

## Lake Powell Fish Report

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Lake Elevation: 3609

July 18, 2007  
Water Temperature: 81-85 F

Dark moon and afternoon monsoon winds have turned up the heat causing the lake to “boil” in the early mornings. From dawn to 8 AM look for surface disturbances as stripers chase shad to the top and against the canyon walls. Shad are still small following a late hatch of threadfin, so stripers are not making a lot of commotion as they feed on tiny shad near the surface. Scan carefully to see 5-20 stripers churning the surface in a



room-sized area. The good news is that enough bigger shad are mixed in so stripers will hit a full-sized Super Spook or other big topwater bait. Cast the big bait long and far to the quickly moving school before it gets out of range. A top water bait pulled

through the surface feeding school will get hit repeatedly by the 14-20 inch schooling stripers. Follow the diving school to the bottom with a spoon to prolong catching while waiting for stripers to resurface.

I am changing over to braided line with the top water reaction bait tied directly to the braided line. Boiling fish are not fussy and will hit surface lures while on the surface despite the visible line. Braided line is very strong so fish and lures are not lost to breakage in the intensity of a boil. Fish not caught up in a boil will avoid lures on visible line. Have two rods ready with different line to be able to use both techniques when necessary.

The very best place to be is at Hite where it is still possible to launch a fishing boat on the primitive “ramp”. Wood and debris is less of a factor now with the lake declining. Motor downstream at planing speed in the early morning while scanning for fish. Stop near the boil without running through or disturbing the feeding fish. Boils are quick. Probably only two fish can be caught from each. But many boils are happening so on a good calm

morning 30 fish can readily be taken from 15 different stops. Sometimes it is possible to keep up with retreating schools with a trolling motor, but a school across the bay is best approached with a quick burst from the big motor.

About 2-3 hours after daylight, boils cease and fish head to the bottom. Near Hite trolling will work on resting stripers. In the main lake its time to dig out the anchovy bait and fish from 40-60 feet in the general area where fish were seen boiling in the morning. Chumming with finely cut anchovies is a great way to get the school started. Keep the boat over the chum for best results. If no stripers hit bait after 15 minutes try a different location.

Bass feed with the stripers on top in the morning. Then they go down to 20-25 feet to beat the heat. Fishing plastic bait dropped straight down to the 20 foot contour along the edge of reefs and points is still very effective for bass.

Lake Powell has many mouths to feed and forage is at a premium. Fishing is quite good for hungry fish even in the 80 degree water of midsummer. This fishery is truly amazing.

### **Outdoor Industry Recognizes 9 “Outdoor Idols” at OR Summer Market Tradeshow in Salt Lake City**

9 Athletes Recognized by Outdoor Industry Foundation for Encouraging Peers to Get Outside

BOULDER, Colo. (July 16, 2007) – It takes far more than great athletic ability to be a role model for youth in the outdoors. It takes a lot of drive and passion. To celebrate this, on Aug. 10 nine “Outdoor Idols” will be honored by the Outdoor Industry Foundation (OIF) for both their achievements in outdoor recreation and, more importantly, inspiring other youth to do the same. Marking the third installment of the semi-annual award, the nine youth, all under the age of 23, will be recognized by the outdoor industry at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market tradeshow, a gathering of over 1,000 outdoor gear manufacturers. OIF, a non-profit established by the Outdoor Industry Association, will bestow the honors at 10 a.m. Friday, August 10, in a presentation sponsored by Native Eyewear at the Salt Palace Convention Center’s paddle tank, with a special appearance by climber Ed Viesturs.

The 2007 summer class of Outdoor Idol inductees are: Edgardo Baca Carillo, 20 (Climber/Mexico); Greta Neimanas, 19 (Cyclist/Colorado Springs, CO); Jeff Steed, 19 (Kayaker/Denver, CO); Marshall Alford, 18 (Hiker/Bailey, CO); Nick Troutman, 18 (Kayaker/Beechburg, ON); Nitish Nag, 18 (Road-Mtn. Biker/Union City, CA); Paul Robinson, 19 (Climber/Boulder, CO); Sasha Digiulian, 14 (Climber/Alexandria, VA); and Bridger Root, 17 (Mountaineer/Steamboat Springs, CO).

“Positive role models are critical for inspiring the next generation of outdoor enthusiast,” says OIF Vice President Michelle Barnes. “As an industry, we want to support and applaud youth who are not only excellent in their sport, but are also ambassadors to other youth. The Outdoor Idols program is a great way to engage outstanding athletes in the

movement to get youth active.”

To be considered, all nominees had to meet the following qualifications: be under the age of 23; be a trendsetter in and embrace the spirit of outdoor recreation; and be actively involved in growing participation in outdoor recreation by motivating peers and giving back to their communities. Winners were selected by a panel of outdoor journalists, industry leaders, youth development organizations and outdoor athletes, with the nine Idols now serving as ambassadors between the youth market and the outdoor industry.

Like their predecessors, this year’s crop of Outdoor Idols continues to contribute to outdoor recreation in a variety of ways.

Competitive cyclist and Outdoor Idol Greta Neimanas, who was born without her left hand and forearm, took third place at the Paralympic National Championships and is currently working toward her Handicapped Scuba Association certification to be a dive buddy. She’s also planning to compete at the 2008 Beijing paralympic Games. “I volunteer primarily with adaptive sports programs because I’m a product of those same programs,” she says. “It’s my way of giving back to the programs, and sharing what I’ve learned with the kids coming up. It’s neat to know that you’re actually making a difference in people’s lives.”

Raft guide and kayak instructor Jeff Steed, winner of the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Award scholarship, works as a youth counselor for Denver’s cityWILD, encouraging other youth to try new activities. “After doing so much taking, there comes a period where the giving begins,” he says. “That’s how I felt when I started mentoring inner city youth. At first I only did it for selfish reasons, but then I knew that it was much, much bigger than me--knowing that I’ve helped somebody, and that it will come back full circle some day and create a positive chain reaction.”

Mexico’s Edgardo Baca Carillo is one of the continent’s best rock climbers, who also mentors youth to get involved in the outdoors. “I feel very happy teaching young people how to enjoy the natural world because it is a magical experience that I’d like other young people to discover,” he says. “Every time I climb with kids from my town, I know it changes their lives.”

Competitive Cyclist Nitish Nag organized a Developmental Bicycling team in California designed to get kids involved and set and achieve goals in cycling. “The satisfaction received from giving opportunity to others is something that goes above and beyond personal achievement,” he says. “It’s like planting a flower and watching it bloom. Although the flower is beautiful, it’s the planter that enjoys that beauty the most. Coming from a science background working in diabetes and obesity, I feel children need to find activities that offer fun, challenge and exposure to the outdoors.”

Eagle Scout Marshall Alford, a nominee for REI’s Environmental Stewards Award, is a Volunteer Crew Leader and recruits volunteers and supervises youth programs for the Continental Divide Trail Alliance. Kayaker Nick Troutman, who took third at this year’s

World Freestyle Kayak Championships, is a coach for a teen kayak program on Canada's Ottawa River.

Paul Robinson, one of the top boulders in the country, is an ambassador for the Access Fund. "I love to climb and love to talk about climbing with others," he says. "It allows me to express myself and overcome obstacles I never thought possible."

Sasha Digiulian, the National Junior Climbing Champion for the past two years, is a straight-A student who gives back as a role model. Her approach to climbing echoes what many her age find in the real world. "I like bouldering and being challenged," she says. "It's tough knowing where to go next and trying to get yourself to the next place."

Bridger Root, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., has climbed all 54 of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks, summited Denali and Mont Blanc, and has plans for Kilimanjaro. But he's also a passionate student committed to community involvement, working at a variety of conservation and social organizations. "It's fun to do the different stuff...not what everyone else is doing," he says. "And it's fun to help others do the same."

Further promoting this year's crop of Outdoor Idols is Boulder, Colo.'s Serac Adventure Films, a full-service film production company that is developing a movie trailer featuring the Outdoor Idols ([www.seracfilms.com](http://www.seracfilms.com)). For more information on this year's Idols, visit [www.outdooridols.org](http://www.outdooridols.org).

