The Fly Shop has been helping anglers hook up with Russian rainbows and steelhead since Kamchatka opened its doors to the West.

Kamchatka

This is what Alaska fishing must have been like a century ago and what the first fishermen to arrive in the American West would have experienced...with helicopters.

The landmass of Kamchatka slips into the Bering Sea just west of Alaska. Its jagged coastlines are lapped by fish-rich waters; its snow-capped horizons are dotted by strato-volcanoes; and its valleys are carved deep by over 12,000 pristine spring creeks and rivers. Most are filled with trout and few have ever seen a fisherman. It is, in fact, the largest wooded wilderness left on the planet and little of the huge North Pacific peninsula has been impacted by man. It’s a trout, salmon and char Utopia; a coast-to-coast, trackless wilderness inaccessible to all modes of transportation except horse, jet-boat and the iconic, orange & blue, Russian-made, Mi-8 helicopter.

The Fly Shop has been born on the leading edge of Kamchatka exploration since the moment the dunko to the Russian Far East first opened in 1992. In fact, ‘The Fly Shop’ has more experience and success there than any and all other Kamchaka fly fishing outfitters and angling travel agents combined. We boldly claim that Kamchatka is the best rainbow trout fishing on the face of the Earth! Nobody who has been there with us will argue.

Today, After 23 Seasons, we’re more knowledgeable and more passionate than ever about Kamchatka, and for good reason. We’ve continued to explore and add new rivers each season to our roster. They’re all full of unbelievable numbers of trophy-sized trout.

These are trout fishing trips beyond anything imaginable in the Americas, or anywhere else on Earth. They will inevitably re-define your concept of both wilderness, and what constitutes trophy trout fishing.

Kamchatka Angling Packages

We offer a Broad Range of fly fishing options on the peninsulas, ranging from week-long raft-and-camping expeditions on pristine spring creeks, float trips ending each day in comfortable well-established camps (with hot showers and inns), or jet-boat lodges. Too, there are two-week trips that combine both wilderness float trips with a jet boat experience at select camps, and there are fly fishing trips that target a race of large, chrome steelhead, found less than a mile shot from the sea.

These various packages are now only a few hours away from a built-up Anchorage, via mid-flight and mid-September flights from Alaska begin 5 years ago. Easy access to the Russian Far East allows both one-week and 23-expiring 13-night fishing trips. Round-trip flights from Anchorage to Kamchatka through Moscow from our east coast adds only a few hours and opens possibilities to an expanded Russian holiday. A. 4-night cruise packages $6,800. B. 8-night cruise packages $11,995. C. 13-night cruise packages $14,995.

Contact us for more information, available dates or reservations via e-mail: travel@theflyshop.com or via: www.theflyshop.com or phone 800-669-3274.

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From the Editor
Blue Creek Needs Your Help

Have you fished the famous waters of the American West? Have you tempted native cutthroat trout in Montana, outwitted spring creek rainbows in Idaho, swung flies for steelhead in Oregon?

Whether you live near the storied waters of the West or travel from afar to immerse yourself in their splendor, I’m sure you realize that, without the hard work of and diligent stewardship by conservationists, anglers, fisheries managers, and many others, the wild salmonid流水 of the West could hardly hope to thrive in the face of the ever-present threat of extractive industry. And never were they in such peril as during the heyday of barely regulated natural resource extraction in decades gone by.

So environmentally devastating was logging and mining and development in the West between the late 19th and the middle of the 20th century that today we continue to mitigate those damages. Simultaneously, we fight for environmentally conscientious decisions and strategies for extractive industry and land development. In both of these arenas, a variety of conservation organizations expend considerable manpower and money—and they rely on individuals like you and me for the resources they need to help the fish and fisheries that define the West to thrive and prosper as components of intact habitats. Nowhere is this more apparent than on a scenic little tributary of California’s Klamath River—a river whose steelhead and salmon fisheries were unlocked by the vanguard generation of Western anglers at the very time their dense forests were being devastated by a then-burgeoning California timber industry.

That beautiful little feeder stream is called Blue Creek, and one of the nation’s most accomplished and unconservative conservation groups, Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC), is in the final phase of creating a cold-water anadromous fish sanctuary at Blue Creek, in the heart of the California redwoods. Blue Creek is a vital cold-water tributary to the Klamath, 16 miles upstream from the river’s mouth. It’s the first source of cold water that salmon and steelhead encounter on their migration inland. Without the refuge it provides from the warming waters of the Klamath, most summer- and fall-run fish would never make it to the upper Klamath to spawn.

To fund this $60 million project, WRC has tapped an array of innovative funding sources and raised all but $15 million. To raise $5 million of that final amount, WRC has turned to crowdfunding. To support this effort, make your contribution before December 31 at www.savebluecreek.com. This is one of the most important conservation projects in the West today.

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