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Presidents Corner

Mike Kopec

President Pro-Tem Tom Tostenson says the hatchery is going along great.

But this month I would like to thank two Ladies for their tireless efforts is why things are this way. They are Chris Underhill and Nancy Schnider.

We thank you Ladies for all the things you do. Right now our maternity Ward is really busy with new babies been born on a daily bases. And Larry Is busy teaching the little darlings to eat. Looks like we will have a large Family to take care of.

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Volunteer Report

By Chris Underhill 247-0396

Yeah! We have fish in the raceways, so now the daily feeders will have the inside and the outside to deal with till we get them all released or put into raceways. So far, we have released unfed fry into Edson Creek and Foster Creek thanks to some of our newer volunteers, Fred Notestine. Jack Chaille and Katy & Jim Freedman, Dianne McKenzie and Roy Dawson helped too. The trip up to Foster Creek was a long one for poor Weber, he was stuck with myself and Dianne all the way up to Agness.

Jim Hutchins from the Oregon Watershed Stewardship will be visiting the hatchery with a group of high school students on the 21st of Feb. They will be helping by transporting unfed fry to Saunder's Creek and putting more fish into raceway #2 & #3. We might get them to help rearrange the inside of the hatchery too. Jim is providing these kids with alternate education opportunities.

I'm happy to say that Mike Foss is out of ICU and in Rehab. now - Good Luck Mike! Can't wait to see you up and around again - We've missed you & Toni too!

I'm taking care of the Daily Feeders Schedule, so if you have any scheduling problems, please call me. We will also be starting up with the vacuuming schedule next month, and brushing down the sides of the raceway and the screens at each end of the raceways. Don't forget to take your time while handfeeding the fish. If you know of anyone interested in volunteering at the hatchery please give them my phone number. We are always looking for new volunteers.

Chris Underhill
Volunteer Coordinator
247-0396

General Meeting

February 15, 2007

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

MOTION by Tom, seconded by Joan, to accept the minutes from the Jan. 11, 2007 meeting.

DIANNE McKENZIE, SECRETARY; Reported that the CD she copied for all board members contains not only the Propagation Application but also the Procedure Manual for 2007.

Anyone who would like a copy of the disc should let Dianne know and she will make them a copy.

Also reported is that we will be adhering to the practice of filling out a purchase order for any

purchases exceeding \$25.00. This requires the signatures of 2 board members and the hatchery consultant. Purchase order forms are located at the hatchery in the binder marked "Purchase Orders".

We also will be moving the monthly board meetings to the first Thursday of the month, and the meeting time will now be 9:00 a.m. The general meeting will remain the same, the second Thursday of the month at the regular time 10:00 a.m.

TOM TOSTENSON, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM; Reported that we all should extend a big thank you to Bill Fetzer for the excellent job he did constructing our new storage cabinets. Thank you Bill! Also a thank you goes out to Ruth McKibben for the donation of her basket of homemade goodies for fundraising purposes.

Don Foss, who was present at the meeting reports that Mike Foss has left the hospital and is now in a rehabilitation facility and is in the process of regaining his strength. He is making progress daily and once his strength returns he will begin his rehabilitation. Best wishes go out to Mike for a speedy recovery.

A proposal has been made for CAF to have a booth at the County Fair this July 25 thru 29. Under consideration is having a booth displaying the large fish tank we would have on loan from ODFW. In this we would display Fall Chinook Salmon seined from Huntley and possibly some of our own smolts. We also will need to have a cover for the tank to protect it from sitting out in the direct sunlight. Pat Barnett reported that the cost for a space large enough to display the tank would cost CAF \$385.00. This in turn would require a fundraising activity to cover the cost of the booth. We also will need enough volunteers to man the display for the four days from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A vote was taken and enough of the attendees of the meeting were in favor of having a booth. John Weber added that if we want the booth and the fish tank he will do everything in his power to get us fish to fill it with.

This could be problematic as the timing of the Fair with the salmon run, many salmon may still be in the bay rather than upstream where we

can harvest them. We all will have to really commit to this to make it a success and hopefully raise funds for the hatchery and recruit new members.

MOTION by Chris, seconded by Dianne, to have the booth at the fair including the large fish tank. John will make every attempt to get us fish, the rest is up to us to raise the funds to have the booth and man it.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT; Reported that we owe a big thank you to his wife Nancy for her dedication in helping him with picking eggs and keeping the trays clean of silt and fungus. Thanks Nancy! Also reported is we are now keeping a separate log with just the DO readings from the stacks. So, all feeders will need to log temperature and DO readings in the regular log also located in the log book will be a blue log sheet for each stack to log the DO readings into. Now that there are fish in the raceways Larry will be responsible for their feeding until we all meet on Wednesday February 21st to go over the use of the new dry food. Larry also reported that it is very important that once we start feeding to report all morts in the log book so we can regulate the amount of food we need to use. Larry also reported that the expected number of fish going into each raceway is as follows: Raceway #1 - 28,632, Raceway #2 - 25,473, and Raceway #3 - 27,376. Our fish are developing quickly and Raceway #2 should be filled by Monday Feb. 19th. Raceway #3 will more than likely be finished by the 21st of February when the kids come to work at the hatchery. Volunteers who are feeding and taking readings should be taking their readings from the end of each raceway unless there is a divider in the raceway. In the case of a divider in the raceway take your readings from directly behind the divider. A work party will be forming on Monday, Feb. 19th to prepare Raceway #2 and #3 for fish. Also, since we have dry food now, which is stored in the room where our clothing used to be kept, we need to keep an eye out for rats and mice, traps may be necessary.

