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

**Next GENERAL MEETING**  
**Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 – 5:00 PM**  
**Turtle Rock RV Park Clubhouse**  
**Gold Beach**  
**(Come, join us for good friends, a festive atmosphere, and an interesting and informative meeting)**

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**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,**  
**Dec. 6, 2012 – 10:00 AM**  
**ODFW BUILDING**

**DUES \$20.00**  
**RENEW NOW!**

**Upcoming Events**

**Spawning - Every Tuesday until finished**  
**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Annual Volunteer Appreciation**  
**Dinner & Christmas Party**  
**Mid Dec. – Picking eggs**

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"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to [www.rogueriversalmon.org](http://www.rogueriversalmon.org)

**President's Corner**

David Sophusson

The rains have come and the rivers and creeks have risen. The salmon from the ocean are returning to their birthplace and ours are returning to the hatchery. It's amazing to watch them return up Indian Creek struggling to go as far as they can. Even with our blocker dam, many of them make it over to spawn farther up the creek. Our brood tank has many pairs of salmon ready to spawn so now the cycle starts over again. So now that we've had a couple of months off and repairs have been made to the hatchery and water supply, it's time to go back to work doing what we do best: raising some of the finest Chinook salmon on the west coast. I want to thank you all for the hard work and devotion you put into this endeavor.

**REMINDER-** RAY'S MARKETS NO LONGER ACCEPTS MARKET RECEIPTS, SO WE NEED ALL MEMBERS TO SIGN UP FOR RAY'S ALL ACCESS PROGRAM AND DESIGNATE CURRY ANADROMOUS FSHERMEN AS THEIR NON-PROFIT CHOICE.

**Fishing Quote of the Month**

Even eminent chartered accountants are known, in their capacity as fishermen, blissfully to ignore differences between seven and ten inches, half a pound and two pounds, three fish and a dozen fish. ~William Sherwood Fox, *Silken Lines and Silver Hooks*, 1954

## Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,  
Interim CAF Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>
Operating Capital	\$26,144	\$23,209
Oct. Income		\$ 982
Oct. Expenses		3,917

## General Meeting

Nov. 8, 2012

**President-** David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

**Treasurer's report-** Mike Kopec verbally resigned from the board at the last board meeting and will be leaving the country at the end of Nov. The board appointed Barbara Jorge to be the interim treasurer and Barbara will seek election to the board for next year and will then take over as treasurer. Barbara presented the monthly report showing a loss of \$2,934.79 and an end of month balance of \$23,209.36. The fish trap expense of \$1,771 will be repaid next month. The Pizza fundraiser last night netted almost \$1,000. A **MOTION** was made by Randy Waters, seconded by Gary Underhill, to donate \$100 to the Sunset Pizza employees as a gratuity for the pizza dinner. Motion approved.

**Hatchery-** There are 120 fish in the holding tank and spawning begins next week. The stolen pump has been replaced and all parts have been engraved for identification. A donation of \$500 from Carolyn Norton will be used to pay the deductible on the pump and a commemorative plaque for her brother, Gary Combs, will be placed on the new pump. When the CAF pump was stolen, the thieves did significant damage to the ODFW fish pump making it unusable for the Chetco River fish release. The board approved an expense of \$400 maximum for a security camera system and Philip Dickson will be monitoring computer ads for the best deal. The decking around the raceways needs replacement and a committee of Tom Tostenson, Jim Freedman and Gary Underhill will be in charge of costing out the replacement materials and pursuing an R&E grant.

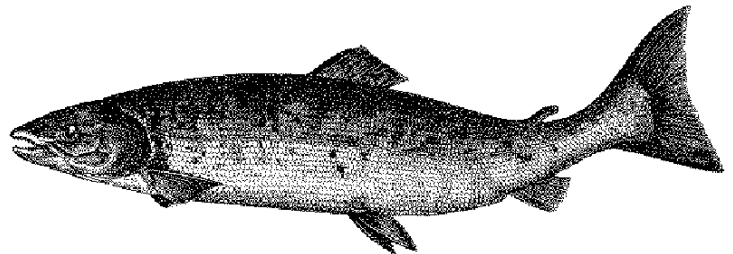
**Board Members for 2013-** Philip Dickson will resign from the board at the end of the year, but will remain active in all the CAF activities that his schedule allows. Jack Sheehan has graciously offered to accept a floor nomination at the general meeting for board election.

**Christmas volunteer appreciation/election general meeting-** Chris Underhill has reserved the Turtle Rock RV meeting room for the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> evening and will be calling volunteers for potluck contributions.

