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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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Next GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 14, 2013 – 10:00AM

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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to

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President's Corner

David Sophusson

Our new batch of babies is all in the raceways and doing quite well. This morning I went to do the AM hand feeding. It was a little slow at first, but about 10AM it was like a switch was thrown and they gobbled up the food like crazy. I'm wondering since they are just babies if they were just having their morning nap when I first got there at nine. Now there's something to ponder. We extend a big thanks to Tom Tostenson who put in a lot of work applying for two grants. We were approved for the first grant, a STEP grant for a new security system. As you know we don't have any paid onsite personnel. We rely heavily on alarms that monitor the water flow, water pressure, and other important functions at the hatchery. The new system will allow key personnel to monitor events from their home computers. I'd like to thank Phillip Dickson on taking on the project of research and acquisition of the new system. The second grant put together by Tom and presented by Jim Freedman to the R&E Board in Salem is a grant for all-new decking around the raceways. It is still pending but looks hopeful. We also learned that future construction grants, permitted or not, will be required to have approved engineered drawings. So, if you or someone you know has engineering talents and might want to give us a break or even donate their time to future projects, I would like to hear from you. So with that, it looks like we are off to another great round of doing what we do best, fulfilling our motto: we hatch'em, you catch'em.

CAF General Meeting

February 14, 2013

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Jorge reported a Jan. loss of \$470.92 and bank balance of \$23,202.82.

R&E Grant- Our local R&E Board member, Dixie Boley, was at today's meeting to discuss the approval of our grant request for funds to replace the raceway decking. After the grant was submitted, ODFW announced a new policy that requires that CAF needs engineering approval before the commission funds the grant request on March 8th. Tom Tostenson has done our grant requests for a number of years, knows all the requirements for grants, has great rapport with state personnel, spent a lot of time putting the request together and Tom was never told about this new engineering requirement. Since the hatchery is on private land and this is a replacement project, David will obtain a schematic drawing from the contractor to (hopefully) satisfy the ODFW requirement for the final funding. The money must be spent by June 30th. CAF owes a big thank you to Tom Tostenson, Dixie Boley, Todd Confer and John Weber for working to get the request approved. Thanks to Jim Freedman for representing CAF in Salem.

STAC- The Salmon Trout Advisory Committee (STAC) awarded a \$1,900 mini grant to CAF for the purchase and installation of a surveillance system at the hatchery. The board appointed Philip Dickson to be in charge of purchasing the system.

Fundraisers- Becky Sophusson contacted the fireworks supplier (TNT) about getting a better profit percentage this year. TNT will give us 40% and the board agreed that CAF should sell fireworks this year. The planning is on track to hold a joint salmon dinner fundraiser with Coastal Home Health and Hospice (CH3) on July 6th using the high quality unneeded spawning salmon donated to CH3.

Hatchery- Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported that his volunteer crew will be placing about 30,000 fish in Raceway #1. Chris Underhill will be in charge of daily multiple

starter feedings before the automatic feeders are installed. The buttoned up fish from the first spawning that aren't placed in raceway 1 will be released as unfed fry in Cedar Creek where the hatchbox station had been. The clipping trailer has been reserved for 2 weeks beginning in late May. All hatchery alarms are turned on.

Website- Eric Ragsdale, our website manager who donates his services at no charge, introduced himself to the board last week and would like input from the membership on ways to make the website more beneficial to CAF. Eric suggested people look at the websites of other organizations in Gold Beach that he manages and give him input.

Miscellaneous- The dates for the derby are not decided yet. David and Sona Combs contributed \$500 to the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund. Reel Fishing Days will be sometime in April. Jim Freedman reported that signs for the information kiosk project are almost ready. Hassie Taylor has requested a copy of the Rogue River DVD from OPB. Another Eagle Scout may reestablish Cedar Creek hatchbox project.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,
CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Dec.	Jan.
Operating Capital	\$23,674	\$23,203
Jan. Income		672
Jan. Expenses		1,143

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Thank you!

