



THE "BERRY" GOOD NEWS



News and Notes from the Strawberry Anglers Association

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- The results of the second half of the 2001 Strawberry Creel Survey are available. See story and table on Page 7.
- The SAA recently helped introduce thousands of youngsters to the fun of fishing. To see their smiling faces, turn to Page 8.

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"State Of The Lake" - Strawberry 2001

By Roger Wilson
DWR Wildlife Biologist

The Strawberry Anglers Association recently invited me to present an annual report on the health and status of Strawberry Reservoir. The report, occasionally referred to as the "State Of The Lake," presented information on the 2001 Creel Survey and statistics on growing rough fish populations in Strawberry. These data not only help make SAA members informed anglers, but educate the group on the challenges the DWR faces in managing this important fishery.

Although much of the information presented is preliminary, and still needs additional refinement, estimated total angling pressure for Strawberry during 2001 was approximately 1.4 million hours. The average length of an angler day was 4.7 hours. Strawberry continues to be Utah's most popular fishing spot, receiving about 13 percent of Utah's total statewide fishing pressure.

While there is no evidence of a change in fishing pressure since 1996, total catch, catch rate, and harvest have each increased by about 16 percent. The average Strawberry angler caught 2.6 fish per trip, and harvested 1.3 fish per trip. The estimated yield to the creel was 10.6 lbs of game fish for every pound of fish stocked.

Strawberry boat fishermen constitute 61 percent of all anglers, account for 65 percent of the total catch, and take 73 percent of the Reservoir's annual harvest. Shore anglers make up 19 percent of Strawberry's total angling population, followed by ice fishermen at 16 percent and float tubers at 4 percent. Catch rates were greatest for float tube anglers and ice fishermen.



Jeff Brooks demonstrates the reason we fish Strawberry.

Although many Strawberry anglers now practice catch and release fishing, approximately 53 percent of all fish caught are harvested. Of those fish released, the DWR estimates that about 15 percent die as a result of hooking mortality. This is an average annual rate for the entire year across all angler methods and gear types. Summer hooking mortality losses are certainly greater, but anglers tend to release fewer fish during the warmer months. Cutthroat trout carried the brunt of Strawberry's catch and harvest while the rainbow catch rate remained about the same as that for 1996. Few anglers caught cutthroat or rainbows that measured larger than 18 inches in length and very few kokanee salmon were caught during 2001. High exploitation rates and the selective removal of larger predatory cutthroats from the Strawberry Reser-



The DWR gathers important data from Strawberry anglers.

(See: "State Of The Lake" 2001 Page 9)

DWR Director John Kimball Retires

By Kayla Willey

Come ice off this spring, look for recently retired Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, John Kimball, enjoying himself fishing on Utah lakes in his newly purchased bass boat. After a career spanning 36 years with the DWR, John deserves some rest and recreation, although he did state that his immediate plans also included a list of "honey-dos" overdue for completion.



SAA President Jim Carter presents former DWR Director John Kimball with a modest token of appreciation for his good work.

The Strawberry Anglers Association was privileged to have John address our group at our January business meeting just after his retirement at the end of 2001. John shared with us some very interesting perspectives on how our Association makes a difference by being actively involved with the DWR. He credits citizen participation for the improved fishing

conditions in the state over the last five years. Kimball feels, "It is really the people's resource that the DWR is managing, and the citizens' voices really count." The DWR is structured to find facts and make recommendations to the Wildlife Board, but it's the Board that sets the policy. The SAA and other outdoors groups or-

ganized in the state have been successful because they are willing to be advocates for their interests while, at the same time, not being totally self serving. If John could give us any counsel it would be to "keep doing what you are doing, stay active, and be involved." The former Director stated, "It's one thing to get together with a group of your fishing buddies to talk about what annoys you, but the key is to find positive outlets for producing change, like being involved in organizations like the SAA."

