous flies and have learned a number of valuable tying skills specific to bass tying.

Please bring your own vice and head cement; Pete will provide all other materials. Each class costs \$25, with payment is required at sign-up. Class size is limited to six members. Class time is 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more information, call Pete at (916) 786-9133.

*Editor's note: At press time the February class was full; the March class had one opening.*

### **The Art of Fly Fishing**

The Lincoln Arts Center will hold its second annual "The Art of Fly Fishing" Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The center is located at 540 "F" St., Lincoln.

See demonstrations on bamboo rod making and fly tying, as well as artwork. Bamboo rods will be available for casting.

It's fun for the entire family, and it's free.

## Upcoming Events

### Fly Tying Festival and Hall of Fame Banquet

The Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF) presents its annual Fly Tying Festival and Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday, March 3 at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. The exposition begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with a delectable buffet, live auction, and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, starting at 6 p.m.

Fly fishers from novice to expert will learn more about the elegant sport of fly fishing. Join in a silent auction, live auction, and raffle--all featuring fly boxes from the tiers, fishing gear, trips and more.

Each year the Hall of Fame dinner honors a Northern California man or woman noted for life-long contribution to the art, science, and sport of fly fishing. This year's inductees are Al Kyte and Jay Fair.

Admission to the festival is \$5/person, and children under 12 are admitted free. Dinner tickets are \$30/person, and reservations are required. For more information call Anne-Marie Bakker at (510) 262-5499 or Sheree Kajiwara at (650) 346-5008.

*Editor's note: A reservation form is included in this issue of The Leader.*

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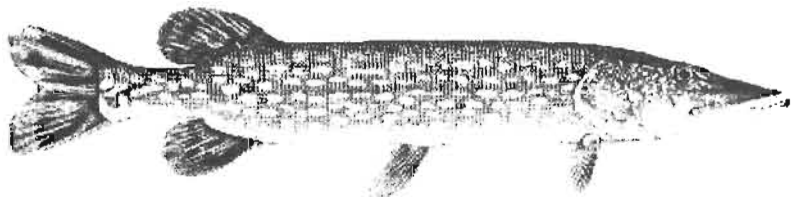
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**Instructions**

1. Put copper bead on hook; build up thread dam behind bead to hold it in place.
2. Move thread to rear of hook, and dub on a small ball of black dubbing. Tie in black or brown biots, using dubbing ball to splay them out. They should be about ½ shank length.
3. Tie in copper wire ribbing and dub the abdomen, stopping at the forward third point on the hook. Rib the fly using the copper wire.
4. Tie in two sets of rubber legs, one facing the front and one facing the rear. The easiest way to do this is to place the rubber legs over the thread and wrap the thread down. Once the legs are tied on, they can be adjusted with thread wraps so that they face the right direction. Trim legs to proper size to suit hook size.
5. Tie in a 1/8" strip of pearl mylar, with the long end facing to rear; now tie in a 1/8" strip of turkey, shiny side down, facing to rear also. Pearl mylar ribbing comes on a spool in several widths; it is available at our local fly shops.
6. Dub a thorax, which should be slightly larger than the abdomen.
7. Pull the turkey strip and the Flashabou over as a wingcase and tie it down.
8. Dub a tiny collar of the black dubbing, whip finish, and add a drop of superglue just behind the bead.
9. Place a small drop of epoxy on the top of the wingcase and let it dry.

So, tie on a Triple D, remember to keep it on the bottom...and see ya on the creek!



**Fish Outs**

**Indian Valley Reservoir**

*with Arno Deitzler*

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

Grab your cold weather gear and join Fishmaster, Arno Dietzler, for a chance to hook into a hefty Kokanee salmon at Indian Valley Reservoir. This 4,000 acre lake is located in the rolling hills east of Clear Lake and offers 39 miles of shoreline. The largest documented Kokanee caught in California was caught in this lake. In addition to the Kokanee, there are rainbow trout, black bass, crappie, and catfish. And while you are floating around on the lake, keep an eye out for bald and golden eagles, both of which are known to winter in this area.

There is a launch ramp available for boats and float tubes. Day use fees are \$5.50 for one person in one vehicle and \$1.00 for each additional person. This fee includes launching. For those who want to make a weekend of it, camping is available for \$12.00 per night.

One note of caution: strong wind can come up on this lake, so keep this in mind if you are planning to use your float tube. Strong legs may be needed to make it back to the launch.

Arno recommends 5 and 6 wt. rods with full sink line or sink tip and 4x, 5x, and 6x tippets. Flies that Arno has had success with include green, black, and white wooly buggers (sizes 6-10), black and green leach patterns, and streamers (rainbow trout, hornberg, or shad imitations in sizes 4-6). As always, if you are interested in this trip or have any questions, give Arno a call at (916) 483-8711.

**Directions to the lake: Take I-5 north to Williams; Take the Hwy 20 turnoff and go approximately 28 miles to Walker Ridge Road; go north on Walker Ridge Road 9 miles to the lake. Note: Walker Ridge Road is an unpaved dirt road but Arno says it is in good condition.**

# Conservation Corner

By David Baker

In anticipation of his speaking at the February general meeting, I asked Felix Smith, who serves both as a board member and a technical consultant for the Save the American River Association (SARA) to provide the article below on the Water Forum. Mr. Smith has been on the front lines in achieving some recent successes in protecting the lower American River fishery, an effort that GBF member's helped fund through SARA.

