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

Next GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, June 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. at the Gold Beach Community Center. All you can eat Breakfast is available for purchase.

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 8, 2023 - 10:00 AM

MEMBERSHIP DUES Join Today!

\$20.00 - Individual Membership or

\$30.00 - Immediate family

\$72.00 - annual sponsorship

Upcoming Event

Fish feeding is ongoing. Raceway maintenance and repairs to the net and railings is moving forward on the work schedule. Fin Clipping is set for June. Thanks everyone for getting the word out on the need for help from volunteers with fund raising activities this year. The Life Cycle Picture Board, created by Hassie Taylor was refurbished by Vickie Riley and Linda Suthers, and will be used to explain the process of spawning and return for our 90 thousand Chinook Salmon. Appreciate you!

The CAF Rummage Sale will be held at the Curry County Fair Grounds June 24th. Please contact Bill Budd at (503) 929-3259 to donate items for this fundraiser.

There will be a CAF Display Booth at the 4th of July Party at the Port event being held at the Port of Gold Beach. We will promote the Annual CAF Indian Creek Salmon Derby which is scheduled for August 9 through 12th. We will also offer CAF merchandise for sale.

In support of the Curry County Fair being held on July 26 – 29th, CAF members will be taking fair tickets at the gates for the entire event. Come out and support the fair.



Raceway Crowd Photo provided by Bill Budd

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to www.rogueriversalmon.org

President's Corner

By Roger Lindquist

Hello from the President.

I am writing this article upon my return from an almost 8000-mile trip that my wife and I took through middle America over the last three weeks. After seeing a vast majority of this beautiful country, I still consider this Paradise! With Springer season in full progress, I am happy to report that the run has been good. With the rains and snow pack, I am hopeful that we will have the same runoff for the Fall Chinook that brings folks to town all Summer.

We have ponded all the fish at the hatchery and they are doing well. They are eating as much as we will feed them and are growing fast. With this growth comes the next big event in their lifecycle, fin clipping.

We are going to be tagging and clipping the smolts starting the week of June 12th. If you have not been contacted, expect to receive an email with the dates and time very soon. I cannot stress enough how important fin clipping is for this year's hatchery salmon. I personally ask that you come on down to the hatchery, and help get the fin clipping done in record time. We have many other information and/or fundraising events coming up this Summer. Please get involved to help raise our fish!

Contact us at Indian Creek Hatchery by phone at (541) 247-7638 or E-mail at cafrogue@gmail.com

CAF Welcomes New Members

Laura and George Hawkins of Gold Beach, and Gail and George Flinn of Brookings. Welcome, and we hope to see all of you at the next general meeting.

We challenge all interested residents of Curry County to become active members of CAF. Join us as each year as 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. Come on out and enjoy the outdoors on the Southern Oregon Coast!



Bruce Blanthorn and Bill Budd Recruitment Day, Curry County Library Photo by Roger Lindquist

Sponsor's Corner

Oregon Anglers Alliance By Leonard Krug & Hassie Taylor

The Oregon Anglers Alliance, a 501c3 organization, is the largest angling advocacy in Oregon. OAA maintains a Science Review Panel that is second to none. We represent a collaborative mix of commercial. recreational, and tribal angling organizations, business owners, public agencies, and natural resource advocates, who are dedicated to help ensure the maximum sustainable harvest from our fisheries throughout the state of Oregon. Our goal is to ensure that all state fishery management decisions are science based, providing an optimal future for Oregon fisheries. The management system includes STEP programs, hatcheries and the OHRC. Oregon Anglers Alliance provides us all with a large unified voice for enhancement and protection of our fishing rights, giving Oregon anglers throughout the state a strong and powerful voice at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the legislative regulatory sessions. The goal is to craft a plan that will create greater fish abundance for increased angling and harvest opportunity through habitat enhancement and responsibly operated hatchery programs. The OAA supports research and/or policy that:

- 1. measures the health of streams and fish populations
- 2. increase sustainable harvest opportunities
- 3. demonstrates that wild and hatchery fish may be complimentary to one another
- 4. creates new angling, educational and economic opportunities

This can be best accomplished by putting the future of our fisheries as the number one priority. The future of fishing is largely dependent on harvest.

