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Upcoming Events

June 3rd Free Fishing Days

June 13th-15th Fin Clipping

July 4th Hatchery BBQ 10:00-noon

August 2-5 CAF Salmon Derby

President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Last December at our annual general meeting and election of board members, Linda Tarwater volunteered to join the board of directors so that we would have a full board. At the time, she did tell us that, if we found anyone else that would like to be on the board, she would gladly step aside. As it turns out, a few months later David Barnes expressed a desire to join the board and Linda was happy to step down to allow that to happen. I'd like to thank Linda for stepping up when needed and also for putting together an email list of our members and volunteers for a project we are working on. Thank you, Linda. It was a hard winter and spring here in Gold Beach. Not only did we come up way short on brood stock for spawning, but we had snow! Unfortunately, our aging predator netting over the raceways was destroyed by the weight of the snow. David Barnes stepped right up and applied for an emergency grant to get the netting replaced. We received the grant. Thank you, David, and welcome to the board! Gary Underhill and his crew have purchased the necessary hardware to complete the project, so we should have the new netting installed by the end of May. This year, along with fin clipping, we will also be tagging about 25,000 of our fish - not something new to the hatchery as it has been done in the past, but it is new to me since it hasn't been done since I've been a member. It will be interesting, at least to me, to see when the first tagged fish return to spawn and how many years before the last tagged fish return. I'd like to thank all of the members and volunteers for the hours and hours spent raising our fish. Thanks Everyone!

CAF General Meeting

March 9, 2017

Gary Underhill-In the absence of the president the vice-president called the meeting to order at 10:03am. The minutes from the December and February general meetings were approved as printed in the March edition of *The Riffle*.

Treasurer-Barbara Huff reported monthly income of \$116.53 and expenses of \$1,312.64. The board hasn't yet approved the proposed 2017 budget.

The Riffle-Thankfully, Hassie Taylor will produce the March edition. Without help, there will not be another edition until June.

EMAIL-Linda Tarwater is merging email addresses from existing lists. A notice will be in the next edition of *The Riffle* asking members to submit current addresses to Linda so there will be one complete list.

ODFW-John Weber announced that Reel Fishing Days will be April 18, 20, 25 and 27 at Arizona Pond from 8am to 2pm. For planning purposes volunteers should sign up using the survey monkey website available from ODFW. Because we have a reduced fish feeding schedule, John emphasized that it is important for CAF to make an extra effort to involve the volunteers in the hatchery.

2017 Salmon Derby-Mary Duncan and Jim Carey (from The Rogue Outdoor Store) have board approval to run the derby Aug. 2, 3, 4 and 5. The dinner and awards will be held at the Event Center on Aug. 5th. Mary has begun sending out letters to sponsors and vendors seeking support for the derby.

Hatchery-There are 8 trays of fish in raceway 1 and 4 trays were placed in the bottom half of raceway 2. The remaining 5 trays will be placed in the top half of raceway 2 next week. The fish are being fed 4 times daily and are eating well. There's an accumulation of mud in the raceways which will be cleaned at the next work party. The predator net broke during the storms and Gary will get a crew to put up the old netting after some minor repairs. There is significant erosion on the road to the vault.

Libby Pond-The pond may not be available for Free Fishing Day on June 3rd in which case the event will be held at Arizona Pond on that date. Arizona Pond will also be used for a Free

Fishing Day on June 4th instead of the Elk River Hatchery.

Jim Freedman-As the CAF representative to newly conformed Curry Watershed Partnership (CWP), Jim reported that CWP is involved with all the waterways from Langlois to the Winchuck River. A grant (\$2.5mil. minimum) will be awarded to improve estuaries within CWP's jurisdiction. Specific mention was directed to the possible enlargement of the Hunter Creek estuary east of the Highway 101 bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

CAF General Meeting

April 13, 2017

Call To Order-President David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes from the March general meeting will be published in the next edition of *The Riffle*. Linda Tarwater resigned from the board after discovering that David Barnes had an intense interest in being a board member. The board accepted Linda's resignation and appointed David to the board at the April 6th meeting. Welcome and thanks to David. The asphalt water diversion berm will be done when Tidewater has time. Some Gold Beach High School science students have volunteered to participate in fin clipping.

Treasurer-Barbara Huff reported a monthly loss of \$475.92 and a year-to-date loss of \$2,581.57. There were donations in memory of John Chafin from Linda Edwards and Joe Janowicz. The board will finalize the proposed 2017 budget at the May 4th board meeting.

The Riffle-Hassie Taylor will produce the June edition. A volunteer is needed to produce the newsletter more often.

EMAIL-Linda Tarwater merged existing member data and added addresses she obtained by calling members. The list is not complete, so we still have a breakdown in notifying/reminding members of important events. The ensuing discussion included: phone tree, using QuickBooks, posting notices at the hatchery and on Shutterfly. Linda is no longer in charge of updating the email list.

Reel Fishing Days-There was a small work party; the angler trailer equipment has been checked, but more volunteers are needed and the board approved a maximum of \$400 for volunteer lunches for 2 of the 4 days.

2017 Salmon Derby-Mary Duncan and Jim Carey (from The Rogue Outdoor Store) have everything progressing on schedule. Help is always needed with publicity and more help will be needed as we approach August 2nd-5th.

