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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Not much to report about this month which is a good thing. The fish are all in the raceways and doing well. We are still looking for some more daily feeders. It usually only takes about 1-2 hours in the morning and even if you can only do one day a month it would be a help. About the only problem we are having at the hatchery at this time is that the valves that control the flow of water into the raceways are 30 years old and like me, some of the parts are starting to fail. We are working on replacing the worn out parts but from the quotes that I've gotten it may be cheaper to just replace the entire valves with newer models with less parts to go wrong. I wish I could do the same! As you may have heard, Becky Sophusson managed to get a great deal on a used 24in by 60in griddle that we will be using for the pancake breakfast during the music fest this July and August. I'd like to thank Dean Pollen, John Chafin, and Phil and Marshal Dickson for spending the better part of a Saturday scrubbing and cleaning the griddle into like new condition. Thanks guys!

Fishing Quote of the Month

People who fish for food, and sport be damned, are called pot-fishermen. The more expert ones are called crack pot-fishermen. All other fishermen are called crackpot fishermen. This is confusing. ~Ed Zern, 1947

CAF General Meeting

March 12, 2015

President- David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes of the Feb. general meeting was approved as printed in the Mar. issue of The Riffle.

Treasurer- Barbara Jorge reported a Feb. monthly loss of \$980.93. There were 2 donations of \$250 for the 2015 fishing derby and a donation of \$1,000 from the Middle Rogue Steelheaders to purchase new bird netting for the raceways. A multi-use enclosed trailer was purchased for \$1,750.

Trailer- CAF purchased a multi-use, enclosed trailer that will be used for fireworks storage in July, the Bi-Mart Country Music Festival in August and other events during the year. We were fortunate that Becky Sophusson scoured the internet for a good deal and found one in their previous hometown of Bellingham, Wa. We are even more grateful that Becky and Dave volunteered to spend 2 days driving to purchase and pick up the trailer!

ODFW- The volunteer form MUST be completed and signed by ALL hatchery volunteers. Randy Waters has volunteered to transfer each volunteer's information onto the computer, so the forms can be printed out and ready for signatures next year.

HATCHERY- Gary Underhill reported: all the fish are in the raceways and the feeding schedule is in force; the vacuum pumps will be operable next week and Gary is getting new wheels for the brush head; work will be done on the raceway #3 valve; Jim Hutchins of Oregon Stewardship has been mowing and trimming to keep the hatchery looking great; the new bird netting has been ordered; the new, sturdier vault intake screen was delivered and will be installed when needed.

2015 Fundraisers- Becky is waiting for updates from the Bi-Mart Country Music Festival organizers and reported that the premium admission tickets are sold out. HELP, a new coordinator for the fireworks booth has not yet volunteered. Harry Carlson and Jim Carey are

working on organization details, prize donations and sponsorships.

Arizona Beach Reel Fishing Days- April 22,23,28,30. Volunteers needed to help elementary students from Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford learn fishing basics and then help them catch fish.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, CAF Volunteer Coordinator
(541) 425-0396 or 247-0396

Our approximately 90,000 Chinook Salmon babies are doing fantastic. We have all 3 raceways up and running at the hatchery with about 30,000 fry in each raceway. The Incubator Room has been cleaned and John Epps has sterilized the filtration system and shut it down for this year. Now it becomes the Feeding Game, and all 3 raceways are eating really good and growing daily.

Daily feeders will feed the AM Handfeed and fill the auto-feeders for all raceways, the food is in the closet, already measured out for you. Please clean all screens, especially the bottom screens and take the water temperature. The thermometer is tied to a string at the bottom of Rwy #1, log temp. in notebook for each raceway. Pull, count and log all morts in each raceway, dump dead fry over back wall. We should have the vacuum's set-up by the beginning of April, so check the calendar for vacuum schedule, also scrub walls of assigned raceway. When daily feeders are done with chores, please call me at 541 425-0396, or if you have any questions or problems. If you check-in when done, I know the fish have been fed.

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up at Arizona Beach the end of February to clean up the weeds and prepare the pond for Reel Days, while the water level was super low. Weber headed up the work party and about 15 to 20 volunteers showed up with weed whackers, wheelbarrows, boots and gloves and went to town preparing the area for fishing with

the kids in April. ODFW even bought pizza and fed the volunteers for helping out, Great Job guys!!