John sees the biggest challenge of the next ten years will be balancing the need to protect the native fish of Utah, and sports fishing interests, with the growing population of the state. "The aquatic resources in Utah are already overstretched. Decisions on water use in the future will be very difficult to resolve."

When asked about his most significant accomplishments during his period as Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, John felt that becoming involved with other organizations and people with a wide variety of interests was very positive for the DWR. He also is very concerned about wildlife conservation and noted that Utah was one of the first Western states to develop a program for threatened and endangered species. The black footed ferret, at one time almost extinct, is now back in the wilds of the Uinta Basin.

We will all miss John's outstanding leadership, but welcome him in our ranks as an active member of the SAA. We'll hold John to his word and hope that he follows up on his intent to join us in future SAA meetings and activities!

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Next SAA Meeting Tuesday, March 5

6:30 pm

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Wes Johnson
Presentation:
Utah's Blue
Ribbon Fisheries

Strawberry At A Crossroads

**By Brandon Anderson
Wilderness Trout Expeditions**

I was thinking about Strawberry Reservoir the other day and realized that my initial reaction to the word "Strawberry" had not really changed much from the day as a youngster traveling up Highway 40 with my dad in his '66 pickup truck. For many of us, that reaction is now imbedded deep within us, and triggered instantaneously at the mention of escaping to fish. And, although that particular flash of excitement has now filtered to be the response of *any* fishing destination, there is something uniquely primitive about my feelings toward Strawberry.

What does Strawberry mean to me? In terms of fishing, there are similarities for everyone; the drive up Daniel's Canyon and the view of Strawberry from the top, the smell of a trolling motor, the haunting eyes of the unsuspecting fish you have landed, the bitter cold of a Strawberry Valley morning in a float tube. But, as I thought, I realized that the more appropriate question might be to ask what Strawberry means to everyone else. Certainly, to ask this question would yield a wide variety of answers. How do these answers help to shape Strawberry's future?

Some think Strawberry should remain as a family fishery, and view slot and limit restrictions as a nuisance. Others view Strawberry as a potential trophy fishery, and promote the emergence of catch and release regulations. Many people settle somewhere in between. Others still want to develop portions of the Strawberry Valley into a residential and recreational mega-plex. Whatever the philosophy, the feelings are deep and hard to change. A survey conducted by the SAA was evidence that these issues are becoming increasingly important to anglers, and the reaction to these opposing views was often intense.

So how do we deal with this? If these were the only issues to deal with at Strawberry it would be a lot easier to fix. But, for the fisherman who thinks Strawberry is crowded now, something

darker looms ahead. Experts suggest that in the next 15 years an additional 650,000 people will make their home along the Wasatch Front and a certain percentage of these people will undoubtedly fish at Strawberry. These situations will require anglers to take an educated approach to solving problems. The DWR has tremendous confidence in the opinion of anglers through the SAA, and even suggests that researched angler input is *the* way to get things done.

The changes the SAA has brought about are a result of this angler input, starting when Jim Carter and a few concerned fishermen forged a petition and help reverse the State's decision to discontinue planting rainbows at Strawberry in the early 1990's. It has continued to grow, with the formation of new projects, like the Friends of Strawberry Valley and participation in the Blue-Ribbon Fisheries program. Environmentally, issues are being addressed to make tributaries a more successful spawning habitat for cutthroats and kokanee. Everyone who joins the SAA is helping to put forth these issues to the fishing public. Differing opinions on this level are most effectively handled through good communication and a constant interchanging of ideas and possible solutions to problems. Those that come to SAA meeting find a relaxed and non-politically bent atmosphere to talk and learn about our State's most precious fishing asset. We are simply fishermen who understand that the wheels of state government turn slow when reacting to changes within the fish and game infrastructure. It has been shown that anglers can be the driving force that starts the wheels in motion at Strawberry.



Expert guide, Brandon Anderson, shows off a fine rainbow.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION!