### **Safari Club Hires New Executive Director**

Tucson, Arizona – Safari Club International (SCI) today announced the hiring of John B. Eichinger, of Holland, Michigan as Executive Director of SCI and the SCI Foundation. In this role, Eichinger will be in charge of day-to-day operations.

"I am confident that we have made a great choice," said SCI President Dennis Anderson. "Of all the very strong candidates, John's vision and experience stood out. I am personally eager to help John move SCI forward."

Eichinger brings more than 30 years of business experience, including international operations in Europe, South America and the Far East. "John's business experience equips him to streamline the SCI business model, and his conservation experience will help him strengthen SCI as the leader in protecting our hunting heritage, both here and abroad," said Anderson.

Eichinger has a long history in the conservation community, having served in various capacities for the Michigan Wildlife Foundation and National Wildlife Federation. He also has been active in the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and Michigan Outdoor Habitat Brokerage. Eichinger was the youngest President of MUCC. His business experience also exposed him to agriculture and conservation practices all over the world.

“SCI’s rapid growth in corporate sponsors is a perfect fit with John’s skills,” said Anderson. He holds BS and MBA degrees from Central Michigan University and was an assistant professor at Olivet College, where he taught courses in marketing, finance and economics. He served in the U.S. Army in the early 1970s.

“This position is a good marriage between my passions for hunting and the outdoors and my business experience,” Eichinger said. Eichinger is an avid international hunter, and has hunted abroad extensively with his family. “The reputation of Safari Club is fantastic, and I can’t wait to bring my leadership experience to Tucson.”

Eichinger and wife Lynette will relocate near SCI Headquarters in Tucson, Arizona and he will begin his new duties on July 30.

### **East Meets West at Promontory Summit**

History will come alive on August 11, when enthusiasts gather at Promontory, Utah, to celebrate the era of steam, the Transcontinental Railroad and the Old West.



Golden Spike National Historic Site is located at Promontory, marking the spot where the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet on May 10, 1869, to complete America's first Transcontinental Railroad.

Every August a "Railroaders Festival" is held at the Golden Spike site, drawing railroad and history buffs from around the country. Festival visitors can take cab tours of two steam locomotives, Jupiter and old No. 119. They are fully functional replicas of the original locomotives that met here in '69 for the "Wedding of the Rails" ceremony.

The festival also offers handcar rides, spike driving contests, an old-time fiddler concert, 1860 fashion show, buffalo chip throwing, historic railroad displays, games, food and other entertainment.

The completion of the railroad was a major, defining event in American history. The railroad opened the continent to settlement and spurred commercial development. A journey that once took four to six months on foot was reduced to just six days, and the dangers and hardships facing westward travelers were greatly reduced.



Railroad crews of the Union Pacific, including some 10,000 Irish, German, and Italian immigrants, had pushed west from Omaha, Nebraska. At Promontory they met crews of the Central Pacific, who had built the line east from Sacramento, California. The Central Pacific crews had included over 12,000 Chinese laborers.

Union Pacific's No. 119 and Central Pacific's "Jupiter" lined up facing each other on the tracks. The famed "Golden Spike" was presented by David Hewes, a San Francisco



construction magnate. Engraved on its head was the notation, "The Last Spike." Other ceremonial spikes were also presented. A highly polished tie of laurelwood was placed under the rails. Spikes made of gold are too soft to drive into a railroad tie, so the ceremonial spikes were dropped into pre-bored holes.

History records:

*"Immediately thereafter, the precious metal spikes and laurelwood tie were removed and replaced with a pine tie, into which three ordinary iron spikes were driven. A fourth iron spike, and a regular iron spike hammer, were both wired to the transcontinental telegraph line so that the Nation could "hear" the blows as the spike was driven.*

*"(Central Pacific President Leland) Stanford took a mighty swing at the spike, and struck the tie instead. (Union Pacific Vice-President Thomas) Durant, still not feeling too well, took a feeble swing, and did not even hit the tie! Finally, a regular rail worker drove home the last spike, and the telegrapher, W.N. Shilling of Western Union, sent the long awaited message, "D-O-N-E." The time was 12:47 p.m., Monday, May 10, 1869."*

Golden Spike National Historic Site was created in 1965, "for the purpose of establishing a national historic site commemorating the completion of the first transcontinental railroad across the United States..."

The Historic Site is open daily year-round. Reenactment ceremonies are held on Saturdays and holidays at 11 am and 1 pm during the summer months, with participants dressed in period customs.

Steam demonstrations, with Jupiter and No. 119 moving down the tracks, take place everyday during the summer season (May 1 - Labor Day).

A Golden Spike Festival is held at the site every year on May 10.

Promontory is located approximately 40 miles northwest of Ogden, Utah, some 690 miles east



of Sacramento and 1,087 miles west of Omaha. To get there from Salt Lake City go north on I-15. A few miles past the Brigham City exit you will see the signs directing you west on Hwy 83 to the Historic Site.

## **DOUBLE DIGIT DROP IN GAS PRICES**

### *AAA Utah Warns Motorists Relief Is Already Disappearing*

SALT LAKE CITY, July 17, 2007 – Utah gas prices are down significantly over a month ago, but unfortunately the downturn appears to be short lived, according to the latest report from AAA Utah, which tracks gasoline prices as a service to consumers.

The average price in Utah for a gallon of regular, self-serve gasoline is currently \$3.07. This price is 18 cents lower than last month's AAA report on June 12, but 20 cents higher than a year ago. After experiencing temporary relief in rising gas prices over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, Utah motorists saw prices started inching back up on July 6. The highest recorded price in Utah is \$3.28, which was hit on May 31, 2007.

“This may prove to be a very brief reprieve from the recent cycle of relentlessly rising prices,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “Prices have actually begun to increase again, so even though we're paying less than a month ago, the cost of filling up is on the rise.”

In an unusual turn of events, consumers in the Midwest are currently paying some of the highest gas prices in the country. Typically, states like California and Hawaii have the highest prices. Nebraska currently has the highest average price in the country at \$3.31 per gallon. The rising Midwest prices are largely attributed to refineries there experiencing problems with everything from flooding to ongoing mechanical problems. These problems have led to decreased production and higher prices throughout the region.

The average price nationwide is \$3.04, which is 3 cents lower than last month's report. A year ago, the national average price was \$2.96. The highest recorded price nationally was \$3.23 on May 24 of this year.

All of the Intermountain States experienced double digit decreases in the price for self-serve regular gasoline since last month's report. Idaho's price dropped 18 cents to the current average price of \$3.07. Montana also enjoyed an 18-cent decrease. The average price in Montana is \$3.06. Wyoming's price dropped 13 cents to the current average, \$3.03. Colorado's price dropped only 7 cents from June's report. The average price in Colorado is \$3.17. Arizona's current average is under the \$3 mark. The price is now \$2.88 a gallon, an 18-cent drop from last month. Nevada's price dropped 19 cents to the current average of \$3.05. California's price is now \$3.15, a 15-cent decrease from June's report.

All of the Utah cities surveyed by AAA reported double-digit drops since last month's report, with two cities under the \$3 mark. The largest price drop occurred in Ogden and Moab. Both cities saw 22-cent decreases since last month. The average price in Ogden is \$2.98. Moab's average price is \$3.14. Salt Lake City and St. George each enjoyed 20-cent drops. The average price in Salt Lake City is \$2.99. The average price in St. George is \$3.10. Provo's price is \$3.05 a gallon. This is 19 cents lower than a month ago. Logan's price dropped 18 cents to the current average of \$3.00 a gallon. Vernal's current price is \$3.12. This is 16 cents lower than a month ago.

"While the current prices are still significantly higher than a year ago, this decrease is a boon to vacation travelers," said Fairclough. "Be sure to plan ahead and check for AAA discounts when you hit the road this summer."

