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Curry Anadromous Fishermen  
Gold Beach, Oregon

# THE RIFFLE

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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY  
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## Presidents Corner

Mike Kopec

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MAY 3, 2007 – 9:00AM  
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## Upcoming Events

May 10, National Resource Day. OSU and Riley Creek 5<sup>th</sup> Graders visit Hatchery.

June 9, Free Fishing Day at Libby Pond.

June 20, Rotary Meeting and Luncheon at the Hatchery.

Well it's the beginning of the busy season at the hatchery so we will need a lot of volunteer help to get it all done. We are going to adopting a Project Management approach to each work task. Please step forward and let me know if there are projects or events that you would like to manage. We will start a section in this Riffle for upcoming events (thanks John Lento for the idea).

Dana Hicks of the Watershed Council sent a thank you note for allowing her to speak at the last general meeting. She also advised us of an opening on her commission and asked if we wanted it. Gene Trinkler knows all involved and volunteered. The Board unanimously approved and so thanks Gene.

Hatchery tours will begin May 15 and we have decided to make the tours available at 9AM so the feeders/cleaners will be responsible for running the tours. OK hold on, don't run away. If you do not feel qualified or don't like doing that stuff we are going to help you. I will be holding training secessions on Tues. May 8 at 11 AM and again on Sat. May 12 at 1 PM. We are also going to build a sign/picture display board on the covered wall in the spawning area. All the tour guides will have to do is take the visitors to the wall and run through the pictures and read the captions.

Richard Heap our STACK Representative came

by to inform us that our hatchery management plan and propagation application are the best that his council has ever seen. They will be using our Procedural Manual as a guide for other STEP programs in the state. He also stated that Chris Underhills energetic presentation at the Clackamas board meeting made the plan look even better. Next time you see John Weber give him an 'atta boy' for his plan, he really made us look good.

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to [www.rogueriversalmon.org](http://www.rogueriversalmon.org)

## **Volunteer Report**

By Chris Underhill 247-0396

April Showers bring May Flowers, and allergies and sneezing and lots of algae on the side walls of the raceways. One thing leads to another, I could swear when the sun is out you can watch the algae grow on the side walls. If anyone is bored, and wants a good AM workout please feel free to visit the hatchery and scrub raceway walls. The brushes are located at the top of each raceway and are labeled with the raceway number, there is argentine in the garbage can located by the front gate, so you can dunk the brushes. We don't want to spread any algae's or other things to other raceways.

We have been trying to get a work party together to put up the shade clothe (AKA Charlotte's Web) but it keeps on raining, so hopefully by the time this report comes out it will be completed.

I'd like to thank the Houkas, the Freedman's, Nick Carney & Will Wormouth for going out and helping Weber (ODFW) pickup trash around Libby Pond. We are starting to get geared up for the Libby Pond Kids Fishing Derby which I believe will be held June 9th for kids 14 and under. I will miss this because of my parents 50th Wedding Anniversary Cruise. so once again if anyone is interested in helping out please step forward or I'll be calling. Last

year, we had a group of about 10 volunteers, started registering kids at 7AM, some volunteers wander around the pond and help out were needed. Last year, I had the opportunity to teach a whole family how to fish, they had won fishing poles at the Azalea Festival, by the time I found them the father was tangled with 3 whining kids. In the end we had a very happy family, a couple of new fisherperson's and two fish on the shore. We blow the horn at NOON at which time all the kids bring their fish to be measured, we have hot dogs and lemonade for all the people and we announce the winners. It's a fun & relaxing day.

I had another kid filled afternoon the Saturday before Easter. Cub Scout Pack 103 helped release 10,000 unfed fry from the hatch boxes located on John Wilson's property on Cedar Valley Creek. Hopefully you saw my article in the newspaper, if not here's a quick rundown - 10 very wet and muddy boys helped net and release fish via a bucket brigade - followed by an also wet Easter Egg Hunt, then a nice dry hot dog BBQ for all the families inside the barn with a nice fire to warm all the kids - Thank you, Don & Suzie Mazza Cub Scouts Pack 103 Leaders for the weenie roast & egg hunt and Mike Overdevest for taking the time out of your day to get the fire going and letting us use your barn and front yard and just Thank you!!! P.S. Sorry about breaking your rope swing, we'll help fix it when the time comes.

