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

**\*\*TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ONLY\*\***

**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,  
June 11, 2020 – 10:00 AM, at Jot's  
Conference Room.**

**General meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of each month.**

**Come and join us for an interesting  
and informative meeting.**

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**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,  
June 4, 2020 – 10:00 AM**

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**\$20.00 - Individual Membership or**

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**\$72.00 - annual sponsorship**

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**CANCELLED:**

\*Reel Days at Arizona Pond

April 14, 16, 21, 23, 2020

\*Natural Resources Field Day

May 21, 2020

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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual CAF Rogue River  
Salmon Derby**

The dates for this year's derby are set for  
August 12, 13, 14, from dawn to dusk and  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, till 3:00 p.m. This is our big fund  
raiser of the year.

Please plan to get out on the river and compete  
for the big fish prize. Derby Banquet at 5:00  
p.m. at the Gold Beach Community Center on  
August 15th.

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

By Aaron Duncan

As your newly appointed president, I would like  
to say "Hello" and to welcome CAF volunteers to  
2020! Thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors,  
and our community for their continued support.

By the time you read this addition, the fry will be  
ponded, and our feeding season will have  
begun. Please check at the Hatchery for Dave  
Barnes' feeding calendar. We could still use a  
few people to hand feed. There were  
approximately 82,000 eggs counted this season.  
So far, it's looking to be a good year at the  
Hatchery.

We have some upgrades on the "to do" list this  
year: We will be installing a hoist and, lining the  
brood tank.

The dates are set for the 11th Annual CAF  
Rogue River Salmon Derby.

Our annual election of officers was held at the  
December dinner party, at Bear's Bar and Grill

at Honey Bear by the Sea. Glen Kubli and his fantastic staff went above and beyond to make the evening perfect. The food was outstanding.

Sincere appreciation to Dave Sophusson for his time as president, and all that he has accomplished on behalf of the fish hatchery, helping to make CAF a success in the Gold Beach community.

I am looking forward to a great season! Now let's get out there and catch some fish!

Aaron Duncan



Photo by Rick Wier

## **CAF General Meeting**

CAF General Meeting minutes 2-13-2020

Board members attending: Aaron Duncan, Joe Janowicz, Roger Lindquist, Barbara Spani, Jack Sheehan, Gene Trinkler, Gary Underhill and David Sophusson.

John Weber gave presentation on Snout tagging. Reasons to do snout tagging: for the purpose of evaluation of our hatchery's performance, Survival numbers of fish, release strategy; performance in fisheries; indicate how the fish do in the ocean; fresh water harvest; and to track our returns.

Currently we are not getting results for good data. John Weber would like CAF volunteers to get involved in this program. CAF would finance the prizes used for incentive to participate in the

program. April will be the target date to begin snout collection. ODFW has built a kiosk at the Port of Gold Beach cleaning station in the marina for deposit of the fish snouts. CAF would encourage surveyor staff to turn in the snouts.

This program would involve Lex's Landing, Jot's Resort, The Port of Gold Beach, and Rogue Outdoor Store.

John Weber reports ocean productivity is down, and the potential for a La Nina this the spring is good.

South Coast Fishermen have been actively participating in the Snout Collection Program here are some of their numbers:

Chetco Snout recovery 2010 thru 2014 = 313  
Ferry Creek recovery 2010 thru 2014 = 568  
(every year Ferry Creek release out performs the main stem release.)

It is important that our group help collect the fish snouts, assist in training anglers on how to do it, be in charge of the raffle, and get the recorded reading from the fish snouts.

Netting could increase the number of fish snouts that get collected at Indian Creek.

There was some discussion about the fact that we do not tag every fish, and how to go about setting up the raffle.

It was decided that as long as people turn in a snout at the Kiosk, they are entered in the raffle. If you turn in a snout you made the effort, you should be in the raffle.

CANCELLED: Reels fish days are 4/14/2020, 4/16/2020, 4/21/2020, 4/23/2020

Barbara Spani gave the Treasurers report: December we took in \$1395.75 in donations and spent \$4688.31. A loss of \$3202.56

Roger reported on painting the brood tank, Roger reviewed the particulars with the group.