Hassie Taylor, Membership coordinator

Hatchery Happenings

By: Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator

The fry are in the raceways and the Incubator Room has been cleaned and shut down. Thank you Larry Timms, Bo Gemeinhardt, Pat Eakles & Gary Underhill for power washing all the trays & screens and prepping & washing the raceways. We had different helpers who showed each week to help put the fry into the raceways.

On Feb. 12th, Philip Dickson and his son's Mathew & Marshal, Kate DeBord & Vern Tarwater helped put 31,060 fry into Rwy #1. After the raceway, Mary Duncan & I released the excess 12,000 unfed fry into Cedar Forks, where the hatchboxes were located. Then on Feb. 19th in the rain, the boys, Gary U, Pat, Larry, Gary H, Harry, Bo & Kopec put 32,216 fry into Rwy. #2, then Gary & Kopec took the excess to Libby Pond. Libby Pond now has a locked gate across the road, wonder how that will affect the Libby Pond Fishing Derby?

All 31,335 fry from the last spawn were put into Rwy #3 on Feb. 26th with the help of Mary & Aaron Duncan, Dean Pollen, Lennie Forkas & Fred Notestine. It was nice to see Fred and for those who didn't know Fred & Karen Notestine were voted 2012 Gold Beach Volunteers of the Year! Congratulations, you both deserve it and I voted for you guys!

I've been handfeeding all the raceways with starter food, getting them into the routine of feeding, this year Rwy #2 is the difficult raceway. The daily feeders should be taking the temperature at the bottom of Rwy #1, handfeeding all 3 raceways and cleaning all screens, count and pull all morts, then check calendar for your assigned raceway and brush the walls & vacuum the raceway. After your done please call me at 541 425-0396, so I know the babies are taken care of for the day. Thank you all for everything you do, it takes all of us to run and maintain this hatchery, and your volunteering and slave labor is very much appreciated!

April 6th is the STEP Conference in Canyonville, the conference's are always fun and informative. You get to tour all the STEP Programs & Hatcheries in the area, and meet volunteers just like you all, who like to play with fish TOO!! Gary & I are planning on attending.

The end of April will be Arizona Beach Reel Days, where we teach 3rd graders how to fish and the end of May we will be fin-clipping our fish. I'll be calling, you can't hide, but always remember it's okay to say NO!

2012 in Review

At the Indian Creek Hatchery

By: Hassie Taylor

Much like the life cycle of a salmon, the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery celebrates the New Year with a cycle of its own. The all-volunteer crew begins the year with a daily picking out the unfertilized dead eggs from the incubator trays until the fry are released into the raceways around mid- February.

The volunteers who serve as daily feeders monitor the incubation trays, feed the fish, vacuum the raceways, take the temperature and the TU's to keep everything in check as the fish begin to grow. The salmon are weighed periodically and the amount of food per feeding is adjusted as the fish grow in the raceways.

The hatchery spawned 44 pair of Chinook salmon, beginning Dec. 18th for the 2012/2013 season. There were a total of 135,021 eggs with about 31,000 mortalities. The heavy rains experienced last January created washouts and landslides, one above and one below the dam. A lot of volunteers sprang into action digging out the intake valve and flushing all the line. ODFW biologist, John Weber, put the assessment to action to obtain an emergency R & E grant to get the road and dam repaired. The incident resulted in the loss of more than 4,000 fish eggs in trays.

In April CAF hosts the Arizona Beach Reel Fishing Days, a program where the volunteers teach fishing skills to 3rd graders of Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford. The students get to take home their catch.

The fin-clipping trailer appears the end of May and hatchery volunteers work in shifts to clip the adipose fins. In 2012, 83,531 fins from the little Chinook were clipped before releasing them into the Rogue River beginning Aug. 16th.

The Libby Pond Fishing Derby for children fourteen and under was held June 9th. CAF holds its annual Open House for the hatchery in June. This is an opportunity for the public to see

what the hatchery and volunteers are all about. Hot dogs and hamburgers are served.

In July the fireworks stand outside the Rogue Outdoor Store is an annual fundraiser. The seining at Huntley Park begins in August and September is the big event, the CAF Annual Salmon Derby.

