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Jeff Arrillaga [00:00:11] Probably like 25 years ago I was working here in a (unintelligible) real estate office and a lot of guys were fly fishing. They asked me to go on a trip. And I fell in love from the very beginning.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:00:31] Actually kind of like at the beginning it was more the challenge. And now I find it gorgeous. As we talked about earlier trout live in beautiful places and everywhere that I have an opportunity to go fish, I just love being out in nature.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:00:48] I do. I love the Cobb River. It's kind of where the rainbow trout, the world now has been transplanted. And it's magical. A very special place. Pristine, challenging. It kind of has all the elements I really enjoy about fishing overall.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:01:15] I think the more that they can the better. I know there's issues in regard to the dams and so of course you have Shasta Dam there's talk about raising the Shasta Dam 18 feet. Which would take away more of the river also. And which would affect the river so there are certain elements that, you know, humans are threatening potentially you know a pristine river like that with you know bottling plants, dams and other things. That I think (unintelligible). Especially on the Cobb river, impacted.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:01:54] Yeah I think one of benefits is like Catch and Release. I think that has been beneficial and I mean because I think most especially fly fishers have benefited. Trout stream from that. Yeah but there are concerns you get more human impact with you know pollution and just other features that. For the, I would say for the benefit of humans would be a detriment for the rainbow trout.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:02:32] Actually I don't, you know, I read magazines here and there. But I mean my passion for fishing is more just again being out in nature enjoying nature.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:02:46] It's always the ones that have got away. I think there was one was probably with my daughter fishing on the McLeod river. She hooked into a twenty one inch rainbow. It wrapped itself around a rock. So I jumped into, I wanted her to catch the rainbow so bad, jump in the water, unwrap, and we were able to land the fish so that was probably the highlight of my fish stories.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:03:16] I think so. I got my daughters involved really early. Just fishing in small creeks around my house. They were probably 4, 6 and 8 at the time. They had the opportunity to come here to Argentina and fish. And For me as a father and having three daughters, it's something that I feel that I can do with them the rest of my life and something that they absolutely have a passion for like I do. But I think it is. You know I think you'll find more more people getting kids involved with it sooner as a kind of a quote unquote "sport" that you can do for, you know that passes on through generations.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:03:52] I fished Alaska, I love Alaska, Argentina. This is my eighth time here so I absolutely love this place. I love the diversity that they have here. I think probably

fishing (unintelligible) some time is probably one thing that I want to do. But again all new water new places even on the East Coast, I have never fished on the East Coast. I've been bonefishing a bunch so probably going more salt water. (Unintelligible) fishing, I want to get involved with.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:04:28] Rainbows and Browns. I like to dry fly fish. But you're nymphing more there than streamers. But there it's just more the challenge. Very slippery rocks. Yeah you get metal cleets, wading staffs. In, kinda the area there is pretty remote where we go. So it's uh, I think I just like the challenge of bushwacking and then you're getting down into the river and once you're in kind of the river again figuring out what's going on there so. And I think that just the peacefulness, you don't have the pressure there as you do with some of the other rivers which is really nice.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:05:19] Yes. So the browns you don't catch as many browns as rainbows. You have an opportunity to catch some of the lake browns that come through and they can get up to 30 inches or so. But the majority of the, the fish that you're catching are the rainbows there.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:05:33] Rainbows.

James Thull [00:05:41] Yeah, yeah.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:05:44] Fighting. But again, It doesn't matter the size. Again I would say just fishing in general is you know, just I just truly enjoy it.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:05:58] Golf a little bit.

James Thull [00:06:00] I mean in terms of other angling.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:06:03] No.

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James Thull [00:06:06] What is it that captures you about trout?

Jeff Arrillaga [00:06:08] I love the mountains. I'd much rather be you know in the mountains than at the beaches. So I think that I kind of gravitate to you know Wyoming, Idaho, Montana. Northern California.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:06:27] Just I like the small towns there. Quite honestly. It's just the whole, the entire environment. Different than like the more the mountains, kind of remote flatlands. But again just diversity. So you fish, you know, multiple different types of water, um, and again new waters, always just trying.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:06:54] It is. Especially coming down here to Argentina because the fish that you're catching are you know transplants from, from the McLeod River. So I think it's just a very special river because of the history (unintelligible) and how those fish are pretty much populated, you know, throughout the world.

James Thull [00:07:10] Have you fished for other native species in their waters? Golden trout or brook trout? You know, browns?

Jeff Arrillaga [00:07:16] No I fished, I caught Brook trout. But I am not like targeting any of that, again mostly it's the larger rivers that are rainbows and browns.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:07:30] Actually I have. So The San Lorenzo River which is just absolutely beautiful gorge that goes into Santa Cruz. So if you live in the Silicon Valley you can get there in 40 minutes and hike through on the railroad tracks, drop into the gorge, and fish. It's hit or miss but when you catch you know a 25 inch steelhead in the gorge it's exciting.

James Thull [00:07:55] That's amazing.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:07:55] It is pretty neat.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:08:04] It's called the Unabomber. It's a high floating big attractor. And nymphing, usually just rubber legs and probably a Prince nymph or Pheasant Tail. But yeah the, the Unabomber is probably my go to attractor fly.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:08:28] I think it's very important. And you know again, you have the fishing license and money kind of coming back from that that but just other groups supporting through the different organizations. We do Trout Unlimited or other resources to contribute and to donate things to help our causes.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:08:52] California Trout and Trout Unlimited do a very good job and keep through their notifications and things kind of updated on certain projects and things that they're doing so I think they do a very good job of keeping people aware of what's going on and what their concerns are.

Jeff Arrillaga [00:09:13] I guess that it's something that I think is important but like again as a father of daughters, it's like, you know the girls are amazing fishermen, you just don't have to have boys, the girls love it. And again it's something that's very special that hopefully fathers can share with their daughters the rest of their lives.