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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN,
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
MARCH 9, 2006 – 10:00 AM
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MARCH 1, 2006 – 10:00AM
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Presidents Corner

By Art Kurz

February has been and will continue to be an active and interesting month.

1. The first week of this month, 9 trays of fry

were put into raceway 1.

2. The remaining trays of rack 1 were put into raceway 1 the following week. There are approximately 23,000 fry in raceway 1.
3. February 14th several trays from race 2 will be put into raceway 2.
 - Coos-Curry Electrical Co-Op told us that the hatchery would be without power for approximately four hours starting at 10:00am, the same time the transfer of fry were scheduled.
 - The transfer was completed with minimal interference. Thanks to all volunteers who participated.
4. Optimistically, we hope to transfer the remaining fry to raceways 2 & three before the end of the month. Incidentally, the first 2-3 days that they are not fed. After that they are hand fed until ODF&W tells us that we can use the automatic feeders.
5. Our DO meter failed on or about the 7th of February and was sent to an official repair station for repair.
6. Work has also started on replacing the wooden platforms and walkways, (with metal ones) that lead to the vault.

It does not get easier or slower in the following months. Volunteers should be prepared to be contacted by Chris Underhill.

Volunteer Report

By Chris Underhill 247-0396

Happy March to all of you! Thank goodness the rains finally stopped, if they'd kept up we would of slid into the ocean. How is everyone enjoying the disappearing highways? I've heard there has been approximately 17 landslides between Brookings and Port Orford. Well, that has nothing to do with fish, does it, guess I'm off subject again. Well, while I'm off subject, I saw a few CAF members at the Valentine Crab Feed, boy that was a good time, hope they do it again next year! OK, enough gabbing, on to the hatchery stuff.

All the fish will be in the raceways by the end of February. We are guesstimating 23,000 in Raceway #1, and 18,000 each in Raceway #2 & #3. We set up the feeders on Raceway #1 today and are hand feeding the other two raceways, But, by the end of February all raceways will be using the 12 hour feeders, so the feeding routine has started, anyone with any questions or needs a refresher course, feel free to call and I'll meet you at the hatchery. We had some new faces helping out this morning Chris & Janae Clifton, they've moved here from Southern California, and are excited about helping at the hatchery. Thanks Buck, for telling them about the hatchery, also, would like to thank the Foss Brothers, they've been bringing some new faces around too, the more the merrier!

The Old Coy Creek/New Cedar Valley hatch boxes are up and operational, thanks to Colin Roberts, the Brookings Boy Scout who took this on as his Eagle Scout Project. He had help from 6 other scouts with whom he redesigned and rebuilt the old hatch boxes. At the beginning of Feb. the GB Cub Scouts Troop 103, came out to the new site and with the guidance of John Weber (ODFW), myself & Gary Underhill, we transferred 10,000 eyed eggs from the Elk River Hatchery into the hatch boxes. We had about 7 scouts, including my son, helping to put the eggs into the trays. They did a great job, no casualties, and later, we had hot dogs and the kids enjoyed playing football in John Wilson's pasture. We will monitor the eggs in the hatch boxes and

the cub scouts will return when the fry are buttoned up and ready to be released.

To all the active volunteers and feeders, please make sure you fill out the ODFW Code of Conduct Forms and the Insurance Forms located at the Hatchery.

There is also a folder to leave your completed forms in. These forms need to be completed to work around the hatchery. It's for our protection, as well as yours, please take the time and fill them out.

I'm looking for people interested in working at the April 11th, Watershed Symposium. We are looking for 10 volunteers to prepare, cook, serve and cleanup lunch for approximately 100 students. This is apparently like a science fair but, no competition. We will also setup a booth for the hatchery. This is a one day event from 8AM to 3PM, and will be attended by 4th to 12th grade student from Coos & Curry counties.

I attended the Umpqua Pikeminnow Derby meeting, and it was decided to hold off on a derby at this time and work on educating people not to re-release the Umpqua Pikeminnow, if caught, kill the little buggers, they are not a native fish to the Rogue River, and are not helpful to the salmon population.

I'm sure we'll be planning a work party sometime mid-March, it's getting time to cleanup the hatchery and prepare for visitors. The grass is going to need mowed and I understand we have some enthusiastic carpenters wanting to make some improvement at the hatchery. I'm ready, but I'm more ready to go fishing, still trying to master the art of Steelhead fishing. You all have a great March and feel free to call if you have any question or comments.

Thank you,

Chris Underhill
247-0396

GENERAL MEETING

February 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Art Kurz at 10 a.m. He announced the first stack of fish had been removed from the incubator to raceway #1. There was another infiltration of sediment and fungus probably caused by creek water. A series of steps using argentine to ensure the health of these fish at every stage of growth is being implemented and they need to be added to the Volunteer Manual. when it is reprinted. Art agreed that no further past due notices on membership fees from 2004 should be mailed and those people should be struck from the records. John Lento told us we need 200 issues of the Riffle to go out in order to use bulk rate. It was left to have the Board decide between e-mail and newsletter.

CHRIS UNDERHILL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR reported the release of 10,000 fish into the Coy Creek project with a group of 7 Cub Scouts and will submit a news item to the Curry reporter on this adventure. Chris also reiterated the eggs/fungus and sediment report and was asked why there was no alarm when the water shut off. Art told us the alarm only goes off when the entire system shuts down and he is looking into a stack by stack separate alarm system. Chris said she will be the CAF representative at the February 9th Water-shed meeting for their April 11th symposium and the Umpqua Squaw fish derby. She also said ten volunteers would be needed for that Symposium.

