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## **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson

Due to being called out of state before and during the CAF fishing derby, Becky and I weren't able to attend the award ceremonies. From the feedback that I have gotten, it sounded like the best derby yet for the hatchery. I really want to thank Harry Carlson for taking over this project after the passing of Mike Kopec. Harry and his team again raised the bar to new heights for monies made and an entertaining awards ceremony at the end of the derby. Thank you Harry and your helpers for all the hours you put in to make it all happen! I would also like to thank Jim Carey for his efforts and support of the hatchery; he makes pretty darn good MC also! As far as the hatchery goes, we are getting some of the maintenance issues taken care of and are preparing to brood tank for the next batch of stock for spawning this fall; here we go again. Thanks everyone for all that you do, and I am again looking forward to working with you again for another year.

## **UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY**

Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Become a CAF board member and put your hidden talents to work. Two wonderful board members, Barbara Jorge and Randy Waters, are retiring to travel. They will be difficult to replace, but you may be the ideal person to take their place. The seven remaining board members will welcome your input, advice and insight to improve and strengthen the

competent, successful and cooperative organization of dedicated CAF volunteers.

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It's as easy as letting any board member know you're interested. Only one two hour board meeting and one general meeting a month- how easy is that? Please, get involved. Call now!

### **Fund Raising Event at Cape Blanco Music Festival, 2015**

Submitted by Becky Sophusson

CAF would like to give a special thank you to Pam and Phil Dickson for thinking of the hatchery and presenting the information on the Bi-Mart Music Festival to CAF at the general meeting which allowed us to apply for one of the many opportunities and CAF was chosen to work the hospitality area. Without Pam's quick thinking of what organization might fill in at the last moment for the pancake feed, CAF would not have gotten this amazing opportunity. Without both of their long hours and efforts we could not have pulled it off.

With a new location near the main gate, the CAF pancake feed was a huge success. We went through approximately 350 lbs ham, 400 lbs eggs, 650 cartons of milk, 300 lbs pancake mix, 48 gallons of OJ and served over 1400 people. We doubled our number of people served from last year and will expect our numbers to grow more next year. Our volunteers also worked the hospitality tents area and enjoyed some great music.

McKay's Market supplied CAF with the ham. We extend an enormous thank you to the Meat Department Manager, Daniel Haynes, for all his hard work in finding our ham and then slicing it. We would also like to thank Kevin at Sunrise Distributors for supplying us with product and working around our schedule for pickup.

Now it's time to thank the following volunteers for their hard work at the music festival: Mike Ananos, Marilyn Brechmann, Rob Brechmann, Aaron Duncan, Mary Duncan, Bill Fetzer, Carol Fetzer, John Gebhard, Barbara Huff, Barbara Jorge, Jeremy Loween, Laura Loween, Dean Pollen, Steve Pomerleau, Zach Taylor, Bob Tindell, Mary Tindell, Dawn VanDort, Jon VanDort, Randy Waters, Don Wood, and Cathy Wood. Nicely done everyone!

CAF is very fortunate to have such amazing volunteers! Thank you again.

### **CAF General Meeting** **September 10, 2015**

Vice President- John Epps called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Minutes from the July & August meetings were approved as printed in the September edition of The Riffle. There will be two board positions open for 2016 as Barbara Jorge and Randy Waters will leave the board at the end of the year. The board discussed the economic feasibility of distributing The Riffle to the majority of the members and sending printed copies to those members who prefer that choice. A discussion is needed with The Riffle production team. The website manager, Eric Ragsdale, has asked the membership for ideas to improve the website content, including the addition of PayPal for donations and dues. Treasurer- Barbara Jorge was absent, so Glenn Kral reported the gain of \$9,234.71 for August as a result of the BiMart music festival. **HATCHERY-** Gary Underhill reported: the last fish were released at a weight of 12/#; repairs are being done for next season; the raceways are clean and empty; the blocker dam is in place; covers will be placed over the vacuum pumps so they don't have to be removed; a contractor will be reviewing the work needed to repair the jump pools before the rain starts. **ODFW-** ODFW will begin seining Oct. 1st every MWF at Huntley Park and will be retaining brood stock for our next season. Volunteer help is always needed and welcome. **Salmon Derby-** Derby chairman, Harry Carlson, reported that there were 80 entrants currently. Thanks to some good volunteer help everything is ready for the awards dinner and prize award ceremony. The dinner and evening festivities are open to the public. **Pizza Night** at Sunset Family Pizza on Nov. 4th- Hassie Taylor will be working on fliers, ads and tickets and will be seeking 12-15 volunteers to work 3 hours each on that evening. **NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2016.** Fantastic opportunity! The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am Submitted by Glenn Kral, Secretary

