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

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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
APRIL 13, 2006 – 10:00 AM
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**(Come at 9:00 AM for Breakfast, to join
us for good food, good friends and an
interesting and informative meeting)**

**Next BOARD MEETING Wednesday,
APRIL 5, 2006 – 10:00AM
BISCUIT BUILDING**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2006 !!**

Vice President Speaks

Tom Tostenson

I want to thank all the members who donated to the gray fund. We now have 20 yards of gravel at the hatchery to spread. There was \$330.00 collected and we spent \$240.00 for gravel. So, we still have \$90.00 for other needed things.

Presidents Corner

Art Kurz

The incubation period for fry is over. All trays are empty, and transferred to raceways 1, 2, and 3, which are now in full operation. Attention must be paid to the feeding activities. Feeding instructions are posted at the hatchery and at this time, are different for each raceway. Please, start the feeding no later than 9:00 AM each day!

CAF attorney Jim Gardner prepared the final changes to the CAF articles of incorporation as a non-profit organization (501C-3) for submittal to the Federal Government. CAF board members signed these documents on March 9, 2006. This will give us non-profit status for both the state, which we already have, and the Federal Government. With this status, fund raising will have new avenues to utilize.

The annual salmon dinner and fundraiser are scheduled for August 25, 2006. Put it on your calendar.

We are trying to update our plumbing system diagram. Anyone with experience to accomplish this, and wishes to volunteer, please call Chris Underhill at 247-0396.

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to www.rogueriversalmon.org

Volunteer Report

By Chris Underhill 247-0396

Well, it's tax time, didn't mean to ruin ya'll day, but on a good note, all the fish are in the raceways now and we have the usual daily feeding routine. Please make sure you wipe off the belt before you put the feed in the feeders and make sure the timer is working. When taking water temps please don't submerge the digital thermometer, it's not waterproof on the top and corrodes the battery.

Our little babies are getting bigger each day, and such fun to hand feed. We also have started the weekly vacuuming of the raceways, I'm calling to get volunteers as I type this article. John Lento just called too, to say I was late with my Riffle article. I need to get on the ball! If you'd like to give vacuuming a raceway a try, please call me. I'm working on scheduling each raceway to be cleaned once a week, later this summer we will have to increase it to twice a week, but first lets get the basics started.

We are waiting for a couple of sunny days in a row so we can move the piles of rock at the hatchery. Tom & Jess collected enough money at the meeting to order 2 loads of rock, now we just have to spread it. We will have a work party for that and a cleanup day with a BBQ to follow. Kathy always said, get the work done before you feed the volunteers, so work first, play and eat later. If you haven't been to the hatchery lately, Tom has built a great shelf and countertop in the spawning area, a cover for the garbage cans and a rack to hold all the dam boards. He's been a busy beaver, Good Job, and everything looks great and thanks bunches to his son for donating his scrap lumber.

Pat Barnett and myself will attend another meeting for the Water Symposium scheduled April 11 from 8AM to 3PM. We will have 10 CAF members prepping, cooking & serving a snack & lunch to the students attending the symposium.

We will also have a table set up with the CAF

picture board displayed and I talked John Webber into dissecting a fish and displaying it, will give the kids something to checkout that's oohey & gooey.

The eggs at the Coy Creek/Cedar Valley Hatch boxes are doing good. The Brooking's Boy Scouts did such a great job on those boxes. Looks like we will be releasing the unfed fry sometime in the middle of April.

The CAF Salmon & Steak Feed has been scheduled for Aug. 25th, then the Curry Sport Fishing Assoc. will have their Salmon Derby on Aug. 26th. CAF will put up a \$100.00 prize for the fish closest, but not over 18.77 lbs. - 1877 was the year the hatchery was started.

Spring is sprung, and I hope everyone has a great April!

General Meeting

March 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Art Kurz at 10 am. President Kurz explained to the members that the meeting would soon be interrupted by our CAF attorney, Jim Gardner, who will be asking the Board and Officers to approve and sign our CAF Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit Organization (501-C-3). Mister Gardner will submit these Articles to the Federal Government for approval. He could not ascertain the length of time it will take for approval.

Jim Gardner arrived a few minutes after we were called to order and the Board and Officers met with him at the rear of the meeting room for several minutes.

Upon his return, President Kurz asked the members for approval of February's General Meeting minutes, they approved and he asked for reports.

JOAN GOODISON announced a meeting to be held at the courthouse March 9th at 7 PM

regarding The Freeman Gravel Company's estuary project. This is a Planning Commission meeting open to the public for their comments.

PAT BARNETT, SECRETARY, asked the members to find a volunteer electrician to help Larry Schnider and Art Kurz do some wiring and also to try and locate a large pipe cutter that will cut 6", 8" or 10" pipes. Gene Trinkler said he could find an electrician and Gary Harmon could locate a pipe cutter.

TOM TOSTENSON, VICE PRESIDENT, speaking for the absent TREASURER, SUE KOPEC, told the members that the large loss on February's Financial Report was caused by two items which were paid before the grant request funds arrived.

He has ordered one truck full of gravel to be spread over areas that collect water and mud, but needs yet a second to do the job well. Jess Christensen paid for the first load and Tom asked for donations from other members for the second. Edson Creek Rock and Product Company gave us good service as usual.