One way consumers can reduce the amount of money they spend on fuel is to shop aggressively for the lowest price. AAA Utah has a tool that can help. Located online at [www.aaa.com/gasprices](http://www.aaa.com/gasprices), the AAA Fuel Finder has real time information on gas prices at more than 85,000 gas stations throughout the United States.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report is the most comprehensive retail gasoline survey available, with over 85,000 self-serve stations surveyed everyday nationwide. Data is provided in cooperation with OPIS Energy Group and Wright Express, LLC.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance and financial services to more than 165,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

## **House Farm Bill Proposal Good Starting Point for Conservation Debate, Group Says**

*Coalition applauds Chairman's support for programs that benefit fish and wildlife*



**WASHINGTON – A broad coalition of hunting, fishing and conservation organizations that works to shape agricultural and natural resources policy today welcomed many of the conservation provisions included in a Farm Bill proposal advanced by Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson.**

"The proposal shows that the Chairman clearly understands two things, the importance of the Farm Bill's Conservation Title to America's fish and wildlife, and the importance of fish and wildlife to America's citizen-conservationists," said Dave Nomsen of Pheasants Forever.

Nomsen, a co-chair of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership's Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group, was joined by other members of the group in extending praise for the measure.

Barton James of Ducks Unlimited, also a co-chair of the working group, pointed to the chairman's show of support for two existing Farm Bill conservation programs that are



uncomfortably close to losing both their funding and their futures, the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP).

“WRP and GRP help habitats that harbor healthy

waterfowl populations,” James said. “To act decisively to improve their conservation is to do the right thing for the future of the resource.”

Chairman Peterson’s proposal also makes positive

statements about the future of the largest Farm Bill conservation program, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). It also makes strategic improvements to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), specifically those to advance water quality and forest management. “There’s well-placed attention on some known-successful programs in the chairman’s proposal, but there’s some forward-thinking new programs in there, too,” said Jen Mock Schaeffer of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the final co-chair of the working group.



“If you’re a bobolink or budget hawk, you should like the Sodsaver concept,” Mock Schaeffer said. “And Open Fields, which will expand recreational opportunities for the general public, can begin to give back some of what sprawl has taken from us.”

Sodsaver should make non-cropland that is converted to cropland ineligible to receive any federal benefits, such as price and income support payments, crop insurance and disaster payments. “The Sodsaver proposal before the committee will remove some taxpayer-provided incentives for destroying prairie,” said Brad Redlin of the Izaak Walton League of America, “but it should further clarify that *no* form of federal payment continues to serve as a reward for habitat destruction.”



The Open Fields provision included in Chairman Peterson’s proposal would help fund state-managed, voluntary sportsmen’s access initiatives, often called “walk-in” programs. Funding of \$20 million per year, as proposed by the Chairman, would simultaneously enhance wildlife management and improve recreational opportunities on land enrolled in walk-in programs. State-levels programs of this type have been proven to slow the decline in hunter and angler numbers that follows from declining opportunities to hunt and fish being suffered by the general public.

“Walk-in programs are great not just because they provide for improved public access to private lands,” said Nomsen, “but also because in most cases they require that those lands be managed to optimize their value to fish and wildlife.”

“Given the tight budget climate, we are pleased to see many of our conservation priorities in the starting draft of the House 2007 Farm Bill,” said George Cooper, President and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. “The progress made and the attention paid to the Conservation Title in the last few months has been very encouraging and is a credit to the members of the Agriculture Committee and their staff -- and to Committee Chairman Peterson and his staff in particular. We look forward to working with them and others in House leadership to secure additional funds so that all our priorities can be realized – including increased funding levels for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), as well as WRP, GRP and CSP.”

For more information on our work to shape the conservation programs in the next Farm Bill, please <http://www.trcp.org/documents/2007farmbillreport.pdf>

### **RBFF Awards Nevada Department of Wildlife for Hispanic Outreach Efforts**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 17, 2007)** – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (**RBFF**) presented The Nevada Department of Wildlife (**NDOW**) with the Take Me Fishing™ Outreach and Education Award during the Association for Conservation Information (**ACI**) conference held on July 12 in Lenox, Mass. NDOW was chosen for its targeted outreach to the state Hispanic population, which included Spanish radio spots designed to motivate Hispanic anglers and educate them about how easy it is to obtain a fishing license.

"The judges felt that Nevada demonstrated a unique and thorough outreach strategy toward engaging the Hispanic audience," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson.

NDOW research showed that while southern Nevada has a large Hispanic angling population, license agents and the fishing public were confused about the license requirements of non-residents and non-citizens. The Spanish radio spots were aired in October 2006 and were supported by cards and fliers placed in targeted locations. The fliers were printed double-sided with license information in both English and Spanish.



"The changing demographics bring us new cultures, new exciting challenges, and new ways to look at the resource," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall in a recent NCTC telecast on diversity and recruitment issues. "The reality is that we survive at the will of the people, if conservation lives, it only lives in the hearts of the citizenry, so we have to reach out and bring new people into conservation."

The Take Me Fishing Outreach and Education Award was a small part of the conference's larger focus on marketing. ACI hosted a Marketing Day on July 10, where

attendees learned skills and techniques from those who have designed and implemented successful marketing campaigns.

### **About RBFF**

RBFF is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to increase participation in recreational angling and boating. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the Take Me Fishing™ campaign and Anglers' Legacy.

### **National Champions Crowned in Youth Skeet and Sporting Clays**

#### *13 States Represented Among Medal Winners*

SAN ANTONIO—Youth shooting teams from 13 states earned national honors, trophies and scholarship awards last weekend at the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Skeet and Sporting Clays National Championships.

	National Champion Teams	2nd Place Teams	3rd Place Teams	Total Winning Teams
<b>Arizona</b>	2	3	2	7
<b>California</b>	1	-	2	3
<b>Georgia</b>	1	1	-	2
<b>N. Carolina</b>	1	1	-	2
<b>Virginia</b>	-	1	1	2
<b>Florida</b>	1	-	-	1
<b>Louisiana</b>	1	-	-	1
<b>Michigan</b>	-	1	-	1
<b>Nebraska</b>	-	-	1	1
<b>New York</b>	-	1	-	1
<b>Oklahoma</b>	-	-	1	1
<b>S. Carolina</b>	1	-	-	1
<b>Texas</b>	-	-	1	1

The two-day competition, held July 14-15 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, was the largest skeet and sporting clays championship in SCTP history. Nineteen states were represented among the nearly 400 shooters in varsity, junior varsity, intermediate and rookie divisions.

Teams from Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi and Tennessee competed but did not place among top finishers.

The championship featured some of America's best young talents. Some will be selected

to attend an Olympic development camp next month in Colorado Springs; others will go on to compete at the collegiate level.

"Standout shooters are emerging all across the country. For example, in skeet, 15 competitors from 7 different states shot championship rounds of 195 or better out of 200 targets. Remember, these are just high-school students, but some have already signed college letters of intent. We also had a national shotgun coach here this weekend to observe the event and the new, young talent," said Zach Snow of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), which coordinates SCTP.

SCTP, for youths in grades 12 and under, has been called "the Little League of shooting sports." Nearly 10,000 students in over 40 states competed in 2007 in trap, skeet and sporting clays. SCTP is managed in partnership with numerous sponsors, agencies and organizations, including the national governing bodies of shotgun sports: Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clays Association.

Trap national championships are slated for Aug. 5-7 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Ill.

### **Results**

SCTP National Skeet and Sporting Clays Championships  
*(held July 14-15, National Shooting Complex, San Antonio)*

#### **Skeet**

##### **Varsity Division (Grades 9 to 12)**

1. California, Ink Ballers, 589 out of 600 targets (Brian Foley of Bakersfield, Talia Borg of Salinas, Cole Rommel of Cloves).
2. New York, Rochester-Brooks Elite, 586 (Kevin Corser of Holley, Alik Miller of Rochester, Scott Sobiegray of Niagra Falls).
3. Arizona, Red Mountain Target Terminators, 579 (Kyle Wandlear of Queen Creek, Patrick Wood of Scottsdale, Kaitlyn Borie of Phoenix).

##### **Junior Varsity Division (Grades 9 to 12)**

1. Arizona, Senior Hot Shots, 578 (Brisden Eaton of Sierra Vista, Brielle Eaton of Sierra Vista, Scott Usry of Hereford).
2. Virginia, Old Forge 4-H Team, 571 (Marty Cogar of Blackstone, Tyler Scruggs of Spout Spring, Travis Wagner of Powhattan).
3. Virginia, Old Dominion 4-H Shur Shots, 570 (Lawson Philpy of Mechanicsville, Rooster Watson of Blackstone, Bobby Kline of Edinburg).

