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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.**

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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
FEBRUARY 15, 2007 – 10:00 AM
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**(Come at 9:00 AM for Breakfast, to join
us for good, good friends and an
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Presidents Corner

Mike Kopec

President pro-tem Tom Tostenson says our hatchery is in good shape. This due to our great bunch of volunteers. Gary & Chris Underhill will make the trip to Clackamas and represent us at the STAC conference to renew our permit to run the hatchery. We will receive all our fish food at once this year and a storage area will be needed. Bill Fetzer has taken this project on along with our good volunteers.

I want to welcome our new Officers and Board Members. Keep up the great work and we are going to have a great year.

"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 Valentine's Day Everyone! Will I be seeing some of you at the Valentine Crab Feed at the Event Center? Last years was good company, good food and a good time. Get your tickets early before they sell out, look at me I sound like a Chamber Member. Okay, on to hatchery business.

I'm so thankful that the temperature is finally going up, we enjoyed the snow, but not the icy roads. Gary and I just returned from the STAC Meeting held up in Clackamas. Indian Creek Hatchery STEP Salmon Propagation Program is being reviewed for a 5 year continuance of the STEP Program. John Weber has been working on this package since early last year and that was apparent by the STAC member's high praise of the thoroughness of the application. Atta Boy John!!!

They were also extremely impressed with the Hatchery Operation Manual and would like to use it to set the standard for future STEP Programs. Good Job Sue, Art, Pat, Glenn and all the other board members who helped with the manual!

I gave a short slide presentation on the Indian Creek Hatchery history, operations and goals, then along with Weber and Todd answered questions, asked by the STAC members. Questions were asked about why we only clip 1/3 of Indian Creek Fish? How that effects survey's in the area? Have we had much vandalism with the installation of the New Dam? They asked how many people bank fish at the mouth of Indian Creek?

We also got into a discussion about the silt in the spring line and what we have done differently this year, to overcome last year's losses. They were impressed with the educating of our children in the community and how proud the community is of this STEP Program. They asked about the Landowner/Hatchery relationship, a few more questions and overall they were extremely impressed with our organization. It was really neat hearing all the positive comments about the hatchery and volunteers, from numerous STAC members. Everyone deserves a BIG ATTA BOY AND GOOD JOB!!!! So it was an unanimous vote with the STAC members, but now it goes to the ODFW level with great recommendations.

Not much else has been happening, we counted and picked eggs the end of Dec, beginning of Jan. and the total egg count was around 170,000 eggs, we picked 30,000 morts, so the

total number we have now is about 130,000 eggs and they are hatching as we speak. Larry & Nancy have been re-picking trays and cleaning the silt out of trays and just frequently, frequenting the hatchery. That was hard to write. Expect to release unfed fry the end of Feb., beginning of March so wait for the phone call. I'm also doing the daily feeder schedule now, so if anyone can't make their day please call me and I'll take care of it. We should have fry in the raceways in March, so then we will be doing the temps., DO's and feeding.

Hope everyone has a great month.

Chris Underhill,
Volunteer Coordinator 247-0396

General Meeting

January 11, 2007

President pro-tem Tom Tostenson opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

DIANNE MCKENZIE, SECRETARY; Reported that she will meet with Pat Barnett the out going secretary and obtain all files and other materials necessary to make it a smooth transition of secretarial duties. Also, Dianne will be making all board members a copy disc of the Indian Creek Propagation Application for 2007 given to her by John Weber. A copy of the disc will be kept in the Secretary's files. We are going to need this again in 5 years and we will be able to just update the information at that time and resubmit it for approval.

