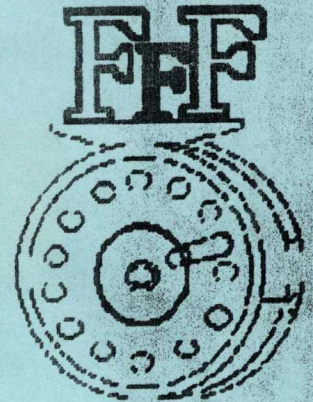
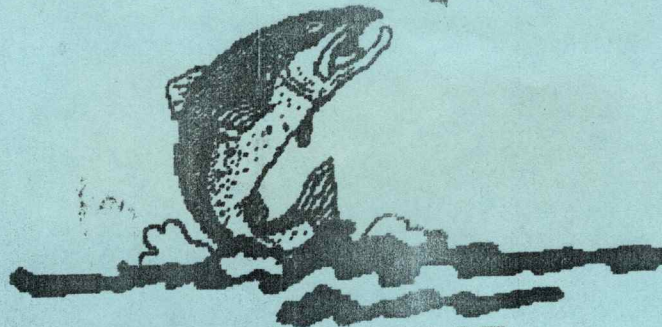
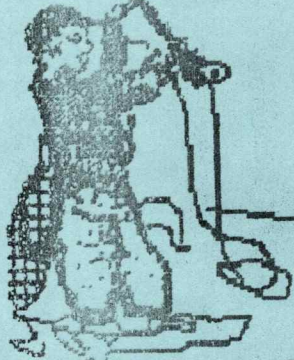


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Fishout-Pizon's
6:00 pm

January 1
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Feather River-Steel-head

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Many people use their off season time to get involved with fly fishing clubs. That's one good idea; help teach fly tying, casting, etc. to youngsters or other newcomers to the sport. But it need not be your only option; try to become an advanced fly tyer if you are an intermediate. Start Atlantic Salmon fly patterns just for the challenge if your a good tyer getting board. Don't sign a contract to tie 2000 dozen anything. It is to big a drain on your time.

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The election of new officers will take place at the December meeting. Nominations of officers is as follows:

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Secretary-???
Treasurer- Ray Narbaitz

Three Year Board Member- Rex Thompson
Newsletter Editor- Dave McKinney
Program Chair -Jim Gaumer
Fishout Chair- Mike McEnespy
Fly Tying Chair- Ed Bruno
Publicity- Fred Morgan

December Fishout
December 10, 1987
6pm

Bring the Family to Pizons for pizza and fun. The stories will start at 6pm. This is a fishout for everyone. "No Ron I don't eat anchovies!"

Conservation Notes by Rex Thompson

Over the past few months, the Dept. of Fish and Game and its directorship have gone through some sharp changes. Parnell went to head the department of food and Agriculture, a position he wanted all along, Bontadelli was appointed acting director of the DFG by Deukmejian, and hearings for mismanagement within the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission were hot on two senate committees' agendas. Sporting groups around the state were hoping to see a qualified wildlife resource manager with experience take the helm. But as we can see by the following editorial taken from a recent issue of Western Outdoor News, the political thrust of the DFG is not to manage fish and wildlife resources for their own best interest, but to place the department in the Gov. back pocket on the number one issue facing California today, THE MANIPULATION OF WATER.

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wildlife and natural resources commissions, nine by conservation agencies and six by a combination of commissions, governor and resources agencies. Only six were selected by direct governor appointment.

And that gets us back to California, which is one of the six. Think of the directors we've had in the past 20 years: Arnett, Fullerton, Carper, Parnell, Bontadelli. All of them were appointed because of who they know, not what they know. They had a lot in common. When pressed for a definite plan to correct a resource problem, they would provide long, vague answers that nobody could figure out. Their thinking was as clear as mud. The final result is that well-reasoned fish and wildlife management plans are not executed in California.

We deserve better. In fact, we deserve the best. That extends to the Fish and Game Commission as well, which has always been filled with non-experts, yet makes critical decisions regarding laws affecting all fish and game species.

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-Of 24 states that managed fish and wildlife under a consolidated organization, such as in California, 16 had separate directors, one for fish and one for wildlife.

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