

# ***THE RIFFLE***

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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY  
CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN,  
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BISCUIT BUILDING**

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## **Presidents Corner**

**By Art Kurz**

Thank you all for support during 2005. Please continue same for 2006. We are in need of new volunteers. Your help in locating any one would be greatly appreciated.

All work party volunteers only, must sign the

following forms the next time you are at the hatchery:

1. For CAF – The insurance form
2. For ODF&W – The code of conduct form. After reading and signing, keep page 1 for your records.

The above are mandatory requirements.

We expect to release Fry's to the raceway at the end of this month. ODF&W has ordered food which will be at the hatchery prior to the change over from incubation trays to the raceways.

Feeding will be very critical for these fish. Hand feeding must be done slowly and thrown in a fan like manner. It would be best if you would make two (2) hand feeding passes down the raceways.

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to [www.rogueriversalmon.org](http://www.rogueriversalmon.org)

## **Volunteer Report**

By Chris Underhill 247-0396

Boy it seems like time is just flying by.

Thank you to all the egg pickers!

The total egg count was 129,000, then we picked out all the bad eggs. The final tally on the eggs was approx. 75,000 eggs, but Weber thinks we have more, lets hope so, but we are still okay for the 2006 season, we just won't release any unfed fry this year.

This means the first trays of buttoned up fry will be released into Raceway #3 by the middle of

Feb. Remember feeders, the feeding routine will be starting, anyone needing a refresher course give me a call. We will be preparing Raceway#3 as soon as the rain stops or at least slows down for a day.

Thank you to Glenn, Larry, Jim, Joan & Gary U. for helping plant trees with the Riley Creek 4th & 5th graders on the Wedderburn Ranch. It was an interesting and fun day.

Another big Thank you to the Brookings Boy Scouts, Glenn Kral, Larry Schnider, Harvey Wright & Gary Underhill for completing the New Coy Creek Project. The project was used as an Eagle Scout Project for the boy scouts and they did a great job on it, now we will prepare to receive 10,000 eggs from the Elk River Hatchery, and the Gold Beach Cub Scouts will raise the fish in the hatch boxes.

The biggest Thank You goes to Tom, Jess, Larry & Gary U. for all their help and persistence with the water flow problems. A one point they were checking the hatchery every 3 hours and digging out the spring line every day, but all the problems have been resolved. It's really great having such dedicated volunteers - THANK YOU!!!

One quick note - Someone stole 45-55 salmon from the Elk River Hatchery at the beginning of Jan. The area fish organizations have put some money together along with the Oregon State Patrol and are offering a \$1000 reward for any information on this crime.

Anyone interested in a possible Umpqua Pikeminnow Fishing Derby?? If so, the Watershed will be having a planning meeting on Feb. 9th at 4PM at the Watershed Council Office.

Any questions on anything please call me 247-0396.  
Have a good month!  
Chris

**General Meeting**  
January 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Art Kurz at 10 am. Minutes of the December, 2006 meeting were approved. He then introduced the first of two guest speakers, Brad Van Prooyen, Oregon State Fish & Game Warden.

Officer Van Prooyen reported to us the theft of 45-55 adult Chinook Salmon from the Elk Creek Hatchery. He asked the members of C.A.F. to consider donating money to be used as a reward for capturing the perpetrators. President Art Kurz told him his request would be considered at the February, 2006 Board Meeting.

The second speaker, Richard Heap, our STAC (Salmon, Trout Advisory Council) representative Said, he was here to look at our new dam. He reviews STAC Mini Grants and stated ours would be reviewed in mid January. Tom Tostenson, Larry and Nancy Schnider planned to take him, after this meeting, to view the new dam area as well as the construction proposed in the STAC mini grant.

His committee will also be reviewing propagation plans for our region. John Weber. ODFW told us he was currently working on the new propagation plan for Indian Creek Hatchery and would share his rough draft with the council at the next meeting. Mister Heap said he would also keep CAF informed.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW told us the number one cause of egg to fry loss is sedimentation and suggested next year we prepare 60 trays with 60 females. He also feels the egg count may be off and we have more eggs than listed. He also suggested we form a committee next year to monitor the spawning area at all times. He has ordered the starter fish food.

