



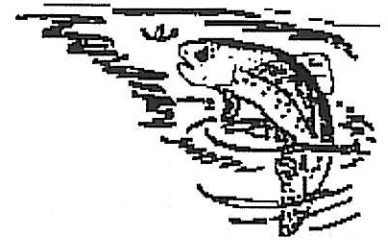
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End of May/beginning June – fin clipping

June 11 – Libby Pond

**End of June – set up booth for fireworks
stand**

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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to
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President's Corner

David Sophusson

Well, here it is almost June already. The fish in the raceways are doing better than expected. Their growth rate is the best ever and the mortality rate is the lowest ever. I'd like to say thanks to Bill Fetzer and Chris Underhill for all the time they have spent weighing the fish, making up the food schedule, and measuring out the food every day for the volunteers. It's a big job and requires a great deal of their time.

Fin clipping is coming up soon, around June 1st, and I'm sure a lot of you will be getting a call from Chris Underhill asking for your help. So, if you're the type of person who likes to get up early in the morning, go out in the cold, and freeze your fingers off while wrestling with little itty-bitty scissors to cut little itty-bitty fins, boy do we have a job for you! We'll even throw in a hot dog or hamburger. Or, if you're like some of us who insist on sleeping in until noon, we also have an afternoon shift especially for you.

Our next big fund raiser will be the fireworks stand. Jim Carey has graciously invited us back to the parking lot at the Rogue Outdoor Store. Last year we did really well and sold out of almost everything. This year we should be allotted a bigger inventory and, hopefully, we'll have an even better year. If any of you think you might have some extra time, like the world of high finance, and won't buckle under the stress of high volume sales, we would love to hear from you. Call us now while we still have openings in this exciting world of fireworks sales. Remember there is nothing like the smells of gun powder the first thing in the morning! Please give me a call at 247-9739 or call Chris U. at 247-0396. Thanks.

Treasurer's Corner

By Hassie Taylor, CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Mar.	Apr.
Operating Capital	\$12,052	\$35,351
Apr. Income	\$ 23,995	
Apr. Expenses	697	

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator

It's clipping time! The clipping trailer arrived last Monday, the 16th, but we won't start clipping until around May 25th; let the fry have one more week to gain some size. Last week all raceways were between 65 and 85 fry per pound. They should be good size for clipping. Clipping is how we mark hatchery fish. Removing the adipose fin that is located between the dorsal fin and the tail fin does this. In the clipping process we bucket the fry into the clipping trailer where there are four clipping stations with holding bins. Ten to fifteen fry are netted at a time and put to sleep (medicated). Then the volunteer clippers snip off the little fin and drop it down the shoot that returns them to their same raceway. It takes them a few minutes to fully wake up, and then off they go like nothing happened.

This month we also had about sixty 5th graders from Riley Creek and Pt. Orford Elementary Schools at the hatchery for National Resource Day, May 12th. There were seven different stations from the dam vault to the mouth of Indian Creek. Bill Budd and I represented the hatchery. We did our picture board presentation and then let each group feed the fish. It was a nice sunny day and thank goodness the turkeys stayed away. We did hear them a few times but think they knew they were out-numbered.

I'd also like to thank everyone who helped out at Arizona Beach Reel Days. We taught seven 3rd grade classes, approximately 210 students from Brookings, Riley Creek, and Pt. Orford. Mike Kopec said they cleaned 91 fish in two days. Thank you to Rod Black, Mike Becker, Mike Kopec, BJ Waters and Val Early for cleaning a lot of fish and doing a fantastic job! If I missed any cleaners I apologize; you all know my blondness. Kudos to the many volunteers who helped out – Dixie Boley, Angie McCloskey, Bo Gemeinhardt, Denny Evans, Ken White, David Sophusson, Dean Pollen, Bill Budd, Mark Hollinger, Glenn Kral, Jock Headlee, Fred Notestine, Jack Chaille, Vern Tarwater, John Wilson, Debbie Wilson, Randy and BJ Waters, Rod Black, Gary and Chris Underhill, OSCF Tony Hobbs, Ken Range, Dave Brown, Paul LeFebvre, Monty Moncrief, Jerry Kemper and STAC Rep. Rich Heap and ODFW Joey Denbo, Steve Messur, Weber and all the high school student volunteers. The volunteers did a great job and left impressions on those kids that will last a lifetime. Thank you.

June 11th is Libby Pond Fishing Derby. We start setting up at 7 AM by the old gun club. The derby runs from 8:00 AM-12:00PM. We hope to get some volunteers together to make fishing spots at Libby Pond. We need a weed-whacker brigade. Any volunteers?

The 4th of July booth will be starting up the end of June, and we will be having an Open House at the Indian Creek Hatchery from 11 AM to 2 PM on the 4th of July. Write the date on your calendar and stop by and have a hot dog!

There are a lot of things happening. For one, my son is graduating from 8th grade this year. He was only three years old when Gary and I started volunteering at the hatchery. Time is flying by!

