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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY  
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## **Next GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, Jan 10, 2013 – 10:00AM**

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Thank you!

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

## **President's Corner**

David Sophusson

I would just like to say that it has been great  
working with all of you these past few years and  
I am looking forward to working with you and,  
hopefully, meeting some new members in the  
upcoming new year. Best wishes for a Happy  
Holiday Season and a Safe and Prosperous  
New Year.

**REMINDER-** RAY'S MARKETS NO LONGER  
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ALL MEMBERS TO SIGN UP FOR RAY'S ALL  
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## **Fishing Quote of the Month**

Scholars have long known that fishing  
eventually turns men into philosophers.  
Unfortunately, it is impossible to buy descent  
tackle on a philosopher's salary.

~ Patrick F. McManus

## CAF General Meeting Dec. 7, 2012

**Vice President** - Gary Underhill called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

The current CAF Board was introduced: Philip Dickson, John Epps, Jim Freedman, Glenn Kral, Barbara Jorge, David Sophusson, Tom Tostenson, Gary Underhill, and Randy Waters. Philip Dickson has decided not to remain a board member. Jack Sheehan was nominated for a board position by Gary Underhill to take Philip Dickson's place and Jack accepted. All "ayes" from the general members at the meeting confirmed Jack's nomination and the re-election of the remaining board members. Barbara Jorge, our Interim Treasurer, will be the 2013 CAF Treasurer replacing Mike Kopec.

**The 2013 CAF Board Members are: John Epps, Jim Freedman, Glenn Kral, Barbara Jorge, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Tom Tostenson, Gary Underhill, Randy Waters.**

**ODFW** – John Weber announced volunteer work logged a total of around 8,100 hours this year. What does this really mean? It means that we volunteers are worth a whopping \$175,000!

Part of the 8,100 hours breaks down as follows: CAF donated almost 100 fish to the food bank, put in around 1,000 hours into fundraising, 500 hours into fin clipping, 1,000 hours into feeding the fish and 820 hours into teaching kids how to fish at the Arizona Beach "Reel and Fish Days" held each April.

Next Weber presented Certificates of Appreciation honoring some of the hard-working volunteers for their excellent service over the past year. This year's recipients included Joan Cooper, Terry Grear, Rich Watson, Pat Eckle, Dean Pollen, and Philip Dickson. Congratulations to them. Weber reaffirmed that ALL our volunteers did an outstanding job.

**STEP** – Rich Heap from the STEP Advisory Program representing the Lower Rogue District commended CAF for the work we do in connecting our community with fish. STEP helps us with the propagation permits and in acquiring grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM

**Miscellaneous.** – Hassie Taylor, *The Riffle* editor, thanked all past as well as the new 2013 volunteers who signed up to participate in the "Volunteer of the Month Profile" section of the newsletter.

Submitted by Secretary ProTem, Hassie Taylor

### Profile of the Month Sign-ups for 2013

And the line-up is...

January	Jim Freeman
February	Barbara Jorge
March	Vern Tarwater
April	John Wilson
May	Katie DeBord
June	Mary & Aaron Duncan
July	
August	
September	Joan Cooper
October	Philip Dickson
November	Chris Underhill
December	John Weber

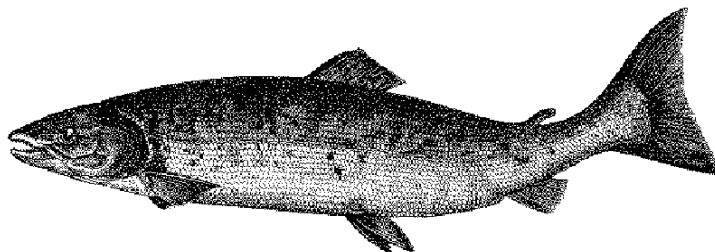
As you can see, we have 2 unfilled spots. Don't you enjoy reading this section? This could be *your* moment in the spotlight to become famous! Call Hassie to secure your spot.

