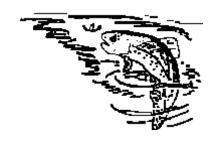


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INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN, AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 10:00 AM Jot's Resort (West conf. rm.) Gold Beach, OR General meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Come; join us for an interesting and informative meeting.

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Next BOARD MEETING Thursday, June 6, 2019–10:00 AM ODFW BUILDING

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Fish feeding and raceway monitoring-daily Libby Pond youth fishing day--June 1st Fin Clipping—June 12<sup>th</sup>? Please call. Salmon Derby--August 2nd-4th

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"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to <a href="https://www.rogueriversalmon.org">www.rogueriversalmon.org</a>

## IMPORTANT MEMBER REQUEST, PLEASE RESPOND

Composing and distributing The Riffle has become a challenge for our volunteers. The board of directors decided to produce future editions quarterly and e-mail as many copies as feasible. Printed copies will be mailed to those members who don't have e-mail or prefer a printed copy.

Barbara and Tom Spani have generously agreed to coordinate your response. If we don't get your response, your next edition will be sent via e-mail.

Phone, mail or email your preference as follows:

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#### **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.

#### **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson

Mother Nature is testing us again. As you may have seen or heard on the news, we have had a bit more rain than usual. Here at my house I had more than 12 inches in less than four days. It has caused some serious flooding and slides in the area. Our little Indian Creek, which is our water supply for the hatchery, had a slide somewhere farther up the creek. At least that's what I think after I received a call on Sunday evening April 7. I was told the headbox in raceway #1 had sand and silt in it, and we needed to get a work party together the next morning to clean it out. Not a problem I thought. We had this happen before, but when I arrived, I was stunned! The sand in the headbox was 6 inches higher than the water level in the raceway. The sand level was so high that you could walk the full 8 feet across the raceway without getting your feet wet. This was serious. The screen, which is about five feet from the raceway and keeps the fish separated from the incoming water, was on the verge of being blown out. I calculated almost three cubic yards were pressing against the screen. We first had to use shovels and a wheelbarrow to dig a hole deep enough collect water, and then used pumps to suck out the sand. Meanwhile, Gary Underhill was trying hard to flush out the 12-inch main water line which was also filled with sand and pressing against the flush-out butterfly valve. He finally managed to get it open as well as the line that flows into the brood tank. All in all, we spent 21 man-hours to clean things up that day, and although we still have a bit more to do, we are pretty much back to normal operations. As far as the fish go, they are fine; all they seem to want is more food! Thanks to Gary Underhill, Roger Lindquist, Pat Eakle, Art Tidmarsh, Dave Barnes, and Vern Sharp for pitching in when needed, just like they always do.

#### **CAF Welcomes New Members**

Ivar & Grace Southern coming from San Juan Capistrano, California



Jock, CAF volunteer, releasing a tray from the incubation room into the raceway.
Roughly 28,000 fry were moved on 3/5/2019.

Photo by Joe Janowicz

### **CAF General Meeting**

March 14, 2019

<u>President</u>-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:13am. The minutes from the Feb. meeting will be printed in the next issue of *The Riffle*.

<u>Treasurer-Barbara Spani reported Feb. income</u> of \$452.45 and expenses of \$1,620.08. The year-to-date loss is \$1,104.08.

Hatchery-Dave Barnes reported that he is taking care of the food allotments and the feeding schedule (needs more volunteers). The remaining 5 trays will probably be placed in the raceway tomorrow. The fish are feeding well and #3 is a split raceway because of size differences in the spawning schedule.



Dave Barnes and Ruby, the lab, weighing fish.
Fish were approximately 960 per pound 3/5/19. Upon release in
August, that number will change to around 12 fish per pound.
Photo by Joe Janowicz

Reel Fishing Days-April 17, 18, 24, 25. CAF will buy the lunches for 2 days with John Weber doing the ordering and Barbara Huff volunteered to do some of the pickup and delivery. A reminder request will be sent out at the beginning of April asking for volunteer sign-ups.



Day 2 Reel Days Photo by Mary Duncan



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**2019 Salmon Derby-**The derby committee has set the dates of Aug. 2-4; entries will close at 1pm on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The dinner/awards will be held at the Gold Beach Senior Center; arrangements will be made for a beverage vendor.

<u>The Riffle-Our</u> dedicated, long time editor, Hassie Taylor, will collaborate with Alan Lee to publish *The Riffle*. Together they will edit and compose a quarterly edition. The details for publishing, distributing and mailing of some hard copies are being discussed. As a cost saving and volunteer time commitment, the board has decided to email as many copies as possible

and survey the membership for more e-mail addresses. USPS copies will have to be assembled, addressed and stamped on an individual basis.

