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Scott Sanchez [00:00:10] I mean ultimately it's way to be out there in nature doing that. To take your mind off your everyday stuff. You know finding out you know figuring out challenges, figuring out how to pull a pea sized brain critter that's folks working in front of you and a lot of times just the satisfaction of that you figure it out on your own.

Scott Sanchez [00:00:35] I mean it's kind of the... fishing is... Catching a fish is a huge part of the whole fishing experience is equally if not bigger. I mean it's fish in freshwater fish in saltwater fish in small creek fish in big rivers. But I think it's that intimacy and that release from everyday life in nature is probably the biggest thing.

Scott Sanchez [00:01:06] I've been fishing as long as I can remember. When I was younger I mean we used to go you know, dunk worms literally, with my older sisters and brother in law. And we'd always go fishing and camping. So it's kind of been part of my life since as long as I can remember and I kind of got into the fly fishing thing with that brother in law John Whiteman was our scoutmaster and he happened to have his whole fly tying kit from Herter's from when he was a kid. And this like when you're twelve years old and you got time on your hand there's kind of gotten the fly fishing at the same time. We've got into fly tying at the same time we got into fly fishing and we just kind of digested all the books we could get at the library. Yeah.

Scott Sanchez [00:01:54] I mean I grew up in Salt Lake and so I fish you know most the canyons you know originally spin fish and you know around Salt Lake in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon, there's East Canyon. There's a fair amount of water but the place where I actually learned how to fly fish was City Creek which is the water supply of Salt Lake. Or one of the main water supplies. In the summertime we used to ride our bikes up there is a place where most days a week and you can only ride a bike or walk up there.

Scott Sanchez [00:02:24] Unless you had a reservation so you jump on your bikes take off try to figure out where to fish you know, chase rattlesnakes around. It was fun. I mean great part of my life.

James Thull [00:02:38] Nice. About what year would it have been?

Scott Sanchez [00:02:39] So if I'm born in '59 It'd probably been about '71.

Scott Sanchez [00:02:52] I mean one thing that's happened and there's overall there's been a bigger push on conservation and native species and you know better educated people you see it from all the way from Fish and Wildlife, you know Game and Fish whatever it is called in the state with better management of native species and wild species. Something obviously was driven by people that saw conservation as a need. And one of the big changes you know better regulations for managing wild and native fisheries. And then I mean living in Jackson Hole. I mean they've done a superb job of managing for native finespotted cutthroat in Yellowstone Park. You know kind of doing the same thing now that's probably one of the the bigger pluses. There's been new advances in equipment increments much better than when I started out. I can't say it makes or breaks the sport you know but it's made it easier to use, it floats pylons float better rods cast more easily, they're lighter weight. That's kind of a big plus. You got Goretex waders now instead of only canvas waders, you get more comfort. And the good and bad the Internet. And this is we have more knowledge which is a double edged sword you know in some

cases the internet has been a complete blessing for fly fishing industry and then on the other end social media's probably been the worst things to happen to a lot of resources.

Scott Sanchez [00:04:37] You know probably inadvertently done by people that should have known or did know better on that and it's part of the huge changes. I mean it's easier to get to fly fishing areas now and better road better airfare service.

Scott Sanchez [00:05:00] I mean they're huge in the not preservation just only those specific fish and game animals that we see but as you a callous prefer preservation on multiple. I mean the whole attacked you know ecosystem. I mean as find out more and more those are more critical than we thought. You know you take out one little piece I mean doesn't seem much but down the road it becomes much larger. I think they're they're very easy and to use as a resource for preserving species and also for something a lot of cases increase in that species.

Scott Sanchez [00:05:44] You know I got a lot more flexibility than you do out of that environment. I mean the National Forest is a huge partnership. And I would say that in some case the National Forest is probably been a bigger player just because the amount of real estate they offer and little more flexibility in their management has really helped a lot of native species. And then you know good foresight from you know biologists in this Game and Fish Department. A lot of the younger biologists that grew up in another era. You know this more modern era of caring about native species. I mean in these public lands are just huge on you know on preservation and also for recreation purposes also.

Scott Sanchez [00:06:36] I mean a lot of them, I mean one off the top of my head would probably be the Green River in Wyoming. Its kind of joking it's real Wyoming the big sage plains that a deceptive seventy five hundred eight thousand feet. Looking back at the one River range I mean it's absolutely gorgeous area. Really wild always tons of wildlife, a fish [unintelligible] would only enjoy fishing place where I've camped and hunted antelope and hunted sage grouse and fished all on the same weekend and had some good times with family and close friends and just happy place. That's where you see the best star show in maybe the world. All after a great day of fishing.

