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#### INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN, AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

NO GENERAL MEETINGS due to pandemic protocol.

Monthly BOARD MEETINGS for 2022 shall be held outside, at the Indian Creek Fish Hatchery every second Thursday of the month beginning at 10:00 AM, weather permitting, otherwise meetings will be held at the airport terminal office.

#### **NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES**

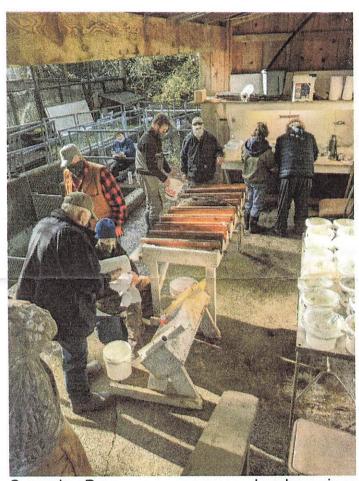
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# **Upcoming Events**

Spawning is underway. We will gather at the hatchery on each Monday of December, until we have enough eggs for this year, hopefully around 90,000. If you want to participate contact Tom Spani (tom\_spani@msn.com).

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Spawning Day

Joe Janowicz

# President's Corner

By J. Aaron Duncan

Hello everyone!

It is that time of year where you will hear everyone say "wow, this year went really fast". At least for me, it has flown by!

Indian Creek Fish Hatchery is doing good. We have approximately 90 to 100,000 eggs. Everything is on track for a great season. We should begin ponding the first raceway within a few weeks. This is going to be an awesome year.

I would like to say "Thank you" to all our members, volunteers, sponsors, and our community for their continued support in the raising of our fish.

Notice was sent by email to the membership for nominees to the 2022 Board of Directors. No new nominees were submitted. At the annual election of officers, all of the current board members agreed to continue on the board for 2022. Aaron Duncan and Roger Lindquist will switch as President and Vice President.

Your 2022 Board of Directors are as follows:

Roger Lindquist Barbara Spani Gary Underhill

Aaron Duncan Joe Janowicz Tom Spani

Bruce Blanthorn

Dave Nicodemus

Gene Trinkler

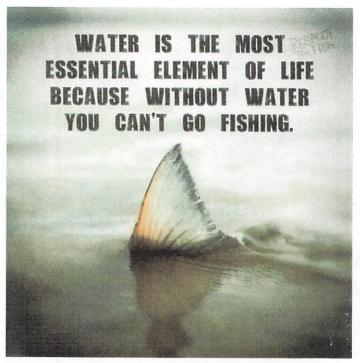
Thanks to everyone for helping make CAF a success in the Gold Beach community.

I am looking forward to a great season! Aaron Duncan



Derby Day Selfie

Aaron Duncan



By Anonymous

## Salmon Derby 2021

Well, even with all of the Covid regulations and restrictions, we were able to hold the annual Salmon Derby for 2021 on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a big success. We had 121 people register across the four days. Participants were able to sign up at the Rogue Outdoor Store and at the Port of Gold Beach. Raffle items were on display at the Rogue Outdoor Store.

It was great to talk with all the participants each day. We sold a variety of items - t-shirts, lures, hats, hat pins, and rods and reels that had been donated to be sold. If you missed purchasing a t-shirt, we will be selling them next year also.

The Derby dinner was held at the Gold Beach Community Center and included barbecue chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Arch Rock Brewing Company served beer and wine.

There were 121 participants with 40 fish that qualified for entry into the Derby.

The winners were:

First Place: Danny Dumas Second Place: Gary Bender Third Place: Jack Oldham

The Mike Kopek Award went to Jenny Oldham.

The cash and silent auction sponsors were as follows:

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# **ODFW Plan for South Coast** Region

The Rogue South Coast multi species conservation and management plan has been in development for over 2 years. Approximately 30 members of the fishing community in the South Coast Region (stakeholders) volunteered to participate in the creation of this plan, along with representatives of the Grande Ronde, Siletz, Coquille, and Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua tribes, and representatives of the National Marine Fisheries service.

Independent science review and consultation was conducted by Oregon State University and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The climate vulnerability assessment expert panel consisted of ODFW experts, a private studies biological group with Clearwater Biostudies, BLM representatives, members of the Coquille Tribe, representatives from the national marine fisheries, and a representative with Trout Unlimited. (How did they sneak in there)?

There were some 13 ODFW folks authoring the plan along with 7 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission members.