247-0733

### Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,  
CAF Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Oct..</b>	<b>Nov.</b>
Operating Capital	\$23,209	\$25,732
Nov. Income		4,250
Nov. Expenses		1,727



# Volunteer of the Month Profile

## Jim Hutchins

Interview by Hassie Taylor

If one were to describe Jim Hutchins with one word, what would it be? **Passion!** Jim is passionate about the environment, passionate about his friends and family, and passionate for the students he mentors. His life is filled with enjoying and enhancing the rivers and mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Jim says he has the same curiosity now as he did as a youngster. He enjoys exploring streams and rivers, looking for fish, and learning every day. Sharing his passion for discovery is his mantra.

"In 1993 he founded Oregon Stewardship (originally Rural Outdoor Education) which emphasizes a balanced, positive approach to resource management. Jim helps high school and college students learn to improve and preserve ecosystems surrounding their communities through classroom and hands-on projects. In 1994 Jim was recognized with the "Oregon Spirit" award by KTVL. Other awards he has earned over the years include 'Caring for the Land', U.S. Forest Service, and 'Outstanding Achievement Award for Conservation Education'. U.S. Forest Service and BLM. In 2004 Jim was recognized as a Volunteer of the Year by BLM and inducted into the Wild Salmon Hall of Fame by the Northwest Salmon Center on Hoods Canal. Jim received the Heritage Award from the National Center for Conservation Science and Policy in 2006."

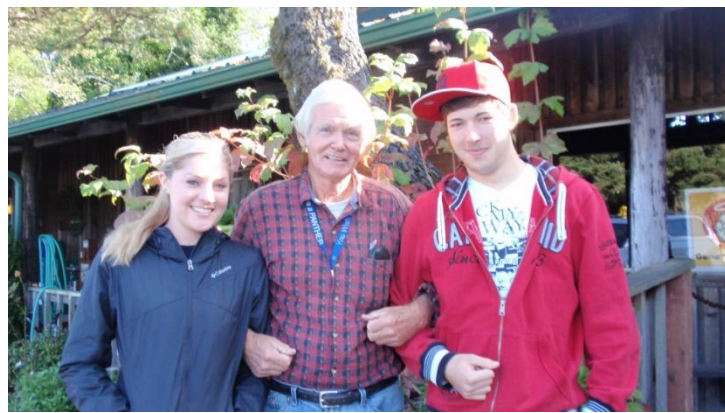
Jim does a lot of traveling to meet the goals of the Oregon Stewardship. His three-day trips take him from Brookings to Myrtle Point and from Glendale through the Rogue Valley to the Illinois Valley on alternate weeks. In all, he works with students in twelve high schools. Jim works six days a week most of the year (probably the secret to his longevity) and four days a week during the summer. You might find him engaged in riparian restoration or doing a garden makeover or mulching plants or taking a wood duck inventory or working with senior high school students on their senior project or maintaining trails...just to mention a few. The Oregon Stewardship awards scholarships yearly. The money is raised from members and contributions (CAF gives a donation annually).

When I asked Jim to identify the biggest

changes in the environment since the 1940's, he explained that areas such as the Green River Valley, WA will never be the same due to businesses and industry moving in resulting in population growth and loss of habitat. The wetlands were filled in and bulldozed to make way for malls and retail businesses. Industrial polluters were fined but the industrial and business zoning would alter the ecosystem forever. However, on the positive side, he sees that efforts have helped bring back the bald eagles and improve the Wood duck populations. Jim considers himself an eternal optimist. That is why he likes working with kids. Kids have only one question, "When do we start?" Jim exclaims, "Sharing my passion brings most joy." Jim was born in Seattle, WA in 1935 and moved to the Green River Valley in WA when he was twelve. Today he lives on an eleven-acre farm near Medford, OR with his wife, Carla.

CAF thanks Jim for all his work in the Oregon Stewardship and for helping CAF maintain the hatchery grounds.

Footnote: Hutchins, Jim, Tracks, pg. 80. This book is available at Gold Beach Books.



Jim with Gold Beach senior project students Florian Schuck & Amber Eaton. Photo by Hassie Taylor



## **Hatchery Happenings**

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator

WOW! HAPPY 2013 EVERYONE!!