Tours at the hatchery begin on Memorial Day weekend. All Wed., Fri., and Sat. daily feeders please call the Indian Creek RV Park at 9:30 AM to see if anyone would like a tour. If you have questions, please call me at 541 247-0396.

General Meeting

May 12, 2011

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- In the absence of treasurer, Hassie Taylor, Becky Sophusson reported the monthly gain of \$23,298.40 and an end of month balance of \$35,350.67. The figures reflect the receipt of the STEP funds for the fish pump, which won't be delivered until the end of May. A discussion ensued about the charges for electricity, which includes a surcharge of \$70/month due to the horsepower rating of the emergency pumps.

Salmon Derby- Mike Kopec explained that Lex's Landing will not be hosting any derbies this year. It's possible that the derby can be held at Jot's Resort. David Sophusson and Tom Tostenson will meet with Jot's to discuss what arrangements can be made. Jeff Ferguson from the visitor's center is ready to help with advertising again. The date is September 24th, so Mike has had discussions with Jim Carey of the Rogue Outdoor Store about coordinating with the proposed interest from the Western Outdoor News (WON).

Volunteer Coordinator- Chris Underhill reported on Reel Days, Natural Resource Day, work needed at the hatchery, fin clipping at the end of the month, a volunteer to help Hassie with *The Riffle* and Kid's Fishing Day at Libby Pond on June 11th.

Clothing- Mike has been working with the supplier on a new design for our hatchery clothing. The board has approved the redesign and Mike will get quotes, so the order can be approved in time for the new season.

Miscellaneous- Philip Dickson contacted *The Reporter* about rewriting our article for the upcoming Visitor's Guide. There's a chance the hatchery could be featured on the cover. Our brochure could use some updating and Philip will talk to Laurel Gerkman about helping with that. The Middle Rogue Steelheaders have requested a list of needs at the hatchery that they might be willing to fund. David has checked with various members and will send a list and thank them for their generous offer to help. The board approved the \$109 expense to have the

oxygen monitoring system repaired.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Letters from Third Graders Reel Days at Arizona Beach

By Jessie Bowling

Thank you (CAF) for spending time with us on our field trip to Arizona Beach. It was very fun. I had a good time. My favorite parts were planting trees and learning about the fish and checking them out. I planted two thimbleberries and one crabapple tree with Statia. I learned about fish with Ranger Ryder. I didn't catch one fish, just salamanders! I fished with Samantha and her dad, Steve. They called me the professional salamander catcher. I'm a slacker because Kit Keusink and his dad gave me one of their fish. Kit caught six counting the one he gave me. I gave it to Mrs. Hoffman.

By Cameron Hagood

Thank you for helping me catch a fish. It was fun. It was awesome when I almost caught a giant fish. Another part I liked was fishing with Robert, my fish buddy and planting trees with Statia.

By Brooklen Dunn

I liked when I caught a fish. It was the biggest fish I ever caught in my life. I liked to see all the food and bait that fish would eat. I also liked to see the fish get cleaned. I also liked all the grass on land and in the water. But the bad thing about the grass in the water is your line would get stuck. It was kind of sad to see the fish die.

By Jenifer Risenhoover

I learned fish could camouflage.

Volunteer Profile of the Month: **Philip Dickson**

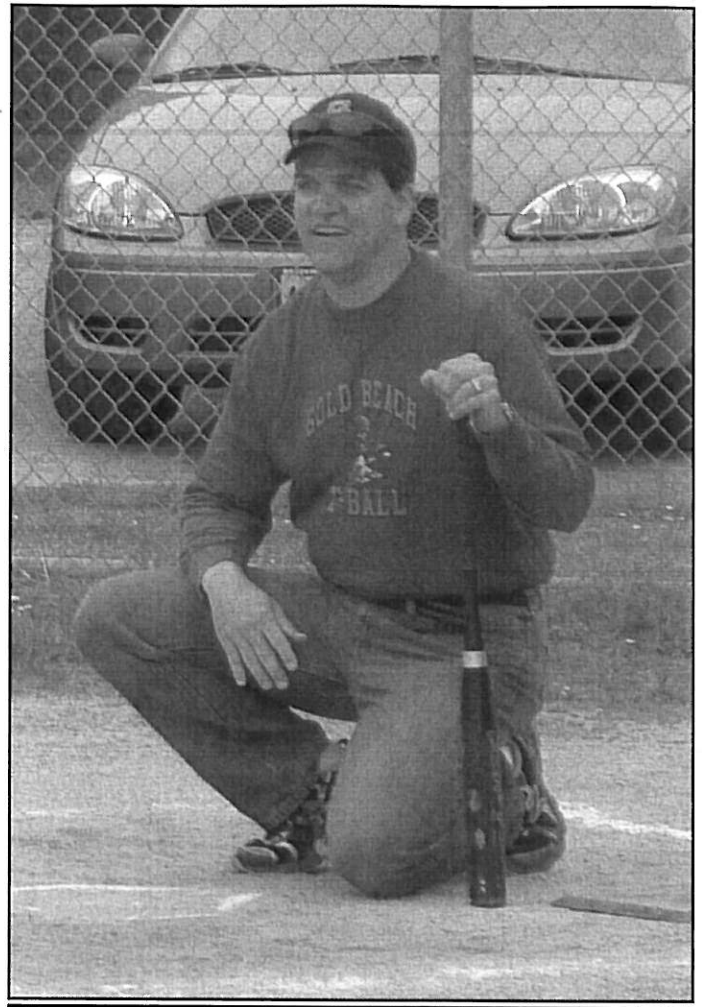
Philip likes to keep busy and does, running his own cargo business and participating in community organizations. Phil is currently serving on the Boards of CAF, Gold Beach Little League, and the Gold Beach Mat Club. He is also active with Cub Scout Troop #103. His favorite past time is exploring and experiencing our beautiful area with his wife, Pam, and sons, Marshall and Matthew. Philip was born in a small town in Arkansas and grew up in Dallas, Texas. After high school, Philip moved to New York City to attend college. He then returned to Texas where he met his wife almost twenty years ago. Phil has a knack for electronics and information technology and spent many years working in this field traveling overseas setting up computer systems in airports around the world and later by running a specialized school teaching computer repair, networking and security.