There were over 17 meetings (both in person and via zoom), countless phone calls, and thousands of hours of public testimony. Quite a complex and difficult process. Just getting this group to agree on anything was a miracle!!! In the end, it was likely the most challenging, frustrating, revealing, surprising, educational,

and, yes, rewarding endeavor in which I have ever been involved.

I do not agree with all aspects of the new plan. I feel there were two distinct divisions within the groups.

The conservationist side (of which I am part) who believe in the traditional model of hunting and fishing driven by real science with sensible harvest and monitoring which dictate bag limits, hatchery releases and production, etc.

The preservationist side (well-funded, fulltime paid lobbyist groups like the Native Fish Society and Trout Unlimited) who seem determined to eliminate all harvest opportunities throughout our state. They seem to believe that "social issues" (no hunting or fishing for food) should have a prominent place at the decision making table.

Obviously, I do not agree with the second group. Follow the science not who cries the loudest. The various groups were encouraged to agree where possible and compromise where necessary to reach consensus. I was shocked when I discovered that the ODFW actually considers "social opinion" as a determining factor in its bag limits and regulations. I am hoping that will change.

Keep in mind, we addressed the existing regulations for winter and summer steelhead. Coho salmon, and Cutthroat trout in coast watersheds from the Elk River to the Winchuck, including the Rogue Basin. It became apparent about halfway through the process that the socalled "preservationist group" preferred the "take no prisoners" approach with zero concessions during negotiation. This type of stakeholder/ group participation, if you want to call it that, made it difficult to reach consensus on most issues. I believe as conservationists (fishermen and hunters), we should expect more of the same in any future negotiations that include groups of this sort and be prepared for them to behave in the same way.

The Oregon Anglers Association and their diverse board of directors were a great resource and partner in this process.

The OAA is the fisherman's friend and their mantra of preserving Hatcheries, Habitat, and Harvest, is one we at CAF embrace and support. Special thanks to the 50+ local folks who showed up at our Curry County Commissioners' meeting and gave testimony. You saved the day and had a significant influence on the ODFW Commissioners' final decision to continue some harvest.

In the end we did our best and managed to preserve and, in most cases, increase Hatcheries, Harvest, and Habitat. We have increased monitoring of fish stocks to scientifically, not socially, enhance our fishery. Decision highlights include 1 native fish a day, 3 native fish per season on all but a few streams will remain. A maximum of 2 fish per day either 2 hatchery or 1 native and 1 hatchery. Hatchery fish are limited to 20 on your tag, but you can purchase additional tags if you are that lucky.

Harvest opportunities for native steelhead on the lower Rogue are supposed to begin December 1st not January 1st next season. Hatchery production and release of Coho salmon is to be increased by 25,000 to 100,000 this year, hopefully bringing more harvest opportunities in the future.

Our goals are as stated in the plan: \*Ensure long term sustainability of wild steelhead, Coho Salmon and Cutthroat trout to provide ecological, economic and cultural benefits to present and future generations, \*foster and sustain fishing opportunities while conserving wild steelhead, Coho salmon and Cutthroat trout.

#### Some key conclusions:

\*Wild winter steelhead and Cutthroat trout are widespread, abundant, and are expected to persist through time.

\*Wild summer steelhead populations are sensitive due to development pressures in areas of key spawning and early rearing habitat and less widespread distribution, and require a cautious management approach.

\*Coho salmon need status improvement to insure future persistence.

\*Climate and ocean change pose a risk to long term persistence of plan species degree of risk varies among species and locations.

\*Desired status for all species is to increase abundance relative to recent levels which would reduce risks to long term persistence increase resilience to climate change and insure strong consistent fisheries.

\*Primary limiting factors for all plan populations relate to habitat - particularly stream temperature, flow, and passage barriers (dams and culverts).

\*Addressing habitat limiting factors will increase population resilience and reduce risks from climate and ocean change.

\*Climate change is addressed in numerous strategies and actions.

\*Support for prioritized and effective habitat protection and restoration efforts.

\*Increased monitoring to guide management \*Maintain and enhance fishing opportunities while minimizing risk from harvest, hatchery programs and climate change

\*Increase management surety through identification of locations, targets, and limits for hatchery programs.

\*Implement a harvest management framework based on additional monitoring and data for wild winter steelhead.

\*Strengthen public outreach and engagement in native fish conservation.

