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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN,
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
Aug. 8, 2019 – 10:00 AM
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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

In June we clipped the adipose fins on all the fish at the hatchery. This process identifies the fish as hatchery born. When they come back to spawn in 3-5 years, they are legal to catch and keep during the salmon fishing season. We also put coded wire nose tags in the snouts of the first 30,000 fish to identify and track them for research purposes. Now it's just a matter feeding them and keeping their ponds clean until they are big enough to be released sometime in late August. This is where our volunteers play a critical role because we need two people every morning for about two hours. Actually, this work has to be done from the day that the fish are born, but as the fish grow bigger they eat more food. We start off feeding them just ounces a day, an amount that increases to about thirty pounds daily. That's not per fish but for all the fish combined! And of course, since what goes in, must also come out, the bigger the fish, the more need for cleaning. So you can see how important volunteers are to this process of raising fish for the good of our community. We have fishermen from all over the country that come to catch our fish. We really mean it when we say, "*We hatch'em, you catch'em.*"

In Appreciation

Rashell Garcia and her husband Gil Garcia, who are lifetime members of CAF, have made a donation in the amount of \$800 to CAF in memory of Jess Christensen, her father and a prior board member.



Volunteers crowding Chinook fry to supply the fin clipping and wire tagging process. Art Tidmark, Pat Kellis, Gary Underhill, Gary Harman, Glenn Kral, Mike Ananos.
Photo by Joe Janowicz

CAF General Meeting **May 9, 2019**

President-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:07am. The minutes from the March and April meetings will be printed in the next issue of *The Riffle*.

Treasurer-Barbara Spani reported April income of \$248.25 and expenses of \$1,005.67. The year-to-date loss is \$3,212.96.

Hatchery-Because there are fewer fish in raceway 2 and they are smaller in size, the food amount has been reduced. The high mortality number in raceway 2 is not due to any specific cause. The vacuum head for 1-2 is not working well. Overall, the fish are eating well and starting to size up.

Reel Fishing Days-Good weather and great catching- 519 total. BJ and Randy did a lot of fish cleaning. There was a good turnout of volunteers.

2019 Salmon Derby-The tickets and posters are ready for sale and distribution. Dinner/awards planning set for the senior center. Advertising has been arranged. Ray Barmore will be contacted about updating derby information on the website.

The Riffle-To print **"BOLD HEADLINE REQUEST FOR MORE EMAIL ADDRESSES"**

in red will cost an extra \$60 and the board members present at the meeting agreed to the cost. The edition will be mailed to all members through the USPS for the last time. Limited hard copy printing for future editions will still be available in Gold Beach. Future editions editing and timing are still unresolved.

Fin Clipping- The trailer will be delivered on June 10th and at least 25,000 fish will be tagged. All fish should be clipped by the end of the week.

Resource Day-The 5th graders were very responsive to and interested in the importance of the hatchery. The CAF volunteers were really impressed.

Libby Pond Free Fishing Day- Mary Duncan (thank you Mary) is coordinating the June 1st event with ODFW for prizes, food, volunteers and pond access.

Scholarships-There are no applicants from Port Orford. The Gold Beach award is on the 16th and the Brookings award is on the 22nd.

Monthly Meetings-The new owners of Jot's Resort have graciously agreed to donate the use of the West Meeting Room on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Native Fish Society publicity-Mary Duncan requested that the membership stay updated on what's being reported about Oregon's fish resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

CAF General Meeting **June 13, 2019**

President-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:13am.

Treasurer-In the absence of the treasurer, Becky Sophusson explained Barbara Spani's report showing May income of \$396.01 and expenses of \$791.96. The year-to-date gain is \$2,642.05, which includes billing for outstanding invoices. A successful salmon derby will be a welcome ledger entry.

Hatchery-Fin clipping/tagging is underway as of 6/11. Fish are eating well.

2019 Salmon Derby-The ad copy is ready for the radio ads, the dinner tickets are good as printed despite the slight change in the menu offering, more auction items will be available

and the City of Gold Beach will contribute \$1,000 for necessary derby expenses.

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Fin Clipping- As of this morning, Jim Pennington reported 22,246 have been tagged and clipped. The ODFW hired taggers will work through today supplemented by CAF volunteers this afternoon. CAF volunteers will finish the clipping, hopefully by Saturday.



Gene Trinkler in action, clipping the **last** fish.
Photo by Mike Ananos

Libby Pond Free Fishing Day- Mary Duncan reported that 58 children had a very successful fishing day and were extremely happy with the food and prizes. The City of Gold Beach contributed \$500 to help the event be a success. Although 125 hotdogs were eaten, the leftover contributions from Ray’s and McKay’s were taken to the free fishing day at Arizona Pond the next day.

Ferry Hole Boat Ramp-Dave Barnes stated that the Curry County Road Department will be involved in the engineering of the upgrade.

Brochures-Hassie will make some corrections in the brochures and have more printed for distribution around town.

CAF secretary moving-The undersigned secretary and his wife will be moving to Vancouver, WA around the middle of August. The board will appoint a new secretary at the July or Aug. board meetings and a new volunteer will be trained to do the McKay’s Market receipts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

CAF General Meeting **July 11, 2019**

President-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:46am.

Minutes-The minutes of the March and April general meetings were approved as published in issue #125 of *The Riffle*.

Treasurer-Barbara Spani’s report showed June income of \$4,987.27 (includes receivables for dues and sponsorships) and expenses of \$1,063.25. The year-to-date gain is \$1,490.54.

