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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to
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2012 Board Members Wanted

Have you been looking for an opportunity to change the world (of the hatchery)? Would you like to join a group that really wants to hear your ideas? Would you like to have some power and authority (and responsibility) to be a part of the best management team in Gold Beach? **Have we got a deal for you!** There will be a number of board member openings available for next year. We need to announce potential candidates in the December issue of *The Riffle*, so please call president David Sophusson (247-9739) before Nov. 15th. The election is held at the general meeting in December. There's no salary attached to a board position because it is truly priceless. Fortunately, however, we are able to offer an amazing golden parachute benefit that you just can't find in any other non-profit organization in the county. **UNCLE CAF NEEDS YOU!** We have donuts.

There is one board member leaving the board, Hassie Taylor (current treasurer), but there are other board members that would consider leaving, if replacement nominees have an interest. Tom Tostenson has submitted his name as a nominee for the 2012 year.

Submitted by Glenn Kral

Fishing Quote of the Month

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad. ~A.K. Best

Treasurer's Corner

By Hassie Taylor, CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Aug.	Sept.
Operating Capital	\$16,538	\$25,569
Sept. Income		\$10,282
Sept. Expenses		1,251

General Meeting

October 13, 2011

President David S. called meeting to order at 10:05AM with over 12 CAF members in attendance.

Hassie Taylor gave a breakdown from the treasurer. She said the CAF Derby gave CAF a nice boost to our bottom line. Final figures have not yet been tallied yet, but we should have everything figured and entered by our next meeting.

Gary discussed the last work party at the hatchery where we had over 12 volunteers show up to work on maintenance projects. Next time you are at the hatchery, open the valve room door and check out the new floor. Very nice work there and a special thank you to Bill Fetzer and our president David for tackling that project. Gary also mentioned that all three raceways were caulked and made ready to take fish. The rest of the crew worked on cleaning up certain areas of the hatchery. We will have another work party soon. Please watch for those emails and phone calls looking for volunteers. Right now we are shooting for another work party to get the incubation room ready. We will try and have this work party meet towards the end of October. More to come on this.

Right now we have 74 fish in the tank with many of them coming from Huntley Creek. We are in hopes of having 50 pair of breeding fish and we are working hard to find the perfect fish. A decision was made to join the Salmon Dating website called: www.hookedupfish.com in order to help our fish find that perfect soul mate (pun intended). We may even need to open raceway one to keep them in, depending on the size of the fish we catch. We have given 15 fish so far to the food bank this season.

Chris Underhill was mentioned to have spoken with Bug E Boyz about the mouse/rat problem at the hatchery. It was mentioned that Bug E Boyz has agreed to provide treatment systems at no charge to the hatchery. More details on this at the next meeting.

It was discussed that we are seeking a new treasurer to take over for Hassie. If anyone would like to learn more or if you know of someone that would make a good treasurer, please contact us right away. Board elections are going to take place during our Christmas dinner and if you have an interest in serving on the board, please contact David or any CAF board member.

Glenn's letter was read aloud by David, and Tom suggested that it be forwarded to the paper(s) for printing. All agreed that it was a well-written letter that everyone found enjoyable to read.

Our pizza fundraiser at Sunset Pizza in Gold Beach will take place very soon (Wednesday November 2, 2011 5-8PM) and it was discussed by all present how to make the event as large as possible. The idea of door prizes, raffle items, and baked goods could be used as silent auction items. We are in need of volunteers to assist with this fundraiser and all were encouraged to help with this event. Help is needed in planning the event as well as working at the event.

Our Christmas party is set for Friday December 9 at Turtle Rock RV Park in Gold Beach. More details will come out about this party in coming weeks.

John Epps and Mike Kopec donated the use of Mark Pierson's services to cut and clear a path down to the dam with a heavy-duty industrial brush cutter. It was reported that the work done turned out awesome. A special thank you to John and Mike for this donation.