JOHN WINKLER from Rogue Sportsman Guide Association presented President Art Kurz with a check for \$2,000. payable to CAF. CAF is very grateful for this sizeable donation.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: CHRIS UNDERHILL reported on the 35% egg mortality rate and praised Larry Schnider, Tom Tostenson, Jess Christensen and GaryUnderhill for their daily

hard work in trying to save those eggs and the work crew who had to pick out all the morts. She also reported on the Ranch Creek Watershed project at Rivers End Ranch where CAF volunteers took part in planting 363 trees along with fourth and fifth graders from Riley Creek. Our project at Coy Creek with the Boy Scouts will take place Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chris reminded us of the Libby Pond Fish Derby for children on June 10<sup>th</sup> and the need for fishing poles. She also requested the Board consider adding the July Umpqua Squaw Fish Derby to our volunteer list. Chris and Pat Barnett met with Watershed rep Maggie McHugh to discuss CAF's part in serving lunch to the 100 plus young people who will attend the April 11, 2006 Watershed Symposium. If they can't get the desired attendance they may cancel until next year.

**PRESIDENT:** Art Kurz reported he had tested the D.O. meter's temperature gauge and it is far more accurate than the thermometer, so he removed the thermometer. He posted a sign to that effect and also cautioned volunteers to wait one minute before registering the meters findings.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** TOM TOSTENSON passed out the current financial statement in Treasurer Sue Kopec's absence and received the check from Rogue Sportsmen Guide Association.

**HATCHERY CONSULTANT; LARRY SCHNIDER** discussed the sediment problem that caused the large egg mortalities. John Epps came forward saying he will follow up on a solution. Nancy Schnider told the members how dangerous the wooden walkway is during a high water run making it very difficult to flush the water lines.

Tom Tostenson said it was time to get a bid from Wayne Adams for a metal bridge with concrete footings. It was agreed nothing could be done until summer and that would give Joan Goodison time to submit a grant for money, matching

the Wayne Adams' bid.

President Art Kurz adjourned the meeting at 11:am.

Gene Trinkler put on his great raffle..

Submitted by  
Pat Barnett, Secretary  
January 18, 2006

## **Hatchery Happenings**

By Larry Schnider

The morts in the trays were picked and all of the eggs were counted and we did not get as many eggs as we wanted, so we are short on our total count this year for one reason or another, so we will have to do with what we have.

Well we are certainly getting our share of rain this winter. The spring has been clogged with gravel and had to be shoveled out several times. We have had several Alder trees fall and two above the spring fell and the gravel washed down from the roots. The eggs are not fairing to well with all of the silt, but they are hatching out pretty fast as the temperature is high. We are going to clean up raceway 3 and get it ready for the little fellows to be put in it.

We have not received the grant to do the necessary repairs yet. Hopefully, we will get it this month and can get everything caught up and fixed. Our new dam has held up very well considering we have had so much water. It got a good test for the first year and looks good.

Again thanks to all of the volunteers for calling me and letting me know that everything is OK. It saves me some trips to the hatchery.

Larry Schnider

## **Treasurer's Corner**

By Sue Kopec

<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
Operating Capital	\$16,148	\$15,590
Income		\$25,617

Expenses

\$26,175

Board Members:

Jess Christensen

Mike Kopec

Glenn Kral

Chris Underhill

Larry Schnider

John Weber

Hatchery Consultant:

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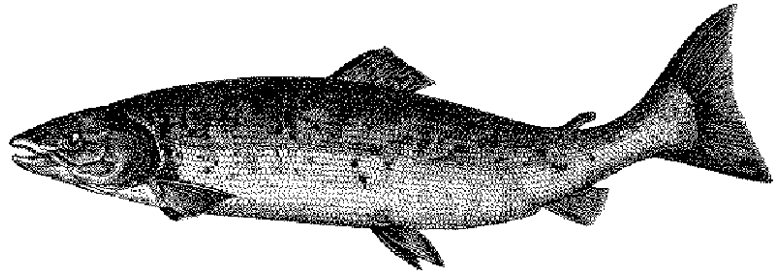
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Art Kurz

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Sue Kopec

Past President:

Ray Barmore

# 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"> <li>• Cleaning buckets</li> <li>• Cleaning hatchtrays</li> <li>• Fish collection</li> <li>• Assist in fertilization process</li> <li>• General cleanup</li> </ul>		
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"> <li>• Into tributaries</li> <li>• Into raceways</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Building</li> <li>• Raceways</li> <li>• Water lines</li> <li>• Dam</li> <li>• Vault</li> <li>• Grounds</li> <li>• Feeders</li> <li>• Aerators</li> </ul>	As required	
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
<b>Other opportunities</b>		
CAF Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice-President</li> <li>• Treasury</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>		
CAF Board Member (five required)		
CAF Membership Coordinator		
CAF Volunteer Coordinator		
Hatchery Manager		

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