Mr. Hutchins from the Oregon Stewardship Program will be bringing his Alternative Education Students to the hatchery the end of April to help mow lawns, clean raceways and just help out with a general cleanup. Thank you Jim and Kids, help is always appreciated and always needed at the hatchery.

We should be clipping and tagging fish around the end of May, then June 9th is Libby Pond Derby, June 20th CAF is putting on a luncheon & tour at the hatchery for the Chamber-I'll be calling looking for salads and dessert makers.

Then, we will have an Indian Creek Hatchery Open House on the 4th of July followed with a potluck BBQ, then again we will be at the Curry County Fair July 25-28, we will have a booth &

hopefully an aquarium with a big salmon or two in it.

Please everyone hang in there, it sounds like a fun and busy summer!!

P.S. DAILY FEEDERS STARTING MAY 15TH REMEMBER TO CALL THE INDIAN CREEK CAMPGROUND AT 9AM TO SEE IF ANYONE IS WAITING FOR A HATCHERY TOUR.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything or anyone - Thank you Volunteers, for everything you do!!!

Chris Underhill  
Volunteer Coordinator  
247-0396

## **General Meeting**

April 12, 2007

Meeting called to order by, President Mike Kopec at 10:00 A.M.

Minutes from the last meeting as published in "The Riffle" approved by Mike Kopec; seconded by Bill Fetzer and all in favor..

RICHARD HEAP, SALMON TROUT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (STAC); reported that our propagation proposal (permit application) received at the Clackamas meeting was one of the best that they had received. Also, Chris Underhill's presentation was outstanding. Kudos to Chris! Our Operation Manual for the Hatchery is also among the best presented, they will be using it as a model for other STEP operations. As far as STEP activities for the State go approximately \$297,000 comes from license revenues. With an additional \$892,000 of Federal funds, the STEP program has a total of \$1.2 million. STEP Volunteers in Oregon contributed a total of 72,000 hours last year which equals 35 full time positions and allows Oregon STEP to fund only 2-1/2 positions.

The result is that Oregon is paying for 2-1/2 but getting the benefit of 45 persons. The commission is very enthused to hear this of course. The commission would like to thank all of the STEP group volunteers for their

contributions and effort and would like us to know how grateful they are for what a good job we all have been doing. They are in complete support of us. Also, a big thank you goes out to John Weber for his help in our organization and the other STEP programs in our area.

GIL DAVIS, TREASURER; reported that the revenue for the month of March was \$255.00. Total revenue was; Dues: \$175.00, Raffle: \$80.00. Expenses for the month were as follows: Labor: \$600.00, Phone: \$47.00, Power: \$48.89, Security: \$24.00, and the Raffle (2 months): \$319.19. For a total of \$1039.98. Our savings account total is: \$750.87, Checking account total: \$4023.72 and Time Share Certificate: \$4115.08 (as of Feb. 28th.) For a total of \$8,889.62. Gil, would also like to remind everyone that when you do purchase items for the Hatchery that there is now a receipt box located at the Hatchery. Please place the receipts and purchase orders in the receipt box so that they can be paid in a timely manner.

CHRIS UNDERHILL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR; reported that on the Saturday before Easter all the Cub Scouts that were involved with the Coy Creek Hatch box Project released their 10,000 fish into Coy/Cedar Creek, after which there was a barbecue and an egg hunt. A good time was had by all. Next year, since Chris will no longer be with us, the parents of the Boy Scouts will be heading up the Hatch box Project in conjunction with some of the volunteers from the Hatchery. Our contact will still be Sue Mazza. Chris would also like to remind the volunteers that are doing regular feedings that we also need to routinely scrub the back of the screens on all the raceways to keep the algae growth down and the water flow to maximum.

Also, as soon as we have some sunny days we will need to put up the sunscreen over the raceways. Chris will notify us when this is due.

She would also like to alert all volunteers that June, July and August are going to be very busy months for all of us at the Hatchery and all hands are going to be needed to fill this busy time of year.