Scott Sanchez [00:07:27] I mean that's the ultimate tough question but probably my clump W.H. Richards variation an Elk Hair Leech and probably a size 10 black. You could catch fish about anywhere in the world. you can catch warm water fish, you can catch saltwater fish so we catch trout magnanimous salmonoids on it. I mean that's probably one the more versatile I mean generic here's your name is pretty much there too.

Scott Sanchez [00:08:02] I was saying like with my brother in law that had the fly tying kit. So I'm kind of ... I was always kind of into making things. So I basically go to library and grab every book you could you know and get a reputation of being a pretty innovative fly tyer and I think a lot of that comes from your 12 year old kid in Salt Lake. Yeah there's (unintelligible)

Scott Sanchez [00:08:24] A couple of places that had them you know minor amount of fly tying stuff you saw something you wanted to tie you just like, Well Mom's got that color. You go find or find some roadkill.

Scott Sanchez [00:08:36] And it was really cool because for person that's fishing for a really dumb fish you need really horrible flies you know so that you get the results off of

stuff that you produce which is huge and there's that certain satisfaction of coming up with an idea and having it come to fruition.

Scott Sanchez [00:09:05] I know the first fish I caught on a fly. It wasn't one I tied, it was a Mormon girl's wet fly on a Lake at a, can't remember the boy scout camp and I think I was probably dragging it behind a canoe at the time but I can't remember exactly what the first you know. Yeah it's probably rudimentary bad Humpy. I definitely remember early experiences with you having read it in Jack Dennis' book and volume one which I guess wasn't volume one then, and having a time on that City Creek and the fish were being weird and actually putting on a fly and it worked like magic. So that's probably I say probably the earliest memory of for sure something that I played was you know working.

Scott Sanchez [00:09:57] There are some great people. I mean I worked for Jack Dennis for years. I mean his ideas, his way he got the ideas out to people kind of have one of the first fly tying books that are a step by step, it was a huge deal. I mean he's definitely one of them. I mean there's our best friends here in Livingston. Johnny Boyd is probably one of the most innovative fly tyers I know. Shane Stalcup is one of those guys too.

Scott Sanchez [00:10:28] That's a great idea. You know a lot of really good fly tyers out there but there's not that many I'd say were truly innovative. We've got the George Grant. You know in parts of the world that you know for their area. I mean and you look at some of the ideas and we think are modern. It's kind of wild like go back and look at the old Herter's catalog which is kind of a Cabella's or whatever you want to say. It was kind of original true mail order of the day and thinking you came up with this brand new ideas like Oh my God George Herter was doing this in 1947, you know? There's some amazing ideas and that's kind of cool things come to the, I keep calling it the conclave is seeing ideas from different people.

Scott Sanchez [00:11:18] I'd go back to Brazil and fish Peacock bass. I mean it's just a cool.

Scott Sanchez [00:11:25] I mean amazing experience of fishing out in the middle of the Amazon where you read about all your life and getting to the point where your pulling the flies away from five pound fish because they're not big enough and then not knowing exactly what it's going to be. Seeing monkeys seeing caybaras I mean that whole system beginning of being out in nature and fishing but and seeing a lot of things be in a lot of pretty insignificant places that can make me pretty happy at the same time.

Scott Sanchez [00:12:07] This is the whole habitat thing and that's one area now with current government entities that you know I'd be more aggressive about protecting public lands and public access the on the... You being brain dead. Sorry.

Scott Sanchez [00:12:30] Got off tangent on your question there. You know this is gonna be real important for us as large groups of people to speak our voices and preservation of places you know and it's everybody's got to come out. You know I mean there's also the way I look at stuff individually on the use of these wild places too that at the same time were part the solution at same time were part of the problem. You know as far as you know just human beings being in some of these wild areas effects it you know at some level. So how do we mitigate that you know keep wild areas intact so that they're there for future generations and even for our generation.

James Thull [00:13:23] Yeah. I think as a species we often tend to put short term economic gains over long term environmental impacts.

Scott Sanchez [00:13:30] Yeah. Yeah I mean everybody got to admit that they're part of the blame for this. Let's point out somebody else's carbon impact you know carbon footprints like why you ride your bike but you took five trips around the world. Well what's your carbon imprint you know. And then as is... And... Care and how we talk and promote those things. Both I mean as a business. I mean I think one issue that we're having in this kind of instant gratification show off here this become really prevalent with the Internet is we, showing off the experience is becoming more important than having the experience. It, I get the old Indian thing but you know respect for nature you know and what's the most important thing to me it is like being there and having done that much more important than putting it out. So caution on where you put it out, you know.