##### **Intermediate Division (Grades 6 to 8)**

1. Georgia, Lake Oconee Shotgun Team, 568 (Troy Crisp of Buckhead, Rob Horton of Eatonton, Clay Porter of Madison).
2. Arizona, Red Mountain Target Terminators, 555 (Wesley Borie of Phoenix, Ryan

Bollinger of Phoenix, Kyle Johnson of Phoenix).

3. Oklahoma, Broken Arrow Breakers, 552 (Alec Savage of Broken Arrow, Alex Drews of Broken Arrow, Zac Womack of Broken Arrow).

### **Rookie Division (Grades 5 and under)**

1. North Carolina, Target Terminators, 491 (Archer Price of Gastonia, Steven Allen of Kings Mountain, T. Ross Harwell of Gastonia).
2. Arizona, Ben Avery Clay Crushers, 419 (Paysen Unger of Phoenix, Dylan Karvanek of Anthem, Casey Coleman of Goodyear).
3. California, Ink Ballers, 346 (Richard Riddle of Bonsall, Arjun Hundal of Stockton).

### Sporting Clays

#### **Varsity Division (Grades 9 to 12)**

1. Louisiana, Louisiana Clay Wings, 534 out of 600 targets (Caitlin Connor of Jena, Ethan Hall of Jonesboro, Joseph Dulaney of Sikes).
2. Michigan, Island Lake Whackers, 527 (Michael Cattell of Saline, Daniel Williams of Redford, Spencer Watts of Novi).
3. California, Camanche Clay Busters, 524 (Aeric Skinner of Ione, Tyler Parker of Galt, Cassandra Ding of Ione).

#### **Junior Varsity Division (Grades 9 to 12)**

1. Florida, Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays, 517+shootoff (Tom Larsen of Sarasota, Rob Bilian of Sarasota, Nick Dull of Sarasota).
2. North Carolina, Ft. Bragg Rangers, 517–shootoff (Taylor Tew of Bath, Garrett Barbour of Willow Springs, Jonathan Kacmarcik of Fayetteville).
3. Texas, West Texas Sodbusters, 516 (Jonathan Royston of Seminole, Ryan Wallace of Seminole, Matt Savage of Seminole).

#### **Intermediate Division (Grades 6 to 8)**

1. South Carolina, TKA Lions, 504 (Austin Mogy of Florence, Richmond Wilhoit of Florence, Nicholas Long of Florence).
2. Georgia, Lake Oconee Shotgun Team, 496 (Troy Crisp of Buckhead, Rob Horton of Eatonton, Clay Porter of Madison).
3. Nebraska, Heartland Claybusters, 483 (Andrew O'Connor of Greeley, Bryan O'Connor of Greeley, Garrett Irvine of Ravenna).

#### **Rookie Division (Grades 5 and under)**

1. Arizona, Ben Avery Clay Crushers, 349 (Paysen Unger of Phoenix, Dylan Karvanek of Anthem, Casey Coleman of Goodyear).
2. Arizona, Red Mountain Target Terminators, 344 (Stephen Fuller of Phoenix, Zachary Clark of Phoenix, Cody Kime of Chandler).
3. Arizona, Huachuca Hot Shots, 309 (Sarah Click of Huachuca City, William Ponder of Sierra Vista, Dakota Saska of Hereford).

### **Proposed OSHA Rule Would Hurt Hunters and Shooters**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has proposed new rules that would classify ammunition, powder and primers as explosives, effectively changing how ammunition and handloading components can be stored, sold and transported.

This proposed rule change would make it illegal for sporting good stores to sell firearms and ammunition in the same building, require evacuation of all facilities, including sporting good stores, containing ammunition in the event of a lightning storm and prohibit delivery drivers from leaving ammunition unattended, virtually eliminating mail-order ammunition sales from companies such as Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's.

OSHA's rule change will affect hunters and shooters ability to purchase ammunition, and critically hurt ammunition manufacturers by implementing unneeded regulations, which could limit ammunition production and raise prices.

Public comment on OSHA Docket Number OSHA-2007-0032 was recently expanded through September 10, 2007. Let OSHA know how this rule change is unnecessary and would affect law-abiding and responsible hunter's and shooter's accessibility to ammunition by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and posting a comment against this unwarranted attack on hunting and shooting.

[www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) is a way for the general public to give opinions about federal regulatory actions. To comment on the rule on ammunition and explosives, search Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed rules and click on comments.

#### **UPDATE: OSHA Ammunition Rule Comments**

The period to submit public comments on OSHA Docket Number OSHA-2007-0032 electronically at regulations.gov has ended. However, public comments can still be submitted by mail or fax until September 10, 2007.

Please submit your comments regarding this proposed rule change that would classify ammunition, powder and primers as explosives by fax at (202) 693-1648, or by mail:

OSHA Docket Office  
Docket No. OSHA-2007-0032  
U.S. Department of Labor  
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## **Sportfishing Industry Members Honored for Anglers' Legacy Leadership**

### ***Six companies recognized for exceptional achievement***

**Las Vegas, NV - July 12, 2007** – During ICAST 2007, the sportfishing industry's annual trade show, six members of the American Sportfishing Association were recognized by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) for exceptional achievement in encouraging anglers to take the Anglers' Legacy pledge and commit to taking more people fishing. ICAST was held July 11 – 13, at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Recipients of the inaugural Anglers' Legacy Leadership Award are Bass Pro Shops, BASS/ESPN Outdoors, FISHHER, Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company, The Red Drum Tackle Shop, Inc. and Shimano American Corporation. Anglers' Legacy is an RBFF program that encourages avid anglers to commit to sharing their passion for fishing by taking friends and family out on the water.

According to a recent RBFF survey each Anglers' Legacy Ambassador, or avid angler, generates about \$120 in fishing tackle and equipment per pledge. Anglers' Legacy was launched to the sportfishing industry at ICAST in 2006. The campaign asks avid anglers to share their passion for fishing, driving them to [AnglersLegacy.org](http://AnglersLegacy.org) where they're asked to "Take the Pledge" – promising to take one new person fishing each year. In its first year, the program has garnered nearly 10,000 pledges.

### ***ASA Member Involvement***

Bass Pro Shops organized an in-store pledge drive with Anglers' Legacy sign-up stations in each one of their stores. Promoted through special signage at their store grand openings, those who "Take the Pledge" using the Bass Pro Shops partner code are entered into a drawing to win a Johnny Morris Signature Series baitcast rod and reel combo.

BASS/ESPN Outdoors sponsored an Anglers' Legacy pledge drive that places individuals who enter a special promotion code when taking the Pledge into a sweepstakes that includes a Grand Prize trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and a fishing excursion with the editor of *Bassmaster* Magazine.

Fishing pro Linda Berry, on behalf of tackle company FISHHER, personally promoted the Anglers' Legacy program, collecting pledges at the Bassmaster Classic, Bassmaster American and Women's Bassmaster Tournaments.

Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company promoted the Anglers' Legacy program through Web banners and links, generating a significant amount of Web traffic to the Anglers' Legacy.org Web site.

The Red Drum Tackle Shop, Inc. in Buxton, North Carolina, created a link to [AnglersLegacy.org](http://AnglersLegacy.org) on their Web site and added a personal touch to the program by promoting it in-store through conversations with customers. Red Drum's efforts have also generated a significant amount of Web traffic for [AnglersLegacy.org](http://AnglersLegacy.org).

Shimano American Corporation took Anglers' Legacy on the road as part of their nationwide fishing tour and held an Anglers' Legacy banner signing for its employees.

For more information about the program, visit [AnglersLegacy.org](http://AnglersLegacy.org) or call RBFF at (703) 519-0013.