SUE KOPEC, SPRING DANCE COORDINATOR; reports that the Spring Dance with a 60's music theme will be held on April 28th at the Honey Bear Lodge. We should net a total of \$1500.00 from the dance if everything goes to plan. Sue has posted flyers around town, in break rooms and at school facilities. There have also has been newspaper postings announcing the event along with a radio spot. Dianne sent in an email to have the event announced on News Watch 12's Community Chalk Board. Hopefully, this will air at least a week before the dance will be held. Just as a reminder, the dance will be held from 8:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. We would like volunteers to sign up to do the following: Setup, making of deserts, security, ticket taking, parking, DJ assistant, etc. A big thank you to Gary Sax for donating the Honey Bear Lodge facility. Gary suggested that all dance attendees make reservations for dinner at 6 PM before the Spring Dance begins

MIKE KOPEC, PRESIDENT; reports that he received a thank you note from Dana Hicks (head of the Watershed Board of the Lower Rogue) thanking us for allowing her to do a presentation concerning Freeman Rock Inc.'s "Estuary Enhancement" proposal at our last general meeting. The board met and voted that Gene Trinkler would occupy the vacant seat on the council representing the CAF. Gene will report directly back to us on issues brought before the Watershed Council.. Thanks go out to Gene for occupying the vacant seat available to us. Since Chris Underhill will be leaving us in August (for about a year or less) we will need to find a new Volunteer Coordinator. Chris's shoes will be impossible to fill, as she took on so much as our Volunteer Coordinator. She will be sorely missed.

In order to make this position more manageable an idea of having different Project Managers for work projects that need to be accomplished was proposed. This would limit the Volunteer Coordinator to the following tasks: Receiving phone calls regarding projects and new volunteers, scheduling of feeding and cleaning, postings of events. We will need to have one

person to head up instruction of new volunteers on how to feed and clean, so that everyone will be trained exactly the same. Mike also reported that as far as our 501 (C) (3) is concerned, he checked on it and they are currently working on the month of September. We are slated for final approval time-stamped November 20th or 28th. This is a first come first serve type of deal. We have yet to be assigned an agent. If we can prove that we have pending donations which we cannot receive without our 501 (C) (3), we may be able to do a letter writing campaign stating this and then we may be moved up in the system. So far, we have lost the donations from Fred Meyer and a few others due to our lack of having our 501 (C) (3). Mike will be contacting the IRS after April 24th to check on our status. If we could get one of these major contributors to write a letter on our behalf stating that they cannot contribute to us until we have our 501 (C) (3), this could be a major plus. Mike also met with the Rotary. They would like to have a tour of our Hatchery, which will be slated for Wednesday, June 20th. There should be roughly around 42 members attending, possibly with their spouses. They are willing to pay \$7.00 per person for the tour, if a lunch is provided. We would like to have a barbecue and a potluck, such as we did last summer for our Open House. We also may be able to get some donations and some new volunteers out of the tour by the Rotary. We would like to order new shirts with our new logo design on them for the upcoming events of this summer. We have yet to decide if we if could save money by ordering the shirts on-line and then have them silk screened by a local printer, if possible. If anyone is interested in heading up this project please call Chris Underhill. As it stands Sue Kopec and Chris Underhill are taking on this project, along with all the other things they do for the CAF.

Jim Hutchins will be bringing 10 alternative education students out to the Hatchery on April 25th to do cleanup and weed whacking. Larry Schnider and Glenn Kral will be heading up this work party. Thanks to the student volunteers for their efforts in helping us out. Mike also reports that we need to address the vermin problem out at the Hatchery. They have decimated the new storage cabinets that Bill Fetzner built for us and we have a real concern about the food storage