THANKS to many generous individuals, the new outboard motor for the UDWR fish planting barge is going to be a reality! Currently, the specifications for the new outboard motor are out for bid. At this time the Strawberry Anglers Association would like to publicly acknowledge those who made significant contributions towards the new motor. These organizations and individuals are The Stonefly Society, Smoot Brimhall, Jim Carter, Ed Kent, Gary Lyons, and all others who contributed.

The Phillips Family - A Hard Working Team

By Val John Halford

Few visitors to Strawberry Reservoir are unfamiliar with the Strawberry Bay Marina complex, although most have not had the pleasure of meeting the hard working brother-team that own and operate these facilities. Since 1999, Paul and Jon Phillips, have managed Strawberry's four marinas, four bait and tackle shops, a lakeside restaurant, 30 to 35 rental fishing boats, a 21-room lodge, private dock slips, a large recreational vehicle and boat storage area, and two dozen winter time snowmobiles. This dynamic duo not only oversee the facilities and operations at Strawberry Bay, but also those located at Renegade Bay, Soldier Creek, and Aspen Grove. Their far-flung responsibilities require 24-hours of dedication year around. Strawberry has been a big part of their family for two and a half decades.



Younger brother, Jon, checks the snowmobile fleet.

In 1977, Paul and Jon's father, Doug Phillips, purchased the lease for Frank Madsen's fishing camp, located near the mouth of diverted Indian Creek. From the beginning, the

business of running the camp was a family effort. The boys were given the duty of picking up trash, gathering in life preservers and swabbing the old wooden rental boats. By the time Paul and Jon were enrolled in elementary school they were working full time during the summer months. As teenagers, the boys were required to leave their school two weeks early to be on hand for May's traditional opening day of fishing.

When Doug decided to retire in 1998, Paul and Jon both left excellent paying occupations to return to a job they had both grown up with. "It was hard work then, and still is now," says Jon, "but there was no better place for two young brothers to grow up than at Strawberry Reservoir." That family tradition lives on today. Although the Phillips may employ as many as 40 workers during the summer, if extra help is needed, they turn to family members. Paul's two boys, Cameron and Joshua perform some of the same chores their father and Uncle Jon did as youngsters. Even Paul and Jon's wives, Laura

and Tracey, are pressed into service if the season demands. Employee Korey Church, a capable handyman and jack-of-all-trades, has proven to be a valued employee in every aspect of the Phillips' operation and is treated as a member of the family.

Living year around at Strawberry has it challenges and rewards. The Phillips are obliged to drive their children the 44-mile round trip to school in Heber City each day. A knock at their trailer door in the middle of the night by a stranded angler or a snowmobiler whose machine has broken down are not uncommon. Certain holidays can prove inconvenient. On Halloween, the Phillips youngsters are loaded up and taken to their grandmother's neighborhood in Orem for trick or treating and Christmas is usually a private family gathering at the Strawberry Bay Marina's restaurant. However, the opportunity to live and work at Utah's premier trout fishery is a pleasure that many anglers envy. The fabulous sunrises, fresh air, scenery, and occasional wildlife viewing at Strawberry make the inconveniences of the job seem a small price to pay. And, if time allows at the end of a busy day, there's always a chance to wet a line at several favorite and productive fishing spots.

Over the past few years, Paul and Jon have experienced just about everything fishing camp owners would expect - from retrieving snowmobiles that have broken through the ice and towing stranded boats to helping search for drowning victims. "We've seen it all," says Jon. "I remember one occasion when a distraught teen aged girl walked into the store and asked which authorities she should call to report that her 80-

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Excellent chef, Paul, cooks up a pot of his famous chili.

year old grandfather had died while fishing with his grandchildren.” Despite her sadness, Jon helped this young girl find comfort in the fact that her grandparent had enjoyed a wonderful day of fishing with his family and had passed away doing what he enjoyed best surrounded by loved ones. Jon humbly claims, “I guess such things are all in a day’s work.”

