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Curry Anadromous Fishermen
Gold Beach, Oregon

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APRIL 12, 2007 – 10:00 AM
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Presidents Corner

Mike Kopec

We're Back!!!! First, I would like to thank all of the Board for filling in for the "Pres" in his absence, especially Tommy and Dianne. I am going to use this forum to help keep everyone informed about what we are going to be doing in the future. I welcome your thoughts and inputs for direction.

We are at the beginning of the grant season and John Epps and Art have the water filtration system figured out and now we need funding. With Joan Goodison's help we will be preparing a grant application for the ODFW R&E Board. Hopefully, they have enough room in their budget to fund this improvement so that Larry and Nancy Schnider do not have to visit and clean the silt every day next year.

We are almost totally out of CAF/ICH clothing for sale and the tour season is around the corner. Work is under way to identify new suppliers and we will restock the inventory with items with our new logo donated by the Wright's. Get those checkbooks out, I know every one will want some new threads.

"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 I had a great trip to Las Vegas and really enjoyed spending time with the grandkids, and Gary did a great job of changing diapers.

All the fish are now in the raceways, Daily Feeders remember to check the feed amounts and size, it changes weekly. We will be having a work party soon to cover the raceways with the shade cloth.

Mr. Hutchins will be bringing the alternate education class to the hatchery again in April, to help mow lawns and clean-up the grounds. Thank you, we really appreciate the high school students help and their excitement with the raising of the fish.

It has been quiet at the hatchery, so not much to write about, but we are trying to schedule vacuumers on a weekly basis. Each raceway needs to be vacuumed once a week, and the walls scrubbed down, so alga can't start. If this is a job you would be interested in learning please call me. It takes about 1 to 2 hours once a week, and I'd gladly show anyone how it's done, just like vacuuming a pool.

Well, I hope everyone has a Great Spring Break and a flowering April, till next month.

Chris Underhill
Volunteer Coordinator
247-0396

P.S. I am extremely HAPPY to announce that Mike Foss is out of the hospital and Mike & Toni are back home in Gold Beach. I ran into Toni down at Corner Drug tonight, it was great to see her. Mike's first meal at home was Chicken. Welcome Home we've missed your smiling face!

General Meeting

March 8, 2007

President pro-tem Tom Tostenson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION by John Epps and seconded by Pat Barnett to accept the minutes from the Feb. 15, 2007 meeting as printed in the Riffle.

DANA HICKS, LOWER ROGUE WATERSHED COUNCIL; Attended the meeting as a guest speaker. Dana presented a feasibility study of an Estuary Enhancement Project that is in the works by Freeman Rock Inc. This will be an expansion of their existing gravel mining operation located approximately 3 miles up river off of Jerry's Flat Road. The project is only in the preliminary stages of development. Dana is interested in getting feedback from community members, fishermen and organizations such as the CAF, how they feel about the expansion of the gravel mining operation and it's impact on the community, the river and the salmon. The Lower Rogue Watershed Council is a neutral party, neither for or against the proposed project by Freeman Rock Inc. Dana is representing the council informing the community of the proposal and recording the concerns of the community regarding this project. Dana presented a slide show of the proposed area of expansion, along with a history of the river and how it's channel has changed over the years. There was also an overview of the permits that will be required from local and state entities, along with the studies and models required before permission will be granted to start this project. Dana also discussed how the juvenile salmon and trout species use the estuary to feed, take cover, mature and adjust to salt water. She also expressed that there is a seat available for a representative from CAF on the Watershed Council. Anyone interested in filling this seat please express your interest at the next meeting. It will be up to the members to vote in the representative which will attend the council meetings representing the hatchery. The Watershed Council meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.

This gravel mining project that Freeman is

proposing may have a huge affect on our river and the salmon, it should be carefully considered before it goes forward. Since the CAF's salmon are being released in this general area it would be in our interest to have someone representing us and our concerns on the council. Thank you Dana for the informative presentation.