In summation, I did not agree with all the means used to achieve our stated outcomes. The potential limiting percentage of hatchery fish on spawning beds is a number, that if dropped too low, will eliminate our hatcheries. The "desired status" numbers are set too high and could ultimately eliminate harvest if not monitored very closely.

Encourage the governor to appoint future commissioners that are conservationists not preservationists. Folks that follow the science not the current social fads.

The opinions and observations expressed here are mine and mine alone and do not reflect the positions of CAF or ODFW. They have been gleaned from my time over the last 2 years as stakeholder.

Be a stakeholder, be engaged, participate or we will lose what we have to those that are more aggressive!!!

Yours in conservation!
We hatch 'em, you catch 'em!
Hunter Creek Joe Janowicz

#### **OREGON ANGLERS ALLIANCE**

ODFW Plan for the South Coast Region
At this time, I'd like to extend a heartfelt "thank
you" to everyone that took the time to submit
written comment on supporting the Rogue/South
Coast Stratum Multi-species plan that was
adopted by a huge margin on Friday Dec. 17th.
Special thanks to the people that had the
courage and the time to testify on Dec. 16th in
support of hatcheries and harvest.

Thanks to Court Boice and the Curry County Commission for supporting us and lending us the Commission meeting room for live-remote testimonies. We had 55 concerned citizens testify that day! It was what may likely have swung the pendulum in our favor.

Thanks to our Tribal partners the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the Coquille Tribe, and the Tollowa Tribe.

Also, thanks to live Curry County Forum speakers Bruce Bertrand, Rick Howard, Dave Kuehn, Bill Divins, Larry Smith, Gene Trinkler, Lawrence Smith, Brenda Hammers, Morey Hammers, Vince Martino, George Lewis, John Meyer, Ann Bacin, Henry Simmons, Mike and Kay Krug, Sam Waller, Neil Rogers, Robert Berg, John Anderson, John Ward, Michael Simmons, Lucie LaBonte, Janet Jeffery, Andy Martin, Tim Buehler, Justin Taylor, Bryan Pomfory, Steven Hathaway, Mark Coats, Jay Lander, David Sophussom, Mary Duncan, Mark Stevens, Dave Kuehn, Michael Becker, Peter Eisenhart, Kathy Eisenhart, Cliff Lance, Bruce Blanthorn, Anna Krug, Bill Divins, James Aaron Duncan, Ken Thompson, Patrick Hollinger, Rick Ellis, James Antrim, Charles Currie, Art Tidmarsh, Earl Jenkins, Joseph Janowicz, Reg Pullen, Lex Rau, John Anderson, Barbara Spani, and of course, Leonard Krug.

Additional support was offered from personal, live, Zoom testimony; David Brock Smith, Steve Godin, Roger Lindquist, Ty Wyatt, and Richard Heap.

It was a crazy day and my apologies if I have omitted anyone.

Gratefully, Leonard Krug President, Oregon Anglers Alliance



Derby Day photo by Donnette Brown

# **Board of Directors Election - 2022**

It's that time of year again.

Board of Director's election time is here. If you have interest in serving on the Board for 2022, please email or call Tom Spani at tom spani@msn.com or 541-660-8982. Roger

Lindquist can be reached at

rlindquist95457@gmail.com or 541-373-7848. We need your nominations by December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you want to nominate someone to serve on the board, please contact Tom or Roger by December 6th.

The current Board members are Aaron Duncan, Roger Lindquist, Joe Janowicz, Barbara Spani, Tom Spani, Gene Trinkler, Gary Underhill, Dave Nicodemus, Bruce Blanthorn.

We will send out an email when we have the nominated information. The vote will be held on December 20,2021 by email. If you have not received any emails from the CAF, or Tom Spani, please send him your updated email information to Tom\_spani@msn.com.

# Salmon Snout Collection Program

The ODFW snout retrieval program is still collecting snouts for 2022. Look for the

collection boxes at Jots, Outdoor Store, Lex's and the Port of Gold Beach. The winner of the 2021 drawing was Carolyn Reeck

# CAF VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Mary Duncan

Welcome to our new members Logan Couch and Carina Lea

They own and operate All Aspects Plumbing, which serves the south coast for everything plumbing related from new construction and remodeling to repairs.

Both Logan and Carina have been avid outdoor adventurers all their lives, so moving to Gold Beach just made since in 2017.

Carina's career path went from bank management in the Brookings area to plumbing assistant and general right hand person for Logan in the plumbing business here in Gold Beach. She loves baking and cake decorating.

