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

## Next GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 12:00 noon, at the hatchery. Lunch will be served.

Further meeting notice will be given by email to all members.

Come get involved with raising and releasing Chinook Salmon for the benefit of us all. You can help keep our fishing tradition alive.

## Next BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 10:00 AM

## MEMBERSHIP DUES Join Today!

**\$20.00 - Individual Membership or**

**\$30.00 - Immediate family**

**\$72.00 - annual sponsorship**



Reel Days at Arizona Pond 2022  
Photo by Marsha Frizzell

## Upcoming Events

Fin clipping will be tentatively scheduled for the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please check with Barb and Tom Spani if you are interested in assisting in the process.

## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION 2022 at the Port of Gold Beach

We plan to have a booth at the Port of Gold Beach, near the fish cleaning station, to give out information about the hatchery and promote the Salmon Derby. Volunteers will sell hats, shirts, and hand out stickers and flyers.

## THE 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAF ROGUE RIVER SALMON DERBY

*This is our big fund raiser of the year.*

The dates for this year's derby are set for **August 10, 11, and 12**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on August 13<sup>th</sup>, till 3:00 p.m. Please plan to sign up for the Derby, and get out on the river to show your support for the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery. This year's Derby Banquet will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. at the Gold Beach Community Center.

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

"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 Roger Lindquist



Hello from your new president.

Let me introduce myself. I am a native Oregonian and after a 30+ year career in the Navy and the Federal Government my wife and I retired to Gold Beach.

Little did I know that while at a yard sale several years back we would meet David and Becky Sophusson. They told me about a little hatchery that was doing great things. I was intrigued and soon I was volunteering there. 6 years later I have been elected to represent you as the president of CAF.

There are some major events upcoming at the hatchery. We will be fin clipping and tagging our smolts in mid to late June. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Rogue River Salmon Derby is scheduled for the 10th through 13th of August, and we have recently been given a grant by ODFW for some safety enhancements at the hatchery. All of these events would benefit from your participation. Please call or e-mail to get more information on our many volunteer opportunities.

Sincere appreciation to Aaron Duncan for his time as president and all that he accomplished on behalf of CAF and the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery.

## **DONATIONS AND GIFTS**

CAF received a donation of \$1125, in Memory of Bruce Hensley. Bruce was an avid Rogue River fisherman, who yearly made his appearance on the river, after traveling from California...sort of like how the salmon return to their home. He will be missed. Bruce's wife Betty, and the entire Hensley family and friends wanted hatchery volunteers to know he was thankful for all that this group gets done each year for the success of the hatchery.

Thank you, Hensley Family and Friends.



Reel Days at Arizona Pond 2022  
Photo by Joe Janowicz

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## **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.

### **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 Lower Rogue River salmon fishery. If you have questions, please contact Roger Lindquist at [rlindquist95457@gmail.com](mailto:rlindquist95457@gmail.com) or (541) 373-7848

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2022**

For the past six years, Indian Creek Fish Hatchery has offered a financial scholarship to one qualified graduating student from each of the high schools in Curry County. Home schooled students are also considered. The selection process is now closed, and we will announce the scholarship winners in the next Riffle.

Thank you, Jack Sheehan  
Scholarship Coordinator

## **CAF Welcomes New Members**

Janet Jeffrey   Dave Lyon  
Bob Gemaehlich   Bruce Beck  
Frank Jerome

All of us at the hatchery are looking forward to each and every one of you getting involved. Let us know what you would like to see happen to keep us going strong for 2022.

We challenge all interested residents to become active members of CAF, and join us in placing between eighty and one hundred thousand salmon in the Rogue River every year; teaching others to fish and enjoy the outdoors here on the Southern Oregon Coast!



## **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

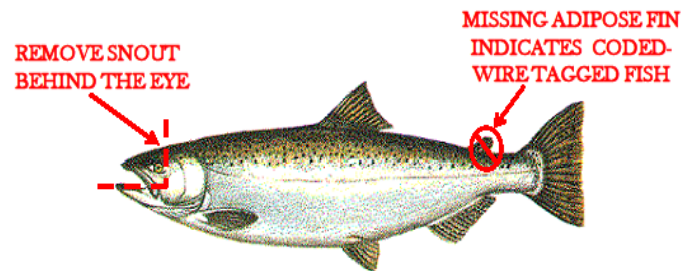
have changed for the Rogue Spring Chinook program, with more tag recoveries release strategies can be fine-tuned for better survival and greater benefit to the fishery.

### **Snout Recovery Program Drawing**

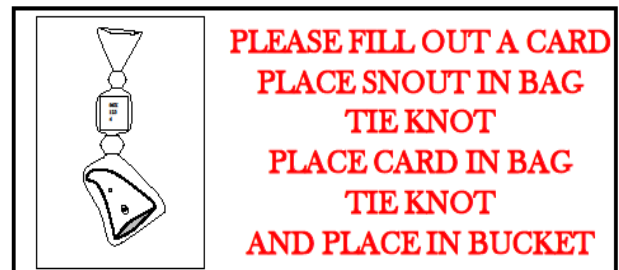
**Winner for 2021** went to Carolyn Reek, who lives in Bend, Oregon with her husband Larry. The Reeks have been coming to Gold Beach to fish for years. Carolyn was really excited about winning the rod and reel.

## **ANGLERS**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN  
COLLECTING SNOUTS FROM  
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**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





Carolyn and Larry Reek

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