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Headline: So ... You Think You Know Steelhead Fishing, Eh?

Here's 50 questions to test your true inner fanatic about your favorite pastime.

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Some questions will be easy, some will take a bit—or a lot—of research. This test will be easier for those steelheaders over 40. Young anglers, pay attention, as most of this may be a fabulous history lesson for you. The older vets, enjoy this trip down Memory Lane. Extra credit for finding as many answers as you can before using Google. Should be fun. I wanted to ask 150 questions, but the editor told me to take it easy on you.

1. Which rod company is the oldest—more than 50 years now—to produce salmon and steelhead rods in the Northwest?
 - a. Lamiglas
 - b. G. Loomis
 - c. St. Croix
 - d. Edge

2. Which famed author, called the greatest steelhead writer ever, wrote “Fisherman’s Winter”?
 - a. Lanny Waller
 - b. Roderick Haig-Brown
 - c. Trey Combs
 - d. Dec Hogan

3. One of the first fiberglass steelhead rods, famous for their jet black color, was made by what company in the 1950s and 1960s?
 - a. Lamiglas

- b. LCI
 - c. Fenwick
 - d. Harnell
4. What summer steelhead river was the first in the Northwest to be designated by fly fishing only?
- a. North Fork Stillaquamish
 - b. Skagit River
 - c. North Umpqua River
 - d. Cowlitz River
5. The first aluminum drift boat was built by who?
- a. Bruce Koffler
 - b. Page Stevens
 - c. Willie Illingworth
 - d. Larry Mercer
6. What two rivers near Forks, Wash. form to make this river?
- a. Hoh River, Bogachiel River
 - b. Quilayute River, Sol Duc River
 - c. Sol Duc River, Hoh River
 - d. Bogachiel River, Quilayute River
7. This section of a steelhead run is where the river typically widens and shallows immediately above the break is called?
- a. Pool
 - b. Bucket
 - c. Tailout
 - d. Head
8. Which iconic Northwest steelhead fisherman wrote the book, "Steelhead Fly Fishing"?
- a. Trey Combs
 - b. Bill Herzog
 - c. Dec Hogan
 - d. Lani Waller
9. Who was the father of the standard-issue, two-beaded marabou tailed jig first introduced in 1994?
- a. Jim Bradbury
 - b. Buzz Ramsey
 - c. Paul Beaupre'
 - d. Dave Vedder
10. Who wrote the book "Spinner Fishing For Steelhead, Salmon & Trout"?

- a. Bill Herzog
 - b. Jed Davis
 - c. Jim Bedford
 - d. Jim Butler
11. Which company made the original Okie Drifter in 1959?
- a. Yakima Bait
 - b. Luhr Jensen
 - c. Mepps
 - d. Grizzly Tackle Co.
12. What company made the first documented steelhead casting spoon, the Wob-L-Rite, and who came up with the design?
- a. Acme/Seneca Tackle, C.V. Clark
 - b. Luhr Jensen, Buzz Ramsey
 - c. Mepps, Todd Sheldon
 - d. Pen-Tac, Bill Herzog
13. What company introduced the first liquid scent to the Northwest market?
- a. Pautzke Bait
 - b. Atlas Mike's
 - c. Smelly Jelly
 - d. Pro Cure
14. Who designed the first fishing vest?
- a. Lee Wulff
 - b. Tom Rosenbauer
 - c. Dave Whitlock
 - d. Lani Waller
15. True or false, famous fly fishing author and personality Lefty Kreh was right handed.
- a. False
 - b. True
16. Who was the first person to publish a salmon and steelhead themed magazine in the Northwest in 1967?
- a. Pat Hogle
 - b. Bill Farden
 - c. Tom Pero
 - d. Frank Amato

17. If you were one of the first steelheaders around the beginning of the 1900s, your hooks were likely made by this company.
- Eagle Claw
 - Gamakatsu
 - Mustad
 - VMC
18. The drift boat originally came from this Oregon river?
- Rogue River
 - McKenzie River
 - Willamette River
 - North Umpqua River
19. What Canadian company first produced the over-exposed pearlescent pink vinyl worm?
- Gibbs
 - Acme
 - Mad River
 - Crème Lure Company
20. If you are the “retriary” on a drift boat, jet sled, or boat, what are you doing?
- In charge of bringing bait.
 - In charge of holding the net/netting the fish.
 - In charge of running the trolling motor.
 - In charge of cleaning the fish.
21. According to biologists, the strongest steelhead on Earth are wild summer runs from what river?
- Cowlitz River, Washington
 - Dean River, British Columbia
 - Thompson River, British Columbia
 - Hoh River, Washington
22. The first strain of widely planted hatchery winter steelhead came from where?
- Alsea River
 - Skamania River
 - Chambers Creek
 - Cowlitz River
23. The two brightest metal finishes available for spinners/spoons, reflecting over 90 percent of ambient light are?
- Brass, Gold
 - Silver, Brass
 - Chrome, Silver
 - Silver, Gold