Gary Underhill's Report:

We should have 82,000 viable eggs. Pondering first group of fish into raceway 1 on 2-14-2020.

Gary said hand feeding begins Saturday. Be careful, decks can be slippery, Gary did sand. New pressure washer works great, the old one can be lent out, just contact Gary.

Aaron talked about the winch project.  
Tentative Dates for the Salmon Derby are 7-30.  
7-31 and 8-1-2020.

John Weber and Dave Barnes talked about the Conservation Management Plan on the Native fish issues:

**CANCELLED:** There is a meeting at the Library in February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Curry Public Library. All who can attend please do. Let's wear our hats to show who we are and what we represent.

Roger talked about fundraising efforts available to us: McKays, Rays, Fred Meyer, and Amazon Smile are good programs for fund raising. He said he is having an article printed in the Riffle to explain how they work.

Mary Duncan has volunteered to do the Riffle 4 times a year.

Meeting adjourned

## **COME TO OUR MEETINGS**

Besides raising and then putting 80,000 to 100,000 young salmon in the Rogue River every year, we show the residents and visitors in Curry County how we do this and who makes it happen.

To get this message out, we have a meeting on the second Thursday of every month except in December and January. This takes place in the meeting room at Jots Resort. It is open to all. The meeting typically starts at 10:00 a.m. and lasts about one and a half hours. After the members and guests hear about what is happening at the Indian Creek Hatchery, we have a raffle and the lucky ticket holder(s) receive a gift certificate worth up to \$50. The raffle would not be possible without the generosity of the gift certificate donors: The Rogue Outdoor Store, Rachel's (in the book store), the Chowder House, Gold Beach Lumber and the Landing Restaurant. I urge all of our members and the general public to support these generous donors.

Spawning of 82,000 Chinook Salmon happened in November, 2019. Two raceways have ponded, with the third group of fry going into raceway 2 this week. Come to our next meeting in March and hear all about it and join us in the raffle. Donuts and coffee are provided. If you'd like a tour of the hatchery, arrangements can be made at the meeting.

THANK YOU GIFT CERTIFICATE DONORS!!!

Jack Sheehan  
Raffle Coordinator

## **Ways to help the Hatchery through donations**

As many of you are aware, we have been getting donations from the collection of McKay's receipts as well as by linking your Ray's rewards cards to the hatchery account. The board thanks everyone for their help with these rewards programs. As a reminder:

### **McKay's**

McKay's will rebate back to the hatchery 1% of eligible purchased items. Receipts must be dated within the last 12 months and all McKay's receipts, not just Gold Beach, are eligible. There are collection containers at the following locations: Oceanside RV Park, Turtle Cove RV Park, Indian Creek RV park, the Crow's Nest restaurant, Rogue Outdoor Store, and at the hatchery itself, or they may be turned in at any monthly meeting.

### **Ray's**

With your Ray's rewards card, talk to a manager and have them go into their computer and link your card to Curry Anadromous Fishermen, account number 50642. Then, each time you make a purchase at Ray's, give them your rewards card number or phone number. A donation will be sent to us each quarter.

We have recently added two more opportunities for members, friends, family, etc. to help us receive donations to the hatchery through purchases. In addition to McKay's and Ray's we have set up accounts with Fred Meyer and

Amazon Smile. The following is how you can participate if you so choose in these fund raising efforts.

### Fred Meyer

Link your Rewards Card to the hatchery at [fredmeyer.com](http://fredmeyer.com). Enrolling is an easy process that's clearly outlined on the site. Customers can begin earning donations for our nonprofit when they shop at Fred Meyer using a linked Rewards Card. This is an ongoing program and customers may enroll at any time. First log into your account and next select Community Rewards; it is on the left side. Type Curry Anadromous Fishermen in the search bar. Once our organization comes up hit enroll. This will not affect your existing Fred Meyer's rewards or gas rewards program; you will just be providing a donation to the hatchery with eligible purchases.

### Amazon Smile

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive the donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. This cannot, at this time, be accessed from the Amazon App for iOS or Android, so you will need to access through a web browser. If you have an existing Amazon account this will not affect it, you will just be providing a donation to the hatchery with eligible purchases. This program is a great way for friends and family from out of town to help support our hatchery.