Hatchery-Gary Underhill reported: there are around 50,000 fish in the raceways; **more volunteer feeders are needed**; the fish are eating well; there are 4 automatic feeders on each raceway; repair of raceway 3 and replacement of the bird netting will be done when time and weather allow.

Scholarships-One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Gold Beach High School student at the award ceremony at 6pm on May 11th.

Gold Beach High School fish rearing project-The 4 year program will begin next fall using Indian Creek Hatchery eggs that will be gathered, fertilized, fed and released under CAF's propagation plan. ODFW will monitor the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

CAF General Meeting

May 11, 2017

Call to Order-Secretary Glenn Kral called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes from the April general meeting will be published in the next edition of *The Riffle*.

ODFW-John Weber announced that in addition to fin clipping next month ODFW will be inserting Coded Wire Tags (CWT). Only 25,000 fish will receive the CWTs that identify Indian Creek Hatchery (ICH) and the insertion date. The last tagging at ICH was in 2005. A CWT supervisor and trained clipping/CWT staff will be provided by ODFW. The remainder of the ICH fish will be fin clipped by volunteers. John reviewed the CWT background and historical data of the fishery on the Rogue River beginning at the Cole River Hatchery (CRH). There's an ongoing discussion at ODFW about the release of CWT chinook smolts from CRH in the lower Rogue River this year. John answered numerous

questions and proposed that a formal presentation would be a good idea in the future.

Board of Directors-The board: approved the 2017 budget showing a deficit of \$12,252.25; agreed to purchase a Mike Kopec memorial bench; asked Dave Barnes to coordinate with John Weber for an emergency STAC mini grant to purchase a new predator net and hardware in the amount of \$2,000; Dave Barnes has approached numerous local interests for a letter of support to attach to the new propagation proposal.

Treasurer-Barbara Huff reported a monthly loss of \$949.30 and a year-to-date loss of \$3,550.87.

The Riffle-Hassie Taylor will produce the June edition. **A volunteer is needed to produce the newsletter more often.** Scheduled events need to be announced further in advance to accommodate the reduced printing schedule.

2017 Salmon Derby-Talk to Mary Duncan or Jim Carey about helping or suggestions for prizes, sponsors or advertising.

Hatchery-Gary Underhill reported: the emergency STAC mini grant was approved for new predator netting.



Picture taken by Joe Janowicz on April 25th.
Riley Creek 3rd grade students participated.

There were about 250 happy students fishing at Arizona Pond's Reel Fishing Days.

After a last minute notice, Mary Duncan helped Gary with the 4th & 5th graders at Natural Resources Day; 2 volunteers cleared the brush on the road to the vault; the spring line has been detached and moved away from the failed roadway; more feeding volunteers are needed; Gary needs help with the W & F tour schedule; an open house with hot dogs will be held at ICH on July 4th.



Riley Creek students proudly show their catch to photographer, Joe Janowicz.

Scholarships-One \$500 scholarship will be awarded tonight at GBHS.



Photo of Kaitlin Armstrong and Jack Sheehan, CAF Scholarship Coordinator. Photo by Tammy Ross

“Kaitlin, a dedicated, gifted and determined student and athlete” (as described by a CAF board member) was awarded the CAF scholarship in the amount of \$500 on May 11, 2017 at Gold Beach High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Another Great Volunteer Lost

John Chafin passed away Feb. 18, 2017. He was a man of integrity, a great friend and an amazing fisherman. CAF will miss his presence and his smile. We offer condolences to Anne and John's family.

March Work Parties at ICH



Vern releasing unfed fry. Photo by Joe Janowicz



Larry and Dean on the net. Photos by Joe Janowicz



A Note From John Weber

The CAF event is planned to be on Sat 3rd at Libby Pond. On the 4th we will have an event at AZ Pond that is primarily sponsored by Port Orford Rotary and Elk River Fish Hatchery. CAF folks are welcome to help there too, but I did not want to put that burden on the group. Although, this is the first year at AZ so help will be appreciated.

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Victor Germano from Sac., CA

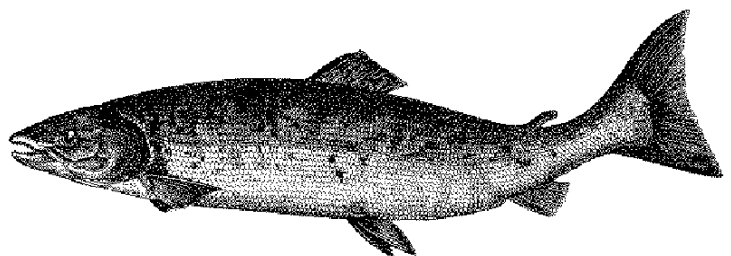
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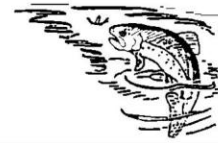
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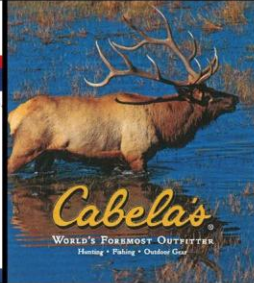
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