*The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to increase participation in recreational angling and boating. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the Take Me Fishing™ campaign and the Anglers' Legacy program.*

*The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) is the sportfishing industry's trade association, committed to looking out for the interests of the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry a unified voice, speaking out on behalf of sportfishing and boating industries, state and federal natural resource agencies, conservation organizations, angler advocacy groups, and outdoor journalists when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself. We invest in long-term ventures to ensure the industry will remain strong and prosperous as well as safeguard and promote the enduring social, economic, and conservation values of sportfishing in America.*

### **FishAmerica Foundation Receives Contribution from Johnson Outdoors**

*Second Donation in Two Years for FishAmerica Gulf Fund*

**Alexandria, VA**— *July 17, 2007* – The FishAmerica Foundation is the 2007 recipient of a \$5,000 conservation grant from Johnson Outdoors in honor of the Samuel C. Johnson Fishing Journalist of the Year award. The award was presented to Al Lindner, outdoor journalist and long-time TV host, during ICAST 2007, the sportfishing industry's trade show held at the Las Vegas Convention Center, July 11-13, produced by the American Sportfishing Association (ASA).

Lindner was selected based on his contributions to the fishing industry in the fields of journalism, conservation and philanthropic leadership. Lindner partnered with his brother Ron to establish *In-Fisherman* magazine and expanded the philosophy of educating anglers to be more successful into television and radio. Linder is considered one of the most popular TV hosts of all times and has already been inducted into several fishing Halls of Fame.

The FishAmerica Foundation will use the Johnson Outdoors donation for the FishAmerica Gulf Fund. FishAmerica established the FishAmerica Gulf Fund to help restore Gulf Coast sportfisheries and fishing access facilities devastated during the 2005 hurricane season. The Gulf Fund will provide grants to community-based sportfishing and conservation organizations to help restore sportfish populations, their habitats and fishing facilities. These projects would include the restoration of the Laketown fishing pier in the City of Kenner, Louisiana. Located on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, just



outside New Orleans, 75 percent of the pier destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The City plans to build a concrete pier that will withstand a hurricane.

The Samuel C. Johnson Fishing Journalist of the Year award is named for Sam Johnson, founder of Johnson Outdoors and a successful entrepreneur and outdoor enthusiast. The award was created to recognize and encourage the efforts of the most prominent and respected journalists in the fishing industry. Jerry Gibbs, fishing editor of Outdoor Life, was selected as the 2006 award winner based on his contributions to the fishing industry in the fields of journalism, conservation and philanthropic leadership.

*The FishAmerica Foundation is the conservation and research foundation of the American Sportfishing Association. FishAmerica unites the sportfishing industry with conservation groups, government agencies, fishing tournaments, corporations and charitable foundations, investing in fisheries conservation and research across the country. FishAmerica provides matching grants that empower citizen conservationists in their own communities. Since 1983, FishAmerica has provided more than \$9 million for more than 900 fisheries conservation and research projects nationwide.*

### **Reminder for Stonefly Meeting**

Please join the Stonefly Society Thursday July 19th, at 7:00pm for a special presentation on fly fishing in Chile. It will be held at our usual meeting place.

<http://www.stoneflysociety.org/meetingmap.htm> If you have ever considered taking a trip to Chile then you shouldn't miss this special presentation.

The presentation will be called Fly Fishing in Patagonia Chile, with Gonzalo Cortes, author of the book "Fly Fishing in Patagonia Chile"; and Scott Olson, President of Patagonia Fly Fishers in Salt Lake City. They will discuss the different areas and types of water to fly fish in Chile, the geography, climate, the fish species, the hatches, the lodges available. The presentation will consist of video and slide presentation along with an ample amount of time for questions and answers.

Here are their biographies:

Scott Olson sold his portion of his family business about three years ago and is fulfilling a dream of fly fishing in Patagonia, Chile. He began the company with the goal to other fly fishers enjoy the incredible experiences of fishing there. Scott has lived and worked in Patagonia, Chile for several months the last three years. He also has a home and works out of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gonzalo Cortes, a native Chilean, has been a serious fly fisherman for almost thirty years since he was a teenager. He is the author of the famous book "Fly Fishing in Patagonia, Chile." He is also the owner of the Fly Shop in Santiago, Chile. His shop is the exclusive distributor for Sage Fly Rods and Simms Fishing Products for Chile and Argentina. He also is the owner of a fishing lodge in Patagonia, located in one of the most strategically located spots for flyfishers to experience the different types of water that are available in Patagonia.

## **SODA BLASTING EXCELS AT CORROSION CONTROL IN METAL SURFACE PREPARATION FOR PAINTING**

By Jerry LeCompte

Soda blasting is often described as a non-destructive method of paint stripping and cleaning. While it can be done on many surfaces, including fiberglass gelcoat and glass, soda blasting for surface preparation on metal hulls has been misunderstood. It offers excellent corrosion control in surface prep and can alleviate problems common with traditional blasting.

Since the process of soda blasting began in the 1980s, there has been a tendency to interrelate soda blasting with conventional abrasive processes. Blasting results, such as surface profile and visual specifications, have been misapplied to soda blasting. The consensus was, "why soda blast when it doesn't achieve conventional specification results?" However, separation and analysis between the two presents a totally different perspective on the benefits of soda blasting.

Let's analyze metal surface preparation for "maintenance painting," where a surface was previously blasted and a protective coating system was applied. After time, some of the original topcoat and primer began to fail. Primer was exposed, while other areas began to rust. Repainting is now required to inhibit the corrosion process and improve aesthetics. Options include: completely stripping all paint and rust by abrasive blasting; spot blasting the worst areas; sweep blasting and spot blasting; commercial blasting or near white blasting.

For this article, let's select complete stripping and repainting with a complete coating system. The abbreviated specification would call for an SSPC-10 "near white metal" surface preparation followed by a primer, intermediate coat and a topcoat or two.

The shipyard does the job using traditional abrasive blasting and achieves a "near white metal finish" with a quality appearance. The coating system is applied. It looks great with no blisters or pinholes. Everyone thinks we're good for at least 10 years.

Bam! Three years later rust is breaking through the coating. The owners are furious and ready to sue the shipyard. The corrosion consultants are brought out and it's determined that chloride, primarily salt, beneath the

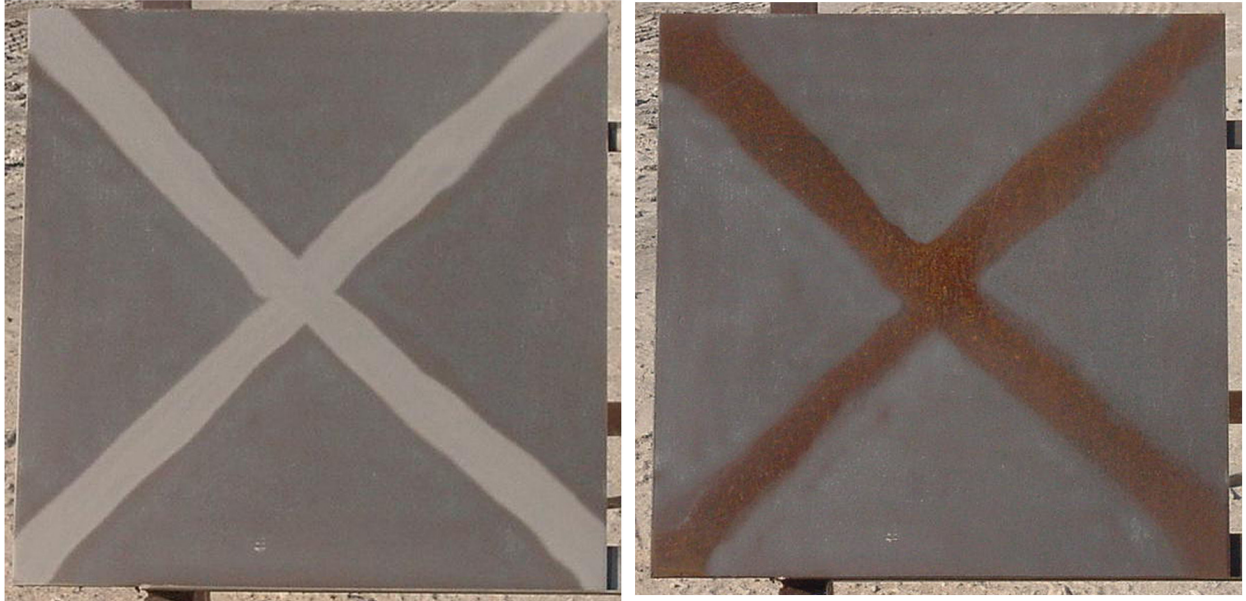
primer is present.