Scott Sanchez [00:14:45] I mean of those groups I think the youth is the first push. You know and there's a lot of issues with that. We've got a more urban society. I mean I live in Jackson you live in Bozeman. You can go fish after work. You live in New York you live in Detroit, where you gonna go fishing after work? You don't have that connection with that. That legacy I think in building fly fishing and other outdoor activities is huge on making sure you have other people that are familiar with nature. I mean right now we have a large degree a large part of population is environmentally illiterate and wilderness illiterate you know. So getting. I mean I always bring up the minority and women and I think they're key key players. But I think the youth is where we're really need to work on and that's I mean they can get people out there. I mean it's you know something as simple as getting into a city park just outside of concrete. Show them wild bugs you can have a great time with kids with a cram net and aquatic insects and it's like oh my god that's what lives in the stream? And that's why we need to keep it clean. You know that kind of education. You know maybe different groups work anywhere there's more camps that go to schools or some of these conservation groups and because the other thing that'll happen too if the kids into it, his parents will get behind it. You know some degree between electronics and the sports industrial complex it's getting much much harder to get kids and consequently parents too involved in and growing at it. But I mean we're gonna to some degree we're getting more minorities just because you've got a more diverse society here. You get more women in it you know a lot of that has to do with you know people moving into more rural areas or areas with this outdoor recreation and says in their third component especially the youth I mean actually the average age of the FFF, I keep calling it the FFF, was 72. I'm 57. I'm one of the young guys you know and it's what we're gonna find too is how you as overall I am and I'm not a club person to reality that most younger people aren't club people either is how you get people to do some of those club like things that interaction you learn about conservation. That's one of the biggest things a fly fishermen can do as a as a group you know... Not it's not I fly fish therefore I am kind of bullshit that's where were looking at the big picture and if you want to be able to still fly fishing at the places to do it we've got to educate people. It's something as simple as your relatives your friends, you know, You're getting them out. You know at the same time it's tricky because our resources have increased.

Scott Sanchez [00:17:52] And that's one of the biggest issues I see coming up with the whole fly fishing world. I mean B and G shuttle did two hundred shuttles on the Yellowstone yesterday. You know, just how do we love the resource but not over love it. You know we need creative thinking. How can we create more places. You know it's going to be what environments and species and in the whole warm water world is a huge thing. That as a great entities educate people that yeah, there is fly fishing you know possibilities

is kind of everywhere. It's not just trout you know and kind of find ways to kind of spread. You're still educating people you still helping people get out but you're kind of spreading the usage that you seen it enough if you've been in Bozeman for a while. I mean we joke around call it "BozAngeles" I mean that's exploded. I mean so how do we make sure that even with growth that we still have a viable resource not just for us but for the creatures that are out there.

Scott Sanchez [00:18:54] Be patient and have fun. And I think that's one thing that so much of the fly fishing business the fly fishing role is forgot. That first and foremost it should be fun. It should be an enjoyable thing it's not about who caught the most who caught the, you know, the biggest. But about that quality experience, you know. And I mean teach people to appreciate how to learn stuff on their own to learn on their own, also. You know that patience and enjoy it. If you're not enjoying it, don't be out there.

Scott Sanchez [00:19:52] They're fun to be around, they can roll a boat and they can cook. They're fun to be around. I mean actually I have to say that fishing skill is pretty low priority. And I know maybe I'm an I'm antisocial angler, hunter, and exerciser but I look at fly fishing as an individual or a small group intimate activity not as a large group. And it's somebody you want to spend time with. It's going to be the first and foremost you know. A lot of times, I mean it's kind of interesting. I mean fishing out of a boat or just taking turns fishing a pool when you're with really good friend and not a word said, but there's constant communication. You both kind of know what you're thinking. And that's kind of what I mean the friends of mine I fish with probably the most.

Scott Sanchez [00:20:50] Lefty Kreh. I can't say I read a ton of fishing literature. I mean a lot of, you know what textbook knowledge stuff. And there's some good fishing literature most of all most of it at that I'd rather read other things. I mean I think probably one of the best fishing hunting related authors is Russell Chatham as far as pure and simple. I mean standalone this is yes about fishing and duck hunting but it's this is great and right. You mean Nick Lyons you know. Some of the other stuff I have to say is a little bit sugary, you know.

Scott Sanchez [00:21:35] Enjoy it and get out there.