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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
February 14, 2019 – 10:00 AM
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CAF Welcomes New Members

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Bryan Pomfrey

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(desperately)

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Hatchery Update from Nov.- Dec. Spawning

By John Weber

We currently have 86,066 eggs in the incubation trays. We've had 10,221 morts and, believe it or not, that's pretty good compared to other years. I feel pretty good about it after looking at what we had return to the hatchery!

Fishing Quote of the Month

Fishin' is like dating. It's all about catch and release until you find a keeper. Anonymous

President's Corner

By David Sophusson

First off, I would like to thank Barbara Huff and Dave Barnes who are stepping down as board members. It does take time and energy and I appreciate all they have done for the hatchery. Barb Huff will be passing along her duties as treasurer to Barbara Spani. Dave Barnes will still be heavily involved with the hatchery. The board would like to thank the C.A.F. volunteers, sponsors, and our community for their continued support.

Why does heck and hi water come to mind when I think about the hatchery this year? This could be another challenging year for us at Indian Creek Hatchery. A couple of years ago we had an over-abundance of rain that flooded the river and Indian Creek and the spawning fish blew right on by the hatchery and further up the creek. We had less than half our quota of fish to raise that year. This year we've had just the opposite problem with drought conditions. Most of the returning fish had no choice but to find other places up river to spawn. We only had two or three fish come back into the fish ladder at the hatchery and the otters got at least one of those! With a lot of extra effort, we managed to get some of our hatchery fish along with some wild ones. Not as many as we would have liked, but enough to get us within 5,000 eggs of our quota. With five spawning sessions, it will probably force us to divide one or two raceways in half because of their different rate of growth and food size needs. So now our chef, Dave Barnes, will have to correctly calculate the different food size and amount for the fish size and how many fish are in each section. It will be a challenge, but Dave can handle it. So, here we go again. Thank You All!

Notice to Local Members:

Don't forget to save your McKay receipts. It is an easy way to add money to feed our babies. You can turn the receipts in at the **hatchery, Jots, or The Indian Creek Café**. Each location has a donation jar.

CAF General Meeting

Nov. 8, 2018

President-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes from the September and October meetings were not published before today's meeting, so copies were passed around for everyone to read. Glenn will ask for approval at the end of the meeting.

Board election-Mary Duncan explained why *The Riffle* has not been printed and distributed due to computer problems at the printer. David stated that the by-laws require 30 day prior notification to the membership of the necessary information for the election meeting: place, date, time and names of nominees. Jack Sheehan explained that CAF is a non-profit, so notice has to be mailed at least 7 days before the meeting. Mary Duncan (graciously and generously) offered to produce and mail a postcard notice that would meet the 30 day deadline.

Treasurer-Becky Sophusson reported a net monthly loss of \$1,087.96.

Insurance-Becky discovered that the board member liability coverage had not been included on the CAF policy after the insurance company changed ownership. CAF now includes board coverage and Errors & Omissions coverage. It's mandatory that we have rider coverage for every special function.

Hatchery-Gary Underhill reported: otters ate some of the brood stock; rats continue to be a problem and the board agreed to pay for bait stations placed by a professional service; Gary and Joe Janowicz cleaned the incubator room and Gary made a dump run; supplies are ready for spawning; the filtration system is ready; the alarm has been activated on the first stack.

Pizza Fundraiser-Barbara Jorge stated that 132 people attended (64 pre-sold and 68 walk-in) netting \$1,063.50. Also, there were \$66 in donations and \$72.50 from the sale of cookies.

The Riffle-Mary will mail the next edition as soon as it's ready.

Cedar Valley hatch boxes-There will not be enough eggs this year.

Spawning-John Weber will begin on the 14th. John, the ODFW crew and several volunteers have spent a lot of extra hours trying to net more fish. Because of the low water, we may not have returning hatchery fish. Hassie will contact the

visitor center about a public announcement of the spawning schedule.



*Some members of the spawning crew.
Photo by Anne Sheehan*

Joe Janowicz-Joe discussed information about dams and ocean conditions that were discussed at ODFW's public presentation. A local meeting will be held.

Jim Freedman-As the CAF watersheds representative, Jim reported on the 6 yr. Sixes River restoration project, the pacific lamprey population condition and reminded members about the upcoming King Tide observation day.

Website (RogueRiverSalmon.org)-Hassie has been in contact with Ray Barmore to keep the site current. Roger Lindquist may be able to help.