How did that happen? The metal was blasted and that should have re

moved the contaminants. But it didn't – some chlorides weren't completely blasted off, with some amount actually being blasted into the metal. Occasionally, recycled abrasives can become contaminated. During blasting, they can re-introduce contaminants into the blasted surface.

Also, the blasting process reconfigured the surface steel molecules by moving the anodic and cathodic molecules (activating the steel surface) in

conjunction with the impingement of chlorides. This process is often observed in a matter of seconds using conventional blasting in a humid, chloride rich environment. It's commonly referred to as flash rusting.



(L) A sample plate with moderate to heavy rusting was sodablasted to remove all rust, with the exception of the "X". The "X" was sandblasted across the plate. (R) After approximately 3 weeks, the sandblasted "X" area shows light to moderate rust, while the sodablasted area remains virtually clean.

The result is a perfectly functioning metal oxide factory doing just fine in a marine atmosphere.

So what does soda blasting have to do with this typical scenario? Soda blasting will not etch steel, but it will etch and/or remove rust, old paint and oil. Oil is commonly exuded from bilges, especially around shipyards. Paint won't adhere to oil surfaces, and it can be difficult to detect oil by visual inspection.

Paint removal by soda blasting is reasonably accomplished but, rust removal was a different story until recently. It was discovered that increasing the velocity of soda blasting, by virtue of higher pressure, effectively removed rust. The odd thing here is that once rust is removed, it doesn't look like an SSPC-10 or any other abrasive blast visual determination. What's left is undisturbed steel, natural in color (dark gray), and pitted.

When soda blasting, it has been observed that tightly adhering coatings can serve as an excellent primer or sub-primer. A soda blast sweep with a water rinse removes chlorides and other contaminants, such as oil and acids, while adequately preparing the previously painted surface for recoating.

If an anchor pattern is recommended on old coatings, a longer soda blast dwell period provides the painted surface etch desired. Loose paint can be completely removed by soda blasting. This exposes the original anchor pattern, allowing for a neat feather-edge into tightly adhering paint.

There is no flash rusting on the bare metal because the surface is passivated from the soda blast process. It can be left uncoated for extended periods, even if blasting is done in the rain, due to the absence of sufficient electrolytes that contribute to rusting.

Soda blasting causes little or no collateral damage to surface areas nearby, as normally seen in ricochet or over-blast from hard abrasives such as sand and slag. Most machinery is not affected because baking soda is water soluble and friable. This usually eliminates the masking and blast prep required in conventional blasting.

In the above scenario, a comparative abrasive cost would favor soda blasting. Sand and slag materials cost about \$60 per hour, compared to \$50 for soda blasting. The production time required for soda blasting would be significantly less when the entire scope of the job is considered, from job prep to spent abrasive remediation (1,800 lbs. per hour of hard abrasive vs. 0-100 lbs. per hour using baking soda.) Baking soda is water soluble and can be disposed in a number of ways. Soda blasting is a viable alternative for any marine maintenance projects.

## **GROUNDBREAKING FOR FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER**

*Wednesday, July 18 in Park City, Utah*

Utah Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. will head a list of distinguished guests officiating Wednesday, July 18 at the historic groundbreaking for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's Center of Excellence. The Center is the most significant project in the century-long history of the USSA. The first national training and education facility for competitive skiing and snowboarding in the United States, it will bring America's athletes and supporters together. In addition, it is a complement to the 2002 Olympic legacy and the growing winter sports industry in Utah.

USSA, the national governing body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding which has been based in Utah for more than 30-years says its \$22.5 million facility will be finished in 2009, providing final training benefits for athletes headed to the 2010 Olympics, but will be in full-force for athletes aiming for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

The state-of-the-art facility is a welcome edition to the state of Utah. The state has become a key destination not only for winter sport enthusiasts including tourists, athletes and other sports teams but also more than a dozen outdoor industry corporations that have recently relocated headquarters to Utah.

***Indigenous Organic, Fair Trade Apparel Unveils Vibrant Color Stories and Casual Lifestyle Appeal in Spring 2008 Collections***

SANTA ROSA, CA (July 12, 2007) – It's not easy being green when it's about values that drive a company from its roots up. Indigenous, committed to organic, fair trade premium apparel since 1994, combines values rooted in sustainability with broadly appealing lifestyle apparel for spring '08. Crisp and fresh, the latest line features coordinating casual lifestyle collections that combine artisan craftsmanship with modern, contemporary designs.

New for spring '08, the *Uptown*, *Urban Legends* and *Fluid Knits* collections bloom with vibrant spring colors and natural and organic fiber blends. The spring line also includes the latest from the *Terra Sport* collection, Indigenous' answer to the outdoor industry's need for all-natural activewear.

Every item is handmade by artisans in remote regions of the world, creating high-quality and unique coordinating pieces that appeal to a broad range of consumers, from those with a green consciousness to those who simply want the latest fashions.

"We're expanding coordinates within the Indigenous collections, creating fully-fashioned, interchangeable pieces," said Scott Leonard, CEO and co-founder of Indigenous. "We're continuing to focus on the casual-chic lifestyle trend, while maintaining the easy, eclectic appeal of our apparel – and of course, sticking to our core value of sustainability."

Environmentally friendly dyes have come a long way, as evidenced by the five brilliant color stories in the spring '08 line. All items provide the opportunity for mix n' match wear to create complete ensembles. The trend-right palette includes an assortment of refreshing greens; brilliant blues and sky-inspired hues, spicy corals and earthy browns, vibrant purples and muted slate tones as well as a classic offering of dramatic black and white pairings.

"There is an amazing cohesiveness among this season's collections that brings the company dynamic full-circle," said Leonard. "The collections effortlessly transition from one to the next, no matter how they differ in style and appeal."

Featuring a blend of linen, organic cotton and supremely soft Tencel, the *Uptown* collection moves seamlessly from the office to the café and includes polished pieces such as the Tie Cardigan, a lightweight knit piece that can be worn loosely tied or open; and the Sausalito Pant, a barely cropped style with dainty crocheted trim, a relaxed fit, and added Tencel for comfort and easy care (both pictured above).

Subtly reminiscent of haute summer knits from decades past, the *Urban Legends* collection merges handmade, vintage details with nature's boldest hues for styles that are at home in the city. Made from 100% organic cotton, slinky Tencel and hand-knit silk, the line includes pieces such as the Feather Blouse, a playful, finely knit V-neck with graphic, chevron stripe detailing and a jagged hem (pictured right).

Touting a selection of better-than-basics, the *Fluid Knits* collection is the first of its kind for Indigenous, offering fluid, lightweight jersey knits – great for spring's layered look. The 100% organic cotton pieces boast impeccable hand finishing, flattering necklines, and details ranging from lacey, crocheted trim to subtle ruching for volume and fit. The line includes the Bon Marche T with a slightly gathered scoop neckline, petite sleeves and a peek of crocheted lace (pictured below).

Equally versatile for spring '08 are the latest additions to the *Terra Sport* collection of athletic-inspired performance and urban apparel, featuring revolutionary, moisture wicking blends of organic cotton and Tencel. With performance properties

similar to that of a synthetic midlayer and the comfort and breathability of all-natural fibers, pieces in the Terra Sport collection range from jackets to sporty polo tops, ideal for everything from bike rides or a morning hike to a casual stroll into town for a cup of java.

The spring line also includes new items in Woven Traveler (jackets, shirts, pants and dresses in 100% organic cotton), Post Cards (lightweight pullovers and cardigans in 100% organic cotton), St. Tropez (poolside glamour captured in finely knit novelty tops and tunics in organic cotton, Tencel and silk blends),— as well as men and children's woven and knit apparel.

Sizes range from XS-XL for women, S-XL for men and 1-4 for small children.

Broadly appealing to the mainstream consumer, Indigenous premium designs are available at retailers including Dillard's higher-end concept stores, Whole Foods and REI.