Bill Fetzer mentioned (he gave credit to Carol his better half since it was her idea) to have all new members listed in the riffle. This idea was received warmly and all expressed agreement that the idea was too good to be Bill's. Thank you, Carol, for a great idea. Bill also mentioned adding a gate, but after discussion, the suggestion was dropped.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40AM.
Submitted by Philip Dickson

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Mike Kopec

After graduation from high school, I spent some time at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. I had no direction but earned 3 B's: Bridge, Beer, and Babes. After I bombed out, I decided to join the USMC Reserves. My next-door neighbor and I went in on the buddy system. That straightened me out and it was back to school, eventually making the Dean's List. I started work at Monsanto Research Center and joined a team that developed a semiconductor device that had many military applications but is best known as the radar device in police radars and fuzz busters. I spent over twenty years in that field with three companies and progressed through Production Manager to World Marketing Manager for the last eight years. I traveled the world but got burned out. A competitor that I did not like purchased that operation. I had a golden parachute so I opted out in 1991.

My mom had a bad fall with breaks and complications and had to use several pieces of mobility equipment. I was not satisfied with the equipment, so I did some research and found state-of-the-art equipment that gave Mom her freedom back. I thought it was so neat that I started a one-man company selling those things. Nine years later, I had contracts with six VA hospitals in the SF area and also supported the VNA, MS/ALDS and Parkinson's clinics with home visits and fittings.

I have spent most of the last forty years living in the heart of Silicon Valley. In 1974 I met my sweetheart, and we were married for twenty-six years. But now we are divorced. Back in 2000 she received a job offer that we could not refuse, so it was off to Gloucester, MA. I could have restarted my medical equipment business there, but by that time, I was sick of chasing the government, Medicare and HMO's for invoice payments. I decided to do a "this old house" thing. We bought a big but ugly house in a great neighborhood. I spent 3 ½ years remodeling it. We sold it for a huge profit. My wife was burned out at her work, so in 2003, we decided it was time to retire and move back to our vacation home on the southern Oregon coast. We did a lot of volunteer work, joined CAF and became board members and officers

of our local salmon hatchery. I was president for the highly stressful times of 2007 and 2008. I continue to work on special projects and fund-raisers such as our annual salmon derby.



Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator

Everyone ready? Spawning time is quickly approaching! The first spawning date at Indian Creek Hatchery is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 10 AM, rain or shine. So get out the rain gear and get ready to play with fish! This is my favorite time of year, salmon coming up the creeks and mushrooms popping up with the first rains. Don't we live in a great area?

The rains came early this year, so we had fish in the ladder on Oct. 4th. The earliest we've had fish in the ladder in the last 10 years was Oct. 20th. We only had 19 fish at the hatchery that day, but it was a start. As of Oct 13th we have 76 fish in the adult holding tank. The Food Bank has received 11 fish and we donated 2 fish to Shore Pines Assisted Living. It's been a very different return this year, but I know there are

still fish rolling at the mouth of Indian Creek and hatchery clipped fish getting caught in the bay. So we have more to come: 40 wild from Huntley Park and 36 from the ladder at the hatchery.

Indian Creek Hatchery is allotted 45 to 50 pair of Chinook salmon for spawning season, which gives us about 175,000 eggs. After the hatchery has enough brood stock, we open up the dam at the hatchery. The remaining salmon spawn naturally in the creek. Did you know that one female Chinook salmon can have between 1,000 to as many as 6,000 eggs? I understand why they only do this once.

The fish returning to the ladder is just the beginning of the 2011/2012 season, so if you'd like to volunteer with spawning or at the hatchery, please call me, **Chris Underhill** (541-247-0396). I'm the volunteer coordinator for CAF and we are always looking for new volunteers.

Just a friendly reminder, it is wonderful to watch the salmon returning to the hatchery in Indian Creek, but fishing or removing fish from Indian Creek is illegal. It's great to watch, but hands off; some salmon will make it, some won't. This is all part of the salmon life cycle. Remember even the fish that don't make it contribute to the ecosystem by feeding raccoons, fox, bear and the macro-invertebrate in the creek. The nutrients flowing in the creeks provide a healthy and nutritious environment for our salmon for years to come, and this is all part of the salmon life cycle. Let nature take its course.

I hope to see everyone at the Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF) "All You Can Eat Pizza Feed" held at Sunset Pizza on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd from 5 to 8 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and half price for kids 12 and under. We will have the New CAF T-shirts for sale and a raffle. John Epps is heading up this project. He has requested about 11 people to help, so I'll be calling for volunteers. All proceeds from this CAF fundraiser go to operate and maintain the Indian Creek Hatchery, which is an all-volunteer non-profit organization.