**Curry Watersheds Partnership Education Program 'Wish List'-** Statia Ryder submitted a request for funds to purchase shovels, gloves, rubber boots, Discovery scopes and misc. planting materials to be used for riparian restoration projects at a cost of \$1,000. Statia also requested \$1,000 for interpretive signs at the Arizona Beach pond for interpretive signs recognizing the work done by the elementary school children during the annual Reel Fishing Days. Since the request was for use by and recognition of elementary school children, the board approved the donation of the money from the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund. The \$1,000 for the signs is conditional on the state allowing recognition of the donation from the memorial fund on the signs.

**Miscellaneous (but important)-** Chris U. has delivered unneeded spawner fish to the food banks and the hospice program. The Texas Hold 'Em contest is postponed. Two new volunteers, Nancy Howe and Kurt Barz, introduced themselves. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Mike Kopec (again).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary



## Volunteer of the Month Profile

### Don Foss



Shutterfly photo of CAF's donation check to Curry Sportsfishing Assoc. in support of Sea Lion Patrol.

OK. Here goes! As I understand it, I was born in Bellingham, WA May 26, 1925 (no cards or gifts, please). My grandparents were homesteaders in Blaine and Deming, WA. Grandpa James Mitchell from Ireland would be called an "illegal alien" today as he jumped ship in New Orleans in 1860. My father, Noble, was in construction so we were always on the move. I remember "exotic" places like Santa Barbara, Pomona, Big Bear, Camarillo, Malibu, and Tulare. The Foss family finally landed in Los Angeles in the 1930's. Construction had died in the depression, so the family moved back to the Foss farm outside Blaine, WA. Growing up on the farm was a great experience for a "city kid." My first real job was doing chores on the farm. I learned some skills around cows and hogs on the end of a shovel and beyond. I attended first and second grades in Blaine and then returned to LA when housing construction commenced. New friends, schools, and finally John Marshall High School is where I met Marilyn Louise McGiliard, the love of my life, back in 1942. I was almost 18 and she was 15. Fortunately, the Army Air Corps stepped in and said, "It's time for you to go!" Three years later Marilyn and I were together again attending UCLA and we got married in 1948.

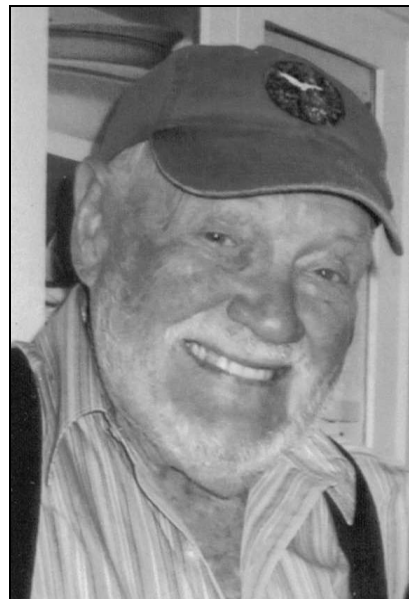
We both loved the ocean and the mountains, so we moved to Hermosa Beach, CA. The Eastern High Sierra was our favorite mountain area. Every chance we got, we spent time back country hiking, skiing, and fishing with our two daughters, Debbie and Jody. After graduation from UCLA in 1950 the job market was tight, so I fell back on my old skills in publishing (a paper

route, as a kid). I joined the *LA Times* selling ads: cars, men's wear, restaurants, and nightclubs.

In 1957 I joined *Hearst Magazines* and was LA manager for *Good Housekeeping Magazine* as well as *A Buenhogar*, the Spanish language edition. After thirty-two years, I retired in 1990.

In 2001 we had a "we are out-of-here" epiphany. After a beautiful trip to Eastern Oregon where Jody lives and venturing down the coast, we headed back to the LA area. We hit gridlock as we entered the valley and said, "Whoa, no more!" So, back up the coast to OR and Gold Beach we drove thinking to ourselves, "This is the place." Mountains, beaches, rivers, trees, trails, and great people were what we encountered. The day we moved into our Gold Beach home, our friend Billy Schmidt (who was helping us with the move), went down to McKays and ran into Cathy Moore who gives him the pitch, "You look like someone we could use at the hatchery; tell your friends about it." So what could we do? We all joined. Billy sent \$100.00 to CAF every month until he passed a couple of years ago.

Marilynn and I have volunteered for the hatchery for over ten years. A decade ago I was active in the work crew parties. Today many still consider me the screen czar repairing screens when needed. Marilyn and I are also active in feeding the fry in the raceways. The hatchery experience is a very rewarding one for me and Marilyn, and we always look forward to the next cycle.





## Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator

Happy holidays everyone!

