



Volunteers Raising Salmon
Curry Anadromous Fishermen
Gold Beach, Oregon

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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
AUGUST 10, 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,
AUGUST 2, 2006 – 10:00AM
BISCUIT BUILDING**

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WANTED - Website Manager

This volunteer will work with West American Technologies to update News and Events on-line update and enhance sponsor page add to picture gallery, etc

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Presidents Corner

Art Kurz

The cycle for raising/growing smolt is scheduled for completion by the end of August. By that I mean all fish in the raceways will be released into the Rogue River. Thanks for all your support.

However, we have several projects that will need volunteer help to complete. For example:

1. Updating the alarm system.
2. Providing a method for eliminating/minimizing the silt from reaching the incubator head box.
3. Complete updating the plumbing and electrical diagrams.
4. Perform maintenance on any and or all hatchery systems that will not be in use during September and October.
5. Creating/updating operating procedures.
6. Maintain the hatchery and surrounding areas.
7. Suggest/support CAF fund raising activities.

As you can see, there are things to do that require volunteers. Summer means vacations, travel, etc. When called for help, please let us know whether or not you will be available so we can meet our goals.

Enjoy the summer weather.

"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

I've been gone on vacation, so this will be very short.

The volunteers showed up in force on July 14, to release Raceway #1. We had a whole bunch of volunteers and a lot of new faces also to send the fish off. The release was finished with a hot dog BBQ, thanks Dianne for the 7 layer dip and Larry for bringing dessert made by Ruth. Thank you to Pat Barnett & Sue Kopec for taking care of business while I was gone.

CAF also decided to enter a community booth at the Curry Co. Fair in the floral dept. This was quite an ordeal and very much a group effort. Thank you to Linda Snipes, Pat Barnett, Dianne MacKenzie and myself who created the "Barnyard Fishing Boogie". We placed 3rd and I believe we received \$30 for our effort, GREAT JOB LADIES!

The CAF Salmon and Tri-Tip BBQ is happening Friday, Aug. 25th from 4 to 8pm at the Indian Creek Cafe. Tickets are \$15 this year, had to raise the price due to high salmon cost. Tickets are available at Rogue Outdoor Store, Indian Creek Cafe or some CAF members.

We've started working on the walkway to the dam, so don't be surprised if I call looking for help.

The boats have started trolling on the mouth of the Rogue, that's a great sight to see every year and the bait fish are in also, so GOT SALMON?

Happy August, and hope to see you at the Salmon BBQ! Any questions, please feel free to call me at 247-0396.

Thank you,

Chris Underhill,
Volunteer Coordinator

General Meeting

July 13,2006

VICE PRESIDENT, TOM TOSTENSON
OPENED THE MEETING AT 10 AM.
PRESIDENT, ART KURZ was absent.

VICE PRESIDENT, TOM TOSTENSON:
Reported the need to put the new walk way into place over the dam. He asked for a work party by the end of July when more ODFW personnel will be available. Tom said it will be hard work and there will be heavy lifting involved. He asked for volunteers with engineering experience to coordinate that effort. He told the members that the boards in the dam area would have to be removed, but that must wait until the fish are all out of the area.

He asked for acceptance of the June General Meeting minutes. Larry Schnider made the motion and Gary Harmon seconded – all said aye.

PAT BARNETT, SECRETARY: Congratulated all the feeders on a job well done and told them that the 28,000 fish in raceway #1 would be released Friday, July 14th at noon. She said, according to John Weber the fish looked very strong and healthy and encouraged everyone to help with the release.

Pat asked all feeders to please call Larry Schnider when they completed their job. This way he will know the fish have been fed and he will not have to go to the Hatchery. Pat also asked all feeders to notify her if they needed a change in their schedule. Call at 247-0462. Pat is responsible for all scheduling.

She reminded them that the feeder belts must be cleaned top to bottom on both sides and all old food discarded or the feeder box could clog up and break the clock mechanism. Try not to spill food outside the raceway when hand feeding for it will attract critters.

Pat told the membership that Volunteer Jim Goodison was taken to Medford hospital Thursday, July 6th for emergency surgery. Pat has talked with his wife Joan and she says the

surgery went well and he will recover, but it will take some time.