SUE KOPEC, TREASURER reported a gain in the past month's donations. Dues on membership are coming in steadily. On outgoing expenses the bill from Excalibur was for two months and there was \$100 reward money for the Elk Creek loss. She reported a loss of three sponsors last year. They each pay \$72. a year. She will pursue new sponsors. Dues are down \$1,000. She has updated news and events and placed pictures of the new dam on our web-site.

The salmon dinner fund raiser was down from the previous year but, \$500 was made on the raffle. She noted an increase of money in our donation boxes throughout the area. Activities posters are

ready to go out.

TOM TOSTENSON, VICE PRESIDENT reported the metal walkway is being built by Sea People, now during their slow season, so it will be ready to install this summer. Joan Goodison has submitted a request for grant funds to Cal-Ore Fish. When asked if we needed drawings of the bridge it was suggested we have that done after it is built to have it available for submission to the insurance company. Tom also installed an eight foot table top in the spawning area. No tours will be allowed at the dam area until all our problems there have been solved, as decided by the Board.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT continues to organize work on clean-up of the hatchery area. Chris Underhill asked if it wouldn't be a good idea to have a meeting with all new members on proper feeding of the fish in the runways. Larry stressed the importance of sifting the food and when hand feeding, throwing a small amount at a time very gently, because once it starts sinking the fish will not go after it.

**JOHN EPPS IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH A VERY LARGE PIPE CUTTER (8") TO HELP MAKE THE SEDIMENT FILTERS FOR THE HATCHERY.
PLEASE CALL HIM AT: 247-2168**

JOHN WEBER, ODFW asked that he be notified immediately, when the water goes off on the incubators. When this happens, he said fish have no oxygen and start to die. If caught before a 20 minute lapse, they may be saved. With the sediment and now fungus problem, we may have only 50,000 fish left. The fungus was caused by creek water and now decaying fish in the trays. There may be more mortalities in the raceways and John will keep a close watch. At the first sign of fungus he'll start treatment.

ART KURZ, PRESIDENT said he would get the data ready for Joan Goodison to submit a grant proposal for a new alarm system. Volunteer feeders are to make note of the date, D.O. and temp. readings, and offer comments on the day sheets. Art will do all the math. He will place that

notice at the hatchery.

Richard Heap, STAC Representative told us our grant request for \$750 had been approved. He said that their funding requirements have become even tighter but, our organization and the project was very well received. He stressed the importance of marking our fish for statistics.

It was suggested that an article for the newspapers be developed to encourage anglers to leave the snouts at the cleaning stations. Signs will be posted at the each cleaning station during the Fall Chinook season.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.
Gene Trinkler put on another great raffle !

Submitted by:

Pat Barnett, Secretary
February 15, 2006

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM
MEMBER RESPONSIBLE

Send Raffle by e-mail or newsletter
Board

Data on new alarm system for grant
Art Kurz

Post notice on data taking at hatchery
Art Kurz

Up date Volunteer Manual
Art Kurz

Distribute CAF events posters
Sue Kopec

Attend Watershed mtg. 2/9 report back
Chris Underhill
On Symposium and Squaw fish derby – also
Write news release on Coy Creek project.
Chris Underhill

Instruct new members on feeding in raceway
Chris Underhill & Larry Schnider

News release for snout collection prior to Fall
Chinook season.

Pat Barnett

PENDING ITEMS

Propagation proposal to STAC
John Weber

Umpqua squaw fish derby
Chris Underhill

Libby Pond – fishing pole money
Joan Goodison

Sediment problem at the Hatchery
John Epps

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

Well we are starting to put the frys in the raceways now and should finish in about two weeks. We are early this year and they seem to be doing OK. We have put them in half of the raceways this year and we are in the process of getting them to feed and soon they will be on automatic feeders.

We were able to see the boards in the dam and found that the eco blocks have shifted about an inch and a half and broke the dam boards which will have to be replaced. That is what it was designed to do. Hopefully the hill will not shift to fast in the future.

We have a lot to do this spring with the cleanup and having some new projects to do. It will keep the volunteers busy. I don't know what we would do without our faithful volunteers.

Larry Schnider
Hatchery Consultant

Treasurer's Corner

By Sue Kopec

Treasurers Report	Dec.	Jan.
Operating Capital	\$15,590	\$17,299
Income		\$ 2,792
Expenses		\$ 1,083

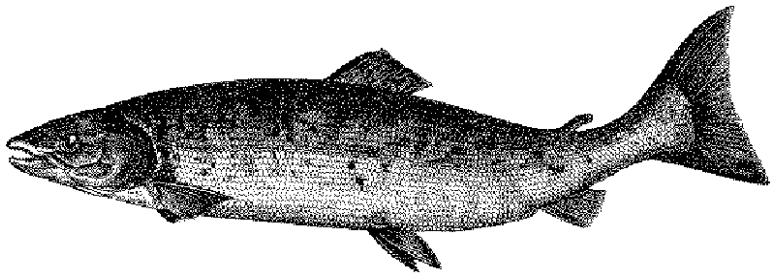
SPONSORS CORNER

Secret Camp opened in August of 1990 and has been providing a quiet, joyful, family oriented camping experience along the south bank of the Rogue River. Donna and Hal welcome new guests who will be nurtured by the nature that surrounds them. Donna stated that “humans can unwittingly upset the balance of some ecosystems but, we now have the knowledge and resources to help it return to as healthy a state as we can”. Donna and Hal are proud to sponsor the CAF and in a small way help this community which they love.

Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.

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O.D.F.& W. Biologist:
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Meeting Raffle:

Glenn Kral
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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 • 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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