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Nov. 15th – Start spawning (tentative)

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the
latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to
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President's Corner David Sophusson

The cycle is now complete. We spawned them, hatched them, and now released them. I feel like an empty nester with the kids gone off to live a life of their own. I can only hope that they will return fat and healthy in a few years so that I can slap one or two of them on my grill! All kidding aside, it has been an interesting experience and I'm looking forward to repeating the process beginning again sometime next month. I want to shout out a great big *Thank You* to all the volunteers for their many hours spent in good weather and bad raising the fish, working the fundraisers, and the many other tasks it takes to keep this operation going. I don't yet know what the bottom line is for the hatchery fishing derby, but I have heard that it went extremely well and that we did much better than last year. If you didn't get to attend the awards ceremony and raffle, you missed a lot of fun. Thanks to the mastermind and MC, Jim Carey, the crowd was well entertained throughout the evening. I can see where this event will grow stronger and better in the coming years. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their support and efforts this past season, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you this upcoming season.

Fishing Quote of the Month

Bragging may not bring happiness, but no man having caught a large fish goes home through an alley. (Author Unknown)

General Meeting

Sept. 8, 2011

President- David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer- Hassie Taylor gave the August financial statement showing a balance of \$16,538.08. The petty cash account was closed and an accounting adjustment was made. CAF showed an income of \$330.77 and expenses of \$1,924.17 resulting in a loss of \$1,593.40 for the month. Our big expense item this month was the dip-nets amounting to \$1,520.13.

Salmon Derby – Ticket sales for the salmon derby outperformed last year's numbers. Becky mentioned that the derby might get more attention if we had it over two weekends, rather than a straight 5-day event.

Hog Wild BBQ and Woggy's will provide food for our derby evening. We will have a silent auction, games, and the raffle. The weights for the derby (Blind Bogey) were drawn and certified by Randy Waters, John Epps, and Hassie Taylor, all CAF Board Members. Debbie, our notary, acquired all the necessary signatures.

Miscellaneous- David S. opened a discussion on the "Suggested 3-Year Strategic plan for the Hatchery" constructed by John Epps. Most agreed it was an ambitious plan. But then, John thinks BIG. I would guess that grant writing would become a big part of this big plan. Any volunteers?

John Weber reminded us that the lease agreement with the Knox family is not much more than an access agreement, and if we put big money into the hatchery for improvements, we might want to discuss the improvements and lease options with the Knox family. He also shared that there are some *big* fish returning to Indian Creek.

Bill Fetzer shared that there are trees blocking access to the hatchery.

The new brochures are printed and ready to be distributed. Members agreed to hold off on the distribution until some time next spring since there are no more tours given until Memorial Day. Hassie is holding the brochures.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.
Submitted by Hassie Taylor



Photos by Philip Dickson



Photo by Jim Carey (Blind Bogey drawing of weights)

Salmon Derby Report

"The new format for the Second Annual C.A.F. Lower Rogue River Salmon Derby gave fishermen a whole new flavor in derby participation this year," according to Jim Carey, one of the derby chairmen. "We believe this derby will become the major fund-raiser for C.A.F.'s budget." Other derby chairpersons Debbie Collins, John Brudnicki, Mike Kopec, and Buck Rosendahl also consider the derby a success.

Several changes this year included:

- A Blind Bogey drawing for the Grand Prize winner kept interest high since any size fish could be the big winner.
- Holding the derby over 5 days (from Sept 6-10) meant more fishermen could attend and spend several days fishing the competition.
- Games of chance played to win donated merchandise and prizes added to the fun and will be expanded next year.
- An awards assembly, likened to Ducks Unlimited/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquets, proved to be well received by participants. A 65-item raffle coordinated with the ceremonies added to both the festivities and the profitability of the fund-raiser. The large cash payouts and matching values of donated merchandise ensured that this would be a growing and fun derby for years to come.

C.A.F. is respected for its volunteer work in the area, and despite the bad economy, the local business community provided great support by opening their pocketbooks to help this project succeed. Three times the entries participated this year as compared to 2010.

"The derby chairpersons were uncertain regarding the economic climate, the water flows and temperature, and recognizing that large numbers of fishermen were going to the Coos and Coquille Rivers for better productivity," Carey said, "but it still rallied enough to make it work."

The derby's final report will be presented to the board in October, along with the plans for 2012.

Hatchery Happenings

All the babies are gone. The last two raceways were released giving us a total of 81,000 smolt release for the 2010/2011 spawning year. Great job, everyone!