**Gold Beach High School**-Students will not do the egg hatching project this year.

Jim Freedman-As the CAF representative on the Lower Rogue Watershed Council (LRWC), Jim reported that the results of the lamprey study can be reviewed online at the LRWC website. There will be a smolt survey as part of the estuary project and interested members should contact Kelly at LRWC.

Ferry Hole boat ramp-Dave Barnes reported that the county roadmaster is in the review stage of what needs to be done to make the site more useable. The Marine Board may be of some assistance. CAF supports the improvement of this historical important access on the north bank.

New member publicity-CAF needs to develop visibility to attract new members. A future general meeting explaining our position within the ODFW Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) and the support we receive from the ODFW Restoration and Enhancement board would be informative to potential members. CAF sign boards at the Gold Beach Visitor's Center and the Rogue Outdoor Store, as well as information in the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce's monthly flier, would be beneficial public relations exposure.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

#### **Libby Pond Update**

Submitted by Mary Duncan

The pond will be stocked by ODFW and the gear trailer will be there. Bait (worms, power bait) will be provided by Jim from the Outdoor Store. Jim has also agreed to help with a gear donation. I requested funds for gear from the City of Gold Beach, North Country Flies and Lures LLC in Florence and CAF. I hope to have good poles and reels this year. The flyers are going up around town.

Libby is in great shape this year; weed-eating has been done - less poison oak, fewer blackberry vines and more pond side areas to fish. Curtis has done a nice job with the grounds.

## **CAF General Meeting**

**April 11, 2019** 

<u>President</u>-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:12am. The minutes from the March and April meetings will be printed in the next issue of *The Riffle*. Due to the heavy rain, sand built up in the raceway head boxes and 21 man hours were spent cleaning it all out.

<u>Treasurer-Barbara</u> Spani reported March income of \$320.68 and expenses of \$1,709.84. The expenses included \$772.29 from the 2018 derby. The year-to-date loss is \$2,493.24.

Hatchery-Gary Underhill reported: extensive cleanup needed after the rains; the new stacks are in the incubator room, but not installed; fish are feeding ok; Gary will be gone for 3 weeks in May and Art Tidmarsh will fill in; ODFW requested the old dredge for their use; a light is installed inside the doorway from the office to the incubator room.

Reel Fishing Days-April 17, 18, 24, 25. Another reminder request will be sent out asking for volunteer sign-ups. BJ and Randy will be in charge of fish cleaning.

**2019 Salmon Derby-**The derby committee will coordinate a dinner ticket with the entry ticket and is working on ticket sales locations. A promotional "Support the Derby" sticker is being considered. Plans are on track for prizes and awards. Mary Duncan offered to help with radio ads and interviews.

<u>The Riffle-</u>The next issue will be distributed as usual and will include a **BOLD HEADLINE REQUEST FOR MORE EMAIL ADDRESSES.** The request will explain that USPS copies will have to be assembled, addressed and stamped on an individual basis. Hopefully, most future, quarterly editions will be e-mailed.

Ferry Hole boat ramp-Dave Barnes reported that the site is being considered a possible emergency crossing if something happened to the Highway 101 Bridge. A meeting with county, state and federal representatives discussed the possibility of the access being classified as "Critical Infrastructure" to qualify for funding.

<u>Scholarships</u>-The scholarship committee will meet to review the applications: 6 from Brookings, 5 from Gold Beach, Port Orford not yet submitted.

Resource Day-The hatchery will be one of the eight stations along Indian Creek on May 2nd

Previous years' volunteers have been impressed with the student preparation, enthusiasm and cooperation. This project is an important part of the education component of the CAF mission.



Students coming to CAF for Resource Day, May 2, 2019. Photo by Hassie Taylor



Dave Barnes and Mary Duncan talk to students about the feeding schedule; students help feed.

Photo by Hassie Taylor



CAF Station #1. Students learning about the life cycle of Chinook Salmon the Indian Creek Hatchery in Gold Beach. Photo by Hassie Taylor

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

#### **They Said It**

Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths.

--Unknown



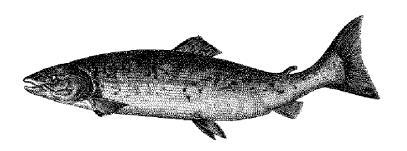
Station #1 students receive information from the storyboard on spawning.
Photo by Mary Duncan

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It has always been my private conviction that any man, who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses, has it coming. —John Steinbeck

Calling fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job. –Paul Schullery

If people concentrated on the really important thing in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles. –Doug Larson

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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