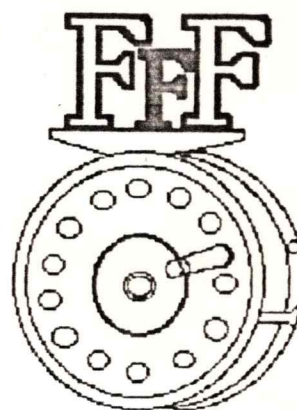
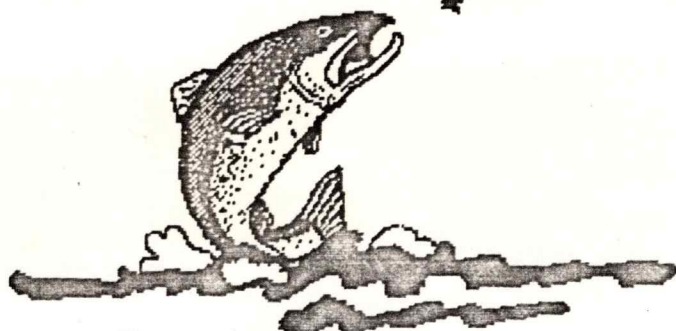


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Board members don't miss the January board meeting. (All members are invited to attend the board meetings.) Lions Restaurant January 21, 7:30pm. (For January Only) Board agenda items will include planing the meeting program schedule, fishout schedule, annual dinner, hatch box project, and new items.

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account for the native element. It is unfortunate that the stream born steelhead get very little attention. Politically their enhancement or demise, makes very little difference, but I believe the long term stability of a watershed is through its native populations of fish. We as fisherman can help perpetuate the native stock by releasing those fish of native origin. The method for differentiating a native from a hatchery fish is merely by checking the dorsal fin and tail. Virtually all of the hatchery raised fish develop permanently deformed dorsal fins and occasionally tails. A steelhead with a sharp, unbroken dorsal fin is nearly positive proof of native origin. The next time you catch a steelhead, take the time to check the dorsal fin and if it's a native, let it go!
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It is time to pay your club dues.

Share your story

If you have some fishing stories you would like to share with the club send them to the editors by the last Friday of the month and they will be included in the next month's newsletter.

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Dues are Due 1987 is here!

The January meeting is a great time to pay your dues. Show your support for the club and keep your newsletter coming by paying your dues at the January meeting. Club dues have not changed they are still the unbelievable low rate of \$15 for membership.

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