November is usually the month for the annual pizza fundraiser at Sunset Pizza, which is one of our sponsors. November is also the beginning of spawning season, one of the most exciting and action-packed episodes at the hatchery. The last event of the year that is held in December is the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Election of Officers in December. And thus, another cycle of the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery is completed. In January we begin all over again.

CAF invites YOU to attend a meeting, complete with raffle and interesting people, held the 2nd Thursday of each month at Jot's Resort (West Conference room). We hope to see you there!

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Barbara Jorge

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Barbara, know to many as BJ, was born and raised in Oregon. Her family moved often; her father pursued jobs in various states including California, Oregon, and Idaho. Barbara's father was a truck driver and logger who had a love for the outdoors. He taught his children to respect and appreciate nature and to hunt and fish at an early age. This made Barbara realize that in a state such as Oregon, one could actually make a living and survive even if a person didn't have a job – just by living off the land through hunting, fishing, and gathering.

In 1985 Barbara returned to Gold Beach to help her dad as he was having some health complications. Being an avid fisherman, she took over an existing fish cleaning business at the Port of Gold Beach and established her own successful BJ's Fish Cleaning that she ran from 1987-1998. Her business provided the service of cleaning and filleting fish for sports fishermen until politics got in the way of running a profitable business in 1998. Soon thereafter, Barbara cleaned fish for Fisherman Direct. She has always enjoyed talking to people and connecting with tourists.

Today Barbara is retired and devotes a good part of her time to the Moose Lodge. She has been a member and involved with the Moose Lodge for thirty-five years. She believes in their causes and objectives, such as raising funds for an orphanage in Illinois and a retirement village in Florida, and she's excited about restarting "Christmas in October," a project which provides toys for underprivileged children and raises over \$1,500 annually. Barbara has a soft spot in her heart for children. Her family includes five girls of her own along with ten grandchildren. In the past BJ has also worked as a Girl Scout Leader. Nowadays, she spends her time with children involved in the hatchery's Arizona Reel Days held each April. This event, sponsored by CAF, teaches grade school children from Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings to fish. Some years the participation can become quite challenging. Last April when it was raining non-stop, Barbara manned her station cleaning fish the students caught.

Barbara serves on the CAF Board as treasurer and is secretary for North Bend Prospectors. She and Randy also belong to GPAA (Gold Prospectors Association of America) and travel to gold shows from WA to Las Vegas, NV. An exciting opportunity awaits them this summer. They have been invited to serve as "staff" for GPAA, cooking and maintaining houches for over two hundred members for a period of two-and-a-half months in Alaska this summer. What an opportunity! Currently Barbara and Randy work for and help maintain the Oceanside RV Park.



Photo by Hassie Taylor

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

Karen Kennedy of Ultimate Coastal Properties has moved and has new Real Estate Associates, BJ Martin & Katie Hensley, they are now located at 29441 Ellensburg Ave. Suite #2 in Gold Beach, it's by Double D Café. Karen and her associates have a well-rounded knowledge of Gold Beach, Pistol River and Agness and were #1 in sales for Curry County in 2011 & 2012. Try Ultimate Coastal Properties to help you find your future property or home and if you're selling she's the one to find a buyer. For all your real estate needs give Ultimate Coastal Properties & Karen Kennedy a call at the office 541 425-7494 or her cell 541-425-0619 and check out her Website at www.ILoveGoldBeach.com.

Karen and her husband Terry Kennedy, of Curry Fishing Guide Service have been CAF sponsors for 5 years now and residence of Gold Beach for over 20 years.

Karen Kennedy
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Fishing Quote of the Month

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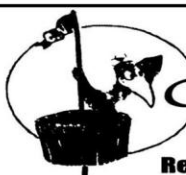


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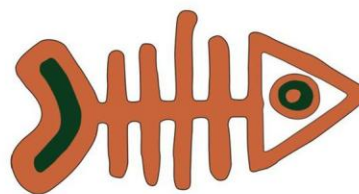


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