The next time you visit Strawberry, and the opportunity presents itself, stop in and introduce yourself to Paul or Jon Phillips. You will enjoy the experience. Please don’t take too much of their valuable time, but make sure you thank these good men for their family tradition of hard work, keeping Strawberry Reservoir the best fishing experience in the state.

Know Your Enemy - The Utah Chub

By Val John Halford

Part One of Three

Most Strawberry Reservoir anglers are aware, having caught what appears to be a very dark colored and slightly thick looking whitefish, that an unwelcome rough fish has reappeared - the Utah chub. The DWR’s management plan for Strawberry, following its chemical treatment in 1990, anticipated this eventuality and biologists deliberately selected the predatory Bear Lake Cutthroat to help control rough fish populations. But, why exactly does this little species of minnow represent such a threat to Utah’s foremost cold water sport fishery?

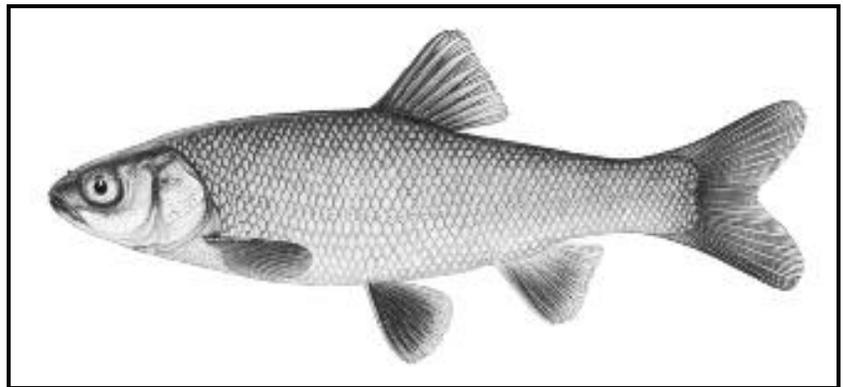
The answer is simple - efficient competition and high reproduction. The Utah chub is an omnivorous feeder that occupies the same shallow niche in aquatic ecosystems as the rainbow trout. They will readily eat plants, aquatic insects, terrestrials, mosquito larvae, snails, crustaceans, and occasionally small fish and fish eggs. Chubs directly compete with trout for the same types of food, often out competing the game fish. Since there is a finite amount of forage, even in a rich underwater environment like Strawberry, chubs subsist at the expense of both small and large rainbow trout. These small minnows can exploit the earlier life stages of aquatic insects, and can feed on smaller zooplankton than rainbow trout, the end result of which is less available forage for juvenile and adult rainbows.

A single mature female chub is capable of producing as many as of 40,000 eggs and needs only the shallow water near the shoreline to spawn. On the other hand, a large adult female cutthroat trout lays only 4,000 eggs and requires a silt free, clear stream to spawn. Even the mathematically impaired such as I can determine the eventual outcome of this imbalanced equation. Under most conditions, the chub’s naturally high reproductive rate leads to overpopulation and, unable

to compete with ever growing numbers of rough fish, trout populations decline.

What can Strawberry anglers do to reduce the impact of these unwanted fish? (1) If you catch a big cutthroat trout (18 inches or more in length), take a quick photograph, and release your trophy back to the Reservoir. These large, mature predators perform two valued functions that smaller cutthroats cannot provide - they feed on rough fish and they spawn new generations of trout. If you desire, take a smaller trout home for dinner. (2) Kill and properly dispose of all chub caught. Do not leave dead fish on the bank thinking ground squirrels or seagulls will clean-up after you. The DWR recommends that anglers dispose of rough fish by placing them in garbage receptacles at home. (3) Become involved with and educated about this problem through regular attendance at monthly meetings of the Strawberry Anglers Association. Present-

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After ten years the Utah chub has established itself once again in Strawberry Reservoir. tations made by DWR fisheries biologists and aquatic specialists intelligently address such questions as, “Well, why don’t they just stock lake trout, brookies, brown trout, splake, or (fill in the blank) at Strawberry?” Learn the reasons why such well intended but uninformed suggestions bring their own specific set of concerns and problems.

