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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
JULY 12, 2007 – 10:00 AM
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MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2007 !!**

Upcoming Events

- July 4** Open house at the hatchery
- July 25 -29** Curry County Fair
- August 24** Annual Fundraiser BBQ

Presidents Corner

Mike Kopec

We have just heard back from Southcoast Fishermen, our sister STEP group in Brookings. They voted at their Board Meeting to split the Curry County Fair cost and provide volunteers to man the booth this year. Susan and I will attend their General Meeting June 20th to thank them for their participation and sign up their volunteers for specific dates and times.

We have ordered various articles of clothing with the Wright's new logo. Tee shirts have been ordered in sizes from small to xxl. Ladies scoop necked shirts will be available in light blue, pistachio and sports gray. They will have a small logo on the left front side. Men's will have a large logo on the back and CAF, Gold Beach, OR. on the front. Colors will be stone blue, serene green and sports gray. We have ordered embroidered polo shirts in jade and sports gray, and hats in forest green, navy blue and tan. We also ordered 4 1/2 x 3 3/4 inch vinyl window stickers and koozie can holders. Get your check books ready, these things are definitely hot!!!!

Chris Underhill will be leaving in August and our need for a volunteer replacement for part or all of her responsibility is becoming critical. Her major responsibilities are scheduling feeding and vacuuming days, work party gathering volunteers and new member orientation and training. **Somebody please volunteer.**

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to www.rogueriversalmon.org

see if anyone has signed up for a tour that day.

By the way, Chris's dad is doing fine and it sounds like the entire extended family had a great time on their cruise.

Volunteer Report

By Sue Kopec, for Chris Underhill

Since Chris Underhill spent most of the month away, I thought I would try to cover this month's report.

The troops were rallied in the early morning hours of June 5th and 6th to crowd the fish in raceway one for fin clipping and tagging. Those who helped out need a pat on the back for answering the call to be at the hatchery by 7 AM. They are Jim Freedman, Mike Kopec (who grumbled the most), Dianne McKenzie, Herman Niehaus, Fred Nostestine, Tom Tostenson, and of course Larry Schnider. Everyone needs to take pride in the condition of the smolts. Bill Haugen, ODGW Tagging Technician, stated how impressed he was with the health and condition of our babies.

Besides the normal daily routine, volunteers were also called to help ODFW with the free trout-fishing derby at Libby Pond on a rainy Saturday, June 9th. Again, the crew started setting up at 7 AM in order to be ready for the anglers to sign up by 8 AM. Those who worked hard but had fun were Joan Cooper, The Kopec's, Glenn Kral, Dianne McKenzie, the Nostestine's, Nancy Schwarz, the Schnider's, and the Watson's. A big thanks to Dianne and Chris for spending the CAF membership donation to buy fishing tackle at Fred Meyer's and sweet talking them into an additional \$50 in donations. They also obtained Dairy Queen coupons and both Ray's and McKay's donated the hot dogs and buns. With the help of our sister STEP group in Brookings, Abe Hanks and the staff at ODFW collecting donations from both local and large corporations not one child left without taking home a raffle item. Everyone went home happy.

Art Kurz has also agreed to handle any off-hour tours and we are looking for at least two others to help in that area. Feeders are still asked to call the Indian Creek RV Park office at 9 AM to

General Meeting

June 14, 2007

The meeting was brought to order by Mike Kopec at 10:00 A.M.

Gene Trinkler led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was proposed and seconded at the board meeting and we will start all general meetings in the future with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gene also donated the flag.

Mike Kopec motioned that the minutes from the last general meeting be approved as printed in the "The Riffle" it was seconded by Jim Goodison.

Gil Davis, Treasurer; reported that the revenue for the month of May was \$3214.92. This included the following: Dues: \$100.00; Sponsor's: \$432.00 (6 sponsors); Grocery: \$535.12; Raffle: \$90.00; Donations: \$1,135.00 (\$1,000.00 from Middle Rogue Steelhead); Spring Dance: \$888.00; Interest: \$34.80, for a total of \$3214.92.

Our expenditures were: Hatchery Consultant: \$500.00; County Fair Booth: \$375.00; Spring Dance Expense: \$266.86; Riffle: \$204.72; Misc.: \$250.26. For a total of \$1,596.84

We ended up with a total gain of \$1,618.08 for the month of May.

Our checking account balance is now \$3748.13

Mike Kopec, President; reported that the Rogue Sportsmen and Guide Association along with the Middle Rogue Steelheaders will be giving us donations in the near future and our first priority will be the repair of our crowding and separation nets.

Mike has been calling the IRS on a weekly basis checking on our 501 C 3. We were initially earmarked for November and they are currently working on February. Somehow our application has been overlooked. The computer there has

not been updated since April of this year, so we have no idea what has happened to our application. This could be really crucial for our grant for the Sedimentation Removal System. We need to have this 501 C 3 by July 1st, if not we may not get our grant. An emergency board meeting has been called for Friday, June 22nd. We will decide then what measures we need to take to get this grant put forward and how we should deal with this dilemma with the IRS.

John Weber, ODFW; though absent John reported that Bill Haugen and his staff of fish taggers said that our salmon smolts were some of the healthiest and best looking fish they have had the pleasure to tag.