What's good for fish is good for fishermen; what's good for fisherman is good for fish. Volunteers are key to meeting these goals. If you are interested in joining the larger, more united voice of the Oregon Anglers Alliance, check out their website at:

www.oregonanglersalliance.org.

Membership is FREE. Stay informed.



Leonard Krug, President Oregon Angler's Alliance - Photo by Leonard Krug

Sources:

Krug, Leonard.
Interview conducted by Hassie Taylor
11 April 2023 Publications, Welcome to the
Oregon Anglers Alliance
OAA Scope of Intent (draft)
Keys to Salmonid Restoration

Ways to help the Hatchery through donations

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 Rock 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.

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Thank you for anything you can do to help 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 or (541) 373-7848

Reel Fishing Days at Arizona Pond

Noah MacPherson and his lunker trout Reel Fish Days at Arizona Pond 2023



Photo by Mary Duncan

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.

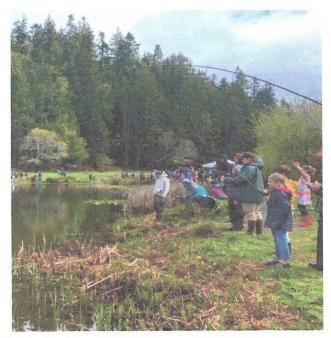


Photo by Aaron Duncan

Volunteer Spotlight

Submitted By Hassie Taylor



Jesse Dolan Photo by Jesse Dolan

Jesse and his lovely wife, Barbara, joined me for coffee a few weeks ago and shared their passions and traveling adventures as they changed homesteads from Alaska to southern California. They met and married in Alaska and have enjoyed thirty-three years traveling the world. In our conversation, they mentioned that they had spent some time in Gold Beach around 2005. Having been to so many places, they decided to make Gold Beach their permanent home. I'd like to think of them as salmon, returning years later finding their way home. Jesse described their experience as having "been everywhere." Professionally, Jesse is an engineer and worked for/at Ridgequest at the China Lake Navel Weapons Station for TCTS, Technical Combat Training Systems training pilots. After moving back to Gold Beach, he has spent the last four years working for SAIC (Science for Applications International Corp.)

So, how did Jesse become involved in CAF? Well, it should not come as a surprise that Fred Notestine, a man who devoted many volunteer hours to the hatchery, introduced Jesse to a fisherman's world. From that moment on, Jesse has been an active participant. He's looking forward to manning the gates at the fair and

April's "Reel Fish Days at Arizona Pond. Jesse shared that learning the workings of the hatchery has been most interesting to him. So, of course, he has become involved in many hatchery jobs including seining, feeding fish, counting egg, and participating in work parties. He's now looking forward to helping with the release of our smolts into the Rogue this summer. With a new pair of waders and rain gear, he is ready for the job. It was already mentioned that one of Jesse's passions revolves around learning. He also likes learning more about finance and playing the stock market. Additionally, Jesse enjoys crabbing, fishing for surf perch, and spending time in nature. Hiking and camping, are included on his leisure list. Jesse especially enjoys the CAF crew in accomplishing tasks that make the hatchery a better place.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023

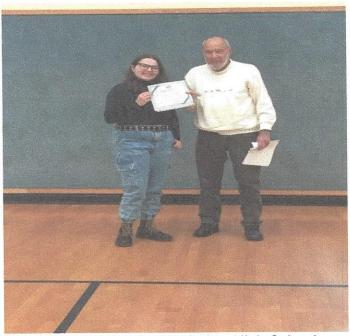
C.A.F. scholarships were established nine years ago from a bequeathment to the hatchery. The scholarships started out as a single scholarship for Gold Beach High School for \$500. It was soon expanded to all three schools in Curry County and the amount was raised to \$1000. This year the amount of the scholarship is \$1500 per school.

The application requirements were updated this year to state that an applicant that is going to pursue a fisheries or related major, or has been involved in fisheries activities as a volunteer, would have that application weighted more heavily in the selection process.

Jack Sheehan and his team (Jock Headly and John Connor) have reviewed the applications, and have selected the 2023 recipients.



Jack Sheehan with Jackson Brose, Gold Beach High School Scholarship recipient



Allison Dodds, Brookings Harbor High School Scholarship recipient with Jack Sheehan

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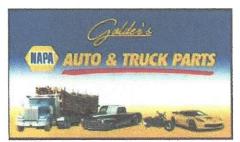
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