TOM TOSTENSON, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM; Reported that we will have to get a new print shop to print our monthly newsletter "The Riffle," as the shop we were using has gone out of business. We also have a new type of food for the fish, which is a dry food, so there will be storage issues as we will no longer keep food in the freezers. We will have 91 bags at 44 lbs. per bag to store and keep vermin free. Bill Fetzer suggested and will construct a cabinet and shelved storage area in the incubation room. Bill will be responsible for

making a list and obtaining materials for the storage room. A budget of \$200.00 was proposed. A motion by Larry Schnider, second by Joan Cooper, that we allow \$200 for the store room modification. Approval was unanimous.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT; Reported that he and his wife Nancy have been flushing all the trays in the stacks approximately twice a week, removing silt and fungus and picking morts. The eggs and trays look really good and clean this year and we have a count of 139,802 eggs so far. He also reported that there is a problem with all the stacks being off level by 1/4" to the left. We are going to need to address this problem in the future but for now it is not hurting the eggs. Larry also reported that the only thing left to do with the downed tree that fell onto our spring line is to cut it up and remove the wood.

CHRIS UNDERHILL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATER; Reported that Mike Foss is in ICU in Coos Bay. She proposed that once his condition improves that an arrangement of flowers be sent to him. She also reported that we do need some volunteers to take a couple extra days on the feeding schedule as we are short on a few days this month. Contact Chris if you feel as though you can take on an extra day in the feeding schedule. She reported the fish count is 130,000 eggs, with 28,800 morts so far this year. Chris will also be forming a work party for removal of the freezer in the incubation room and construction of the storage area for the new feed. Also, we will be moving the picking table to the spawning area. Chris and Gary will be attending and representing our hatchery at the STAC conference in Clackamas on Jan. 19th and 20th. A decision on our grant will be made at the STAC meeting.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW; Reported that all of our food will be delivered at one time approximately 4,000 lbs of food to store and keep vermin free. He also reported that Larry and Nancy have been doing an excellent job of keeping the trays clean of silt and fungus. John also reports that the EPA has changed their opinion on the use of peroxide. They would like to keep peroxide emissions to .05 parts per million. As it stands now we are emitting 1 part per 6,000. He should know more

on this decision in the coming month.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by:
Dianne McKenzie
CAF Secretary (2007)

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

Happy New Year to everyone.

We have been doing pretty well as far as the hatchery is concerned. We have had some setbacks with the trees coming down on the water lines, but so far we are doing OK. We are having good clean trays for the little guys, as we are flushing them every few days and picking out the dead eggs and mold, so that helps. The water is staying cleaner with the cold weather. It won't be long and we will have to have the raceways ready for the smolts. The little guys are hatching very fast. We have approximately 139,700 and that is good. My wife Nancy deserves some kudos for all of the help she has done to help me. She keeps track of the morts for the book and also picks the trays for morts.

I think Art Kurz also needs a big thank you for the job he did for us in his year as President. I don't think anyone realizes how much he accomplished.

Thank you volunteers for being faithful, you are the biggest part for keeping the hatchery running smooth.

Trivia; Do fish have a sense of smell?
Yes, some fish have keener senses of smell than humans do. Salmon in particular, can detect odors from dozens of miles away.

Larry Schnider,
Hatchery Consultant

Treasure's Corner

By Gil Davis

Treasurers Report	Nov.	Dec.
Operating Capital	\$17,548	\$17,490
Nov. Income	\$ 1,625	
Nov. Expenses	\$ 1,682	

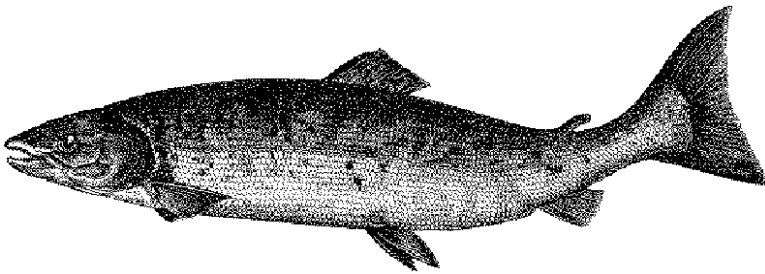
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As always we hope you make a special effort to support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.



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 		
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