Mr. Smith has a Bachelor of Science degree in Life and Natural Sciences with a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. His experience includes over 34 years with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, in technical, coordinator and supervisor positions, conducting investigations on a multitude of water development and use projects in California, Oregon, and Washington. He brings a wealth of knowledge in estuarine and coastal zone planning, and management of anadromous fishes. His professional qualifications also cover overseeing hydroelectric projects under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; water conveyance projects of the Bureau of Reclamation; Clean Water Act permit programs; and special inventory investigations regarding the general status of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.

In the last ten years, Mr. Smith has been a technical consultant to selected non-profit groups regarding the impacts of water development projects and water use activities on wildlife, fish, water quality and other interests protected by the public trust. He provided testimony under oath in court, before the State Water Resources Control Board, local governmental entities and the state legislature. He is an active member of the American Fisheries Society and the Pacific Fishery Biologists Association.

# Flytier's Corner

By Bill Carnazzo

## Dave's Triple-D

We all know the value of dark patterns. Well, here's a proven one from Dave Shafer, who is a guide and a great guy who works at Kiene's Fly Shop. He states that the unusual name is attributable to the fact that 3 persons (including himself) whose names begin with the letter "D" have modified the fly to its present form. Anyway, Dave fishes this fly on the McCloud and Pit Rivers.

### Materials

- Hook** TMC 2457, # 10-16 or equivalent
- Bead** Small copper bead sized to hook
- Thread** Black 6/0 or 8/0
- Tail** Black or brown biots
- Abdomen** Black sparkle blend dubbing
- Rib** Fine copper wire
- Wingcase** Pearl mylar ribbing over white tipped turkey; drop of epoxy on top of wingcase
- Thorax** Black sparkle blend dubbing
- Legs** Fine rubber legs material

## FLY TYING SKILLS PROGRAM

*Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company*

Pattern for February Program : *Micro-Mayfly*  
(featured in the January Leader)

**Note: This is an educational program/contest. Don't be reluctant to submit a fly! And ask for a critique from a more experienced tier; it will ultimately increase your chances at catching fish--and winning certificates to help support your habit!**

**For the winner of each category, American Fly Fishing has generously donated the following prizes for each month's contest:**

**Beginner: \$15.00 Gift Certificate**

**Non-beginner: \$25.00 Gift Certificate**

**\* The winner of the gift certificate in the non-beginner category will be determined by a drawing between those who have entered that specific contest.**

### Winner for January:

Non-beginner: **Jim Holmes**

### Program rules:

- \* judging will be during the meeting
- \* best tied fly announced just before program, and name of tier featured in the next month's Leader
- \* fly must be tied in accordance with instructions from the Leader (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere), in order to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.
- \* two categories: beginner and advanced. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the advanced category from then on.

## Conservation Corner *continued*

### The Water Forum

By  
Felix Smith, Fisheries Consultant,  
Save the American River Association

I have participated in the stakeholder-driven Sacramento Water Forum. The Water Forum has its roots in trying to solve the region's water problems. The counties of Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado, business interests, water purveyors, environmental organizations, the general public are involved. The Water Forum has two equal objectives:

- Provide a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health and planned development through to the year 2020
- Preserve the fishery, wildlife recreational, and aesthetic values of the lower American River

Water Forum negotiations were something that I, as a citizen and as a representative of the Save the American River Association, took very seriously. The final Water Forum Agreement was signed in January 2000. There were specific actions identified, which were linked to the above objectives. These included increasing surface water diversions (to meet needs during dry years) and improving fishery flow patterns. The agreement identified several elements for special attention: Lower American River Habitat Management, Water Conservation, Groundwater Management, Updated Lower American River Flow Standard, and Water Forum Successor Effort.

The Water Forum Successor Effort is now under way. Some of the actions being undertaken are:

- Groundwater councils are being established.
- An improved fishery flow pattern is being formulated for presentation to the State Water Board.
- A habitat management element is being worked on for the American River Parkway, which will include both terrestrial and aquatic resources.

- Improved management of Folsom Reservoir, to benefit both the fish and recreational resources of the Lower American River.
- Scientific studies initiated to address continuing concerns about water temperatures in the lower American River relative to Chinook salmon and steelhead life history requirements.
- Efforts to better understand and fix the problem of temperature control at the urban water and powerhouse intakes.

My desire is that the fish resources and aquatic ecosystem of the lower American River be of equal value with power, irrigation and domestic needs and to ensure viable and abundant fish populations for the benefit of future generations.

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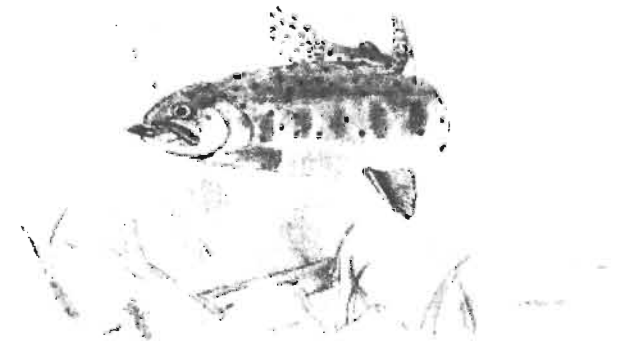
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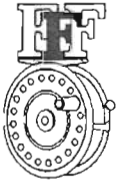
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