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator; Reported that the STAC conference that she attended in Clackamas as a representative of our hatchery went really well. Her presentation and our

Propagation Application was one of the best that crossed their desks. Our application received unanimous approval, now it passes on to Fish and Wildlife. Chris also reports that we will be releasing unfed fry on Friday, Feb. 16th into Foster Creek in Agness. On Feb. 21st we will also be releasing unfed fry into Saunders Creek and ponding fish into the remaining raceways. All volunteers who will be feeding are being asked to attend a meeting on Feb. 21st at 11:00 a.m. at the hatchery. This meeting will go over the proper use of the new dry food we are using this year. Chris will be calling all the volunteers on the feeding schedule so they can attend this important meeting. A purchase order for \$520.21 was submitted by Chris to replace four clocks and one feeder. The feeders got damaged while in storage this winter, due to standing water. Gary Underhill will be doing the repairs on the feeders.

Treasurer, Gil Davis; Reported that we are \$1000.00 ahead for the month of January. We made \$2818.00 in donations and revenue from memberships. This broke down into \$460.00 coming from memberships and \$2150.00 from donations, \$2000.00 of which came from the Rogue Sportsmen and Guides Association. Gil also reported and would like to remind those who have not yet renewed their memberships that the cost of membership is now \$20.00 per year, not the old amount of \$15.00.

John Weber, ODFW; Reported that we will be ponding more fish to Raceway #1 on Feb. 15th. He would like to caution all volunteers who will be feeding fish that with this new dry food we must strictly follow the amounts on the food schedule. "DO NOT OVERFEED!" Kitty litter seems to be working well absorbing moisture in the food storage room, everyone keep an eye out for mice and rats in the storage room. We will be releasing more unfed fry into Foster Creek on Feb. 16th and Saunders Creek on the 21st. Until volunteers start feeding on Feb. 21st, John and Larry will be monitoring the prescription very carefully.

John would also like to remind us that when we do start operating tours of the hatchery, we will need to hold back the amount of food we are going to use for demonstration

purposes from that morning's feeding. This will prevent us from overfeeding the fish. We want a nice gradual rate of growth on the fish without spikes in their development. It has been documented that spikes in development result in an increase of jacks returning and overall survival rate. On the issue of peroxide use and it's affect on the stream outside it's area of use, the State of Oregon and the EPA have changed their decision. We will be able to use peroxide as before as long as we submit all the correct paperwork. The State of Oregon will write us a prescription and permit for use. John also reported that we may eventually have to purchase additional fish food. Since this is the first year using dry food he purchased only the factory recommended amount, so we shall see.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by:
Dianne Mckenzie
Secretary (2007)

Treasure's Corner

By Gil Davis

Treasurers Report	Dec.	Jan.
Operating Capital	\$17,490	\$18,535
Jan. Income	\$ 2,818	
Jan. Expenses	\$ 1,773	

Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

We have had a fairly uneventful winter so far with only a few problems. We still have dome tree to cut up, so if someone needs wood, you are welcome to it.

We have been busy picking trays, so they are really clean this year. The frys are looking great.

We have already released some fry in Edson Creek and seven more trays were released at Lobster Bar on Fri. the 16th.

We now have over 28,000 fry in raceway #1. I am hand feeding them until they learn to eat

The rest of the trays are not far behind. In about three weeks they should all be in the raceways.

Thank all of you volunteers for all you work doing DO's and temps. Won't be long a you will be feeding the raceways.

Trivia:
A hair on the head is worth two in the bush

Larry Schnider,
Hatchery Consultant

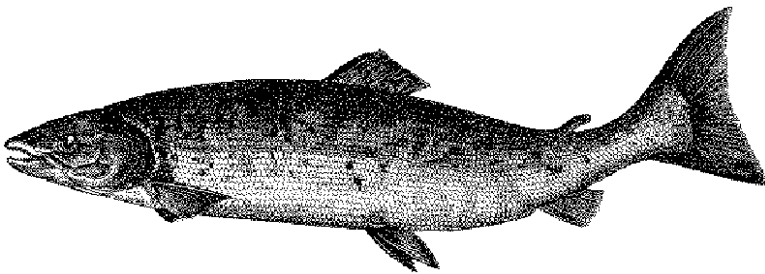
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Seining for broodstock	October	Weekdays/Weekends
Spawning	Nov/Dec	Weekdays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning buckets • Cleaning hatchtrays • Fish collection • Assist in fertilization process • General cleanup 		
Supply Sargent (paper products, 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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