Thanks to all who came out to the Sunset Pizza Feed in support of CAF. We all enjoyed some great pizza, salad, and desserts while visiting with old and new friends. We thank the Sunset crew for the outstanding job they provided in getting the food out. And, of course, we thank our CAF volunteers who helped and who brought in the desserts.

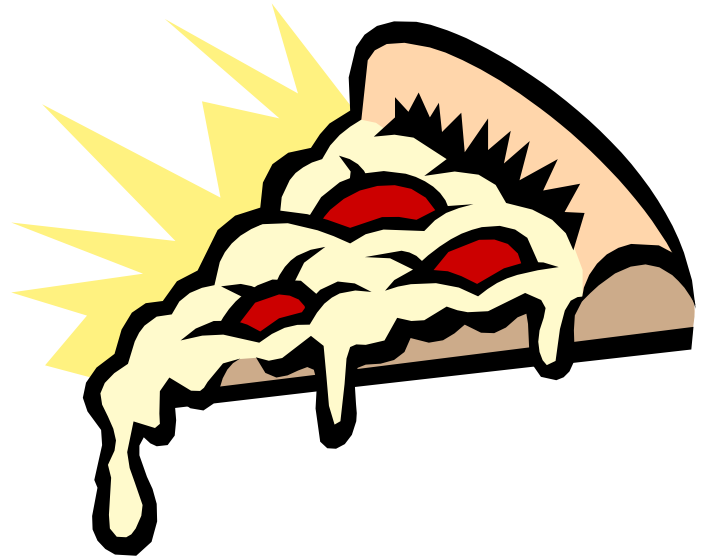
We've collected the broodstock from the hatchery ladder and Huntley Park for the spawning season, which began Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. I've set up the new **Daily Feeders Calendar**. Eggs will be in the incubator room, so the schedule will begin immediately. I'll be calling to remind everyone. All that is required from the daily feeders at this time is to take the water temperature and to check and make sure each stack has the appropriate water flow.

This year we collected forty-one jacks and twenty-seven adults for the food banks, so Christian Help of Gold Beach, Brookings Harbor Community Helpers, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Food Bank and Coastal Home Health and Hospice all received salmon. We wish to thank Fishermen Direct for giving the food banks a special deal to process and package the salmon. A special thanks goes out to all the CAF volunteers who helped clear the ladder and work the creek for fish. Some guys got quite the workout up creek, including me. But it was fun. We still have quite a few fish that made it above the dam and are spawning naturally.

I'll be calling to personally invite everyone to the Christmas Volunteer Appreciation, 2013 Board Election, and potluck at the Turtle Rock RV Park Clubhouse on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 5:00 PM with appetizers and have dinner between 6:00-7:00 PM. Remember to BYOB (bring your own booze), but we'll be serving lemonade as well as turkey and ham for dinner. If, by chance, I miss calling you, please feel free to call me with a headcount and what you would like to bring to the potluck. If you would like to set-up or clean-up after the party, call me at 247-0396.

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas

party and/or at the hatchery. We will be picking eggs mid-December at the hatchery.



The pizza was yummy!



*Photos by Hassie Taylor*



CAF volunteers and patrons enjoying time together at the CAF Sunset Pizza Fundraiser, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.



Katie selling desserts at the fundraiser.  
Photo by Hassie Taylor

## Sponsor's Corner

**Sunset Family Pizza** has been open for almost four years now and is located at 29790 Ellensburg Ave. in the old Grants Restaurant. Sunset Pizza is open from 11AM to 10PM seven days a week. In addition to pizzas, they also serve salads, pasta entrees and a variety of sandwiches. Also, don't forget the homemade cookies for dessert. There's an arcade located in the back with games for kids and adults alike. Come watch sports on the flat screen TVs or play pool with the guys. Beer, wine and soda are served.

Once again Sunset Pizza hosted the CAF annual pizza all-you-can-eat fundraiser on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Carla prepared 37 pizzas and over 130 tickets were sold. We thank Carla and Brad for supporting CAF and numerous other non-profits organizations in the area with these fundraisers. Do stop by **Sunset Family Pizza** and enjoy the friendly family atmosphere and the awesome ocean view. You can call in your order: 541-247-7208. Say "hello" to the crew: Dan, David, Tommy, Chandra and Christina and tell them you heard about them in the "Riffle".



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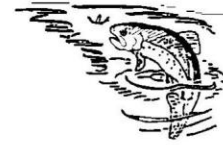
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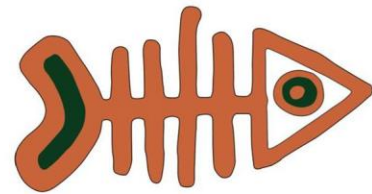
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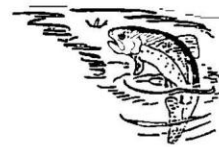
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