Mark your calendars for the CAF Volunteers Appreciation, Election, and Christmas Party Potluck on Dec. 9th that will be held at the Turtle Rock RV Park this year. I'm so excited; the clubhouse has been completed so we will have plenty of room and a full kitchen. I'm working on

a 5:30 pm Happy Hour with appetizers and 6:30 potluck dinner. This is still in the planning stages, so more information to follow.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out this month. We couldn't do what we do without you; you're priceless!

Salmon King of Oregon

Robert D. Hume

Part I

Article courtesy of Laural Gerkman

Admired and despised, Robert D. Hume was a central figure in the history of Gold Beach. And Oregonians have him to thank for the gift of a sustainable supply of salmon.

Robert D. Hume lived and breathed economics. From humble beginnings he earned and enjoyed wealth. This vigorous pioneer excelled as an entrepreneur, inventor, and legislator. However, Hume is best remembered as an apostle of conservation. For thirty years, at his own expense, he studied the artificial propagation of coastal salmon.

As a young man, R.D. Hume left the East Coast for California where his brothers had established a salmon fishery on the Sacramento River. He joined their endeavor and quickly built a reputation in the canning industry based on his mechanical ingenuity; he acquired 24 patents on improved can-making machines throughout his career.

In time, salmon numbers dwindled, so Humes moved north to the Columbia River in search of new territory. There they encountered relentless competition among fisheries. R.D. Hume overcame many problems with innovative ideas that even his rivals appreciated. Unfortunately, his success was mixed with tragedy when he lost his wife and two children to illness.

Distraught and alone, the windowed industrialist decided to move on. In 1876, Hume arrived in the town of Ellensburg (which was later named Gold Beach) at the mouth of the Rogue River, where he purchased a struggling fishery. In the book, The Salmon King of Oregon, author and historian Gordon B. Dodds describes Hume's arrival: "Here was to be his empire. Here he was to seize the salmon, the shore, and to a large measure, the people..."

That year, while aboard a ship headed for the Siuslaw River, Hume met Mary Duncan. The elegant and educated 20-year-old New Zealander found Hume dashing and handsome. Her cheerful, though reserved demeanor impressed him, and after a brief courtship, they married.

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

Sunset Family Pizza has been open for almost three years now and is located at 29790 Ellensburg Ave. in the old Grants Restaurant. Sunset Pizza opens at 11AM for lunch and dinner seven days a week. They serve really tasty pizza with a crispy yet soft crust. They also serve salads, pasta and sandwiches. 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.

So bring the family to **Sunset Family Pizza** on **Nov. 2nd from 5 to 8 PM** and enjoy the Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF) All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Fundraiser. It's only \$10.00 per person and all proceeds go to operate and maintain the Indian Creek Hatchery. Thank you Carla and Brad for supporting CAF and numerous non-profits organizations in the area with these fundraisers.

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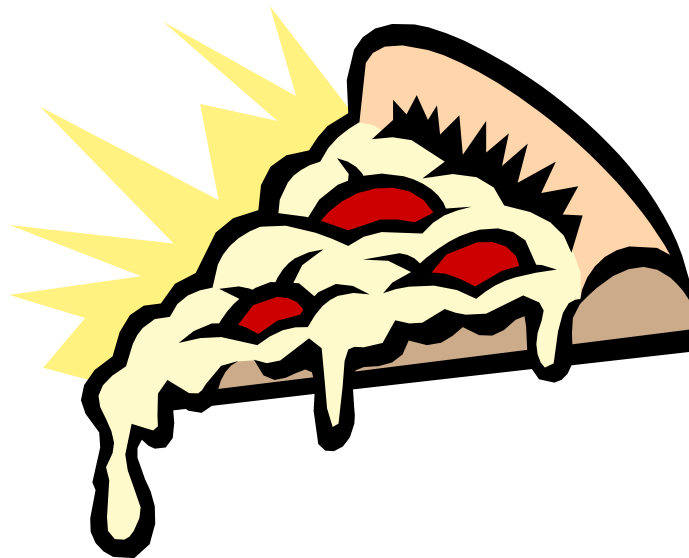
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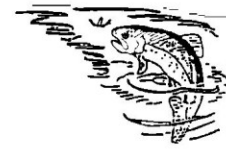


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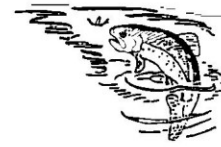


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