SAA Honors Young Members

At the February business meeting of the Strawberry Anglers Association, President Jim Carter honored both Elishah and Brittaney Mitchell as a "Junior Volunteer of the Year." These young ladies, the daughters of Rosemarie and Steve Mitchell, recently spent dozens of hours at the Utah Boat Show helping youngsters catch trout at the fishing pond. Both were presented with gold trout statuettes. The award also recognized their dedication and hard work in helping with the mail out of *The "Berry" Good News* each quarter. The Association extends its gratitude to these young members, recognizing that our future lies with the youth. So, the next time you see these gals, give them a pat on the back.



Elishah and Brittaney proudly display their awards.

Friends Of Strawberry Valley Update

By Jim Carter

The Friends of Strawberry Valley (FOSV) Committee is working to restore the watershed in the Strawberry Valley. The goal is to restore those parts of the drainage system needing help and to get the watershed in the best condition possible. The FOSV has two full time professionals performing scientific studies required by the watershed restoration plan. With this scientific information, we will know the current condition of the watershed and what actions are needed to correct any problems. These two professionals are

by-step procedure to restore the entire Strawberry Valley. One small project is ready to go in July of 2002 that will solve a known problem—changing the flow of the Strawberry River at the DWR fish trap. This project has already received approval and is funded.

As the Strawberry Valley watershed plan is developed, the public will be given opportunity for input and comments before the actual work starts. The Strawberry Anglers Association can have a positive effect at this point in the approval process by helping the public understand what is planned and why. We will receive updates from the FOSV on each step of the plan and the work needed.

I am pleased with all the work that is now going on to gather information so that the watershed restoration plan will be a good means to meet all the needs of the Strawberry Valley. The Friends of Strawberry Valley play a large role in helping the Strawberry Anglers Association to meet our goals and objectives for improved fishing and other activities within the Valley. Working together will keep those interested in Strawberry Valley informed and partners in enjoying this valued resource for many years to come.

These next few years will see a lot of changes within the watershed and the way we all use it. We need to ensure that all of the users of the watershed take care of it so the Valley will remain protected and preserved. This is a very large and important project - one that must be completed before more damage is done.



... allowing the FOSV to develop a total watershed rehabilitation plan ... to restore the entire Strawberry Valley.



Rechanneling the Strawberry River is a priority project.

funded through the Heber City office of the United States Forest Service and the FOSV Committee. The money was given to the Strawberry Valley, classified as the top priority watershed by the USFS in Region 4 for 2001 and again in 2002. The scientific work should be completed by the end of 2002, allowing the FOSV to develop a total watershed rehabilitation plan, outlining a step-

2001 Strawberry Creel Survey - Part Two

By Alan Ward
DWR Project Biologist

The DWR completed its 2001 Creel Survey for Strawberry Reservoir at the end of December. A random sample of 6,700 Strawberry anglers responded to questions concerning the amount of time spent fishing and the number and species of fish caught and released. This valuable information helps biologists gauge the fishing pressure that Strawberry Reservoir is currently receiving and allows projections to be made for future years. The data gathered this past year is currently undergoing careful evaluation. The process of comparing the numbers from a creel survey conducted in 1996 with those of the 2001 survey will help determine if any management changes are needed to preserve Strawberry's excellent fishing.

