

HCFF Club Meeting November 2025



Meeting Leader: Eric Luna, HCFF President
& Jayne Guyse, HCFF Vice President

November 5th, 2025

MEETING AGENDA



Date: November 5th, 2025 (1st Wednesday of each month)

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church

Leader: Eric Luna/HCFF President 2025

Jayne Guyse/HCFF Vice President 2025

Time	Item	Owner
	Social Gathering Time: Welcome our guests and new members!	
6:00 P.M.	Get your Raffle Tickets: All attendees receive a free ticket for two drawings: 1 for flies; 1 for a hat. Raffle tickets for trips and/or gear	Eric
		Eric
6:10 P.M.	Call to order & greeting	
	Acknowledge guests	Gene
	Who's been fishing where?	Eric

Meeting Agenda (continued)

Time	Item	Owner
6:20 P.M.	Announcements & Updates:	
	1. Upcoming Announcements	
	2. Update on Special Events	Jayne
	3. Upcoming Conservation Opportunities and Conservation Updates	Leaders
	4. Upcoming Trips and Trip Reports	
7:00 P.M.	5. Expo Update	
	Gather Members' Ideas and Suggestions for 2026 Programs and Events	Jayne Katie
8:20 P.M.	Remaining 2025 Meetings	Jayne
8:20 P.M.	Questions	Jayne
8:20 P.M.	Reminders	Jayne
8:25 P.M.	Raffle drawing	Eric
8:30 P.M.	Announce next meeting and Adjourn	Eric

Announcement: 2025 HCFF Holiday Party, December 3rd



- Make your plans to attend the upcoming Holiday Party
- Sign up on the HCFF website
- Whip up a dish to share and wrap up your white elephant gift!

Announcement: BFF's Fly Tying with Friends Invitation

- Join Bonneville Fly Fishers (BFF) for monthly Fly Tying with Friends
 - Next session November 13th from 6 – 8 pm
 - Held at Whitmore Library, Salt Lake City
 - Receive help from more experienced tyers helping those with less experience
 - Sign up on the BFF website: [Bonneville Fly Fishers - Events](#)
- All welcome



Community Update: Project Healing Waters



- Outing for Veterans to Ensign Ranch near Heiner with Kyle Hansen on October 6th

Conservation Update: Electro Fishing the Lower Provo

Thanks to all who assisted Mike Slater/UDWR electro fishing the Lower Provo October 27th – 30th



Conservation Update: Electro Fishing the LP (con't)



Photos by Bruce Pope/HCCF
Conservation Committee

Trip Report: Island Park Fish Out, October 15th – 19th

- Eight attendees enjoyed awesome company, fun fishing with some beautiful fish, and delicious food
- Weather sucked!
- Fishing was good at Hebgen with some premium fish
 - Fished the Madison arm of Hebgen Reservoir from the North shore on Thursday in chilly rain and intermittent wind
 - Fished Hebgen where Madison River and the South Fork of Madison come together Friday morning. Sunny and 22 to start the day ... with wind. Found nice Brownies and bows
 - Saturday, the weather took a break and so did the fish
- Fishing was poor at Henry's Lake, but received reports of great fishing the weeks before and after our trip
- Ladies chose shopping in Ennis over fishing one day, but ran into a blizzard
- Attendees enjoyed a delicious group dinner and margaritas at Cafe Sabour on the bank of Henry's Fork at Mack's Inn with cocktails later at Casa Schultz!



Photo by John Schults at Big Springs, where the Henry's Fork of the Snake River originates

Expo Update: Wasatch Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo

- Scheduled for April 10-11, 2026 at Mountain America Expo Center
- Planning is underway



HCFF Members' Ideas for 2026 Programs & Events

- Gather input from members to improve HCFF meetings, events, outings and outreach in 2026
- Discussing all areas and topics relating to HCFF going forward
- Including, but not limited to the following:
 - Conservation Projects (e.g., willow planting projects, UDWR activities)
 - Trips and Fish Outs (i.e., day trips and overnight outings, boats and walk & wade)
 - Non-Conservation Projects (e.g., Cross overs)
 - Community Outreach (e.g., Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery)
 - Youth Education (e.g. BSA Fly Fishing Clinic and outing)
 - Meeting topics and speakers (i.e., topics/speakers of interest to you)
 - HCFF Social Activities (e.g., Steak Fry, Holiday Party)
 - Other HCFF Activities (e.g., fly tying classes, fly fishing clinics, Expo)
 - Recipients of HCFF Donations, including monetary donations, labor and in-kind donations

HCFF Members' Ideas for 2026 Programs & Events (cont)

- Tonight's Approach to brainstorming:
 - Get Started with Likes & Dislikes of 2025
 - Provide guidelines where applicable
 - Break into small groups for brainstorming *(Thanks to Pat for this idea!)*
 - Assign a Board Member to each small group *(Thanks to Katie for this idea!)*
 - Ask each group to provide one or two ideas for each area
 - Review inputs from groups and collect any additional ideas sparked by this discussion
- Next steps:
 - Board review of ideas collected
 - Board decisions based on input for 2026 programs & events, donations, etc.
 - Leadership presents decisions in January/February meeting with membership

Get Started with Likes & Dislikes of 2025

- What worked in 2025:
 - What did we get right?
 - What would the membership like to see more of in 2026?
- What didn't:
 - What did we get wrong?
 - What would the membership like to not see again?

