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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,
DECEMBER 14, 2006 – 6:00 PM
INDIAN CREEK CAFE
Jerry's Flat Road**

**This is the annual meeting to elect the
CAF Officers, award the outstanding
volunteers for their services and a pot
luck Christmas dinner with friends.**

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DECEMBER 6, 2006 – 10:00AM
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Presidents Corner

Art Kurz

By the time you read this, spawning will have been completed. Egg counting will be during the last part of December, January and possibly into February. During this period and on to mort release, the eggs will have to be cared for. Volunteers are needed.

Remember that December 14th is the acknowledgement rewards and election night pot luck dinner.

The holidays are near and 2007 is around the corner. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who made 2006 a successful one.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY
SEASON!**

"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

Happy Holidays Everyone! Well, it's been a wet year so far - we've spawned 48 fish as of Nov 26th. We still have about 11 female left, so we should have good numbers for our unfed fry program and the smolt release.

We have had many wet and cold spawning day. Starting off at the beginning of November with 13 OSU Fish & Wildlife Club Students from Corvallis and getting drenched to the bone. They each took turns down in the ladder with Weber, sorting fish. That day they trucked 30 pair of mature salmon up to the top of Indian Creek, above the cascades, apparently there's some prime spawning grounds above. This should further improve and increase the future salmon population. The sun did pop out on the day the Riley Creek 2nd grader's toured the hatchery, and once again there were many OH's and AH's. Mrs. Boley's and Mr. Vorester's classes will return in the spring to feed the fry that they watched spawned, and continue learning about the salmon life cycle.

We've had some new faces helping with spawning this year, a big thank you to Elizabeth Lango, she took on the incubator room from day one and did a great job, so did her parents Beth and Robert - We missed Joan Goodison who usually heads this room, but she had a family death - I'm sorry for your loss Joan - Dianne McKenzie jumped in with both feet and checked out all the different stations, from pulling eggs, to fertilizing, to incubator room - We even had Perry Kishaba and Scott Miller, both teachers from Riley Creek School help us out on our Sunday spawn. We put them to work out in the creek, rounding up more fish. As Robert Lango put it, he always wanted to be a "Fish Shepherd", apparently Perry is really quick with the net. Also would like to say a big Thank you to Ruth McKibben's for all the goodies she has provided for the spawning parties, I look forward to seeing what's going to show up on the table, and thank you to all the volunteers who have survived my cooking.

OK, my mouth has run off again but I must remind everyone of the Dec. 14th Volunteer Appreciation & Election Potluck at Indian Creek Cafe at 6PM, bring your favorite side dish or dessert or main dish if you wish. CAF will have coffee, tea & soda available and a main dish like Ham or Turkey, my husband wants to BBQ Oysters too, we will see - BYOB - We will also have a usual raffle with lots of goodies - I look forward to seeing you all at the Potluck and if you have any questions please call, 247-0396.

Thank you.

Chris Underhill,
Volunteer Coordinator

General Meeting

November 9, 2006

President Art Kurz called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. Minutes of the September and October meetings were approved as printed in the Riffle. Motion: John Epps; second Geri Christensen, all in favor. Joan Goodison is taking minutes due to Pat Barnett being ill.

Sue Kopec presented the treasurer's report. Of note, John Winkler donated \$1000. \$500.00 dollars was donated by Joe Wierzba and A.J. McMillen, the proceeds of a reward for finding a stolen boat trailer. Thank you's will be sent by the secretary. Sue was pleased to announce another month in the "black."

Old Business: Art Kurz discussed the fungus control system proposed for the incubation trays along with John Weber. After much discussion, it was decided to go with salt and iodine treatments and defer the formalin system for now.

John Lento recommended a simple strainer system for sediment removal. John Epps has designed a more sophisticated plan which would do the job but cost several thousand dollars. John Lento will draw up specifications for the strainer system and we will try that for now. He estimated a cost of \$100.00.

Art discussed the problem of suspicious folks asking about adult fish in the holding tanks. Due to the potential for theft, the sheriff will patrol three times daily. We will install further security systems including lights and a blinking camera. Motion: Chris Underhill; second Sue Kopec, ayes prevailed.

Joan reported Dianne McKenzie is finishing up the brochure and it will be ready for the Christmas Bazaar.

Mike Kopec reported the 501(c)3 application check has been cashed by the IRS. Hopefully, the non-profit status approval won't be too long in coming.

Volunteer Coordinator: Chris Underhill discussed the alarm system now on during the night. The first spawning went well. Next date is Tuesday at 9 AM. She mentioned the article in the Reporter describing a group of young folks who helped clear fish from the ladder and place them upstream of the dam hopefully to spawn naturally. While Pat is ill, Chris will handle the work schedule, which has now started. She noted that the thermometers are getting corroded. Only the metal section should go into the water. Since only one temp reading is necessary, there is a thermometer for use in the last stack.

She announced the Volunteer Appreciation/Annual Meeting will be at the Indian Creek Café on December 14th at 6 PM. It is pot luck at the Indian Creek Café. BYOB if you choose.

Biologist Report: John Weber noted the great improvements made in the spawning area and congratulated those responsible. Also the changes to the incubation area are appreciated. He stated the first spawn went better than expected, volunteers did well. We have 40 wild fish and a total of 66 males and 70 females. The goal is to fill 60 trays, using 30 trays for the smolt program. The remaining eggs will be placed in streams and school programs. He noted the returning hatchery fish appear in worse shape than the wild fish, so we need to stay with the hydrogen peroxide treatments on our brood stock. He suggested sanitizing equipment that is used among the raceways and tank. John also discussed the use of excess fish including food banks and stream nutrient program per our written plans.