New feeders were told they will have to call the RV Park each morning at 9 am for any tours and conduct the tours themselves if they feel comfortable doing that. Mike Kopec invited all new people to be at the Hatchery at 11 am, Friday, July 14th and go on a tour with him and stay for a question/answer session. Those volunteers who need more help on taking tours, please call Pat Barnett at 247-0462.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW: Explained the fish release process and said he would need volunteers at the Hatchery and then a few down at the release site. The tanks on the trucks will be filled with half fresh and half salt water. The fish in raceway #1 will have to be herded up towards the front, netted and put into the tanks. It will probably take 10 to 12 trips to the river. They must be released on an incoming tide as it will give the smolts a larger area to go and keep them safer from predators.

GENE TRINKLER, suggested we try releasing at night to give them an even better chance of survival. John Weber said they would take that into consideration.

SUE KOPEC, asked for new volunteers to power wash the raceways after the release, indicating it was always the same old folks who did it each year.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW: told the feeders he thought they have done a very good job this year and the raceways look better than they have ever looked adding how pleased he was that the algae had been cleaned off so thoroughly on the sides of all raceways. A clean environment leads to raising strong, healthy smolts, who have a better chance at survival once released. He asked for someone to call all the feeder volunteers to take part in the Friday, July 14th release. Pat will make the calls.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT: Voiced his concern about feeders not showing and Pat Barnett said she was calling all new feeders as a reminder.

SUE KOPEC, TREASURER; Submitted the June Financial Statement showing CAF still in the red. She reported an increase in donations from our current tours and emphasized the need to encourage even more tours throughout the summer. Sue would like to arrange a presentation for the Rotary and asked help from CAF volunteers who are also Rotarians. Sue reported that membership dues will be increased to \$20. She went on to explain that it now costs approximately \$20,000. to operate the Hatchery each year and grant monies are becoming harder to obtain.

Sue is looking for someone who will take over the management of our CAF web-site. Those interested may call her at 247-0369.

She reported that the August 25th Salmon fundraiser was on track except for the still high price of salmon and she passed around sign-up sheets for jobs to be done at that dinner. The price of tickets have been increased to \$15 each and Gary Harmon, Diane McKenzie and Tom Tostenson volunteered to distribute posters.

Sue said there was a demand for dessert and asks for volunteers to bake cookies. Many volunteers will be needed because there will be 300 people attending.

Sue announced that we could have a booth at the fair at no cost, because the garden club from Port Orford backed out. Diane McKenzie, Larry Schnider, Glenn Kral volunteered to put that together. Linda Snipes volunteered to design the booth and lead that project.

MIKE AND DON FOSS asked that CAF support the Fish Derby at Jots on August 26th by participating and buying raffle tickets. The funds raised will be going to the relocating of seals and sea lions in the Rogue River and bay. Right now they have gone to southern waters, but will be back.

One of the projects already underway. is all fish parts left at cleaning stations will be picked up once a week by an outside vendor and not thrown back into the bay. The Foss brothers invited all members of CAF to become members of CSA (Curry Sportfishing Association).

TOM TOSTENSON told them that CAF members will certainly support their efforts. He asked for any other business. There was none and he closed the meeting at 10:50 am.

Submitted by: Pat Barnett, Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

This has been a busy month. Our fish are growing and looking good.

On Friday the 14th of July we released over 27,000 fish from raceway #1 into the Rogue River. They weighed 29 to the pound. It was nice to have the public show up to watch the process at the hatchery and the river.

All of the volunteers have been doing a great job keeping the raceways clean. All raceways are vacuumed once a week, at least. Chris Underhill does more than her share of vacuuming. Algae needs to be kept off the raceway sides and screens. This job was always hard and time consuming, but we recently purchased some new hard bristle brushes that for a great job of brushing algae off the raceway sides, making the volunteers job easier. The fish are weighed every week so I can see how they are growing and adjust the Amount of food as needed. The food is delivered to the Elk River Hatchery, where we pick it up and haul it to our freezer.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work, so the hatchery can continue to run smoothly.

Trivia:

Twenty percent of all road accident in Sweden Involve moose. So why do they keep letting them drive?

Treasure's Corner

By Sue Kopec

Treasurers Report	May.	Jun.
Operating Capital	\$13,581	\$12,786
Income		\$ 895
Expenses		\$ 1,691

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		
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