2026 Conservation Project Ideas & Suggestions

- 2025 Projects/Donations/Labor examples:
 - HCFF Provo Temperature Monitoring Project by Dave Whiteman/HCFF Member
 - Conservation Project lunches
 - Summit Land Conservancy donation
 - Timpanogos FFA and Pleasant Grove FFA (vise donation)
 - Local trash pickups, including Fish For Garbage support
- Objective weighted average scoring of proposed projects
 - Proximity to Park City (40%)
 - Impact to Fishable Waters (Direct or Indirect)/ Benefit Fly Fishing Experience (35%)
 - Contribution Impact (15%)
 - Direct Club Support (10%)
- Ideas from the Donations Committee Meeting earlier today (Katie/Chair)
- *Gather conservation project ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Trips and Fish Out Ideas & Suggestions

- What is a successful fish out for you?
 - Many club members attend and participate in the event
 - Everyone catches a fish or a bunch of fish
 - You learn a new place or a new technique but might not catch any fish
 - You meet someone you'd like to fish with in the future
 - You aren't in HCFF to attend fish outs and aren't going to attend
- Destination suggestions for both day trips and overnight trips
 - Destination should offer kick boat and wading opportunities unless explicitly described as a boat/walk&wade specific outing
 - Destination must support a group or we limit the trip attendance
 - Day trip destinations should be no more than 2 hours from Park City
 - Overnight destinations should be no more than 4-5 hours from Park City with both camping and lodging accommodations available nearby
 - Include time-of-year to visit the proposed destination
- After Board Review of destination suggestions, a survey will be used to collect input from the membership on 2026 trip preferences

2026 Trips and Fish Out Ideas & Suggestions (cont)

- Day trip possibilities/examples:
 - Duchesne River and Mill Hollow Reservoir
 - Middle/Lower Provo (Walk & Wade)
 - Uinta Lakes
 - Strawberry Reservoir at ice-off and for big cutts from the bank in the Fall
 - Mantua Reservoir for bass and blue gill (boat trip)
 - Utah Lake Delta for trout and Utah Lake for whatever is in there?!
- Overnight trip possibilities/examples:
 - Alpine, WY to fish the Snake River, Greys/Little Greys River, Salt River, Palisades Reservoir
 - Silver Creek near Picabo, ID for brown drake hatch in early June
 - Island Park and Yellowstone
 - Local reservoirs, including Strawberry which does have lodging accommodations at the Marina
 - Calder and Crouse Reservoirs near Vernal, UT in May
 - Minersville and Beaver River
 - Viva Naughten Reservoir and Hams Fork River in Kemmerer, WY
 - The Green near Dutch John and nearby Lakes
- *Gather day trip and overnight trips ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Non-Conservation Project Ideas & Suggestions

- 2025 Project for Access: Weber River Cross Overs (almost complete)
- *Gather non-conservation project ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Community Outreach Ideas & Suggestions

- 2025 Outreach Projects
 - Casting for Recovery (breast cancer)
 - Reel Recovery (cancer support for men)
 - Project Healing Waters (veterans)
 - Fly Tying Classes, beginner and advanced
 - Fly Fishing Clinics
- *Gather community ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Youth Education Ideas & Suggestions

- 2025 Youth Education Projects
 - Trout In the Classroom
 - Boy Scout Troup #1262 Casting Clinic & Fish Day
 - TU Trout Camp scholarship at White's Ranch
 - Park City Municipal Athletic & Recreation Center (MARC) Summer Youth Fly Fishing Clinic with Tate Shaw
- *Gather youth education ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Meeting and Speaker Ideas & Suggestions

- Speakers you really enjoyed and would like to see more of (e.g., local guides on the Weber or Loa area, destination trips like rooster fishing with Dr. Z)
- Topics, destinations or techniques you'd like to learn more about
- UDWR updates
- *Gather meeting/speaker ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Social Activities Ideas & Suggestions

- 2025 Social Activities:
 - Summer Steak Fry
 - December Holiday Party
- Examples of fresh ideas
 - HCFF Gear Swap, perhaps at the Steak Fry
 - Casting “competition”, perhaps at the Steak Fry
- *Gather social activities ideas from break-out groups*

2026 Recipients of HCFF Donations Ideas & Suggestions

- 2025 Donations sample:
 - Outreach/Access: USAC (\$500)
 - Outreach/Community: Casting for Recovery scholarship (\$500)
 - Outreach/Community: Cut Slam Medallions (\$500)
- Proposed for 2026:
 - Fish for Garbage partner
 - Sageland Collaborative partner
 - TU Camp donation and/or scholarship for a child
 - Other from Donations Committee Meeting earlier this afternoon (Katie/Chair)
- *Gather donations recipient ideas from break-out groups*

Consolidate & Review Break Out Groups' Inputs

- Collect/Consolidate input from break out groups and review with members in attendance
- Collect other suggestions

HCFF Meeting Closing

- Last meeting of 2025 will be HCFF Holiday Party on December 3rd
- Questions & reminders
- Raffle drawing
- Adjourn