The total number of angling hours from 1996 and 2001 remained constant at approximately 1.4 mil-

lion hours. Not surprisingly, fishing pressure at Strawberry is greatest during the summer months, peaking out at around 266,700 hours during July. Although angling pressure has not grown significantly during the past five years, the Reservoir's total catch rate has increased from .43 fish per hour in 1996 to .50 in 2001. Strawberry fishermen released approximately 47 percent of the trout and salmon they catch. The average harvest of the Reservoir's sterilized rainbows is 60 percent of the catch, compared with only 51 percent for Bonneville cutthroat trout. Approximately 79 percent of all Kokanee salmon caught throughout year were taken home by Strawberry fishermen.

A summary of the 2001 Strawberry Reservoir Creel Survey for the months of August through December is provided in the table below. The results of the creel survey for the first part of 2001, January through July, was printed in the October 2001 issue of *The 'Berry Good News*.



STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR CREEL SURVEY: AUGUST - DECEMBER 2001

MONTH	TOTAL ANGLER HOURS	NUMBER OF FISH CAUGHT	FISH CAUGHT PER HOUR ¹	NUMBER OF FISH RELEASED	PERCENT RELEASED
AUGUST	218,189	100,743	.47	29,564	29%
SEPTEMBER	227,243	111,846	.50	54,337	49%
OCTOBER	94,917	49,641	.53	21,740	44%
NOVEMBER	40,965	21,738	.51	6,027	28%
DECEMBER	26,362	9,401	.42	5,240	56%
1996 TOTAL	1,435,477	617,716	.43	291,998	47%
2001 TOTAL	1,437,477	715,077	.50²	335,571	47%²

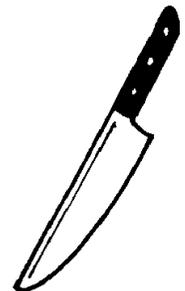
1 The "Fish Caught Per Hour" figures are a weighted average reflecting differing pressure on weekends and weekdays.

2 These two figures, "Fish Caught Per Hour" and "Percent Released" are calculated averages and not totals.

Remember, Do Not Fillet Strawberry Fish

It's worth noting that current Utah fishing regulations state, "*Fish held in possession in the field or in transit shall be kept in such a manner that (c) the size of the fish can be readily measured when the fish are taken from water where size limits apply and the fish taken from those water may not be filleted and the heads of tails may not be removed.*" All anglers that fish Strawberry know

that this particular water has a size limit. Only 1 rainbow or cutthroat trout or rainbow-cutthroat hybrid over 18 inches may be legally kept as part of an angler's bag limit. So, please do not fillet the fish you catch at Strawberry, and don't cut off the heads or tails of your catch when cleaning fish at the Reservoir, as doing so places you in violation of current regulations.



Thank You, Charlie Thompson

Charlie Thompson, Central Region Fisheries Manager of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, was honored at a retirement banquet this past month. Strawberry Anglers Association President, Jim Carter, was on hand to present to Charlie a Certificate of Appreciation from the Strawberry Anglers Association for his efforts on behalf of Utah's angling community and his long time dedication to the sport fishery at Strawberry.



Thompson receives SAA certificate of appreciation honoring his 28 years of dedicated DWR service.

As the Central Region Fisheries manager for more than 28 years, Charlie has worked hard to balance the needs of a variety of sport fisheries and native aquatic wildlife programs in the region. He has fostered an excellent working relationship between the DWR and a variety of angler groups including the Strawberry Anglers Association, Trout Unlimited, Utah Anglers Coalition, Utah Bass Federation, Rocky Mountain Anglers, and others. Charlie has dedicated many hours to the management and enhancement of a world-class fishery at Strawberry Reservoir and has been very supportive of the Strawberry Project staff over the years. During the 1970's, Charlie and other DWR employees worked diligently to operate the old

Strawberry River fish trap and collect many millions of cutthroat eggs, often under very difficult circumstances. The old trap required constant attention to clean the steel-frame picket weir and move cutthroat spawners to the Clyde Creek spawning shed by hand. Cutthroat eggs taken from the station were used to produce fish for stocking in waters throughout the state. Charlie also worked hard to continue gill net monitoring programs and barge stocking operations to sustain the excellent Strawberry fishery during the 1970's and early 1980's.