We spawned 44 pair of Chinook salmon for the 2012/2013 season, so the labor begins. The eggs are eyed and the egg counter is here, so we started shocking and picking eggs from the first spawn on Dec.18th. All the eggs that turn white are not fertilized and are removed from the trays by volunteers that handpick each tray, so picking is what we will be doing till mid February, when the fry will be buttoned up and put into the raceways.

I'm sorry to say, the hatchboxes from Cedar Forks were destroyed in the Nov. 20th storm. I've approached the boy scouts about rebuilding the hatchboxes, so we will wait to hear the continuing saga of the hatchboxes.

Mrs. Hoffman's Riley Creek 3rd graders came and visited the hatchery on Nov. 27th, that was the last day of spawning. All 28 students surrounded the Adult Holding Tank and watched while the females and males were selected. Groups of 5 watched as eggs were pulled from the females & milt from the males, then they continued inside to the incubator room. The tour finished with a Show & Tell from Rich Watson who had found a Mermaid's Purse or Skate Egg Pouch on the beach, it had broken loose from the kelp during the storms and washed ashore. He displayed the egg pouch so the kids could touch it and smell it, it's a kid thingy. Rich later photographed the pouch with the eggs and skates, so the class could see what was inside, Mrs. Hoffman's class behaved great and after washing their hands left with a chocolate chip cookie. The kids wrote thank you, letters and hope to return in the spring to feed the fry they watched us spawn.

The Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Potluck was a good time at Turtle Rock, about 55 volunteers attended and enjoyed lots of food and great company. Everyone went home with a full belly, a holiday smile and raffle presents. Next year we are having a catered buffet sit down dinner, cause my feet hurt, I'm tired of cooking & dishes and I want to be served, boy I sound like a whiner, Happy Holiday's All!! - A lot of my helpers were sick, so a big Thank You too, Randy & BJ Waters, Mary Duncan, Kate

DeBord, Trinkler, Cinda Donegan & Angie McSwain, you guys were PRICELESS!!

Daily feeders should be marking down water temperature and TU's (thermal units), which is the temp. minus 32, also make sure there is a good water flow to all 4 stacks. After you've done your checks, please give me a call, so we know it's done.

A BIG Thank You to all the volunteers at Indian Creek Hatchery, I turned in the 2012 volunteer hours for CAF and we all put in 8,102 volunteer hours and had 477 visitors tour the hatchery. Great Job by Great Volunteers, Thank you until next month-

Chris Underhill, 541 247-0396



*Photos of 2012 spawning by Hassie Taylor*

## **A Step Back in Time**

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

In the August 2012 issue of *The Riffle*, I shared a little history from the archives with our readers. Today I'd like to share the second part quoting from:

November 1906 *The Radium Newspaper*

Work is progressing rapidly on the new hatchery buildings on Indian Creek and when finished will be the most complete salmon hatchery on the coast. Mr. Hume has had a party out in the hills

surveying for a ditch which will bring the waters of Muncy's Creek into Indian Creek. The party also discovered a new stream which will also be brought down to the other streams and when the ditch is completed connecting these three streams will furnish sufficient water for the hatchery and sawmill most of the year.

April 1907 *The Radium Newspaper* (direct quote)

The hatcheries on Indian Creek are in splendid condition and the thousands of little fish are the personification of life. At the present time they eat about two bullocks a week, the meat being chopped very fine by a powder machine installed by Mr. Hume expressly for the purpose. As soon as fishing begins and the cannery starts the offal will be fed to the youngsters. The hatcheries owned and operated by Mr. Hume in this county are the only private salmon known, and their success demonstrates the thoroughness with which their proprietor has gone into the subject. Plans are laid for enlarging the Indian Creek plant, and also for creating a ten-acre pond, which will be used for spawning purposes.

***Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.***

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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Freeman Marine supports CAF and the Indian Creek Hatchery as they strive to improve recreational opportunities and the tourism industry in our area.

Footnote: [www.FreemanMarine.com](http://www.FreemanMarine.com)



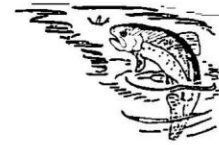
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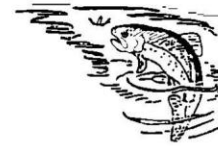


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