Okay everyone mark your calendar for Reel Days at Arizona Beach starting on April 22 & 23 and finishing up on April 28 & 30. For those who are not familiar with Reel Days, it's when we teach all the 3rd grade classes from Gold Beach, Brookings and Pt. Orford how to fish at Arizona Beach Pond.

John Weber from ODFW started this 3rd graders field trip to Arizona Beach to learn how to fish in 2009 and named it Reel Days in 2010 and it has become a much anticipated field trip for the kids. The kids come excited to learn how to fish, and plant tree, no matter what the weather is doing, rain or shine, we fish!!

ODFW Youth Anglers & Aquatic Instructors along with Curry Anadromous Fishermen(CAF) and Oregon South Coast Fishermen(OSCF) volunteers teach the kids to tie knots, how to cast and how to fish for trout. The pond is located about 15 miles north of Gold Beach and we always need more volunteers to help, the more the merrier, so give me a call if you'd like to help, it's an opportunity of a lifetime to see these kids catch their first fish.

All the fishing gear & bait is provided, and the pond is stocked the week before with Rainbow Trout of all sizes-Lunkers and pan size. All volunteers, come prepared, dress in layers, wear boots, bring rain gear, clippers or pliers to get hooks out or clip lines, sunscreen maybe?!

We will provide lunch for all of the volunteer too, so I'm looking for some good cooks to make salads and/or desserts and help out with the food, since I'm going to be out of town this year. BJ Waters has volunteered to help with lunches, but she's also a fish cleaner, so help!

Enough on that, the next project will be fin clipping sometime in June and the Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby the first weekend in June, the same time our son will be graduating from High School, I can see it's going to be a busy June already.

Harry Carlson is looking for some women to help get donations and setup a women's raffle board for the September Salmon Derby, Any Volunteers?? Also, looking for people to team up with Daily Feeders who need help feeding and cleaning raceways. Anyone interested please give me a call.

Volunteers remember to fill out the yearly volunteer forms, they are in the office at the hatchery. I think I've remembered everything, look forward to seeing you all at the hatchery and around town. We have some new faces volunteering, so if you see me, please stop and introduce yourself, so I can put faces to the names on my volunteer list.

New Zealand Mudsnails

By guest speaker Kelly Timchak
Curry Watershed

Background:

Aquatic invasive species such as New Zealand mudsnails (NZMS) can affect freshwater ecosystems by dominating macroinvertebrate communities and outcompeting for limited food and habitat, in turn affecting food webs. Fish will consume NZMS but generally do not gain nutrients as they would from other macroinvertebrates, affecting fish growth rates and survival. The Oregon State Marine Board web site states "Invaders out-compete native species and ultimately remove necessary nutrients from the water column that fish and other native organisms need to survive."

The most likely vector for spreading NZMS to new water bodies is from humans activities involving boats and wading gear. NZMS can survive for several weeks out of the water in a moist environment. A single NZMS can establish a new population because they are able to clone themselves and self-reproduce. It only takes one female.

Once NZMS have become established, eradication is not feasible. By educating the public on proper cleaning techniques, the risk of spreading NZMS can be reduced. Reducing the spread of NZMS to non-infested water bodies is critical. In 1999, several snails were collected near Gold Beach on the Rogue River. In 2003 a volunteer monitor found NZMS in Garrison Lake, and then NZMS were also detected in the New River/ Floras Lake system.

Study:

New Zealand mudsnail presence/absence was sampled on 44 unique stream reaches, from Fourmile Creek to Garrison Lake, in Coos and Curry Counties.

(Additional study details can be obtained by contacting:

cricks@currywatersheds.org)

- New River had the highest densities of NZMS among streams in study.
- NZMS were present in the Sixes River Estuary, below the Hughes House/parking area.
- NZMS were found in the Elk River Estuary at higher densities, but were NOT detected at the hatchery. There was a low density at the Iron Head boat launch as well.
- Garrison Lake found the most abundant densities at the Pinehurst Ramp, and the 12th Street Ramp. NZMS were NOT found in Buffington Pond and Mill Creek.