24. This color is widely regarded as the best all-around for steelhead, winter or summer.
- Pink
 - Red
 - White
 - Black
25. This man had the very first steelhead fishing guide license on the Skagit River in Washington state.
- Dec Hogan
 - Ira Yeager
 - Dennis Dickson
 - Rob Endsley
26. What is the material called that makes up the bodies of Corkies and Cheaters?
- High Density Foam
 - High Density Polyethylene
 - Expanded Polystyrene
 - Balsa Wood
27. What year did the Spin-N-Glo first arrive and what company made it?
- Luhr Jensen, 1971
 - Wordens Tackle, 1954
 - Storm Lures, 1955
 - Rapala, 1953
28. What technique is done by deploying a Spin-N-Glo from the bank under high water conditions?
- Wobbler Fishing
 - Plunking
 - Drift Fishing
 - Float Fishing
29. What iconic Northwest salmon and steelhead fisherman is best known for wearing a cowboy hat while fishing.
- John Wayne
 - Buzz Ramsey
 - Jim Zumbo
 - Louis L'Amour
30. What spoon "color" was Roderick Haig-Brown's favorite?
- Copper
 - Silver
 - Gold
 - Brass

31. According to Canadian biologists, what are the two rivers with the largest strain of steelhead on Earth?
- Bulkley, Morice
 - Babine, Kispiox
 - Thompson, Dean
 - Gold, Stamp
32. What controversial figure (removed in 1988) was stamped on the back of the original Little Cleo spoon?
- Topless Dancer
 - Bottle of whisky
 - Man flipping the bird
 - None of the above
33. Filled with various sizes of lead shot, this section of parachute cord makes a drift weight called?
- Bouncing Betty
 - Slinky
 - Cannon ball
 - Pyramid sinker
34. First practiced in the '60s on the Skagit River, the act of dragging baits/drift lures upstream behind a free drifting boat is called?
- Side-drifting
 - Bobber dogging
 - Float fishing
 - Boondogging
35. The now popular Intruder fly pattern was developed by these two fly fishermen.
- Dec Hogan, Lani Waller
 - Scott Howell, Ed Ward
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 - Ed Ward, Lani Waller
36. Who invented the Hot Shot diving plug?
- Herb Good
 - Buzz Ramsey
 - Eddie Pope
 - Clancy Holt
37. What steelheading technique is done with diving plugs like a Hot Shot?
- Back-trolling
 - Side-drifting

- c. River-trolling
 - d. Boondogging
38. Who invented the Stick Weight in 2007?
- a. Dave Champ
 - b. Bill Herzog
 - c. Jack Smith
 - d. Tim Juarez
39. What state does not have a winter steelhead run?
- a. California
 - b. Alaska
 - c. Idaho
 - d. Oregon
40. What was the first drift bobber steelhead lure?
- a. Cherry Bobber
 - b. Corkie
 - c. Spin-N-Glo
 - d. Okie Drifter
41. Who invented the Cherry Bobber?
- a. Ole Olufson
 - b. Willis Korph
 - c. Wilbur Brimley
 - d. Walt Longmire
42. The largest (world record) steelhead weighed how many pounds?
- a. 38 pounds
 - b. 47 pounds
 - c. 27 pounds
 - d. 42 pounds
43. David White caught the world record steelhead in Alaska using what method?
- a. Fly Fishing
 - b. Trolling herring for salmon
 - c. Backtrolling HotShots
 - d. Plunking
44. Les Anderson holds the IGFA world record for the largest king salmon ever caught. How much did it weigh?
- a. 97 pounds, 6 ounces
 - b. 94 pounds, 7 ounces
 - c. 97 pounds, 4 ounces

- d. 94 pounds, 6 ounces
45. The first monofilament fishing line was made by what company?
- a. Eagle Claw
 - b. DuPont
 - c. Maxima
 - d. Berkley
46. What color was the very first Corkie?
- a. Glow
 - b. Fire Tiger
 - c. Glow with red dots
 - d. Fire Tiger with red dots
47. When float fishing first made it over the border (from Canada to the U.S.) these Canadian closed cell cylindrical floats were all the rage in the 1990s.
- a. Dink
 - b. Drennan
 - c. Beau Mac
 - d. Thill
48. These two legendary Puget Sound steelhead rivers were the first to be designated with new “catch and release” springtime regulations back in the early 1980s.
- a. Skykomish, Skagit
 - b. Skagit, Snohomish
 - c. Snohomish, Skykomish
 - d. Stillaguamish, Skykomish
49. What year did the Vibrax spinner start showing up on sporting goods shelves?
- a. 1981
 - b. 1977
 - c. 1968
 - d. 1973
50. This rod company was the first to release true IM6 graphite in the early 1980s.
- a. Lamiglas
 - b. G. Loomis
 - c. Fenwick
 - d. St. Croix