The greatest achievement of Charlie's career was certainly the 1990 chemical treatment of Strawberry Reservoir and its tributary streams. This was the largest and most complex chemical rehabilitation effort ever attempted, and by all indications, it was highly successful. Under Charlie's direction, the DWR was instrumental in developing many new procedures and state-of-the-art rotenone application technologies, including the aspirator mixer for powdered rotenone, slow-release sand mix formulations for treating springs and seeps, and detoxification techniques for outlet streams. The excellent present day fishing at Strawberry is due in large part to Charlie's efforts and the effectiveness of this chemical reclamation. The SAA gratefully recognizes his efforts to educate and inform the public about wildlife issues and conservation. Thank you, Charlie, for all your good work.



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SAA Helps At Boat Show Fishing Pond

The Strawberry Anglers Association was on hand to help with the kid's fishing pond at the 37th Annual Utah Boat Show, held this year on January 10th through the 13th at the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy City. SAA volunteers worked with the Rocky Mountain Anglers to make this event a success. Over the four days of the show, thousands of youngsters were invited to try their skill at catching rainbow and albino trout from a large indoor pool. For the most part, the fish cooperated, including a large 4 to 5 pound trout that took a considerable effort to bring to the net. The SAA members that participated in this activity were richly rewarded by the many smiles they received from happy children, dozens of whom caught the first fish of their young lives. Despite the clear water, many of these young anglers had difficulty detecting bites and were re-

luctant to handle their catch. More photographs of these young fishermen can be viewed on the SAA website at www.strawberryanglers.com.



An amazing 4 lbs. rainbow was caught by this youngster.

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voir's population continues to cause concern.

Strawberry's chub population has undergone expansion during the last two years. Although present rough fish populations are not large enough to impact game fish production and health, the DWR is very concerned about the potential for additional expansion. The DWR will be vigilant in monitoring and reporting any changes that occur. Biologists are currently looking at a number of options to restrict chub numbers, but the greatest potential lies in cutthroat predation to control

rough fish populations. Although no recent year-long diet studies have been undertaken, the incidence of predatory behavior by trout, especially large cutthroat, appears to be increasing.

The 2001 Creel Survey data and biannual gill net surveys will be used to evaluate current fishing regulations and management policies at Strawberry. Decisions concerning the future regulation of this fishery will be based on the data and information these important studies provide. DWR biologists will be at the May SAA meeting to provide additional information. For now, biologists ask that anglers consider releasing all cutthroat trout caught over 18 inches.

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March 14-17, 2002
at the
South Towne Exhibition Center in Sandy
(across from Jordan Commons—9575 South State)



Thu/Fri	12 noon - 9 p.m.	Free Parking	Admission \$8
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Upcoming Meeting and Event Schedule

<p>March 14-17 International Sportsmen's Exposition South Towne Exhibition Center</p> <p>April 2 Don Wiley, Central Region Utah Division of Wildlife Resources</p> <p>May 7 Roger Wilson & Alan Ward, UDWR Gill Net Survey & Creel Survey Update</p> <p>June 4 Kevin Conway, Interim Director Utah Division of Wildlife Resources</p> <p>July 15-Aug 15 Volunteer Work Project Remodel Strawberry Fish Trap</p> <p>July 2 SAA Meeting</p>	<p>August 6 SAA Meeting</p> <p>August 17 Annual BBQ and Fish Fry Strawberry Bay Marina</p> <p>September 10 SAA Meeting</p> <p>September 13-15 Friends of Strawberry Valley Wildlife Festival Daniel's Summit Lodge and Strawberry Fish Trap</p> <p>October 1 SAA Meeting</p> <p>November 12 SAA Meeting</p> <p>December No Meeting</p>
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