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Next GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, March 18, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
at the Gold Beach Community Center. All you
can eat Breakfast 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, March 9, 2023 – 10:00 AM

MEMBERSHIP DUES Join Today!

\$20.00 - Individual Membership or

\$30.00 - Immediate family

\$72.00 - annual sponsorship

Upcoming Events

Fish ponding, raceway maintenance, and
feeding schedules are underway. If you wish to
get involved contact Gary Underhill to get on the
schedule.

April is the month for “Reel Fish Days” at
Arizona Pond fishing with third grade children
from all schools in Curry County, running April
18, 20, and 25, 2023.

Resource Day is going to take place May 4,
2023, right here at the C.A.F. Indian Creek Fish
Hatchery. This event is put on by the OSU
Extension Service and Curry County 4-H.

Please sign up with Mary Duncan to help out at
this fun event involving all of Curry County’s fifth
graders. The kid’s get to hand feed the fish in
the raceways, and go on tours of the facility.

The Life Cycle Picture Board, created by Hassie
Taylor, will be used to explain the process of
spawning and return of our 90 thousand
Chinook Salmon. There will be other agency
specialists on hand to deliver hands on lessons
on rocks, flora and fauna. The kids get tested
on their newly gained knowledge, answering
questions from the presenters. This is a half
day event scheduled for May 4th. Ruth Dixon is
the coordinator for Curry County 4H.

Picking Eggs at the Hatchery 2023



Photo provided by Bill Budd

President's Corner

By Roger Lindquist

Welcome to the new year! We have been busy since the last Riffle. We spawned over 90,000 eggs, and they are in the incubation trays. Next, we will be putting the fry into the raceways.

With the new year here, I would like to recap last year. Thank you to all the members and volunteers that participated throughout 2022 in one way or other! We raised and released 85,000 fish in a time in our history of some uncertainty. We supported the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) this last spring with Reel Fish Days at Arizona Pond, located just off the 101 Hwy north of the Prehistoric Gardens. That event involved all Curry County 3rd graders. This was done informally, with the parents assisting their kids as they learned fishing rod technics, the elements of casting, as well as hook safety and knot tying from C.A.F. volunteers; this event is one of our favorite activities of the year.

Thousand-dollar grants were awarded to deserving students from each of the local high schools. The funds will be used to help further their college goals.

We took on a new fundraiser this last year; we manned the admission gates at the 2022 Curry County Fair. This was, by all accounts, a lot of fun!

The annual Salmon Derby held in early August was a big success, and from a fundraising perspective, it was the biggest one in recent memory.

The last accomplishment is of particular importance to the future success of our hatchery. I want to thank each and every one of you for reaching out to folks. Through the group's efforts we were able to recruit twenty-five new members.

With the new year we are looking to exceed last year's success, and we can only do it with your help. We have our monthly general meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, at the Gold Beach Community Center. We want to accomplish more community support activities, but can only do so with your support through volunteering!

Contact us at Indian Creek Hatchery by phone at (541) 247-7638 or

E-mail cafroque@gmail.com

General Meeting and upcoming events for 2023

At the last general meeting in January, Gary reported that we have 90,000 healthy fish in the incubation trays, and ponding is set for mid-February. All eggs are thriving and have reached the alevin stage of development. Gary has created the feeder schedule, and needs volunteers to sign up with him to help with the daily hand feed. If you are interested, please contact Gary Underhill.

A rock slide occurred and broke the spring line going to the hatchery. Water from the main line was used for egg incubation. The spring line was repaired and system has been restored from backup water to the spring line water. A work party to pressure wash the raceways and tidy up the fish food storage area was held on January 23rd. The raceways are ready to go. Be careful when you visit as the raceway decking is slippery. Sanding of the deck will be undertaken soon.

Volunteers Needed:

We still have one board position unfilled at this time. If you are interested in helping make the big decisions for the Hatchery, please speak to a board member about the duties and responsibilities involved. You are welcome to attend a board meeting to see if it is something for you.

The volunteer coordinator position is one of great importance to the hatchery and is currently vacant. If interested, please contact Roger Lindquist.

CAF Board is looking for member involvement in the following events so far in 2023:

Curry County Fair, and parade held in late July. Salmon Derby to be held in early August.

Membership appreciation dinner that takes place in mid-December.

We have been asked by the Curry County Fair Board to be in charge of the admission gates during the Curry County Fair.

Joe Janowitz brought up the idea of having a C.A.F. booth at the fair. We would offer hats, tee shirts, and information. Having a booth at the fair could help bring awareness of what we do to a wider range of people.

The hatchery will again support Reel Fish Days. This ODFW event involves C.A.F. support of Curry County's third graders, and their families at Arizona Pond for a spring fishing event. Roger Lindquist asked if there were any other ideas for fund raising events. Mary Duncan thought we could set up a pizza night and Bill Budd talked of a rummage sale. Bill said he will coordinate the rummage sale event. Warren Riemath and Mary Duncan will work on the rummage sale with Bill. Bill Budd also brought up the idea of having a float in the fair parade in late July. Roger will look into the pizza night fundraiser idea.