**HATCHERY-** Gary Underhill reported: water pressure and oxygen levels are low; the oxygen system was activated after fin clipping; the high

mort rate is now happening in raceway 1; fish are feeding well and are sizing up nicely; there were quite a few tours on July 4th.

**Fireworks-** The fireworks booth netted close to \$1,900 thanks to many hours of volunteer time. The volunteers expressed a well-deserved thank you to Dave and Becky for all the organizing, ordering, preparing *and* working the booth. the awards dinner and prize award ceremony. The dinner and evening festivities are open to the public.

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## **Hatchery Happenings**

Submitted by:

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

We'll start off with many Thank You's to our Gold Beach community and all the CAF volunteers who helped put on and supported the 5th Annual CAF Rogue River Salmon Derby! We had 100 entries in the 6 day derby, with 97 fish weighted in at Fishermen Direct. The Blind Boogey weight was drawn during the awards banquet, one digit at a time, and the final winning weight was the one closest to 19lbs 06ozs and the winners were:

1st place \$1000. Richard Han, Gold Beach 19lbs 04ozs

2nd place \$500. Joseph Worrell, Gold Beach

3rd place \$250. Cathy Wood, Gold Beach and also a CAF Volunteer, Yeah!!

We also had an anonymous donation of \$100 in honor of Mike Kopec, and the fish closest to 20lbs 10ozs won, because Mike started the derby in 2010. It was nice to hear BJ mention Mike's name as she read the short letter that was sent with the donation and the winner was Robert Herd. Thank you to ?

Biggest Fish caught each day also received bragging rights and prizes:

Tues 8-8 Corey Dambacher 23.05lbs

Wed 8-9 Robert Archer 31.03lbs

Thur 8-10 Roland Pierson 33.02 lbs  
was the biggest fish of the entire derby!!

Fri 8-11 Keith Waters 29.04 lbs

Sat 8-12 John Chafin 29.05 lbs  
also a hatchery volunteer!

Sun 8-13 Joey Guntle 26.06 lbs

We had 170 people attend the award banquet on Sunday, Sept.13 and they enjoyed tasty dinners prepared by Mangia Buff and Woggy's. A big thank you to both vendors for the great food, but an extra thanks to Kevin of Mangia Buff who provided the bar and secured Susan and her band to play music throughout the evening. There were some beautiful handmade items donated for the silent auction too. I must apologize I've been out of town since the derby, my dog finally had his knee surgery, so I don't have all my derby sponsors or donations list with me, but I'll make it right new month, when I return.

I do know that Harry Carlson, Mary & Aaron Duncan, Marcia Frizzell and especially Jim Carey and his wife and all the gang from Rogue Outdoor Store, all deserve a pat on the back and a big THANK YOU for putting on this great fundraiser derby for the hatchery. Great job guys and girls, you did it!!

Okay, on to hatchery stuff, heads up everyone, the adventure will begin again starting Oct. 1st with any Chinook Salmon that the ODFW crew nets while seigning at Huntley Park, will be put into the adult holding tank at the hatchery and held until spawning starts Mid-November. I'll be calling for volunteers Mid-October to help collect more broodstock and help clear out the ladder when the rains bring our hatchery fish up the creek. If you want to play with fish, get prepared, I'll be calling and waders are not required, but they help you keep dry. I look forward to seeing everyone at spawning and if you have any questions please give me a call, [541 425-0396](tel:5414250396).