Aug. 30th, our first release date, Joan Goodison was already jumping in and getting fish food for Sabrina's Daycare children as they stopped by to visit the hatchery. Meanwhile, Lennie Forkas was already setting up the inside with coffee and treats. Gary Saks from Honey Bear RV Park had donated 60 bratwurst and sauerkraut. Thank you, Gary!

We are so fortunate CAF has a great group of volunteers. A few of the new volunteers brought their sons to help out. Thank you Chris Duncan and Morgan White.

The last release was on Thursday, Sept. 1st. Brooking's Oregon South Coast Fishermen came and checked out the new fish pump system. CAF volunteer Richard Floyd was instructing OSCF on the new pump. We also had retired chiropractor, Dr. Bob Manners with his mom and family tour the hatchery during the fish release. Dr. Manners presented CAF, VP Gary Underhill with a check for \$1000.00. Donations like this help keep the Indian Creek Hatchery operating. Thank you Dr. Manners.

Vern Tarwater down at the Riverview Boat Ramp during the last release called in Don Pedro from the Sea Lion Patrol to help disperse the smolt-eating predators. Thanks for the help! After the release everyone enjoyed a good lunch.

I saw a lot of CAF, local and out of town faces at the CAF Fishing Derby. Jim Carey did an awesome job of putting on a fishing derby, banquet and emceeing. Wish we had more fish in the bay, but you can't predict the water temps or what the fish are doing.

October brings seining at Huntley Park and later at Lobster Bridge to collect brood stock for the hatchery; I'll be calling for volunteers. Also, the boys are doing a work party the end of Sept. repairing the floor in the key room, flushing out the ladder, clearing downed trees in the creek or whatever needs to be done. Tentative date to start the 2011/2012 Spawning Season is Nov 15th. I'll be seeing you all soon, I hope!

Submitted by Chris Underhill
Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Profile of the Month:

Joan Goodison

In 1997 Jim and I moved to Gold Beach, and it seemed like it was only a week later that we were recruited to the hatchery. In those days, everybody was needed, so members were on the lookout for newbies they could sign up! Next thing we knew, we were on the list for feeding one day a week. Luckily we lived not far from the hatchery as we found out that the fish needed to be fed several times a day. No automatic feeders in those days. I remember one terrible day when we arrived to find fifty tiny smolts stuck head first in the screens at the top of the raceways. Those screens were replaced in a hurry. Between feedings, we scrubbed down the walls and floor of the raceways with special brooms. Eventually I served on the board as secretary and vice-president. The latter was a mistake because during that year we lost our president, treasurer and secretary all at the same time. I learned how to write grants and enjoyed it all.

Spawning was a revelation. Carla and Clayton of ODF&W taught us the finer points. Carla warned us repeatedly that we were playing like God when we fertilized the eggs and placed them carefully into the incubation trays. That is still the case, though the methods are updated. We treat the fish with respect and care unlike other hatcheries we've visited where the eggs are tossed into barrels and the workers never sterilize their hands between fish. Indian Creek Hatchery is special.

We made wonderful friends at the hatchery, including Kathy Moore, who for many years served as our volunteer coordinator. She loved practical jokes and teased everyone, especially Glen Kral. Her death was a hard blow. We had a memorial service at the hatchery with over seventy-five people attending.

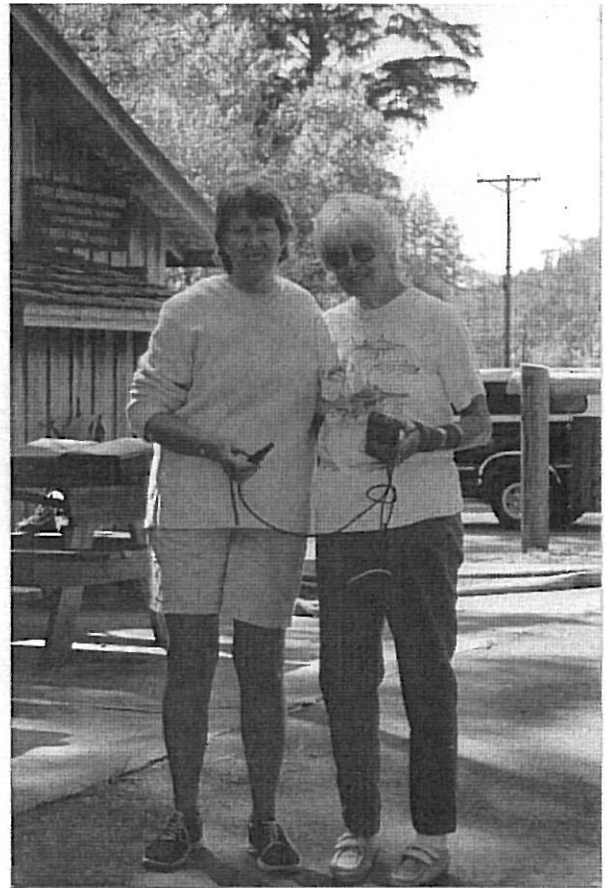
How did we get here? We married in 1959 as Jim was on the final lap of becoming a teacher. We lived for six years in Alturas, California. On arrival, I was sure he'd brought me to the far end of the world. Alturas is a tiny town on the high desert having the distinction of having more bars per capita than any city in the state. In fact, the teachers held parent conferences at Bennie's bar. No kidding! But we loved the small town atmosphere. I found a job at the Forest Service and we settled in. Later we moved to