How you can help to prevent the spread:

- **CLEAN and INSPECT** - Thoroughly rinse and inspect all gear and boating equipment before you leave the area. Clean gear of all material coming from the water
 - scrub soles of boots
 - rinse waders
 - drain cooling and livewell water away from shore
 - inspect hard to clean areas like laces, insoles, etc.
 - Treat with Formula 409 Cleaner Degreaser Disinfectant Solution (50% dilution recommended) for 5 minutes (dispose of chemicals properly!).
- **DRY** - Completely dry all gear and boating equipment for 48 hours before using in a different area.
 - Multiple sets of gear are recommended for frequent travelers visiting many areas.

REPORT - To report mudsnails or other invasive species, call 1-866-INVADER (toll free in Oregon)

The information was provided by the Curry Soil and Water Conservation District.

Contact cricks@currywatersheds.org for more information.

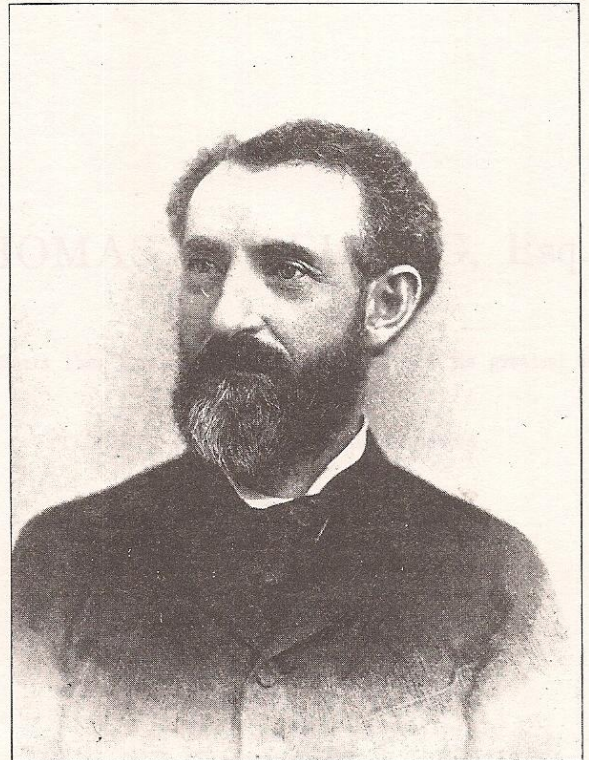
Rogue River Renderings

Historical Bits of our Salmon Fishery

Contributed by Laurel Gerkman

1906 INDENTURE

In 1906, an indenture was signed between Gunder Anderson and Robert D. Hume at Wedderburn, Oregon.



Gunder Truly R D Hume

Hume owned all the bottomlands along the Rogue River for ten miles, and thusly, he monopolized its fishery for 30 years.

For the sum of \$1.00, Anderson was granted salmon fishing privileges for set nets along the south bank from Hunt Rock extending two hundred yards upstream to the first rocky point—except—when Hume's nets were in operation.

Anderson further agreed to operate one drift net on said grounds under the same provisions. Any fish caught must be delivered to Hume's cannery. Compensation was set at 20

cents for each Chinook salmon and 15 cents per Steelhead.

Hume would furnish a reasonable amount of necessary gear.

Some restrictions applied. It was understood that Anderson nor his heirs or agents shall operate any 'blind pig' nor distribute, sell or give away any malt or spirituous liquors to employees of Hume and shall at all times be respectful.

Any violation meant immediate termination of the lease, otherwise, it remained in full force for the period of one year, at the end of which Anderson could renegotiate or choose to peaceably quit the fishery and turn over any equipment in his possession.

Source: Excerpts from the Curry County Echoes,

Volume II, Curry County Historical Society

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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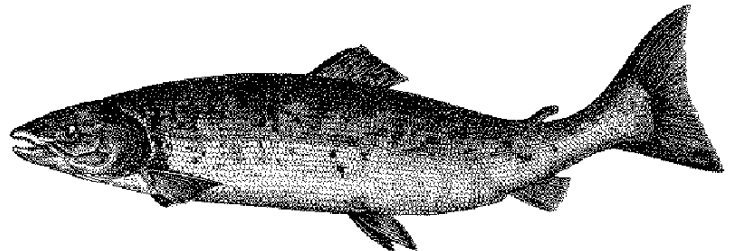
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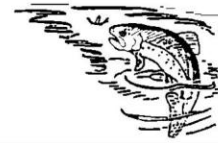
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