John, would also like to thank all the volunteers that made the Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby such a success. Every kid that showed up got a prize, whether or not they had a winning catch. We did have a bit of a glitch when we were crowding fish for tagging. Unfortunately, we had a hole in our separation screen. This allowed over 5,000 untagged fish to infiltrate into the already tagged fish section. Consequently, only 22,000 fish from Raceway #1 got tagged, instead of the 27,000 fish that were designated to be tagged. So, our first priority in the future is to repair the two screens that we use for separation and crowding with the material similar to what we have at each end of the raceways. This will prevent this kind of mishap in the future.

We will be releasing our first batch of salmon smolts on July 15th.

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator; Chris will be moving away to Nevada in August. We desperately need someone to fill Christine's shoes. Chris has filled the position of Volunteer Coordinator far above and beyond what the position entails. We all will miss her very much and we all hope that she hates Nevada so much that she comes back home to us soon.. The Volunteer Coordinator position will now only entail doing the vacuuming and feeding schedules on a monthly basis, calling volunteers in for work parties and special events and training new volunteers on how to feed and conduct tours. So, if anyone is interested let

any one of us know.

Sue Kopec, Event Coordinator; reported that we had some great press coverage of the Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby and also the Fish Tagging at the Hatchery.

The Rotary Luncheon will take place on June 20th. We passed around a list of volunteers to bring food, provide tables, chairs and to do tours.

Our Open House will take place on July 4th, from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, and cookies. We also will be conducting tours of the hatchery. A list was handed out at the general meeting for volunteers to man the Open House and provide treats.

The County Fair Booth which will take place from July 25th - 29th. We will need volunteers to man the booth for the duration of the Fair. The South Coast Fishermen will be donating half the cost of the Fair booth along with manpower. A list of would-be-volunteers will be circulated at their next meeting.

Clothing: The board approved an appropriation of \$2,500.00 for T-shirts, polo shirts, hats and stickers at the last meeting. Sue is in charge of the purchasing of all of the above. Gibson's will be printing up the T-shirts, and we will be using Bossi for the hats and polo shirts. They should be a big improvement to our last shirts with our new logo printed and embroidered on them. We also will be having some outside window stickers printed up with the new logo on them. All of which will be available for sale at the hatchery and at our future events.

We now have a new website manager, Alta Denton. She currently works at the local library. She is volunteering her skills as website manager, so the next time you see her in town or go to the library be sure to thank her for her special skills in helping out the hatchery.

Dianne McKenzie, Secretary; reported that Joan Goodison who has done a marvelous job in writing our current grant regarding the Sedimentation Removal System had rave reviews from the STEP organization. They said that her grant was the best that had crossed their desks and that they would like to make it

an example of how a grant should be written and submitted. Thank you Joan Goodison for your hard work and dedication.

Joan would also like to remind any of us that are interested that there will be a Curry County Planning Commission Hearing regarding Freeman Rock's proposal to increase their existing conditional use permit from 40,000 cubic yards to 100,000 cubic yards of gravel removal. The hearing is scheduled for June 28th, at 7:00 P.M. This increase of gravel extraction may not only affect the residents living around Freeman, but also the habitat of the river which impacts our salmon and riparian habitat. All those who care about the future of our river need to attend this important meeting.

We would also like to remind everyone to keep those receipts from Ray's and McKay's markets. You would be surprised at the revenue we can receive from submitting those receipts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M.

Submitted by: Dianne McKenzie
Secretary (2007)

tank. The plastic dividers just don't withstand the abuse of the big fish and dip nets hitting them. We also need to check all of the screens in the incubation trays and get them secured with new rubber gaskets. They sag a little and the eggs get caught under the front edge.

I appreciate all of you helping with the feeding & keeping the sides & screen clean & vacuuming the bottoms.

The clipping crew told us that our fish look great and are the best they have fin clipped this year.

Pat yourselves on the back for the great job you are doing.

Trivia: Instead of using your good knife to clean your fish, announce that you forgot yours and ask to borrow the knife of a friend. This way you won't have fish guts on you knife tonight when you're cutting your steak

Larry Schnider,
Hatchery Consultant

Treasure's Corner

By Gil Davis

Treasurers Report	Apr.	May
Operating Capital	\$16,055	\$17,674
Apr. Income	\$ 3,215	
Apr. Expenses	\$ 1,597	

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

The fish are doing great and growing as scheduled, getting them used to the new dry food has been a challenge. We are in the process of getting some new metal screens for the raceways, which are very expensive. We also need a new metal divider for the brood

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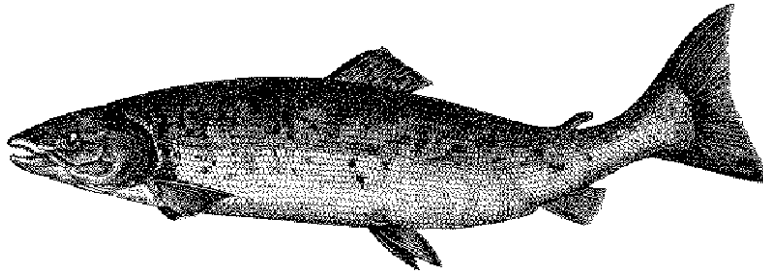
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keep up the good work.

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	February	Weekdays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Into tributaries • Into raceways 		
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	As required	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building • Raceways • Water lines • Dam • Vault • Grounds • Feeders • Aerators 		
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
Other oppotunities		
CAF Officers		
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CAF Board Member (five required)		
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