civilization in the Auburn-Grass Valley area. We raised our kids there, enjoyed skiing in the Sierras, camping in the forests, and swimming and sailing in the lakes nearby.

But one fine day Jim decided it was time to upgrade our little sunfish sailboat. I agreed, thinking of a 16 foot Hobie, but it was not to be. To my dismay, he wanted to sail a 30 footer on San Francisco Bay!

We were struggling trying to get our kids through college, and that goal seemed impossible to me. But we finally did it and ended up spending five years aboard a 37 footer in the Sea of Cortez, Mexico after Jim retired. I got a leave of absence from my job for a year; but the sailing fever hit me and I never went back to work.

We had built a retirement home in California, but coming home to it, we realized it wasn't the place we could feel comfortable. So here we are in a wonderful small town, living on the river, enjoying the sounds of surf, gardening like crazy, and having fun at the hatchery for the past thirteen years. We are blessed with the many friends we've made along the way.



Joan with Kathy Moore
Photo submitted by Joan Goodison

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

The ROGUE OUTDOOR STORE owned and operated by Jim Carey is located at 29865 Ellensburg in Gold Beach (541 247-7142). The Rogue Outdoor Store is open 7 days a week, Mon.-Sat. 8 AM to 5:30 PM and Sunday from 9 AM – 3 PM. These are the winter hours. During the summer I think Jim lives at the store. Jim has a great supply of guns, pistols, and ammo. The store also carries hunting supplies and clothing, including women's clothing, all weather gear, shoes and boots, jeans, socks, and hats. Fishing rods, reels, hooks, bait and basically everything you'll need for a great fishing trip on the Rogue River and surrounding rivers, including fishing conditions, fishing guides information and sound fishing advice can all be found here. The man knows his stuff, but I guess after operating the Rogue Outdoor Store for thirty-eight years, I'd know my stuff too. Come by the Gold Beach store and say hello to Jim, Larry, Monica & Justin. Tell them you heard about them in *The Riffle*.

Jim also has two other outdoor stores: the CHETCO OUTDOOR STORE, operated by Dave, Rolland, Monica & Becky located at the corner of Hwy 101 & Hoffeldt Lane in Harbor, (541 469-9151) and THE BITE'S ON operated by Joe, Josh, Lyman & Trenton at 750 Newmark in Coos Bay (541-888-4015).

Jim Carey has been a strong supporter of Curry Anadromous Fishermen and the Indian Creek Hatchery since CAF's beginning in 1987. He has donated much merchandise, given us great discounts, and supported all of our fundraisers; and this year, almost single handedly, Jim put on the CAF Fishing Derby and emceed the event. Great job, Jim! Thank you for being a great sponsor and supporter!

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By Hassie Taylor, CAF Treasurer

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August Income		331
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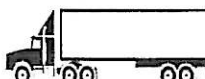
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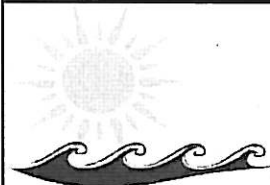
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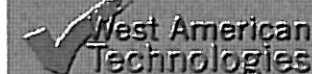
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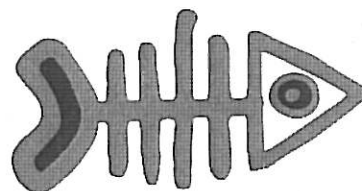
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