

Lani Waller: Biographical information



Lani has been fly-fishing for forty-five years and was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 1997, by the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has pursued both trout and steelhead for over four decades and is considered one of the foremost experts on trophy British Columbia steelhead.

His three award winning videos 3M on steelhead fishing have become classics. They are considered the most accurate and complete treatment of the subject ever done. Lani added another steelhead film in the fall of 2007. All four of these films were released in 2008 as a four part series called “Lani Waller’s Steelhead Legacy.”

Lani has also written two books- “A River of Dreams,” published by West Rivers Publishing in 2004, and “A Steelheader’s Way,” published by Headwaters Books in 2009. Lani’s articles and stories have appeared in all the major fly-fishing publications and he has held editorial positions for Fly Fisherman Magazine and Wild Steelhead and Salmon Magazine. He serves as consultant to Sage Rod Co, Scientific Anglers 3M, Rio Line Co. and Umpqua Feather Merchants.

Lani is a founding Director of The Babine River Foundation and is active in British Columbia watershed conservation politics. As such he has held consulting and fund raising relationships with The Wild Steelhead Campaign, Friends of Wild Salmon. Lani was a founding Director of British Columbia’s North Coast Steelhead Alliance.

His conservation work in the US includes fund raising and promotional activities in behalf of California Trout and Trout Unlimited. Lani is also an active supporter of the Federation of Fly Fishers. His photographs and slide shows of wild steelhead have been viewed by audiences across the United States; his photographs and field work with California wild steelhead and salmon have been preserved in the California State Archives.

He also enjoys salt water fly fishing and has over twenty five years salt water fly fishing experience for all types of inshore and offshore species, from bonefish, tarpon and permit to tuna, marlin and sailfish.

Lani's business activities includes ownership of Worldwide Anglers travel service located in Novato California, which specializes in BC steelhead fishing and he currently serves as exclusive booking agent and executive Vice President of Silver Hilton Steelhead Lodge in northern British Columbia. Lani also hosts fresh and salt water trips worldwide through his agency and that of Fly Water Travel of Ashland, Oregon.