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

**\*\*Until Further Notice\*\***

**NO GENERAL MEETINGS shall be held.**

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**Monthly BOARD MEETINGS for 2020 shall be held outside, at the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery every first Thursday of the month beginning at 10:00 AM**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**\$20.00 - Individual Membership or**

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**Upcoming Events**

An email poll shall be held this year to elect board members for 2021. Please contact Tom Spani at tom\_spani@msn.com to cast your vote.

There are two board member positions available as Dave Sophusson and Jack Sheehan will be stepping down. If you want to be considered please let Tom Spani know, your name will go into the nomination "hat."

ODFW seining on the Rogue River at Huntley Park weekdays 7:30 to 11:00. Please contact Andrew at ODFW Gold Beach to get details on times and dates.

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"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to [www.rogueriversalmon.org](http://www.rogueriversalmon.org)

**President's Corner**

By J. Aaron Duncan, President

What can you say about the Year 2020? The words "this has been a challenging year" barely cover it. Much appreciation to everyone who volunteered to carry on in such a dangerous "climate" and get our salmon fry into the river while maintaining State of Oregon Social Distancing Rules.

Things are moving along at the hatchery, with one season coming to an end, and a new one beginning. All our fry have been released and we are now starting to gather brood stock. I am looking forward to another successful season.

I would like to say "thank you" to Dave Sophusson and Jack Sheehan for their many dedicated years in the service of C.A.F. at the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery.

Our fall fishing season has been really off and on this year in the bay. However, We are getting some nice sized hatchery fish being caught.

Snout collection is moving forward, but we would like to get the word out so that more people know how to participate in the program.

A heartfelt THANKS to all board members, .and our great volunteers for giving up their time and

energy to make the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery a continuing success.

As of October, ODF&W staff continue to work hard collecting our brood stock for 2021.

Everyone is welcome to come out to Huntley Park and help pull nets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 each day until they get fifteen net pulls. That is how we get the brood stock, which are then transported to the Hatchery and kept in a holding tank until they are ready to spawn. It is a fascinating process.

We have a lot to be thankful for, and are ready for anything in 2021.



ODFW Staff at Huntley Park Net Pull (Photos by J. Aaron Duncan)

## **CAF General Meeting**

February 13, 2020

J. Aaron Duncan called the meeting to order. Barbara Spani, Treasurer, gave Treasurer's report. The report was approved. Gary Underhill reported on the Hatchery as follows:

- Emergency pump outside has problems
- Vault needs work
- Obtain lift/crane for brood tank (large enough to lift person out of tank) – Dave Sophusson to bring research already done to next meeting
- Pipe leak on main line
- Brood tank projects – painting, composite wall? Roger Lindquist will research

Meeting adjourned

## **Snout Retrieval Program**

August 12, 2020

Thank you Roger Lindquist for making two collection boxes. There will be kiosks/boxes at Jots, Outdoor Store, Lex's and the Gold Beach Harbor. Target installment date - August 31, 2020 Tom is to send out email asking for volunteers to pick up snouts from the boxes to be taken to the Hatchery and put into the freezer in the office. Roger will be in charge of the wand to check the snouts from the collection boxes. All snouts are entered in the drawing. Outdoor Store is donating the rods and reels for the raffle. Roger is going to talk to Fisherman Direct about collecting snouts on the fish they process.

## **CAF General Meeting**

July 9, 2020

There were twelve people in attendance at the meeting. Barbara made the opening statement and gave a financial report. A 6-month CD is to mature in December 2020. Gary reported on the hatchery. Fish are eating good. Work parties have been suspended due to COVID. Filter lids are to be put on by hand rather than with a wrench. There was discussion regarding the derby for 2020 which was cancelled due to COVID. There was discussion regarding a survey boat to check on future dredging of the river. Water level will be a deciding factor.

Happy Birthday, Gene Trinkler!!

Meeting adjourned.