Indigenous has provided organic and fair trade quality apparel since 1994 and is the authentic pioneer in the socially conscious apparel segment. The company is located at 2250 Apollo Way, Suite 400, Santa Rosa, CA; Phone: (707) 571-7811. For more information, please visit Indigenous Designs <http://www.indigenousdesigns.com> .

## **FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH**

### **GENERAL**

- Fire restrictions are in effect statewide. No open fires are allowed, except in concrete rings in improved campgrounds. No smoking is permitted, except inside vehicles or trailers. All types of fireworks are banned.
- The Jungle fire on the Wasatch Plateau in the Ferron drainage is completely out. All roads and campgrounds have reopened.
- Holders of valid fishing licenses qualify for entrance fee discounts at state parks from Tuesdays through Thursdays until the end of the year.
- Now in effect is a fishing license requirement for 12 and 13 year-olds. The price is \$5.
- Reservoir tributaries, which have been closed to fishing, opened on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS** Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reported that the most successful fishermen he contacted last week were three men on Blanding #3, who had limits of trout. Corn-flavored cheese bait is recommended. Washburn indicated that fishing was good at Monticello and Foy lakes with worms or PowerBait. Artificial flies were also effective. Lloyd's Lake fished well with flies or spinners in the early morning. Blanding #4 continues to offer good fishing with worms or PowerBait. Recapture Reservoir has been slow with very little fishing pressure.

**BENCHES RESERVOIR** The reservoir fished well last weekend. Bait fishermen reported success with a rainbow PowerBait/worm combo. Fly fishermen reported good luck in the evening with a fly and bubble. A double renegade was the most popular pattern.

**BOULGERS RESERVOIR** Dedicated Hunter Dave Williams reported good fishing last weekend. He said that anglers who used yellow PowerBait nuggets, fished two feet behind a half-full bubble, experienced fast action. Fishing was good in the evening for fly casters using a damselfly and bubble. It's best to avoid the heat of the day for best results. Early morning or late evening produces the bulk of the catch.

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR** Good fishing continues at Cleveland Reservoir with a worm and marshmallow. The best lure continues to be a Jake's Spin-a-Lure. A lot of fat 17-inch trout continue to be creeled.

**COLORADO RIVER** Orion Rogers spent eight hours on the Colorado River last Saturday. He fished between Moab and the Dewey Bridge with his girlfriend Bryce. They enjoyed excellent fishing for channel catfish using nightcrawlers and shrimp. They caught a total of 60 fish, and released half of them. (The daily bag limit is 24 catfish per angler.) The keepers weighed a combined total of 11 lbs.

**DUCK FORK RESERVOIR** Dedicated Hunter Ryan Levingston described fishing as fair last weekend. Fly and bubble fishermen from the shoreline were picking up fish with a half-full bubble, trailing a black, olive or red leech or wooly bugger in sizes 10-14. Double renegades were also producing fish. The most successful fly casters fished from tubes or pontoons.

Ryan Barber of Spanish Fork caught a 19-inch tiger using a black marabou leech. Most fish average 17 inches.

Special regulations apply. Cutthroat trout must be immediately released to the water. Artificial flies and lures only. Tributaries opened to fishing on Saturday, July 14 with special regulations. Refer to the current fishing proclamation for details.

**ELECTRIC LAKE** Dedicated Hunter Dave Williams interviewed fishermen on Saturday and said that fishing was poor on the lake, but good in the tributaries. The best fly patterns were grasshopper and parachute Adams. (Tributaries have special regulations. Please refer to the current fishing proclamation for details.) A week ago, the best bait on the lake was a minnow held close to the bottom with a small sinker. Anglers need to remember that only dead minnows may be used as bait. The use of live minnows is against the law, because the practice ruins a fishery over the years as rough fish out-compete trout for food and space.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES** No report.

**FERRON RESERVOIR** The Jungle fire is out and access is open. Less than two weeks ago, fishing was excellent with a variety of tackle types. Fly fishermen had good luck with wooly buggers. Spincasters had good luck with either a Jake's Spin-a-Lure or a Spin Master lure.

The best bait was a worm/marshmallow combo. The best marshmallow color was a florescent red or green. At Ferron Reservoir, anglers may take an extra four fish, if at least four of them are brook trout.

Tributaries opened to fishing on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The limit on the tributaries is four trout.

**GIGLIOTTI POND** No report. Try to fish at first light or after sundown for best results.

**GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR** Fishing was poor over the weekend. Heavy moss along the shoreline makes bank fishing very difficult. Float tubers had moderate success, casting damsel fly nymphs into empty pockets. Baitcasters did best by throwing nightcrawlers into holes in the moss.

**GRASSY LAKE** Homer Mills and Bryan Fox fished Grassy last weekend. Using artificial flies, they caught five fish in an hour.

**GREEN RIVER** Walt Maldonado reported good fishing for catfish with shrimp, worms and hot dogs marinated in unsweetened strawberry Kool-Aid and garlic. Walt, an expert angler, says the marinated hot dog is dynamite on catfish!



### **HUNTINGTON CREEK**

Fishing has been good for fly casters, using size 14 grasshoppers or size 16 orange stimulators and stone fly nymphs. Most of the trout are browns and typically range from 11-13 inches.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK** No report. The water level is extremely low. The boat ramp is out of the water. Slow fishing is expected.

### **HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (also known as MAMMOTH RESERVOIR)**

Two weeks ago, rainbow or pink PowerBait produced most fish for baitcasters. Fly fishermen used beadhead pheasant tail nymphs or beadhead leeches on sinking line. The best spinner was a Jake's. Tiger trout get up to 16-inches. Beginning this summer, motorboats with more than 10 horsepower are prohibited. This reservoir has special fishing regulations. All cutthroat trout must be immediately released.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR** No report. Slow fishing is expected. Best fishing will be at dawn or late evening from a boat. Dead chubs are the best bait year-round. Special regulations apply at this reservoir. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released.

**LAKE POWELL** Visit <http://www.wayne@wayneswords.com> for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.



Walt Maldonado of Green River reported good success for small and largemouth bass. He fished early and late in the day with a neon green Senko with red flakes. Walt used a Texas-style rig with split shot 18 inches up the line.

### **LASAL MOUNTAINS**

Conservation Officer Casey McVay reports that catfish are biting well along the Colorado River. He says fishing for sunfish at Ken's Lake is excellent with worms. At Ken's, trout can be caught in the early morning with PowerBait or marshmallows. In general, fishing at LaSal Mountain lakes is great, says McVay.

Matthew and Heather Bridenbaker and Michael Thurlo enjoyed catching 15-inch trout at Dark Canyon. At the same lake, Fisheries Biologist Darek Elverud reported fair to good success, using scuds or damsel fly nymphs, fished close to the bottom. Walt Maldonado fished Dark Canyon over the weekend. His party caught limits in two hours with gold Jake's Spin-a-Lures and black wooly buggers.

The Mill Creek Bridge remains under construction and will be impassable until November. Anglers wanting to fish Oowah must access the lake from the south end of the LaSal Mountain Loop Road. Warner Lake fishermen will need to come from the Castle Valley side.

**LOWER FISH CREEK** No recent report. Try a Rapala or Jake's near the dam. The road from Highway 6 to lower Fish Creek is open. Along the DWR easement, nymphs are often effective for 12-16 inch brown trout.

**MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR** PowerBait from the shore near the dam is a good bet in the early morning. Float the bait off the bottom for the best success.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR** Park Manager Dan Richards indicated that the boat launch is open and will continue to be so for the rest of the summer.

Dedicated Hunter Ryan Levingston performed a creel survey last weekend. He described fishing as fair to good. Due to the number of other water recreationalists, it's best to fish very early in the morning or very late in the evening. Shoreline anglers reported fair success with lemon twist PowerBait or a worm/marshmallow combo, sunk to the bottom of steep drop-offs. Boat anglers have been picking up trout by trolling with pop gear and worms, Shad Raps or Roostertails. Fly fishermen have had the best luck, using double renegades or damsel fly patterns.

**PETES HOLE** No report.

**POTTER'S PONDS** Fishing continues to be slow. For best success, fish in the early morning or late evening with small artificial flies, which imitate the insect hatch.