Sponsor's Corner

Edward Jones

Submitted by Hassie Taylor
Charlie Keady, financial advisor for Edward Jones in Gold Beach, is deeply committed to his clients. Smaller communities, such as our smaller coastal towns, often don't have access to the same level of personalized service. However, Charlie is committed to bringing Edward Jones's national standard of client service to Gold Beach. Charlie's goal is to provide value and a local presence believing in a face-to-face relationship with his clients, as he helps them work toward achieving their financial goals. Charlie has been serving Curry County since 2020 starting in the Edward Jones Brookings office, and moving to the Gold Beach office in 2021 when the former financial advisor moved. He believes in providing equitable service to all his clients, giving them various options to meet their financial goals. In making a more personal connection with his clients, he wants them to be prepared for life-changing events such as the loss of a loved one. His office has the tools to assist with organizing and preparing decedent documents for signature and faxing. This service is offered to everyone in the community free of charge. On a more personal note, Charlie was born and raised in North Bend, Oregon. He spent fifteen years in education as a history teacher. Today Charlie and his wife, Amanda, enjoy their home on the Oregon coast. Charlie is also an avid Ducks fan. Curry Anadromous Fishermen will be pleased to know that Charlie is ready to begin volunteering for CAF.

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Charlie.keady@edwardjones.com



Photo by Hassie Taylor

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. One of our donation activities, Amazon Smile, is discontinuing their program.

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: Turtle Rock RV Park, Indian Creek R.V. 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. 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.

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 cafroque@gmail.com or 541 247-7638

Volunteer Spotlight

Submitted By Hassie Taylor

Bruce Blanthorn joined the hatchery in 2019 when he was recruited by Gary Underhill to help unload feed as his introduction to hatchery chores. Since then, Bruce has been actively engaged in the many jobs of the hatchery including egg counting, daily feed and cleaning of the raceways, helping with the salmon derby, spawning and his favorite activity, fin-clipping. In 2020 Bruce became a board member and still serves in that capacity today. As a board member he recognizes the need to encourage young volunteers to become involved in the hatchery.

Bruce was born and raised in Utah where the family owned a small ranch raising cattle and horses. At the age of eighteen Bruce left the ranch and joined the Army. After serving his term, Bruce decided it was time for a career change. His love for the outdoors led him to

Wyoming where he became a hunting guide and offered guided summer pack trips in Jackson Hole. In addition, he offered guided fishing trips, including fly fishing, on the Snake and Green Rivers. In the 1980's Bruce opened another new chapter in life when he started in construction as a heavy equipment operator building houses. Bruce has been one with nature all his life enjoying hunting, fishing and tending horses. In the past few years, he and his significant other have settled into retirement life on the beautiful Oregon coast. He is very content to be involved in CAF where he has made many new friends; he greatly appreciates all the people at the hatchery.



Photo provided by Bruce Blanthorn

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023

C.A.F. scholarships were established nine years ago from bequeathed funds and donations specific to education. This program started out as a single scholarship for one Gold Beach High School student in the amount of \$500. The funding was then expanded to all three schools in Curry County, in the amount of \$1000. This year the scholarship amount will be \$1500 per school.

The application process has been updated to include that any applicant pursuing a fisheries or related major, or who were involved in fisheries activities as a volunteer would be given priority in the selection process.

Jock Headlee and John Connor will assist Jack Sheehan in making this year's selections.

CAF Welcomes New Members

Paul and Jane Doroff
Mike and Jeanie Knowles
Dave and Mary Lu Kuehn
Leonard and Anna Krug
Stephine Porter-Tognotti
Lisa Tognotti-Porter
Jerry and Lynn Turner

We challenge all interested residents of Curry County to become active members of CAF. Join us as each year we succeed in placing between eighty and one hundred thousand salmon in the Rogue River; get involved in teaching others to fish, and help give back to our community.

In Memoria



Fred Notestine Photo by Joe Janowicz

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Fred Notestine passed away the first week of February.

Fred was a longtime volunteer who reveled in the friendships of others here at the Hatchery. Fred was always there to help with spawning, cleaning raceways, feeding fish, and especially

fund raising. It was well known that he had the ability to sell snowballs to Eskimos. I personally accompanied him on a few fundraising trips over the years, to local businesses and shops, and people could not turn him down. He was so good at describing what goes on at the hatchery, and how their donations would help. His unique skills, friendly smile and demeanor made fundraising easy for him.

Fred, like most of us, loved to fish. Shown here is the photo of his triumphant double catch on the Rogue River a few years back. On that day, while the rest of us got skunked, Fred proved that he could talk the salmon right into the boat. Fred was my great friend and fishing companion, and there will forever be an empty seat in my boat held in his honor. Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and their family.

May he rest in peace.

Yours in conservation †
Joe Janowicz

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