Logan is a former member of our local search and rescue team SAR for 19 years plus; Carina was also a SAR team member for four years.

These guys are kayak fanatics, and can be found floating around the local lakes on the hunt for the big fish for dinner. They make a great team, and we are excited for them to get involved in the hatchery program.

Hopefully this next season we will all get to be out on the river catching more than just some "rays"

# Ways to help the Hatchery through donations

As many of you are aware, we have been getting donations from the collection of McKay's receipts as well as by linking your Ray's rewards cards to the hatchery account. The board thanks everyone for their help with these rewards programs. As a reminder:

#### McKay's

McKay's will rebate back to the hatchery 1% of

eligible purchased items. Receipts must be dated within the last 12 months and all McKay's receipts, not just Gold Beach, are eligible. There are collection containers at the following locations: Oceanside RV Park, Turtle Cove RV Park, Indian Creek RV park, the Crow's Nest restaurant, Rogue Outdoor Store, and at the hatchery itself, or they may be turned in at any monthly meeting.

#### Ray's

With your Ray's rewards card, talk to a manager and have them go into their computer and link your card to Curry Anadromous Fishermen, account number 50642. Then, each time you make a purchase at Ray's, give them your rewards card number or phone number. A donation will be sent to us each quarter.

We have recently added two more opportunities for members, friends, family, etc. to help us receive donations to the hatchery through purchases. In addition to McKay's and Ray's we have set up accounts with Fred Meyer and Amazon Smile. The following is how you can participate if you so choose in these fund raising efforts.

#### Fred Meyer

Link your Rewards Card to the hatchery at fredmeyer.com. Enrolling is an easy process that's clearly outlined on the site. Customers can begin earning donations for our nonprofit when they shop at Fred Meyer using a linked Rewards Card. This is an ongoing program and customers may enroll at any time. First log into your account and next select Community Rewards; it is on the left side. Type Curry Anadromous Fishermen in the search bar. Once our organization comes up hit enroll. This will not affect your existing Fred Meyer's rewards or gas rewards program; you will just be providing a donation to the hatchery with eligible purchases.

#### **Amazon Smile**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive the donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at

smile amazon.com will result in a donation. This cannot, at this time, be accessed from the Amazon App for iOS or Android, so you will need to access through a web browser. If you have an existing Amazon account this will not affect it, you will just be providing a donation to the hatchery with eligible purchases. This program is a great way for friends and family from out of town to help support our hatchery.

Thank you for anything you can do to help out the Indian Creek Hatchery and its support of the salmon fishery in the Lower Rogue River. If you have questions please contact Roger Lindquist at <a href="mailto:rlindquist95457@gmail.com">rlindquist95457@gmail.com</a> or (541) 373-7848

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Their mission statement - "to provide you with quality lures and flies, at an affordable price, that will raise your level of success in fishing." Dean and Pat Hendricks fished Northern California lakes and the Sacramento River for years before retiring to Florence in 2003.

They own and have operated North Country Guide Service for several years.

Dean's areas of expertise included fishing for salmon, trout, steelhead and bass. Dean and Pat believe in supporting and giving back to the community. They are members of the Florence Salmon Trout Enhancement

Program 5 and the Siuslaw Watershed Council; Dean is also an ODFW Fishing Instructor and a member of the Ten Mile Bass Club. Both Dean and Pat are members of the Florence Area Humane Society. Their contributions to the community are many. For every lure, rod and reel purchased, a portion of the proceeds is donated to these groups. Their commitment to give back to the community is noteworthy. As former middle school teachers, they are still involved in teaching kids how to fish and putting on free fishing days. Dean also offers workshops and seminars to teach adults and kids alike. They have helped fund the CAF scholarship program for the past few years which helped graduating seniors reach their higher education goals.

If your organization is interested in having Dean present a workshop in your area, give him a call at 541-997-7080 or visit them in Florence. In Gold Beach, their lures can be purchased at The Rogue Outdoor Store. Remember, these lures are lead free. North Country Lures & Flies continue to support CAF. Each year they donate rods, reels and lures for our CAF Salmon Derby. CAF thanks Dean and Pat Hendricks for their generosity and their commitment to educating young and old on how to catch fish. Check out their website and read about how it all began catching the BIG ONE @ www.nclaf.com

# **CAF Welcomes New Member**

Rob Atwell Logan Cohen Carina Lea

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