Tom asked work parties be called to clean up the hatchery and install the new metal walkway by May 15th. He reminded us the R & E meeting will be the end of May and they will be touring the hatchery. Chris Underhill will be arranging those work parties as soon as we have several days of sunshine.

GENE TRINKLER brought in renewals from two sponsors.

CHRIS UNDERHILL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, is looking for a body of volunteers who will be tour guides starting the middle of May. She will have the Gold Beach Guide book changed to call her telephone number and tours will start at 10 am, after feeding has been done. This will relieve the feeders of the responsibility.

Chris reported that Rich Watson will be taking pictures of the Hatchery area for the Guide and a new CAF brochure. Eggs at the Coy Creek

project were hatching, all the CAF Events posters have been distributed, and Gary Underhill sent a thank you letter to Wayne Adams for his work on the flush valve in the fish ladder.

She also stated that all feeder volunteers had been contacted and feel comfortable doing their jobs and prefer using the old D.O. meter. A vote was taken and a majority requested continuing use of the old D.O. Meter. Larry and Art will order a new model of that same meter so we will have a back up available.

Chris also reported the Salmon fundraiser dinner will be August 25th and volunteers were needed for the Watershed Symposium on April 11th.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT, told the members about his very positive experience with the insurance company for RSVP and suggested members fill out the forms at the Hatchery and send them into RSVP. It is not necessary to give them a social security number.

NANCY SCHNIDER added that the plastic pipes in the feeding boxes are working and be sure they are in place. Feeders should start working before 9 am as the boxes are on a twelve hour timer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. Then a fun raffle was held.

Submitted by,
Pat Barnett, Secretary
March 15, 2006

ACTION ITEMS MEMBER RESPONSIBLE

Electrician: Gene Trinkler
Pipe cutter: Gary Harmon
Work Parties: Chris Underhill
Order D.O. Meter: Larry & Art
New pictures for brochure and Guide:
Rich Watson

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

Lots of things have been going on at the hatchery

since my last article.

We found that the dam has shifted. The boards that were installed had broken. We had a good crew who braved the cold water and replaced the boards which was a real chore. The boards had to be shortened by an inch and a half.

All of the fry are in the raceways now and feeding from the automatic feeders. It sure is nice not to have to go out twice a day to hand feed them to get them started eating. The little guys are hard to see now with the murky water from the recent storms but, they are doing fine.

The hatchery is starting to look better now that cleanup has started. By the time we start tours it will look great. Thanks to all of you who faithfully do the feeding. We need each one of you to continue making the hatchery successful.

We now have the sunscreen installed on the south side of the raceways thanks to Don & Mike Foss and Bill Fetzer. It looks great, thanks guys.

We also have a nice new shelf in the spawning shed thanks to Tom T.

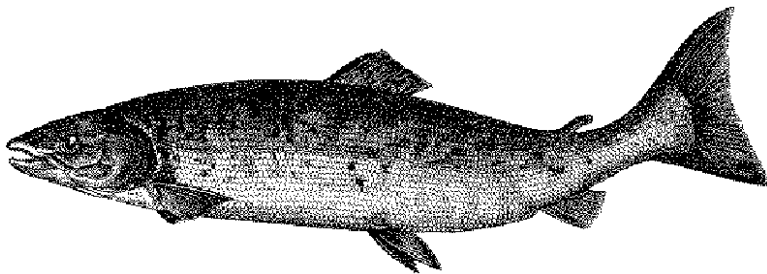
A little trivia:

Q. What does a fish say when it hits a stone wall

A. Dam

Beware of chocolate.

It makes your clothes shrink



Treasure's Corner

By Sue Kopec

Treasurers Report

Jan.

Feb.

Operating Capital	\$17,318	\$15,249
Income		\$ 2,865
Expenses		\$ 4,934

SPONSORS CORNER

Bill Douglas has been operating **Quality Coins and Tokens** here in Gold Beach for over three years now but has been visiting the area since 1989. Bill, buys, sells and appraises everything from US coins and tokens to more modern guns. If you have coins of interest don't make the mistake of undervaluing them when you sell. Bill can help appraise them and help you make good choices. Bill sponsors the CAF so he too can help keep the salmon population healthy as well as support the community.

Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.

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Raffle Editor:	John Lento 247-0178

Curry Anadromous Fishermen --- Indian Creek Hatchery

Volunteer Opportunities

Call Chris Underhill --- Volunteer Coordinator --- 247-0396

Seining for broodstock	October	Weekdays/Weekends
Spawning	Nov/Dec	Weekdays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning buckets • Cleaning hatchtrays • Fish collection • Assist in fertilization process • General cleanup 		
Supply Sargent (paper products, etc)	On going	
Egg sorting and counting	Dec/Jan	Weekdays
Hatchtrays monitory (D.O, Temp. Water flow)	Dec - Feb	Daily *
Fry release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Into tributaries • Into raceways 	February	Weekdays
Fish feeding and raceway monitoring	Feb-Jul	Daily *
Vacuum raceways	Feb-Jul	Three time a week *
Net fry for tagging process	June	Weekdays - 3 days
Release smolt into Rogue River	Jul/Aug	Weekdays
General work parties – maintenance and repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building • Raceways • Water lines • Dam • Vault • Grounds • Feeders • Aerators 	As required	
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
Other opportunities		
CAF Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Vice-President • Treasury • Secretary 		
CAF Board Member (five required)		
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Hatchery Manager		

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