NO JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
Minutes for the Sept. 13th General Meeting-
Under "Hatchery" the brood tank is 'ready' not 'bready'. Otherwise the Sep. & Oct. minutes are approved as printed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Curry Anadromous Fishermen Annual Meeting 12/8/18

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by CAF President, David Sophusson. David welcomed everyone and thanked them for our successful 2018 season. David thanked John Weber and the ODFW staff for all the extra hours they worked and the effort they put in to capture enough fish for the 2019 season. David announced that 2 board member nominees had asked to be removed from the presently proposed slate, if there were volunteers willing to be nominated from the floor. David nominated Barbara Spani and Roger Lindquist as candidates for election for 2019. Barbara and Roger both accepted their nominations. David asked CAF Secretary, Glenn Kral, to conduct the election of the 2018 Board of Directors.

Election of Board of Directors- CAF secretary, Glenn Kral, presented the slate of members that agreed to serve on the 2019 Board:

Aaron Duncan, Joe Janowicz, Glenn Kral, Roger Lindquist, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Barbara Spani, Gene Trinkler, Gary Underhill

Glenn asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Lucie LaBonte moved the proposed slate of board nominees be accepted. Phillip Dickson seconded the motion. Glenn Kral called for a vocal vote and the proposed slate was unanimously approved.



12/8/2018 annual meeting. Photo by Phil Dickson

The Board of Directors for 2019 is:

Aaron Duncan, Joe Janowicz, Glenn Kral, Roger Lindquist, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Barbara Spani, Gene Trinkler, Gary Underhill



CAF 2019 Board Photo by Phil Dickson

The Board will appoint officers at the next board meeting on Jan. 3, 2019. It was announced that there will not be a general meeting in January, 2019.

With sincere appreciation for their commitment to CAF and the ODFW, John Weber acknowledged the following volunteers for their exceptional contributions to the Indian Creek Hatchery Program in 2018: David Barnes, Barbara Huff, Roger Lindquist, Tom Spani, Jack Sheehan, and Becky Sophusson. The success for the CAF/ODFW program depends on all of our dedicated volunteers.

In closing, David thanked Tom Spani for calling everyone to confirm their dinner reservations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary



Seining at Huntley Photo by Hassie Taylor

Seining at Huntley Park

Submitted by Hassie Taylor



2018 seining at Huntley: ODFW crew and volunteers.
Photo by Hassie Taylor

Seining at Huntley Park begins mid- July and continues through the end of October each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Seining is done by pulling a net through the water and gathering the fish to the bank, called “beach seining.” The crew seines 15 times per seining day. It’s not unusual for several species to be collected in one net. For example, the net might contain Cutthroat Trout, Steelhead, Chinook and Coho. Currently, there are 29 fish in broodstock which is less than last year’s number of 52 (end of October). The final numbers ending the 2018 seining season are: 6 males, 3 jacks, and 20 females.



Seining at Huntley Photo by Hassie Taylor

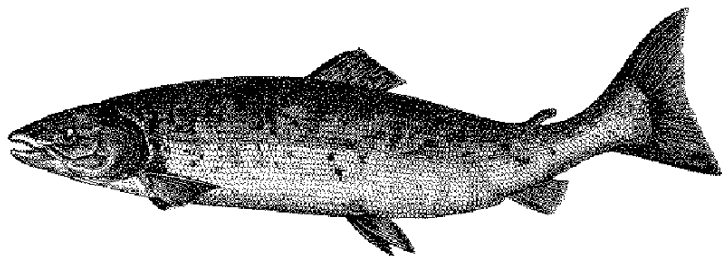
ODFW is in charge of counting, measuring and collecting data on the species in the net. Adult Chinook are sampled for scales and tested for age composition to do a run forecast. In Chinook, ODFW looks for a lower jaw that is

distinctively black in color. The information collected from each seining day is uploaded to a database located at the ODFW office. This information is accessible to sports fishermen to determine what fish are running.

Andrew Wells, an experimental biology aide with ODFW, exclaims that it has been a good seining season with an above average count for Coho (465 netted Coho). The adult steelhead count is also above average. On the day I observed at Huntley (mid-October), 2 adult steelhead, 3 adult Chinook, 2 jack Coho, and 2 adult Coho were netted. Workers were quick to identify the Coho and put them back in the river with minimal stress to the fish as they are a federally listed species. In talking with Andrew and Zack Petrine on a more personal note, both men expressed their love for the work they do. They enjoy being physical, being on the river and doing the best they can to increase our fish population and promote a healthy environment in our ocean and rivers.

2019 CAF Board & Officers

President	David Sophusson
Vice President	Aaron Duncan
Secretary	Glenn Kral
Treasurer	Barbara Spani
Board Members	Joe Janowicz
	Roger Linquist
	Jack Sheehan
	Gene Trinkler
	John Weber
O.D.F.W. Biologist	Barbara Spani
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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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