

Confluence Run 2014

We are the home stretch to the biggest run of the year, Salmon River Confluence run 2014! Mr. Grady White stepped up to chair this run and Toni Ruby is the co-chair. We all know how that works, Grady takes all the credit and Toni does the work! In all honesty this run takes a lot of work to put together, so make sure you take time to thank both of them.

The pre run will be Friday September 12th with a meeting at fish trap beech just above the Pittsburgh launch around 9 am. The run down river to the Salmon River confluence is very scenic with only a couple technical spots. There is a great sandy beach to have your lunch on and enjoy the view. If you have not run this section of the river make sure you tell your trip leader. It's a great section to learn on, and they will coach you through the couple sections that are a little more technical.

The main run will be Saturday the 13th. The protocol will be the same, drivers meeting at 9 am at fish trap. In the past everyone has assembled on the beach there at the confluence for lunch. There is couple of rapids close there on the salmon for the more adventures captains and crews. The main run on Saturday is followed up by a dinner in the camp ground at Pittsburgh landing. Grady is planning on having dinner service starting around 6 pm. The menu is Rib eyes, BBQ chicken breast and corn on the cob. The rest of the sides are pot luck. They are requesting that if your name last name starts with letters A-M please bring a side or salad. If your last name starts with N-Z please bring a dessert.

There is always a need for trip leaders that know the section well enough to lead a group down. If you can help out or have any questions on the run please contact Grady White at whitega@eou.edu or Jayne White at 888-4278.

There is talk of doing a group breakfast Sunday the 14th. It will be announced at dinner time and place if that is going to happen.



Sturgeon Fishing July 2014

Like most of you, we try and make it into Hells Canyon 3-4 times over the summer time. This June I took a friend of 20 years that finally received a hall pass from his wife to go play with the boys. My friend Zach has lived in Idaho most of the 40 years he has been alive, but had never been into Hells Canyon or Sturgeon fishing. We were about to change that.

Due to everyone's work schedule it was to be a quick trip in, leaving after work on Friday and returning late Sunday evening. We were determined to make the most of it and fish as many hours we could. We were on the water nice and early Saturday morning and after off loading the gear in camp we started fishing. The bass fishing was great but the sturgeons were not playing nice. We fished from Kirkwood to Granite Creek without even a bite.

That night around 8 pm in camp cooking dinner we finally got a bite. One of our friends run for the pole and set the hook, game on... then after a couple head shakes there is not much there. He reels in, and we finally caught one. It was about 18 inches long, not to much bigger than the bass we had been catching. At least we did not get skunked today! We ended up catching two of those 18 inchers which makes me very excited about the future of our fishery.

Sunday morning comes and after a quick bite to eat it was time to get back after chasing the big fish. I think Zach was starting to think these big fish really didn't exist. As normal on Sunday, the river clears out quick and there were not many people around by noon. There had been some boats camping in one of the holes we like, but they had headed to the ramp.

We get the boat set and the poles fishing. It was not 15 minutes and one of the rods just bends over to the water, making it a little difficult to even get it out of the holder. Once the hook was set the fish came out of the water putting on a show and letting us know this was a nice fish. We got the new guy Zach on the rod and let him go after it. After about 35 minutes and a little chasing with the boat we got the fish in. It was just in time for Killgore Adventures to show up. Kurt pulled up and let everyone take pictures of Zach with his catch, 7'8". Zach thought he was come kind of rock star.

An hour and half later it was time to hit the last hole before packing up camp. This hole is not very big and bait placement is key. Once again we were not there 15 minutes when one of the rods is looking fishy. It happened again, once the hook was set, the fish jumps up out off the water and then starts tail slapping the surface. What a show. We let Jason have this one. Once again a little chasing with the boat and a nice 8'4" fish landed.

All in all we worked hard for the fish we caught but it is was so worth it. With sturgeon it's all about not giving up and keeping after it. I wish you the best of luck with your next trip.



Above: Jason Hull with his catch; he sure looks happy!

Right: Travis Lukoic helps Zach Hodges with his first Sturgeon, it's safe to assume he believes they exist now!





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Scales of Justice bass Tournament is coming up on September 21st at Strike reservoir. They were short a few boats last year and welcome the support of our membership. You can contact Toni Ruby at toniruby1@gmail.com for sign up forms.

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Calendar of Events

September 13th-14th Confluence Run

October 25th– Hammer Creek Fishing days

General Meetings

are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa, ID