room. We are asking all persons on the feeding schedule that after measuring out food please close the door to the storage room before proceeding out to the Raceways to feed. It only takes a few second for critters to get into that room. Gary Harmon has volunteered to head up this task force. Gary Underhill. has been going out every morning to check and re-bait our traps. Thanks go out to Gary U. and he will be putting a self-closing spring onto the food storage room door to help us out in remembering. Thanks Gary Underhill. Mike also would like for all of the feeders to also take part in the Hatchery tour schedule. The tours will be scheduled for 9:00 A.M. In this way the tour members would have the opportunity to take part in the feeding of the fish. So, if a tour is scheduled, the feeders would conduct the tour along with maintaining their normal feeding regiment. We would also like to construct a new educational permanent Kiosk at the Hatchery or update the one that is located across from the Indian Creek Cafe. There also is the possibility of having a display of what we do at the Hatchery on permanent display down in the spawning shed where it is already covered and protected from the weather. Contact Sue Kopec if you are interested in participating in this project. There will be a meeting to teach feeders on how to conduct tours. We will let everyone on the schedule know when this will occur. Tours start in May.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW; reported that the there have been concerns with Libby Pond and the amount of garbage that is left by people who are using the pond. The ODFW puts approximately \$5,000.00 worth of fish in the pond annually. It is not in their budget, however, to provide the manpower to do cleanup of the pond.

The landowner is currently trying to sell the property and has serious issues with the amount of garbage being left behind by the public. John would like to remind us all that this is the only place in our area geared to youth fishing. The next nearest facility is Lake Garrison in Port Orford. John is asking the CAF to provide a public toilet (and necessary sewage pumping) through the season ending in mid-June. The Board Members voted and approved that we would provide the toilet facilities. We

also will be doing a press release announcing we are providing a toilet facility and also our plea for those who use Libby Pond to pick up after themselves. If users of the pond fail to start cleaning up after themselves, we may lose the use of the pond altogether. We will be accepting donations for the provision of the toilet provided by the CAF. Jim Friedman has accepted the responsibility of heading up a separate fund for appropriations for the Libby Pond fund for the CAF. Thank you Jim.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Submitted by:  
Dianne McKenzie  
Secretary,(2007)

## **SPONSORS CORNER**

Mr. James W. Gardner, Attorney, has been doing estate planning, domestic and criminal law here in Gold Beach for the past 34 years. Because of his long-term service he knows the in's and out's of Curry County and would be a valuable asset to have in your corner during a time of need. Call 247-6615 and talk with either Roxan or Shelly to make an appointment. Mr. Gardner has generously given his services free of charge to the Curry Anadromous Fishermen, most recently by changing our Articles of Incorporations and filling for a 501C3 status with the IRS. Jim "loves the outdoors, Gold Beach, and appreciates the contributions C.A.F. is making to the community".

***Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.***

## **Hatchery Happenings**

By Larry Schnider

This has been an uneventful month. Thank goodness we had no major difficulties at the hatchery. I have been flushing the vault , especially after a good rain so the sediment does not build up.

We need to be very careful with the probe on the DO meter. I have had to replace the membrane on the end of it twice. Make sure the

probe does not hit the bottom of the raceway, as that can damage the end of it, and therefore we do not get a good reading. Please put the end cap the DO meter when you are through using it.

Everything else is going great and the fish are growing. We will be pulling the sun screen and hopefully it will help keep the moss down in the raceways.

Thank you Bill Fetzer for the rat & mouse proofing the cabinet. They will need a good crow bar to get in now.

Welcome Home Mike Foss

Thank you volunteers for being faithful calling me after feeding.

Trivia:

**Treasurer's Report**

By Gil Davis

	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar.</b>
Operating Capital	\$17,320	\$16,519

Mar. Income \$ 289

Before repeating "what a little bird told you," make sure it wasn't a cuckoo.

Larry Schnider,  
Hatchery Consultant

Mar. Expenses \$ 1,089

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**DUES ARE DUE**

Keep the money rolling in so we can help the fish and fishermen on the Rogue River

## 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"> <li>• Cleaning buckets</li> <li>• Cleaning hatchtrays</li> <li>• Fish collection</li> <li>• Assist in fertilization process</li> <li>• General cleanup</li> </ul>		
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"> <li>• Into tributaries</li> <li>• Into raceways</li> </ul>	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
<b>Release smolt into Rogue River</b>	Jul/Aug	Weekdays
General work parties – maintenance and repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building</li> <li>• Raceways</li> <li>• Water lines</li> <li>• Dam</li> <li>• Vault</li> <li>• Grounds</li> <li>• Feeders</li> <li>• Aerators</li> </ul>	As required	
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
<b>Other opportunities</b>		
CAF Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice-President</li> <li>• Treasury</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>		
CAF Board Member (five required)		
CAF Membership Coordinator		
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