Nominating Committee: Joan Goodison reported that candidates for all open positions except the treasurer have been found. The committee will continue the search for a treasurer. The report will be sent to the Riffle.

New Business: Chris Underhill suggested we consider removing some of the hillside opposite the hatchery to provide more parking. This will require further study if the group wants to pursue it.

John Epps suggested a round of applause for our hard-working members Tom and Jess... (who then noted that John Epps and Art had done a tremendous amount of work around the hatchery this past year as well!).

Congratulations to Jess and Geri on their marriage!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 followed by a raffle led by Gene Trinkler. Dianne McKenzie took the grand prize – 2nd month in a row!

Submitted by Joan Goodison
Secretary Pro Tem

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

Tom and I have been working on the incubator tray stacks. We made brackets to hold the tray plugs in place.

Wayne Adams made us an awesome egg picking tank. It is 8 feet long and 4 feet wide, and holds 4 trays on each side. Eight trays can be picked at the same time. Many, many thanks to Wayne for always being there for us. Thanks also to John Epps for designing the tank.

Tom and I put a drain board counter in the office. Hopefully it will now be easier for the volunteers to keep clean when they measure fish food.

Our water was getting very low, so the rain sure helped the water supply. The first day it rained, the fish came up the creek, into the ladder, and jumped over the dam. We were then able to pull more fish for the brood stock.

In Oct. Nancy and I went to Reedsport to attend the 25th Anniversary of the STEP program (Salmon Trout Enhancement Program). We got to Reedsport early on Friday, picked John up, and we went to visit the Gardner hatchery. Their tour was very interesting. From there we went to see hatch pens full of fish that were in the Umpqua River. This pen acclimatizes the fish to the river, so they return there, as if that was where they were hatched. We also saw some empty hatch pens that were in Salmon Harbor. They use these to acclimatize fish into the bay for the bank fishermen.

Friday evening we visited lots of displays from other hatcheries showing how they function. We found visiting with those people very interesting. There was also an oyster bar with hors d'oeuvres. MMMM.

Sat. we sat through talks on the history, and value of the STEP program. We even had a talk from Bill Bradbury (Oregon Secretary of State). There were talks about the seal program and how we handle it on the Rogue River. There was a class on fish diseases etc., but the best class was "how to cook your catch". They showed us how to fillet a salmon, and how to skin and fillet an albacore (tuna).

To end the conference, there was a silent auction, and a salmon and tri tip dinner, with an evening of entertainment (even got to see John Weber on stage). Thanks to all of you for sending us.

I want to say a special thanks to all of you volunteers for always being available, and showing up at the hatchery on short notice. We would be unable to keep the hatchery running smoothly without all of you.

Trivia: Women really do want to be on time. It's just that everything starts so darned early.

Larry Schnider
Hatchery Consultant

Treasure's Corner

By Sue Kopec

Treasurers Report	Sept.	Oct.
Operating Capital	\$18,856	\$18,891
Income		\$ 1,525
Expenses		\$ 1,450

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As always we hope you make a special effort to support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.

2006 C.A.F. Officers

President:	Art Kurz
Vice President:	Tom Tostenson
Secretary:	Pat Barnett
Treasurer:	Sue Kopec
Past President:	Ray Barmore
Board Members:	Jess Christensen Mike Kopec Glenn Kral Chris Underhill
Hatchery Consultant:	Larry Schnider
O.D.F.&W. Biologist:	John Weber
Membership Coordinator:	Mary Kurz
Volunteer Coordinator:	Chris Underhill
Meeting Raffle	Gene Trinkler Bud Snow
Riffle Editor:	John Lento 247-0178

Nominating Committee Report

Nov. 05, 2006

The nominating committee results is very pleased with the slate of officers and board members willing to serve in 2007. The only slot remaining is that of treasurer.

- 1) The president, secretary and treasurer positions needed to be filled. Tom Tostenson, Vice President will again be running for office. Board members Glenn Kral, Jess Christenson, Chris Underwood (Volunteer Coordinator) would also like to be re-elected. Pat Barnett would like to remain on the board as a member, but not as secretary.

- 2) Dianne McKenzie has agreed to run for the office of secretary. Mike Kopec is running for the office of President. Joan Cooper and Herman Niehaus are running for members of the board. To date, we have no candidate for the job of treasurer. Qualifications for treasurer are an interest in finances and knowledge of the Excel program on the computer. Since both Tom and Sue have recently been treasurer, training and assistance are readily available to anyone interested in taking this job.

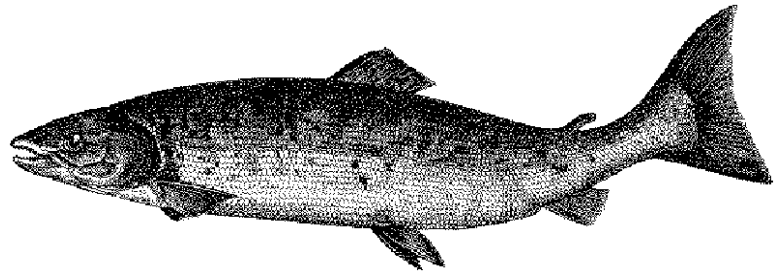
- 3.) Typically, we have four officers, five board members and the past president making up our board of directors.

Please let me or any board member know if you are at all interested in running for office – particularly for TREASURER.

At the December annual meeting, the election will be held. As always, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the time of the election. Please be sure anyone you nominate has agreed to run for office. Ballots will be available should there be more than one candidate for any office. Only currently paid-up members of C.A.F. are eligible to vote or run for office.

I hope we'll have a good turnout for this important meeting. See you there. This is always a great evening for good food and good friends and giving thanks to our great volunteers.

Joan Goodison for
The Nominating Committee



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)		
CAF Membership Coordinator		
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Hatchery Manager		

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