Thank you for anything you can do to help out the Indian Creek Hatchery and its support of the salmon fishery in the Lower Rogue River.

If you have questions please contact Roger Lindquist at [rlindquist95457@gmail.com](mailto:rlindquist95457@gmail.com) or (541) 373-7848

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020

For the fourth year your Indian Creek Hatchery will be offering a financial scholarship to one qualified graduating student from each of the high schools in Curry county. Home schooled students may also apply.

The selection committee considers the academic record, the chosen field of study, the community and civic record and the financial need of each applicant. Until this year each scholarship was \$500.00 (Five-Hundred dollars). This year the award will be \$1,000.00 (One-Thousand dollars).

We have been asked, what is the source of the funds? The board is vigilant to use its operating funds for that purpose - to operate. The scholarship funds have all come from a generous donation contributed by an active member and the proceeds of part of an estate left to the hatchery by a member.

The hatchery board is aware how dependent it is on community involvement and participation in our operation. Through this scholarship program we strive to show our appreciation and in this way express our thanks.

We urge all interested residents to become active members and join us in placing between eighty and one hundred thousand salmon in the Rogue River every year.  
Thank you, Jack Sheehan  
Scholarship Coordinator



Spawning Photo by Aaron Duncan



# **SNOUT RECOVERY PROGRAM**

By John Weber on 3/5/2020

In an effort to understand fishery contribution and improve hatchery performance, the Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF) will be sponsoring a coded wire tag (CWT) snout collection effort.

The group will have stations located at key fish cleaning areas and boat landings. The stations will have baggies and a place for volunteers to donate snouts from fish they caught that are missing the adipose fin. Also, there will be a small ticket to fill out for use in a raffle for some nice prizes. There will be two separate raffle drawings. One for Spring Chinook season, and a separate drawing for Indian Creek fish in the fall.

CAF volunteers, with their combined experience implementing the hatchery programs, who know the importance of this data collection, is the best group to spearhead this project. Roger Lindquist CAF Volunteer and board member, states "we put all these fish out with a coded wire tag, that disappear into garbage cans after being cleaned. I figure we may want to make an effort to recover these tags and figure out if the fish are being caught in this fishery".

ODFW STEP Biologist John Weber agrees: "CAF volunteers have the best understanding of the importance of the CWT's, and how the tags are used to determine the success of a hatchery program"

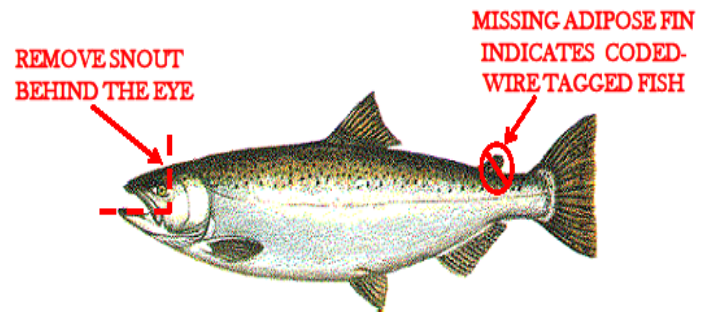
The CWT's tell fishery managers where the fish are being caught, and how successful the fish survive while being in the ocean/river. With the lower water conditions during the last two year, the Indian Creek fish have had a hard time returning to the hatchery. In cases like that, it is important to get as many tags as you can recover. In addition, the release strategies have changed for the Rogue Spring Chinook program, with more tag recoveries release strategies can be fine-tuned for better survival and greater benefit to the fishery.

## **CAF Welcomes New Members**

Bruce Blanthorn has joined us and is looking forward to getting involved. Thanks Bruce, and welcome.

# **ANGLERS**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN  
COLLECTING SNOUTS FROM  
ADIPOSE FIN-CLIPPED CHINOOK**



**Chinook Salmon**



The recovery of these tagged snouts is important in assessing the performance of the Indian Creek Fall Chinook Hatchery Program  
Thank you!  
Curry Anadromous Fishermen



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