

President's Message

By Ray Perkins

With a bit of luck all of us made it through the holiday season. I will be driving to Sandy to visit Mom and siblings. I was hoping that I might be able to do a little fishing while at home, but fishing either the Sandy or Clackamas rivers is out of the question due to extremely high water.

Soon after the holidays the Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo will occur (Figure Below). Perry and I will be tying on both days. So individuals interested in a ride can call Perry or myself. A point of interest, both of us plan to be there all day on both days.



There are two other expos in Idaho and one in Oregon this spring. The North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo will be held in Lewiston, Idaho on March 18th and 19th. The other expo in Idaho is the eastern Idaho Fly tying Expo in Idaho Falls in late April. The Northwest Fly Tye and Fly Fishing Expo will be held in Lebanon, Oregon at the Linn County Expo Center on March 11th and 12th.

With all of the precipitation we have received the last two weeks the flow in most local streams remain near normal. The lowest gauges on the Weiser, Payette, and Boise rivers are all above normal. The flows in the Blitzen is near normal, while the Owyhee above the reservoir is slightly above normal and the Grande Ronde at Troy is also above normal.

The snow pack for southeastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho is at its highest level since 2011 (see Figures on pages 4-5). At this point in time reservoir water storage and summer stream flows look pretty good, but a few weeks of inversions in January and February could change the outlook.

Ray

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Warm Lake in September

By Al Sillonis

Get out that new calendar and a pencil as it is proposed the club plan a trip to Warm Lake in September 2016.

There are two Forest Service campgrounds plus the lodge with rental cabins. Because the area is very popular, the campgrounds are very busy the forest service recommends reservations at the resort and the campgrounds. They open around Memorial Day and close around mid September, but the lodge is open year round.

The lake was stocked the last two weeks in June 2015 with about 14,000 to 15,000 fish, so we can expect similar numbers in 2016.

Mike Thomas thinks we should plan for right after Labor Day Sept. 6-10. Let's talk about this at the January meeting and make a plan!

Dues Reminder for This Month:

- Mike & Sue Bischoff
- Tony & Tami Buthman
- John & Denny Field
- Dick Fencer
- Gary Herauf

January Member Meeting:

Ben Ramirez from the Oregon Department of Fisheries will talk about south eastern Oregon fisheries. This will be followed by Ray Perkins telling how to "Nymph" the Madison River.

It's the holidays and trees get decorated with lots of things, including Turkeys! Al said the fishing at Hells Canyon was bad but the turkey tree was spectacular - and we have to agree!



Lake Havasu Fish

By Grant Baugh

According to Wikipedia, "Lake Havasu is a large reservoir behind Parker Dam on the Colorado River, on the border between California and Arizona. Lake Havasu City sits on the lake's eastern shore. The reservoir has an available capacity of 619,400 acre feet (764,000,000 m³) [and surface area of 19,300 acres]. The concrete arch dam was built by the United States Bureau of Reclamation between 1934 and 1938".

stream, but not in the lake yet. It is assumed they died going over the dam.

Red eared sunfish(AKA shellcracker), which grow larger than Bluegills; especially in Lake Havasu where their favorite food, Quagga mussels, are abundant. They are tough to catch on a fly because they are bottom feeders and because tying and fishing a Quagga mussel fly is very difficult.

They were introduced here to control the mussels which eat the same plankton that minnows do and

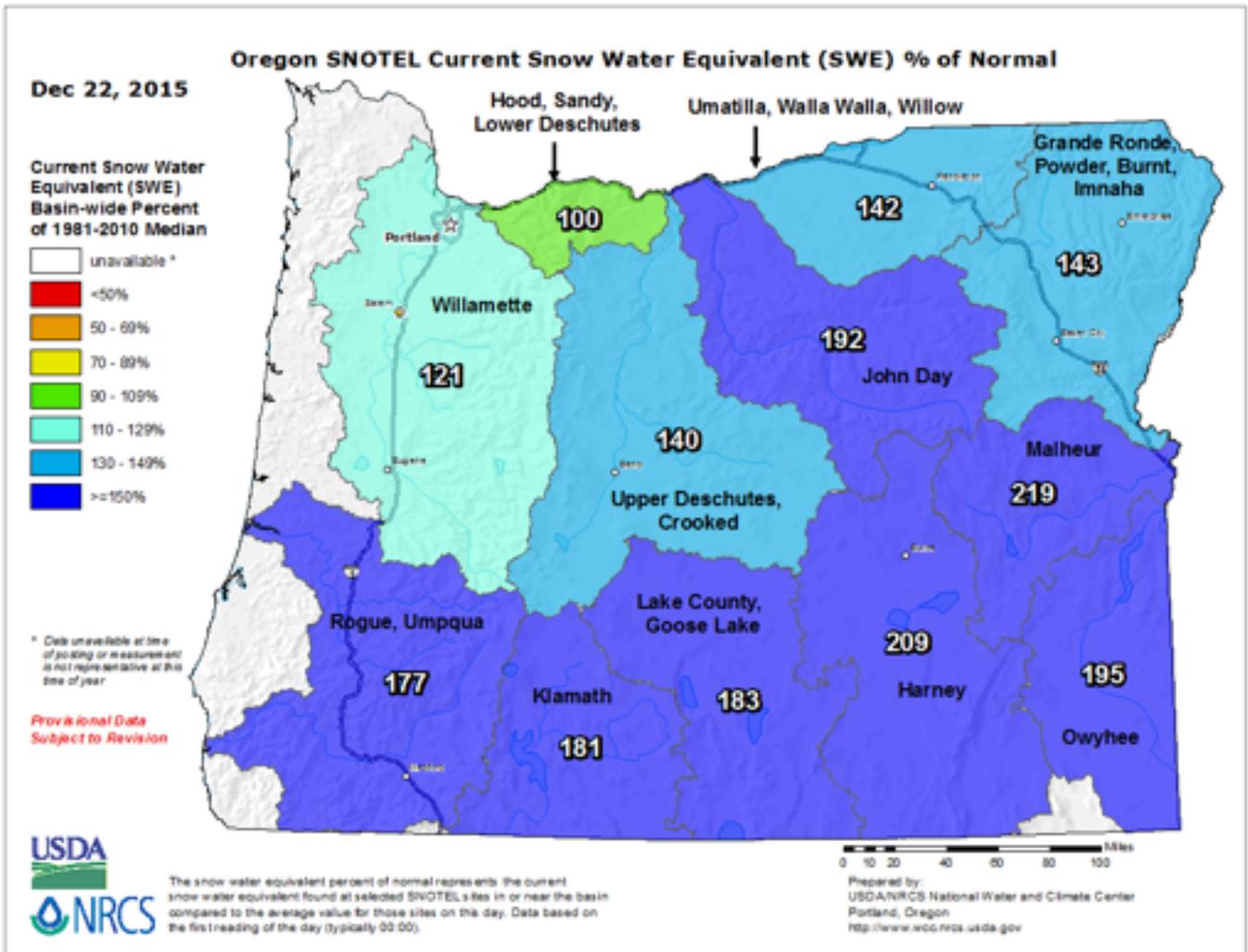


Besides the 750,000 visitors the lake gets each year there are Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, Striped bass, Carp, Catfish (Channel), Catfish (Flathead), Razorback sucker, Redear Sunfish, Sunfish (Cetrarchidae). There used to be Crappie and rumor has it that White Sturgeon are also in the lake. Dead Sturgeon have been found down

of course the bass eat the minnows. Minnow numbers and consequently bass numbers are starting to recover. The mussels wiped out the Crappie populations in Lake Havasu, according to a local member of the fishing club of Lake Havasu.

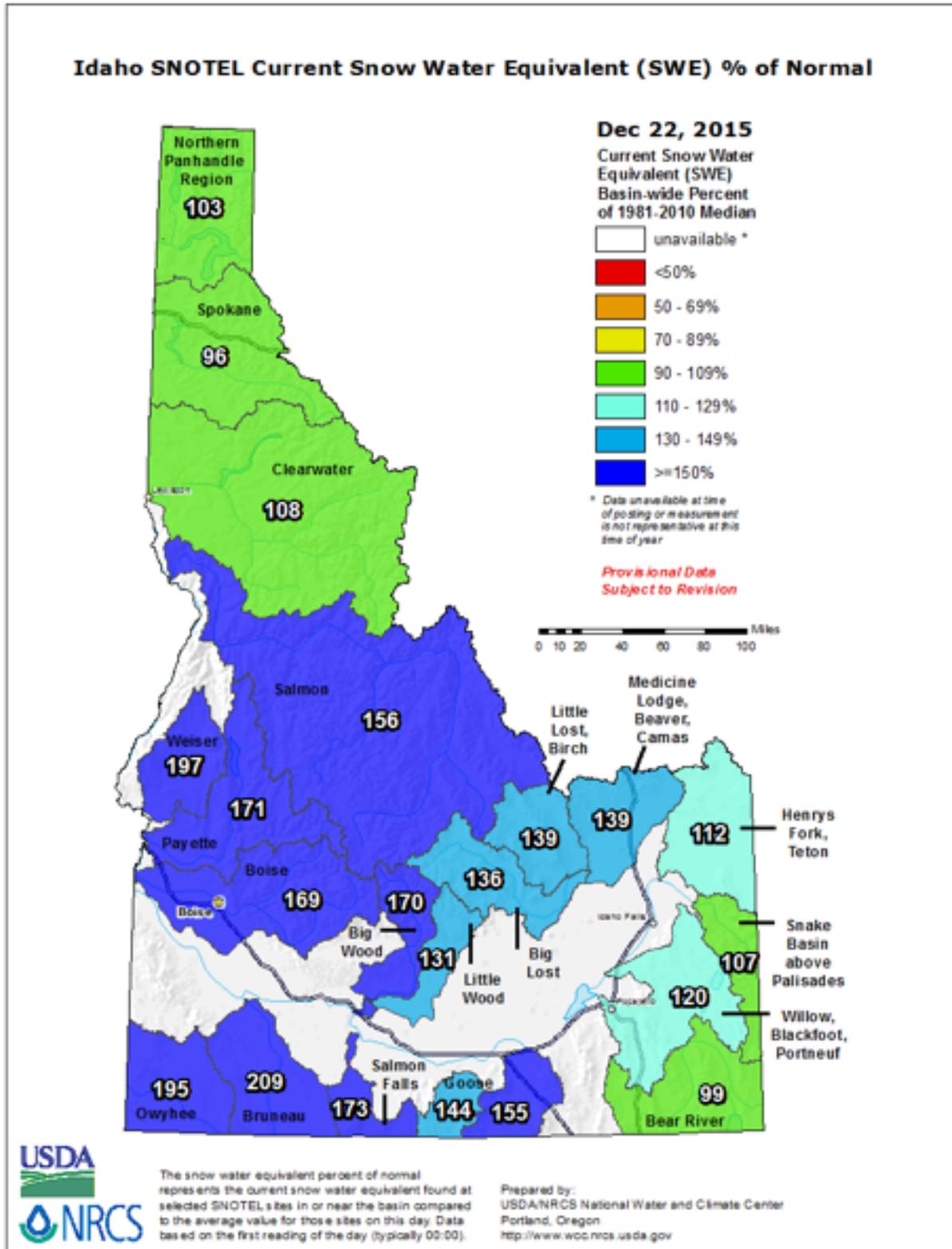


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“Fall Fishing” - John Field, Diane Thomas and Jascha Zeitlib can recently relate to this cartoon!
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Thanks to Mike Thomas for finding these for us to enjoy.



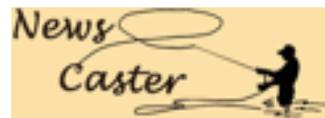
“Uh-oh, looks like Al fell off the wagon again”

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JANUARY 2016



- Jan. 5 - IFF Board meets Idaho Pizza 7 PM.
- Jan. 12 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM, Fly Tying demo. 6:30PM
- Jan. 19 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Proposed outing to Warm Lake - Sept. 6-10
(see page 2)

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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Fishing notes from Northern Mexico

By Grant Baugh

Been to the only marsh left in the Colorado River delta of Mexico twice and been skunked both times. I have seen lots of carp but they just totally ignore my flies. However I have not seen even one Largemouth Bass. I hope they have just moved into the cattails for the winter because of the cold water. It is also cold here - 41 degrees this morning.

We will move 100 miles south to Rocky Point tomorrow for 5-6 days. I plan to launch my pontoon boat on the Sea of Cortez with a friend from Phoenix who has caught over 30 species there on a fly rod. Joan plans on visiting a very fine store that stocks all kinds of Mexican glass and pottery. We have lots of it and she wants more!!!!!!!

Photo taken 2/15/2014 Santa Clara Marsh of Vince Deadmond





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