Philip also loves to travel and has visited many countries in Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and South and North America. He has always possessed a keen sense of community and has been volunteering in many community organizations since he was a child. It's no surprise that he's logged thousands of hours of combined volunteer service with close to 2000 hours alone as a volunteer at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. He has been a volunteer substitute teacher and a volunteer with a large homeless shelter. Phil has volunteered in many civic/community functions.

Phil joined CAF for several reasons. For one, he wanted to introduce his sons to Life Sciences and hatchery operations in the hopes that it may spark a career interest in that field for one of them. So far their interest (thanks to fellow hatchery volunteers) is more in pooling their money, buying their own boat, and becoming fishing guides (not a bad goal for boys only five and eight years old).

Phil considers Gold Beach to be the finest place to live in the entire world and is very excited to be able to raise his sons on the Rogue River in beautiful Gold Beach.

Cheers!



A Message from Phil Dickson

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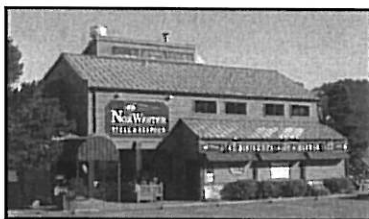
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Submitted by Chris Underhill

Colleen Combs has been operating the Nor'Wester Seafood Restaurant in the Port of Gold Beach for 31 years. The Nor'Wester offers Fine Dining & Great Food with steaks selected from choice beef and great selections of seafood and pasta dishes as well as spirits with an outstanding harbor view. Watch the wildlife while you dine! Some of my personal favorite dishes include the Wild Mushroom and Crab Fettuccine, the Salmon Chignik, and also the Rockfish with the Citrus Cream Sauce. I not only enjoy the great food, but I also enjoy stopping by and visiting with Colleen behind the bar, along with her daughter, Jennifer, and grandson, Zane. Their establishment is really a family affair and a pleasant atmosphere. Did you know that Colleen's husband, Gary, used to own the Mailboats? He was in partnership with Lexx Fromm. At a later date Gary bought him out and eventually sold to the Kamers; now he's a very supportive husband. Colleen and Gary have been members of CAF since the early 1990's and have generously donated many gift certificates for fundraisers and sponsor the Curry Anadromous Fishermen monthly newsletter, *The Riffle*. We invite you to dine at the Nor'Wester Seafood Restaurant located in the Port of Gold Beach for that special occasion or anytime you want a fine dining experience. Tell them you heard about them in *The Riffle*. And don't forget the warm sourdough bread with creamy butter and their warm spinach salad. They are open seven days a week. For reservations please call 541 247-2333. Thank you Colleen, I'll be seeing you soon!

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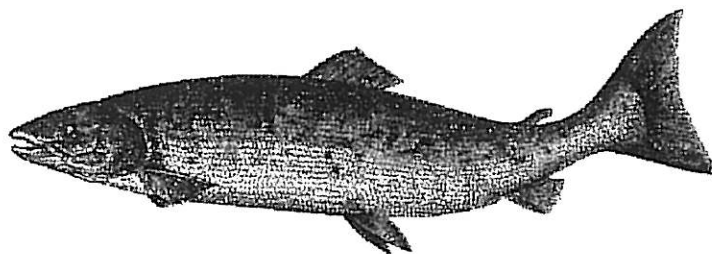
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Fishing Quote of the Month

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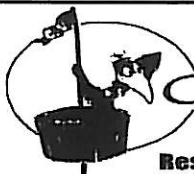
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