



Volunteers Raising Salmon
Curry Anadromous Fishermen
Gold Beach, Oregon

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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN,
AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.**

www.rogueriversalmon.org

**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
March 13, 2008 – 10:00 AM
GRANT'S RESTAURANT
Gold Beach, Oregon**

**(Come at 9:00 AM for Breakfast, to join
us for good friends and an interesting
and informative meeting)**

**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,
March 6, 2008 – 9:00 AM
BISCUIT BUILDING**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2008 !!**

Upcomming Events

Release of fish to raceways and feeding.
TBD

Training of new vacuum procedures
TBD

Presidents Corner

Mike Kopec

GOOD NEWS!!!! This issue has been talked about recently and I have written about it in past Presidents Corner. Tom, Larry and I met with Todd and John Weber at the local ODFW office after the General Meeting. The purpose was to determine the reason why ODFW was not going to fund clipping and tagging of our fish. As always it is a budget constraints and all Oregon State run facilities are being limited in their tagging operations. ODFW has agreed to fund bringing the trailer to the hatchery and we will provide the manpower to clip **all our fish**. We believe that is a win/win situation and will have a **zero** impact on our budget.

SAD NEWS!!!! In the last officer and board election there were 9 positions being voted on. The total vote tally was 11 returned ballots. Now if each officer and board member voted for themselves, that's 9 ballots. One individual must really be upset with all of us and voted to abstained on all positions. If that person is so upset why did they not run for any position and try to fix their problem???? That leaves only one person who was willing to participate in the process, thank you whoever you are. **See the sad part.** Thus the election was conducted the way it was.

We are still in need of a Website Manager. See ad below and if you are not interested maybe your children or grand children would be. Also, we need someone to manage our clothing inventories and reordering clothes. Please contact Nancy Schnider if you are willing to step up or know of someone interested.

Wanted – Website Manager

This volunteer would work with Eric Ragsdale of West American Technologies to up date News and Events online, update and enhance sponsor's page and add to picture gallery.

If interested please call Sue Kopec at 247-0369 for details.

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Election results:

Officers President, Kopec 7, Kurz 3, abs 1. VP, Tostenson 10, abs 1, Tresurer, Davis 6, Kral 3, S. Kopec 1, Unknown 1, Sec. McKenzie 4, abs 4, Kurz 2, N. Schneider 1.

Board Members Kral 11, Fetzer 10, Freedman10, McKenzie 9. Epps 9, Abs. 4, Christenson 1, Neihaus 1.

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

Volunteer Report

By Nancy Schnider

Last week a crew cleaned Raceway #1. They put a screen to divide the raceway in half. On February 18, 2008 trays 1 thru 6 were put in raceway #1. Those had 17,391 buttoned up fry in them.

The buttoned up fry swam from one end to the other. I guess they really liked being free to swim.

Larry & I will hand feed them for a few days, until they learn to eat. Volunteers will soon be feeding them along with doing D.O.'S & Temps in the trays. I will be training new volunteers.

I've been doing lots of volunteer calling to get the March feeding schedule set up. It takes two people to do the feeding when it gets in full swing.

Thank all of you for all of your help.

Nancy Schnider
Volunteer Coordinator
247-4483

General Meeting

February 14, 2008

10:00 a.m. meeting was called to order

Tom Tostenson reported in Becky's absence. A copy of the Treasurer's report was issued to the audience. The report was read aloud. There were no questions or responses. Mike Kopec made a motion to accept the report. Larry Cody seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Weber reported that he is having difficulty attending all the meetings. The 10:00a.m. meeting time is a problem. It is in the middle of his day. He requested more notice of meetings be given to him. He welcomed any questions or concerns. He said that he was available by cell phone and email. Mike Kopec requested that John attend the board meetings and his response was that it was very difficult to do.

Larry Schnider reported that everything at the hatchery "is great". He said that he is very thankful for the help that is offered by so many. We will release some fry into the raceway next week.

Nancy Schnider reported that the boy scouts received 5 trays of buttoned up fry. The count in the trays is 110,993. She is constructing a calendar for volunteers. She asked everyone to inform her regarding the days they would prefer. She also asked if anyone had a preference regarding work partners. If so, she wants to be informed of that as well.

Larry Cody asked Larry Schnider if the filtration system has made a discernable difference. Larry responded in the affirmative. Larry Cody also made it clear that volunteers needed to be given instruction on the new vacuum system.

John Epps reported that the new filtration system is functioning very well. John Weber mentioned that there is a hose that is external to the building and is related to the system that needs attention. John Epps is aware of this and it will be repaired.

Sue Kopec sent a letter of thanks to the people that supplied the filtration system. This will be featured in a publication. We have requested copies of that publication.