## 2019 Scholarship Recipients



Layne Converse - Pacific High School

Layne will be attending Arizona State University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He had a 4.00 GPA - ranked number one in his class. Layne has enjoyed the beautiful marine/fresh water ecosystems here on the Southern Oregon Coast and has volunteered to test water quality as part of the Blue Water Task Force, maintaining natural habitats as part of the Oregon Stewardship program.

Danny will be attending Southern Oregon Community College, majoring in Biology. He had a GPA of 3.91 while taking Honor's level courses. Danny's essay about Curry County and the impact of the salmon population was all about how salmon and salmon fishing affect not just the sportsman but also the stores, hotels, and most all local businesses.



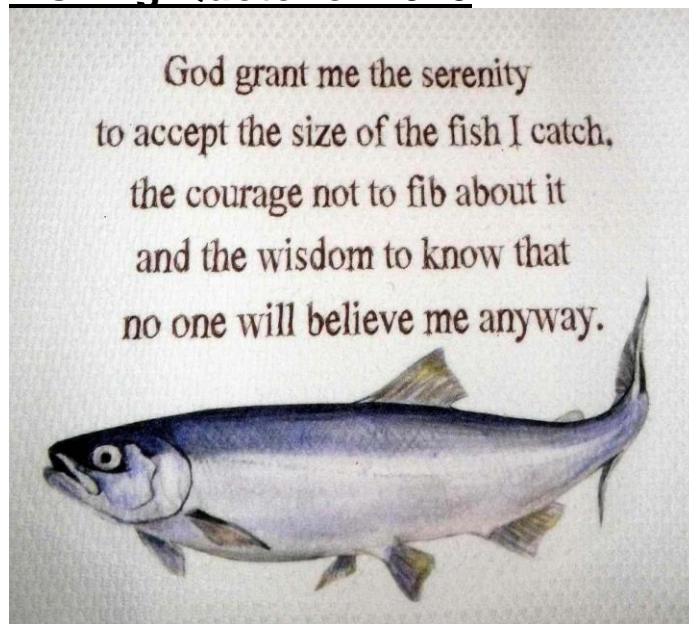
Nevaeh Meyer - Brookings High School

Nevaeh will be attending Whitworth University., majoring in Music Education. She had a 3.75 GPA, including several college level courses taken. Nevaeh is keenly aware of the fish population and how it affects our everyday life here in Curry County, believing that that without hatcheries the salmon runs would not be as strong and the salmon population would be put in danger.



Danny Hawthorne – Gold Beach High School

## Fishing Quote for 2020





Dave Nicodemus helps with Fish Release  
(Photo by Joe Janowicz)

## **CAF VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

By Mary Duncan

David Nicodemus



Dave with Sammy

Before Dave retired and made his way to the best little fishing village on the Oregon Coast, he was a purchasing manager for Thermal Fissure Scientific. CAF got lucky when he retired.

Dave and his friend (Paul Peterson, who moved here with Dave) are members of the Gary Underhill Crew - "wingmen" on all things hatchery. Both Dave and Paul have been hands-on with everything from race way preparation and repairs to spawning and release.

Dave also has a wingman, Sammy, the three-year-old wonderdoodle, whose high energy and infectious smile captivated the group at our last release in October.

Dave and Sammy's hobbies are hiking and exploring the southern Oregon coast, reading, listening to music, and anything hatchery related. We are delighted to have you aboard Dave, thanks for lending a hand.

## **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

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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

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Lucky Lodge RV Park is located 8.5 miles up the north bank of the Rogue River. The park managers, Kelly and Victor Germano, declare that Lucky Lodge is a small, happy RV park "on the sunny side of the Rogue River with legendary mojo" and friendly happy people willing to share their knowledge of fishing, Gold Beach, rock hunting and more. It is one of the

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### CAF Welcomes New Member

Bruce Blanthorn

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| Secretary/Treasurer | Barbara Spani   |

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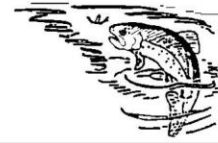
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