Donation-In memory of Shelley’s father, Jess Christensen, Gil & Shelley Garcia donated a Jeep Cherokee. Becky Sophusson found a buyer at \$800 and Jess’s memory will be recognized with a plaque on one of the automatic feeders. Jess was involved over many years with funding, construction of the new dam, a board member and numerous other projects that made operations of the hatchery much easier and more efficient for the volunteers.

Hatchery-Gary Underhill reported a count of approximately 67,000 fish after a very successful fin clipping and tagging operation; the intake for the emergency pump needs to be rebuilt; he’s researching a backup emergency pump; we have the new vault screen and it needs to be installed as soon as a minor modification is finished; the new incubator stacks have been installed; the automatic DO readers are connected; the spawning shed roof will be replaced shortly.

2019 Salmon Derby-The committee has most everything arranged for another successful derby. Help will be needed on Aug. 3rd to set up at the Senior Center.

The Raffle-Since we have a \$400 mailing credit with the USPS, many e-mail addresses are unknown and the printer has agreed to continue with our existing arrangement, the next edition will be mailed.

Pancake breakfast trailer and supplies-Mike Ananos told the members that he knows of a group in CA looking to buy a trailer. Becky Sophusson will find the paperwork detailing our costs for everything and the board can make a decision next month.

McKay's Receipts-Susan Lindquist volunteered to take over the receipts program and Glenn Kral will work out the details for a transition. Thanks, Susan.

BIG fish hooks-A significant number of the popular hooks were purchased for CAF to sell at the Indian Creek RV Park.

2020 Board of Director changes-In addition to Glenn Kral leaving the area, David Sophusson announced he will not serve as president next year. The board will have discussions over the next few months about planning for new members and officers next year. Dave has been an extremely (overly?) dedicated volunteer who, although he has few regrets about helping whenever needed, has decided to step aside and take a well-deserved vacation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Salmon Derby Event

By Mary Duncan

The Tenth Lower Rogue River Salmon Derby is set to begin Friday, August 2th and continue through Sunday, August 4, 2019. This annual fund raising event is put on by Curry Anadromous Fishermen, an all-volunteer organization, that maintains the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery, located at the mouth of the Rogue River in Gold Beach. The group works all year long raising Chinook salmon for release. Each fall up to 90,000 smolts leave home, make their way to the Pacific Ocean, and grow into the monster fighters we all love to hook. What could

make for a better day than catching some float time, navigating around the competition in the bay, and with luck and a good "set up," yelling at the top of your lungs "fish on?" Come join us on the beautiful "Wild and Scenic" Rogue River, and vie for your chance to win with a whopper salmon. Be sure to plan to attend the Sunday banquet being held at the Senior Center at 3:00 PM, where we will have raffles for great gear, a silent auction for guided river trips, as well as custom crafted nets, gear, and local merchant gift baskets. At the end of the banquet there will be a drawing of the winning fish from all entries over ten pounds for the "blind bogey" prize winner.

The entry fee is \$30.00 and covers all days of competition. Entry forms are available in Gold Beach at the Rogue Outdoor Store. You can call 541 698-7791 or email us at: goldcoastproducts@frontier.com.

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- 4TH \$100.00 cash Mike Kopec Award

Libby Pond Fishing Days

By Mary Duncan



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Photo by Mary Duncan

The Curry Anadromous Fishermen would like to acknowledge the generous sponsors who helped make the 2019 edition of the Libby Pond Fishing Day a success. The support included funds from the City of Gold Beach and Rogue Outdoor Store for the purchase gear and bait, a donation from Jerry's Jet Boats, several mini

pizza certificates from Sunset Pizza, and a gift card for the Christian Help Thrift Store. Other support came from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) which supplied loaner gear and staff member Andrew who was on hand to offer instruction and fishing tips. C.A.F. volunteers provided helpful fishing hints at the pond, as well as grill master skills to roast and distributed over 120 hot dogs to the hungry crowd.

Libby Pond was lined with eager participants, and several families arrived early hoping to be the first to catch a nice sized trout. ODFW staff stocked some very big fish the night before the event, and everyone was eager for a chance at a lunker. The biggest fish prize (two Jerry's Jet Boat adult tickets for the 64 mile trip) went to Eliyanah George, age two, with a nice 18.25 inch trout. Her dad was able to film her as she reeled in her winning trout.

Although not everyone won, every kid had fun fishing—many using the fifty five fishing rods and reels that were given out.



Libby Pond Fishing Days
Photo by Mary Duncan

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Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

Adobe Creek Ranch

The Adobe Creek Ranch is a family run, family owned ranch, established in 1942. Originally, the ranch raised sheep with a few cows. Today it raises grass fed Black Angus Cattle, about 50 head a year on 475 acers in Kelseyville, CA. It also raises its own hay. This past year the ranch sold all 51 pairs of cows and calves at auction to Texans. The ranch has no irrigation, it is all dry feed, but it is self-sufficient and preserves the family heritage. Mike Ananos, the patriarch, shares his vision of the ranch as his children continue to follow the dream to develop the property with irrigation. Daughter, Michelle, and son-in-law Ryan Raabe are the new generation to work and manage the Ranch.

Mike is a member as well as sponsor for CAF. He contributes to the fish hatchery because he feels it is an excellent way to sustain the fish.

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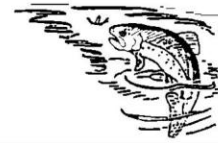
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