Mike Kopec discussed the budget and audit. Receipts are missing for purchases that Mike Kopec made for a fundraiser. These expenses have been presented to the board and approved without receipts. The details were not given but are available in the February board notes. The fundraiser banquet was not as successful as previous years because of conflicts with other local events. Mike Kopec has taken steps to partner with the derby presented by Lex's Landing. Arrangements may be made to hold the fundraiser near that time of year. The Spring Dance fundraiser would have lost money had it not been for a \$1,000 donation by Bob Manners. We plan to have our Christmas boutique as well as a raffle for a salmon mount donated by Paul DeAngelo. The budget includes: a new roof for the storage shed estimated at \$181 and some needed wiring. Tom Tostenson said that Gold Beach lumber provided the estimate for the shed and offered to donate the use of a nail gun. Dianne McKenzie mentioned a March 12th deadline. We are currently scheduled for the 22nd regarding this. There needs to be contacts made to

establish the true date. Chris Underhill volunteered to do this. Dues have fallen by one half for the last three years. It is a break even problem to publish and mail the Riffle as a result. John Lento said the postmaster has informed us that a ten cent per copy savings is available as a result of our non profit status. Mary Kurz will mail reminders that dues are in arrears. Mike Kopec stressed that there is still a need for two positions to be filled. First we need someone to keep inventory of the clothing & hats. Second we need someone to work with Eric Ragsdale on the website. There was a lengthy discussion regarding fin clip and tagging issues. The upshot is the board desires to fin clip all the fish. Tagging is not seen as a priority. John Weber said that in the short term that may be a solution. But, he spoke about the many long term benefits of tagging. However he made it clear that clipping and tagging has an influence on his budget and he is not willing to supplement these items. Mike Kopec provided the estimates for clipping and tagging. John Weber reiterated these estimates and said that perhaps a trailer would be available for our use at no cost to us. Mike Kopec said that the pressing thing to do is get our cost estimates and then approach the South Coast Fishermen, Curry Sportsmen and the Middle Rogue Guides for donations. John Weber quoted Rich Heap from the last general meeting and said that perhaps a trailer could be purchased with grant money. That trailer would be shared by hatcheries up and down the coast. Other options were discussed: build a building just for this purpose, or prepare to clip beside the raceways. Mike Kopec asked for a show of hands regarding those willing to help clip the fish. Nearly everyone responded with a raised hand. John Epps pushed the board to make a decision soon. John Weber said that the wild salmon are doing well compared to other waterways. But, he said that even with that statement it should be understood that overall the fish are not doing real well.

Dianne McKenzie introduced Paul DeAngelo. He made a presentation which consisted of two parts. First he spoke of his personal history. He has had a studio on the East Coast for many years. He has been recognized as the leader in the industry in that region. The introduction and

proliferation of the Zebra muscle brought that fishery to its knees and greatly affected his business as well. He conducted a survey of the West Coast and decided to locate here in Gold Beach. His studio is located at the old 116 Market property at Jerry's Flat. Paul said that visitors are more than welcome. He hopes to have several mounts ready for display by mid April. The mounts he displayed today were all East Coast fish. Second he spoke about preparation of a fish for mounting. He said that he is available by phone and will come to the docks to prepare a fish. He also said that Borax is used to keep the skin life like after the fish is dead. So, pick the best looking side of your trophy and put Borax in the container and lay the fish trophy side down on the Borax. He said that the scales are very important and that a fish should be handled as carefully as possible to protect the scales.

Chris Underhill reported that her husband Gary has prepared all 10 feeders for service.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10

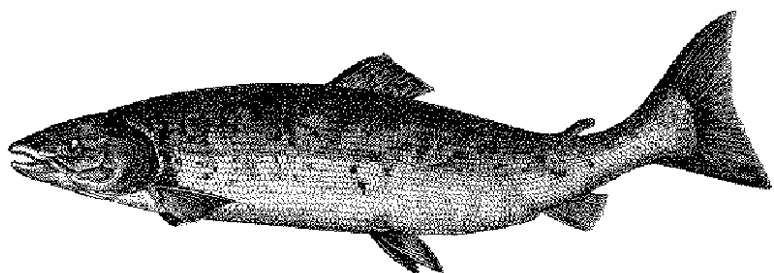
The raffle was conducted by Gene Trinkler \$115 was raised today as a result of the raffle.

Will Wormuth
Secretary

Treasurer's Corner

By Becky Sophusson

Treasurers Report	Dec.	Jan.
Operating Capital	\$18,849	\$18,407
Jan. Income	\$ 682	
Jan. Expenses	\$ 1,124	



Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

We are in full swing of things at the hatchery. We are about to put the first six trays of fish into raceway one. We have the raceways cleaned and ready to go.

We were concerned that we would not have enough fish this year, but with the help of the new filtration system we will have plenty of fish in the raceways and some to put in the creeks. We will be feeding in the raceways soon. We will have training on how to do the feeding for the newer volunteers.

Trivia; Maturity doesn't come with age...it comes with assuming responsibilities.

Larry Schnider
Hatchery Consultant

2008 C.A.F. Officers

President:	Mike Kopec
Vice President:	Tom Tostenson
Secretary:	Will Wormuth
Treasurer:	Becky Sophusson
Past President:	Art Kurz
Board Members:	John Epps
	Jim Freedman
	Bill Fetzer
	Glenn Kral
	Diane McKenzie
Hatchery Consultant:	Larry Schnider
O.D.F. & W. Biologist:	John Weber
Membership Coordinator:	Mary Kurz
Volunteer Coordinator:	Nancy Schnider
School Coordinator	Chris Underhill
Meeting Raffle	Gene Trinkler
	Bud Snow
Raffle Editor:	John Lento 247-0178

Curry Anadromous Fishermen --- Indian Creek Hatchery Volunteer Opportunities

Call Nancy Schnider --- Volunteer Coordinator --- 247-4483

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 • Treasurer • Secretary 		
CAF Board Member (five required)		
CAF Membership Coordinator		
CAF Volunteer Coordinator		
Hatchery Manager		

- Sign up for a day a week or a day a month. Training will be provided and you will be paired up with an experience volunteer.