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**Gold Beach, Oregon**

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**Next GENERAL MEETING Friday,  
Dec. 9, 2011 – beginning at 5:30 PM**

**Turtle Rock RV Resort, Gold Beach  
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**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual elections meeting**  
**Nov. 22, 29, & Dec. 6th – Tentative spawning  
dates.**

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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to  
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## **President's Corner David Sophusson**

Well, here we go again. My, how time flies. By the time you read this, the spawning will have already been started, and we will have a new batch of eggs in the incubators. We had some early rains this year, and, although not a lot, it was enough to bring some really nice fish back home to the hatchery. Besides the fish that made it to the fish ladder, I was impressed at how many fish made it over the blocker dam to go farther up the creek already. You know I've said it before, and I'll probably say it many more times in the future, but I have to thank all the volunteers for stepping up to the plate when things need to be done. This is an awesome organization, all because of the people involved and their willingness to do whatever is needed to keep the hatchery going strong. I would also like to say, "Hi" to the new volunteers that have joined the hatchery, and I'm looking forward to getting to know them better. On a more personal note, after four years of building a new home and doing the landscaping, I almost have my last big project completed. With the help of some of the hatchery labor pool and other friends, I was able to put up a 15' X 28" extension onto my shop. So now I'll be able to have all my "toys" under cover. So with that out of the way, I will finally have more time to devote to the hatchery.

## **Fishing Quote of the Month**

"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot."  
*Steven Wright*

## General Meeting

Nov. 10, 2011

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

**Treasurer's report-** Hassie Taylor reported the monthly loss of \$474.09 and an end of month balance of \$25,095.06. Approximately \$1,700 was raised at the pizza fundraiser. There are still some outstanding, sizeable expenses for the fish derby.

**Volunteer Coordinator-** Chris Underhill reported that there are several energetic new volunteers that are quickly getting involved. Chris visited the hatchery in Gardner to watch a spawning session and was very impressed by the innovations they've done at little cost and their involvement of local school children.

**Christmas/election/appreciation meeting-** Chris will call for volunteer helpers to set up the Turtle Rock meeting room and she will use her call list for the non-CAF volunteers. Shore Pines assisted living chef will make some desserts. The board allocated \$400 for the dinner, including the rental fee. The board decided that CAF will not provide alcohol to avoid liability issues. There will be a raffle, volunteer appreciation recognition, ODFW presentations and board member election.

**Board member election-** There is one vacancy and one nominee. A list will be in *The Riffle* and nominations will be accepted from the floor. A ballot will be available, if needed. Hassie Taylor will leave the board and concentrate on *The Riffle* and other valuable volunteer contributions for the continuing success of CAF.

**Hatchery-** Gary Underhill reported that the tides and the rain brought many fish to the hatchery, but most have been very dark (dying). We have 55 females and 49 males at this point and we will spawn next week. The incubation room, spawning supplies and spawning crews are all ready. We may be able to complete the spawning in 4 consecutive weekly sessions. Gary has removed 6 rats from the building since last month.

**Information kiosk-** Jim Freedman is our representative on the Lower Rogue Watershed Council (LRWC) and reported on the kiosk across the street from the Indian Creek Café.

LRWC has replacement information panels and would like CAF's help in replacing the panels, cleaning up and painting the kiosk. John Weber stated that a STAC grant should be sought for monies to improve and repair the kiosk. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM. Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## Salmon King of Oregon

*Robert D. Hume - Part 2*

Article courtesy of Laurel Gerkman

At Ellensburg, Hume set to developing the fishery, controlling all aspects of its operation, from hatching to catching and canning to selling. He also understood that creating a monopoly would cut operational costs and increase profits, and he set this strategy in motion.

Meanwhile, Hume began his greatest work – the artificial propagation of salmon. His experiments, although rudimentary, eventually proved that sustained conservation had economic value. By 1893 this dedicated student of ichthyology wrote and published a booklet titled "Salmon of the Pacific Coast." He distributed copies to anyone interested in the subject. ***Today you can purchase the booklet from the Gold Beach Historical Society.***

Always focused on his business interests, he accumulated large tracts of land, eventually owning more than 94,000 acres in Curry County, which included all tidelands along the Rogue. And he guarded his property ceaselessly.

He declared that anyone not employed by him had no right to fish on the land, that fishing was privately owned; and he defended his stance for 30 years.

Hume entered politics to defend his domain. In 1900, he was elected to the Oregon legislature. The enterprising capitalist's empire grew. His extensive cannery complex now included a sawmill, blacksmith shop, and a boat-building facility. He built a hotel, salon, and general store nearby. Providing merchandise and services allowed him to dominate the lower Rogue River economy. Mercantile trade was a core component of his operations, and he deliberately aimed to repossess every employee's wages and profit on the exchange. Townsfolk grew resentful of his dominance, nicknaming their employers "King Bob" and "Queen Mary."

## Hatchery Happenings

Chris Underhill 541 247-0396

Happy Holidays to All!

I'd like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting CAF at the Sunset Pizza Fundraiser. It was nice seeing everyone and we sold more than 50 pizzas. We made \$112.00 on desserts made by our own CAF volunteers. My Blueberry Delight sold out!