### **SCOFIELD RESERVOIR**

State Park Manager Dan Richards indicates that park boat ramps may become useable in late summer or early fall. The Bureau of Reclamation intends to draw the reservoir down about five feet below the normal level for dam improvements, which are scheduled to begin this fall.

Conservation Officer Chris Pugliese reported that fishing had picked up this past weekend. Pugliese checked several trout that weighed more than two pounds. He personally weighed a 3.5 lb. rainbow and a 3 lb. brown trout. Minnows have been the best bait in recent weeks.

Anglers need to remember that all bait minnows must be dead. It is illegal to fish with live minnows, because of the potential for a rough fish invasion, which occurs repeatedly

at so many reservoirs throughout the state. Rough fish out-compete trout for food and space, ruining trout fishing for many years. In order to correct the problem, the DWR has been forced to eradicate all fish at a particular body of water and start over. This costs millions of dollars and spoils trout fishing for years.

Dedicated Hunter Dave Williams interviewed anglers at Scofield last weekend. He rated fishing success as fair. Dave recommended morning or evening as the best times to fish. Bait fishermen reported best success with a worm/marshmallow combo or lemon twist PowerBait. Fly fishermen reported best success with a damsel fly nymph. The west side of the reservoir, beyond the moss beds, offers the best fishing for fly casters. Trollers experienced good fishing with pop gear and a worm or a Triple Teaser.

On Saturday, Boone Kummer fished from a boat around the island with a party of five. They still-fished with rainbow sparkle PowerBait and slip sinker, floating the bait off the bottom. In 3.5 hours the fishing party caught 70 fish. Seven of them weighed more than 3.5 lbs. Among the 70 fish, there were only two tiger trout. The rest were rainbows.

**SOUP BOWL** No report.

**STRAIGHT CANYON** No report.

**WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR** The water level continues to recede, contributing to the moss problem. Float tubers and tooners, who get beyond shoreline moss, have the best chance for success. The best fly patterns have been leeches or damsel flies, which are allowed to sink and before being stripp

ed in. Bank anglers have had only modest success with a worm/yellow PowerBait combo, which they try to cast beyond the weed beds. Trout range from 10-11 inches.

**WILLOW RESERVOIR** The campground is now open. Fishing has been good for rainbows and tiger trout. Rainbows are taking lemon twist PowerBait/worm combos, suspended in the water column. Tigers are hitting artificial flies, retrieved behind a half-full bubble. On Saturday, the best patterns included double renegade, royal coachman, damselfly, prince nymph, and leech or Chernobyl ant. Try fishing below the surface for best results. Tooners and tubers have had the best luck. Trout typically range from 10-12 inches. Most are rainbows.

If you'd like to see reports of waters around the state, visit the following Division website: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php>

### **Birds, Hunters Plentiful in South Dakota**

PIERRE, S.D. – Survey information captured by the S.D. Game, Fish and Parks Department estimates that 179,000 people hunted upland game birds in South Dakota in 2006.

“The vast majority of these people were pheasant hunters,” Corey Huxoll, harvest survey coordinator for GFP said. “We estimate we had 80,000 resident pheasant hunters and 98,000 nonresident pheasant hunters.”

Huxoll said that the total pheasant harvest for 2006 was just under 1.85 million roosters compared to 1.95 million harvested in 2005. Nearly 300,000 pheasants were harvested the opening weekend of the 2006 season. The early resident only pheasant season, the

weekend before the traditional pheasant season opener, had just under 25,000 hunters harvest 50,000 pheasants.

The pheasant population and the pheasant harvest for 2005 and 2006 remain the two highest seasons in the past 40 years, according to Tom Kirschenmann, GFP upland game biologist.

“You need to go back to the early ’60s and the end of the Soil Bank era for higher totals,” Kirschenmann said. “Habitat and favorable weather conditions are obviously the keys to our current population level. Conservation Reserve Program acres have played an instrumental role in pushing our state’s pheasant population to where it is today. Similar to the set aside acres of the Soil Bank Program, CRP acres are critical sites for nesting and brood-rearing. Coupled with habitat, the past few years have also experienced open winters and favorable weather conditions during the peak hatch, providing an ideal environment for pheasants to be successful.”

Other upland game species have benefited from CRP, sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chickens in particular. “The central and northeast parts of the state are reporting some of the highest grouse numbers in the past 15 to 20 years,” Kirschenmann said. “It’s not surprising that a large portion of those reports come from areas where CRP has provided additional undisturbed nesting habitat needed by many of our upland game species.”

Hunter surveys also indicate that other upland game bird seasons did well in 2006.

The grouse season had 8,000 residents and 6,000 nonresidents hunt, with a harvest of 41,000 grouse.

There were 2,600 resident partridge hunters and 2,000 nonresidents with a harvest of 9,000 birds.

There were about 600 resident quail hunters and 1,200 nonresidents with a harvest of 1,800 quail.

Without the assistance of hunters reporting their activity through harvest surveys, the department would not be able to track this valuable information. “For upland game, this survey data is extremely important and useful as it is used to estimate the fall harvest and hunter distribution, as well as determining preseason populations,” Kirschenmann said.

Not all hunters are surveyed. Twelve percent of license holders are randomly selected for the upland game survey portion, which can be completed online or by filling out the survey and mailing it in. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey and the department encourages every survey recipient to fill it out and submit the information.

Most small game hunting season dates will be similar to those available in 2006. One change will combine the two pheasant units so there is one uniform statewide regular season. Another change concerns the date when the starting time for hunting changes from noon to 10 a.m. Traditionally this was on the Sunday when Daylight Saving Time ends and it has been changed to the fourth Saturday in October, which is Oct. 27 in 2007.

Small game hunting seasons in 2007 will be:

- § Youth pheasant: Oct. 6-8.
- § Resident only pheasant: Oct. 13-15.
- § Traditional pheasant: Oct. 20 – Jan. 6.
- § Grouse: Sept. 15 – Jan. 6.
- § Gray partridge: Sept. 15 – Jan. 6.
- § Quail: Oct. 20 – Jan. 6.
- § Cottontail rabbit: Sept. 1 – Feb. 29.
- § Tree squirrel: Sept. 1 – Feb. 29.
- § Mourning dove: Sept. 1 – Oct. 30.
- § Common snipe: Sept. 1 – Oct. 31.
- § Sandhill crane: Sept. 22 – Nov. 18.

### **Reminder -- Fires Not Allowed at State Wildlife Areas**

If you're heading into the outdoors, please remember that a fire restriction is in effect across Utah.

That restriction also applies to wildlife and waterfowl management areas (WMAs) owned and managed by the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Fires of any kind, including campfires, are not allowed at any of the state's WMAs. The WMAs include more than 500,000 acres of some of Utah's best wildlife habitat.

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

To read the statewide fire restriction, or to learn more about current fires in Utah, please visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

### **Upland Game Hunting Guide Available**

It's hot in Utah right now, but a sign that cool fall



weather is on its way is waiting for you at your local sporting goods store or the Division of Wildlife Resources' Web site.

Utah's Upland Game Hunting Guide for the 2007 – 2008 season is now available.

In addition to sporting goods stores and the DWR's Web site ([www.wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations)), you can pick the guide up at your nearest DWR office.

“Utah's upland game hunts begin with the ptarmigan season on Aug. 25,” says Dean Mitchell, acting Conservation Outreach Section chief for the DWR. “The upland game season doesn't end until the

cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare hunts end on Feb. 29. That's six full months of hunting."

In addition to providing hunters with lots of opportunity, Utah's upland game also provide a lot of diversity.

"Utah has 15 different species of upland game," Mitchell says. "If you want, you can hunt white-tailed ptarmigan high in the Uinta Mountains one day and chukar partridge on the rocky slopes of the West Desert the next."

Mitchell says upland game hunting is also a great way to get young people into hunting. "The Utah legislature has removed the minimum age at which a young person can hunt small game in Utah," he says. "If you're a parent, we encourage you to take advantage of this change and take your kids hunting this year.

"But kids must still pass our Hunter Education course before they can hunt, so make sure you register them early for the four-week class. Once they pass the course, they'll receive a free hunting license."

A list of Hunter Education courses is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation)