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Editors Choice Tippets



Government's RMA changes in the balance

Two of the Government's support parties have refused to back proposals to overhaul planning laws. The Maori Party and United Future say a revamp of the Resource Management Act goes too far and no longer protects the environment. The Government argues the present consenting processes take too long and are costly, slowing developments. Environment Minister Adams wants to shake up part two of the RMA, which puts in place environmental safeguards. Without the minor party support, the Government no longer has the numbers to pass the legislation. Maori party co-leader Tariana Turia and United Future leader Peter Dunne wrote to Adams to outline their concerns. "The changes do far more than rebalance the Act to make consenting procedures more efficient," they said in a joint statement. "We say the changes to remove emphasis on the 'maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment' fundamentally rewrite the Act and put a spanner in the works of the legal system that will take years of litigation to fix up." Turia said the RMA was designed to ensure the use of natural resources was sustainable, and the changes undermine its purpose. Dunne said commercial interests should not override environmental principles. Conservationists, including the Environmental Defence Society and Fish and Game, have pilloried the Government for attacking the core principles of the 20-year-old legislation, and trading green values for economic development. Former Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer, one of the architects of the original legislation, has also opposed the changes. But the Government wants to speed up development. Adams said last month that the reforms were necessary to allow councils to act decisively in giving consent. The Government also claims changes to part two of the RMA only give greater recognition to the rights of property owners to use their land. It is the third stage of RMA reforms, which National began in 2009

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Around the Club

A great turnout of anglers of all persuasions at the Hunting & Fishing night. Good to see.

Hopefully the working bee at the lodge to replace the roof will be successful but with heavy rain forecast over the weekend it may have to wait for another day.

I saw some good sea trout in the estuary and spoke to an angler who had caught 3 good fish of up to 2.5kg.



An exceptional tied fly and very well photographed

"People get the Politicians and fishing tackle they deserve."

John Gierach

Change of venue ?



The August club meeting was held in Hunting & Fishing Invercargill at the invitation of owner Gerald MacRae. The meeting started with the normal format, minutes, general business etc, then there was the opportunity to have a look around the shop and stock up on some good specials, in readiness for the coming season. Gerald provided some excellent wine to get us in the mood to shop! There were some quite large purchases made, but having the shop to ourselves, just to look around and see what was in store at a leisurely pace was definitely appreciated. Some members even suggest that we should make this the place of all our monthly meetings, but I'm not sure our credit cards could stand it, let alone stand up to the scrutiny of our bank managers.

Fly tying demonstration



Dave Harris and John Day gave a fly tying demonstration at Hunting & Fishing Invercargill this month.

Fly Fishing Course

1st - 2nd Feb—2014

Day 1—Theory & Casting

Day 2— On the River

Theory & Fly Casting—covers the insect life in a stream or lake that makes up what fish eat, where to find fish, how to fish the different situations and fly casting practice

On the River—Putting into practice what you have learned (bring your fly fishing gear both days)

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No matter whether you are a beginner in fly fishing or have been fly fishing for some time, there is something in this course for everyone. **Mike Weddell** is a fly fisherman with few peers. As a competitive caster he has not only won the world professional title, but has been British All Round fly casting champion five times as well as setting numerous casting records. The angling columnist of the Otago Daily Times since 1981. Mike Weddell has taught fly fishing and fly tying classes since 1972.

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Winter fishing at Mavoura Lakes by Redtag



Fly tying competition



Rick Gerrard's winning Zugbug fly in the August competition

New website

The Southland Fly Fishing Club website has been replaced with a completely new website, being built in a software application called Joomla (which I am still learning its features). The reason for the rebuild was to have a website that was more professional looking and feature rich, while at the same time being able to be updated from anywhere there was access to a computer available. While the new website is up and running, it is still being developed with more information and materials to be added. One of the ideas at the moment is to include a page of links to remote resources considered useful to New Zealand fishing and fly tying, in particular to Southland. We welcome any feedback on the website. Let us know if there is anything you would like to see on it and if considered relevant and useful we will try to incorporate your ideas, after all this website is for you. All comments and ideas to les.ladbrook@sdhb.govt.nz

There are 4 rotating pictures at the top, with a 'menu' just below them containing <tabs> separating the sections or pages, such as "SFFC" (Home page), "About", "Courses" etc. On each page there is a main section for larger items, and a column to the right for smaller snippets. In the top right you may find sub menu's (as shown in the picture above) or buttons for Facebook or searching the website. To search the website put in one word such as "fishing" and then click search to see how many items it brings up.

Thank you.

Les

Yaname trout from Japan



A Japanese friend sent a photo of their native trout..a beautiful fish!

Pioneer considering Nevis Valley Dam appeal

Pioneer Generation will consider an appeal against an Environment Court decision in favour of a prohibition of damming and more protection for the remote Nevis Valley. The Nevis Valley has been the focus of a decade-long battle between Alexandra-based Pioneer Generation, which sought a damming provision, and environmental groups, who want a total ban on damming and blanket protection for the area. A 148-page Environment Court report, with a majority opinion in favour of wider protection and a minority voice recommending scope for a dam in the Nevis Valley, was released last week. The report will be sent to Environment Minister Amy Adams for a final say but parties have a short window in which to appeal against the decision to the High Court. Pioneer Generation chief executive Fraser Jonker said the company was taking legal advice but was heartened by aspects of the ruling. Environmental groups were concerned about the potential impact on the rare fish Gollum galaxiid but Mr Jonker said the decision would allay such fears. "In terms of allaying any fears that a hydro scheme would adversely impact on galaxiids, we achieved what we specifically targeted." The significant claims that were made about the trout fishery haven't really been supported by either the judge or the commissioners." Judge Jon Jackson's minority opinion said it was not necessary to prohibit a dam on the Nevis in order to protect the galaxiid habitat. A small dam carefully constructed above the Nevis Crossing would be likely to have a minor effect on the kayaking community and minor effects, or less, on anglers, the judge said. Mr Jonker said the company would consider an appeal but that existing uncertainty in the hydro industry made investment in electricity generation uncertain. "We will consider an appeal based on the feedback from our legal advisers.

"With the amount of financial and other resource required during any environmental approval [or] appeal processes, combined with the current political uncertainty around investment in the electricity industry, we are likely to focus our investment decisions away from electricity generation in the medium term."

A majority report by commissioners Kathryn Edmonds and John Mills recommended increasing the levels of protection already afforded to the Nevis catchment

Wild Scottish Sea Trout under threat from Fish Farms

A Leading Scottish anglers organisation today claimed that wild sea trout are being “eaten alive” by fish-farm parasites in a sea loch in Wester Ross. The Salmon and Trout Association Scotland (STAS) has revealed that samples of trout recovered from Little Loch Broom, near Ullapool, show that some fish are infested with “huge and probably lethal” numbers of the parasitic sea lice *Lepeophtheirus salmonis*. And the association has blamed the high infestation levels on the failure of a fish farm to control lice numbers on farmed salmon. An STAS spokesman said: “Forty-six juvenile sea trout were monitored over six days. The average number of sea lice per fish was 133 with many carrying over 200 and two over 500. A burden in excess of 13 pre-adult sea lice is known to compromise severely the survival of juvenile sea trout.”



He blamed the infestation on the failure of a fish farm to control lice numbers on farmed salmon. The spokesman said: “Little Loch Broom is part of the Kennart to Gruinard area within which in both February and March this year the average number of adult female sea lice on farmed salmon at the seven fish-farms in the area was nine times over the threshold set under the salmon farming industry’s own Code of Good Practice (CoGP).

“These numbers, based on data supplied by the farms themselves, have just been published by the Scottish Salmon Producers’ Organisation (SSPO) in the first in a series of Fish Health Management reports which provide

area, but not farm-specific, sea lice count data. The first report recorded that in the Kennart to Gruinard area, which includes Little Loch Broom, on average each farmed salmon was carrying 4.61 adult female sea lice in February and 4.57 in March. Figures for subsequent months have yet to be published.” Hughie Campbell Adamson, chairman of the STAS, claimed: “There can be no doubt that the appalling sea lice infestations now being seen on wild sea trout in Little Loch Broom are related to the fact that the numbers of adult sea lice per fish on the hundreds of thousands of farmed salmon in the vicinity earlier this year were in effect out of control. Such a reservoir of adult breeding female lice will have produced literally billions of juvenile sea lice to populate the local marine environment. Inevitably wild sea trout, migrating from local rivers, are being infested with devastating consequences.” He said: “Lice feed by grazing on the surface of the fish and eating the mucous and skin. Large numbers of lice on fragile small sea trout soon cause the loss of fins, severe scarring, secondary infections and, in time, death. Quite literally, these young fish, which do not usually experience such heavy lice burdens, are being eaten alive – a direct consequence of the failure by salmon farms to keep on-farm sea lice numbers in check.” Mr Campbell Adamson continued: “Juvenile sea trout remain in local waters and accordingly can be monitored. Juvenile salmon however, which also leave the rivers in spring and must pass through the same lice-infested coastal waters before heading out to sea, are virtually impossible to monitor. “If they pick up similar numbers of sea lice as the juvenile sea trout, then their prospects of marine survival will be similarly bleak. The chances of many of those young salmon which left Little Loch Broom this spring, given the lice burdens they would have picked up, actually surviving to return in the future are poor.”

Guy Linley-Adams, solicitor to the association’s Aquaculture Campaign, said: “The current problems in Little Loch Broom underline just why we need publicly available weekly sea lice data on an individual farm basis - so that individual farms cannot hide behind averages - and why Scottish Ministers were so wrong to prevent such a measure being included in the recently passed Aquaculture and Fisheries Bill. “Furthermore, we need to know why, given that there were clearly massive breaches of the industry’s CoGP for sea lice earlier this year, no salmon farm company been held to account either by statutory agencies or by the SSPO.”

The spokesman for the STAS said: “The Wester Ross District Salmon Fishery Board formally reported the situation in Little Loch Broom to the Fish Health Inspectorate on 14 June, asking them to investigate. To date there has been no response.”

Fly Rod Grip - Keep it Consistent by Kent Klewein



Photo ; Louis Cahill

A common mistake that I see with many of my first timers is they fail to keep a consistent fly rod grip when they're first learning how to cast a fly rod. Without notice, they often shuffle their rod hand around on the cork, which ends up altering their grip slightly from one cast to the next. Probably the most common grip movement I see with my students is they reposition the thumb during the casting stroke.

To be more specific, they slide their thumb off the top of the cork to the side of the cork, and it causes problems with casting form, makes it more difficult to abruptly stop the rod at the end of the back cast and forward cast, it seems to make it harder for anglers to feel the fly rod loading, and direct a cast to a designated target. I'm always quick to point out the thumb grip position error, but I've yet to come up with an explanation of why it comes up time and time again with my beginners. Perhaps it's feels more comfortable to them, and maybe when I see the thumb sliding off to the side of the cork I should take it as a clue for me to suggest students to try a true v-grip or palm out fly rod grip instead.

Regardless of why it happens or how I proceed with my instruction, the most important point that should be heard loud and clear to all newcomers, is good fly casting form and accurate fly presentation all starts with a fly rod grip that's consistent from one cast to the next. I like to think of a proper fly rod grip as the foundation for fly casting. Once an angler has that, they then can focus their attention on developing good casting mechanics and form. At that point, they should feel comfortable experimenting with other fly rod grips like the index finger grip or the v-grip which can sometimes prove to be better grip choices for certain fly fishing situations on the water.

If you're new to casting a fly rod, the next time you're on the water and notice your fly casting isn't up to par, try taking a close look at your fly rod grip because there's a good chance it could be the root of the problem. Gripping a fly rod incorrectly can contribute to multiple casting flaws, encourage bad habits, which will limit skill growth.

Keep it Reel,
Ginkandgasoline.com

Presidents Report by Dave Harris

It is not long now and we will be into a new season. I have made virtually no preparations for the new season yet except for tying a few flies. However I don't think there is much I need as I haven't used the new line I bought for last year so that is one thing I don't need to worry about. New leaders etc don't take long to put on and it won't take long to check and lubricate my reels (Chris please take note).

I have a couple of new rods to make up for later in the season. The blanks for these have only just arrived so it will be a while before I get them completed. They will replace a couple of other rods so completing them is not urgent.

I haven't made any plans for opening day other than going fishing but I don't need to decide where I want to go until the night before. Last year I went to the planned spot only to find a high and dirty river so had to go elsewhere. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year and the rivers will be in better condition.

I will of course be going to the Lodge for the first weekend in October and as usual that should offer plenty of places to go with many rivers quite close. This is the first Lodge trip of the season and once again I have ordered good weather for this weekend. Hopefully a few of you will also be there.

We will have a speaker from Fish and Game at our September meeting but I am not sure what he will be speaking about. It is always interesting to hear what Fish and Game are up to and what they are finding out in the field. Pay attention to any fish number surveys as these will provide some interesting ideas of where to go and find fish.

We are still looking for speakers for meetings later in the season so if you have any ideas of people that would be interesting let me know so that we can have speakers at our meetings.

Name This Stream Competition

Last months photo of a stream brought one correct response. Ian Michelson correctly identified the Orauea River. This months photo is again by Les Ladbrook.

Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$10 Hunting and Fishing voucher sponsored by EIS.

If you have a photo of a Southland stream you would like to include in the competition please email the Editor.



Coming Events

21st Sept	Demo	*** Fly Tying demonstration @ Hunting & Fishing *** (Les & Chris 10:00 - 13:00)
24th Sept	[MM]	Speaker – Fish & Game
29th Sept	Sunday	Casting Day at Queens Park cricket ground 1pm – Public (Hunting & Fishing to attend ?).
1st Oct		Opening Day (Tuesday)
5/6th Oct		Lodge Trip [Weekend at the Lodge]
8th Oct	(CM)	Fishing Stories & Fly Tying
13th Oct		Club Day Trip meet at Fish & Game – 7am (Leader is Simon Budd)

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Club items for sale

Metal Badges \$15 ea.



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Club Meetings

The club meets at 7:30pm on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Fish & Game building, 159 North Road Invercargill. [The February meeting is on the river.](#)

Executive Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month following the general meeting, except for Dec/Jan, includes fly tying, so come along and bring your gear if you want help with a fly—all members welcome.

Club Resources

The club has an extensive library of Books and Videos, contact the Librarian, Jarred Martin.

A blow up Rubber Boat and a set of five Radio's, which can be borrowed by club members, contact Les Ladbrook.

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