We've collected 55 females and 49 males from the hatchery ladder and Huntley Park for the spawning season. The food bank received 37 fish; Shore Pines received 4 fish. However, some fish were unusable.

We've had fish in the creek since Oct 4th, and there are at least 50 fish in the hole above the blocker dam. A lot of fish have come and passed by the hatchery this year. ODFW will, hopefully, give us some numbers at the party.

I'll be calling to personally invite everyone to the Christmas Party. If by chance I miss you, please feel free to call me. Let me know how many guests and what dish you are bringing to the potluck. If you'd like to help set-up or clean up after the party, call me 541 247-0396. Remember it's BYOB - Bring Your Own Booze this year, but we'll have lemonade and ham and turkey, unless I can somehow find some salmon fillets to BBQ. Does anyone have some salmon to donate?

We had the first day of spawning Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen pair of fish was spawned, so we are on our way. The daily feeder calendar will be starting up. Required information will be written on the board at hatchery. We had a great turnout of volunteers, and we picked up a few new volunteers. We will be spawning every Tuesday until all the fish are gone. So come on by and play with fish.

Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. I hope to see you at a spawning and the Christmas party.

## **Election of Officers**

### **Christmas Party**

### **Potluck BYOB**

**Lemonade served**

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**Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Hour - 5:30-6:30 PM**

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**RSVP Chris Underhill, event coordinator**



Photos submitted by Hassie Taylor



## **Volunteer Profile of the Month:**

### **David Sophuson**

I grew up and lived in the Bellingham, WA area. Even when I was very young, I have always been mechanically inclined. I was never satisfied just knowing that things worked; I took things apart to see *how* they worked. Back in the early 70's, fresh out of school, I got my first job at an auto shop. When the boss found out that his head mechanic was calling me for advice, well... So I worked there for a short time as head mechanic until I found out that I could make twice the pay working at a local aluminum plant. It's amazing all the different trades it takes to make aluminum. During the first few years there I became a journeyman bricklayer, go figure. Since things never stay the same for long, after a few more years I ended up working in the cast house and ultimately in the shipping department. The plant I worked for produced 1.8 million pounds of aluminum per day from raw ore. All that metal got shipped out by truck and rail cars 24-7, and they all needed paperwork. I spent my last fifteen years or so coordinating the loading crews and doing the paperwork for shipments. During my time there I met and married my lovely wife, Becky, the smart one in the family. Due to cutbacks and curtailments, Becky got laid off, but it turned out to be a good thing. She got us into buying and selling houses and eventually into making construction loans. At first it was a very risky business for us, but in the end, it allowed me to retire early.

So how did we end up in Gold Beach? Well, about twenty years ago my parents, Tom and Dru Tostenson, had found a really neat place to vacation in one of the campgrounds up river. We loved it here. My parents moved here about sixteen years ago. After a few more years, Becky and I started to look for a place here also, and we finally found it.

Well, getting back to my job, in late August of 2007 I turned fifty-five on a Monday, retired on Friday, and we were living here on Saturday building a new home. Having Tom being heavily involved with the hatchery, I was a volunteer before we even moved here. Somehow, which I still can't figure out, in a short time I ended up as president. Now for the tid-bits: along the road of life I have become fairly proficient in

construction, plumbing, wiring and electrical, meters and instruments, auto body and paint, and the list goes on. My hobbies include woodworking, flying radio-controlled sailplanes, restoring antique cars and old hit and miss motors. Becky and I also enjoy camping and exploring and also canning. So there you have it. Thanks for reading.



Photo by Hassie Taylor

## **Treasurer's Corner**

By Hassie Taylor, CAF Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
Operating Capital	\$25,569	\$25,095
October Income		280
October Expenses		754

## Nominations

The following CAF members have been nominated for the election to the 2012 Board of Directors at the annual meeting on Dec. 9, 2011. Nominations from the floor will be welcomed.

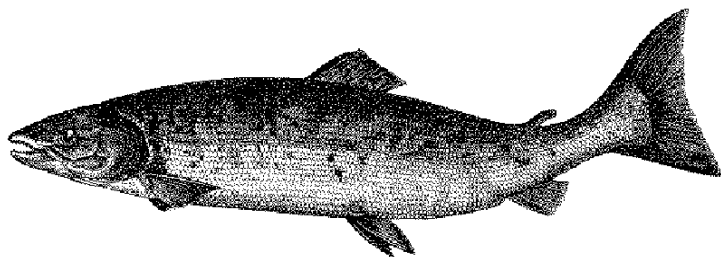
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	Mike Kopec
	Randy Waters
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Membership Coordinator	Hassie Taylor
Volunteer Coordinator	Chris Underhill
Meeting Raffle	Gene Trinkler
Raffle Editor	Hassie Taylor
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## New Members

We would like to welcome our new members. We look forward to seeing you at our general meetings and events. Remember to check your subscription expiration date on the mailing label. We **do not** send out renewal notices.

New members:

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Gold Beach, OR: James (JR) Robinson

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## Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

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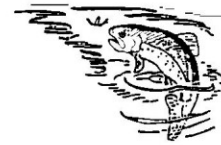
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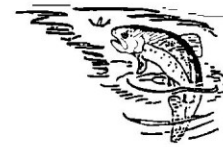
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