Thank you all for everything you do, it's greatly appreciated.

## **Fishing Quote of the Month**

My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it. ~ Koos Brandt

# Rogue River Renderings

Contributed by Laurel Gerkman

## Hume's Empire

Hume's empire depended on his success in catching the Chinook salmon. The fishermen he employed used two techniques. The older of the two was seining. This operation took place as soon as the tide began to recede and, naturally, took place only on the tidelands. When the tide turned, the men waded out on the sand and placed one end of the seine in a large boat; the other end was fastened to a small dory. At a signal, the boat pulling the seine circled around against the current so as to trap the fish heading upstream. The men in the dory hurried to the bar with the shore end of the net, trying to get it in as soon as possible in order to prevent the escape of the salmon around the shore end. After this was done, the outer line was brought in to the shore by the seine boat. The catch was then sorted.

The second type of fishing practiced on Rogue River was gill netting. Whereas the object of the seine was to haul in all types and sizes of fish, the purpose of the gill net was to catch the salmon's gills in its meshes, which were so woven that small fish slipped through the net.

The 'set' gill net was placed in a fixed position across the river. The net was pulled out about an hour before high-water slack and taken in one hour after the turn of the tide.



*Photo provided by Laurel Gerkman*

It was attached to a post on shore and to a launch or rowboat that was rowed out to the river channel where stakes were driven so that the net was placed at right angles to the course

of the tide. When the salmon moved with the tide, they struck the nets with their heads, their gills became tangled, and they drowned. When the tidal run was over, the net was raised and catch removed. The set net, it must be noted, was never anchored or staked completely across the river at any point, for then none of the breeding fish would be able to get through to spawn.



*Photo provided by Laurel Gerkman*

Or a 'drift' technique was used. The boat puller rowed the boat two-thirds of the way across the stream and then turned downstream so that the net for an L-shape. The top of the net was corked and the bottom one leaded so that the net held its shape. The net was released and floated downstream with the current, being guided at one end by a floating buoy and at the other by the boat. After a deep estuary or eddy was passed, they hauled the net in.

The men who fished for R.D. Hume were all local area residents. Their familiar names occur in the records year after year: Caughells, Clarnos, Strahan, Meserveys dominate the pages.

In the spring season of 1885, Hume employed eighteen fishermen, seven of whom worked the drift nets and eleven the sets. At the time, Hume contract agreed to pay 25 cents per usable fish caught and all fish had to be sold to Hume's cannery.

Seining arrangements were handled differently. For the two primary locations, there was a boss on each seine and three men under him. Primary seine locations were at Bagnell's ferry, Canfield bar, and Lobster Creek. Wages at the

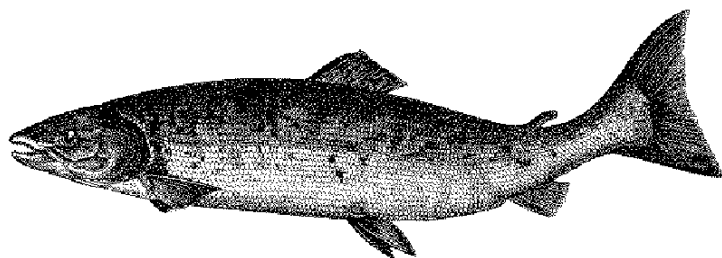


time averaged \$60 monthly to the boss, and \$40 to each assistant plus seasonal room & board.

Source: Dodds, Gordon B., The Salmon King of Oregon, The University of North Carolina Press, 1959.

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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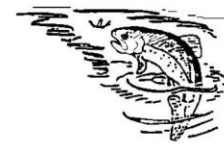
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