GIL DAVIS, TREASURER; Reported that the revenue for the month of February was \$1968.00. Revenue was as follows: \$75.00 from raffle, 120.00 from dues, \$72.00 sponsorship from the Mail Boats and a large donation of \$1364.00 from the estate of Ken Hensley (a former member.) Thank you to Ken's sister Carla who cashed in an IRA and donated the CAF half of the proceeds. Our expenses for the month were \$3184.00 which left us about \$1,000.00 short for the month. We did have some large expenditures last month which included the leasing of the egg counter, tree removal and \$500.00 plus spent on feeders and auxiliary equipment. Gil also reported that members are still paying the old dues' amount of \$15.00 instead of the new amount of \$20.00. This may be due in part to a typo in the Feb. issue of the Riffle. We would like to urge all that have not yet renewed their membership for the year to please do so and remind you that the new amount of MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS \$20.00.

CHRIS UNDERHILL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR; Reported that we are now starting to vacuum the raceways. Gary Underhill has already done one raceway and there seems to be quite a large buildup of gunk already. We will be starting a weekly schedule for vacuuming, so let Chris know if you are available for some manual labor! We have fish in all the raceways now and the incubators are closed down. Chris also reported that we have placed two hatch boxes in Coy Creek with approximately 10,000 eggs in total. They will be monitored and then released into the creek with the local Cub Scout troops.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT; Reported that all the fish are doing well and have learned how to feed. The new food seems to be working really well as it floats for a longer period of time that the old wet food did. This gives the little fish much longer to eat the food as it floats down the raceway.

Raceway #3 has fish on both sides of the divider, whereas Raceway #2 just has fish in the upper portion of the raceway, the portion closest to the roadway. Larry will be shutting down the water to the incubation trays as soon as he can locate some plugs. Also reported is that the wood from the fallen tree will be donated to a local church, they will come and remove it for us. They will in turn donate the wood to needy families in the area. TOM TOSTENSON, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM; Reported that he would like to have a member of CAF go along with John Weber (ODFW) when he does his presentations at the local schools. This could get more of our youngsters interested in the hatchery which in turn may get some of their parents to volunteer. Older kids at 8th grade level and higher would more than likely be the best to focus on as summer volunteers. Also, for those students who will be graduating soon and plan to matriculate, volunteering at the hatchery could be quite a bonus to add to their college applications. As Tom puts it we need some new blood to replace some of the old timers. We would have to meet with school officials to discuss doing some type of presentation to interest students to volunteer.

DIANNE MCKENZIE, SECRETARY; Reported that she has been looking into prices for getting T-shirts printed up with the new logo that Harvey & Sylvia Wright and their son, Paul, graciously designed and donated to CAF. So far the quotes seem a bit high, so Dianne and Chris are going to get some prices from the last shop we used in Bandon. Maybe we can get a better deal there, especially since the logo is already made up. Dianne also mentioned that we had a very nice article which appeared in the Curry County Reporter regarding our unfed fry release. It had a great picture of Gary Underhill releasing our little babies into Edson Creek.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW; Reports that everything is going really well at the hatchery. The fish are all feeding well with the new food. He is uncertain if the next size food we will be moving up to will float as nicely as this starter food does. The starter we are using right now is a premium quality food and the next size we will be using is of lower quality. So, we shall see!

The ODFW officials have had a few questions

on our unfed fry program and our propagation proposal application. John has been emailing them back and forth with answers to their questions. There is still not a definitive answer on our propagation proposal application. John will let us know as soon as there is.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by:
Dianne McKenzie
Secretary (2007)

Treasure's Corner

By Gil Davis

Treasurers Report	Jan.	Feb.
Operating Capital	\$18,535	\$17,320
Feb. Income	\$ 1,968	
Feb. Expenses	\$ 3,184	

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

We now have all of the babies released in the creeks & raceways. Now all we have to do is feed the ones in the raceways and keep the poo poo vacuumed off of the bottom of the raceways.

Don Foss, Bill Fetzer & I fixed two divider screens for the raceways so we can keep the little guys close until they learn to feed.

The little guys really took to eating the new dry food, as it floats on top longer than the wet food did. We will be taking weight samples soon to determine how they are doing on the new food and how much food to feed them.

This winter, even though we had heavy rain, snow & hail we never lost our water flow. We had our alarms ringing the 25th of Feb. because of the electrical storms. I drove out to re-set them but, finding the power was off also. While I called the alarm company the power came on

and the alarms re-set themselves. All of you volunteers have been so much help. Thank you. Thank You.

Thought to remember:
Where many share the toil, the task is light.

Larry Schnider,
Hatchery Consultant

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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		
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