

Coos River S.T.E.P. News

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December 2014

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NEW MEMBER

Jim Tucker

DONATION

Donnie Brown has donated Coos River STEP Association a real nice electric Miter-Cut off saw. We have been using it for about 5 months now, and it has proven to be a very useful tool.

N. B. Senior Center **DONATED** a very good Tuna Casserole for the Volunteer crew that helped on the last spawning.2014

HATCHERY NEWS

Coos River STEP will hold their annual ELECTION of Officers and Directors at our regular meeting **January 13th** 2015. At the November meeting we had a motion to re-elect all officers and directors, seconded and voted to pass.

This year 2014, we have had 2789 Chinook return to the hatchery.

We also have had 452 COHO return that we put on up the creek. This return of COHO has been way above average for them. We are still trying to figure out why there was so many COHO that returned to Noble Creek.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December the 9th (Tue.) at 6:00 pm we will hold our annual potluck and Christmas party. Come out and enjoy the Potluck. To join in on the Christmas exchange you need to bring a wrapped Christmas present not to exceed \$15. dollars.

If you choose to not do a Christmas exchange, please stay and enjoy the visiting and show and laughs of this exchange. In past years it has been a real enjoyable time for everyone.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DUES FOR 2015

Your yearly DUES are due on January 1st. Check your news letter address, for the year your paid for. We need you. **THANKS**



November the 8th the high school class from Astoria showed up to help spawn. This was the only Saturday event we had this year. We spawned 72 males, 70 females & 2 jacks. We've had little rain so few new fish have showed up.



November the 13th the class from Harding Learning Center came to help. They always seem to enjoy being splashed in the raceway while netting Chinook.



November 26th was our big day to spawn Coho. This is Bob holding one of the biggest females. November 14th we put 32 males, 24 females and 5 jacks into Nora's pond so we knew we had enough to get our 30,000 eggs. If we get more rain we'll have even more to choose the ripest females.



November 25th was our last Chinook spawning day. We've had about an inch and a half of rain in the last few days. We spawned the Chinook in the raceway then to the trap side. It was full of Coho. We put over 155 Coho to spawn tomorrow. Here are the twelve big females we used to get our eggs. All males were live spawned and released upstream in Noble Creek.

November 25th was the last Chinook spawning day for the season. We ended up with over 1,100 jacks and over 1,600 adults Chinook returning for the season. I would like to thank everyone that came out on spawning days to help at Noble Creek this year. Today we had the first group of eyed Chinook eggs come back to Noble Creek Hatchery to hatch in the deep matrix hatchbox. This is a little early compared to other years for eggs to come back to the hatchery but we have also had warmer water temperatures this year than in past. All the eyed Chinook eggs should be back to the hatchery by early - mid January.

We also spawned coho right before Thanksgiving for the Catching Slough coho eyed egg injection research project. We got all the coho eggs in one egg take which will make things a little easier when it comes to thermally marking the otoliths. This is the last year of egg collection for this project but the next three years we will be collecting otoliths from coho carcasses on spawning surveys to determine the results of the project. And speaking of coho, we have had a huge run of wild coho coming through Noble Creek Hatchery this year. At the end of November we had almost 450 wild coho pasted upstream of the hatchery. In the past 7 years the largest number of coho coming past Noble Creek Hatchery had been 145.

A few steelhead have been caught in the Coos and Coquille basins the past week or two. Just a reminder to the steelhead anglers out there that from December 1 – April 30 you can harvest a third additional hatchery steelhead in these basins.

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**POTLUCK 6:00 PM X-MAS PARTY 7:00 TUE. DEC. 9th
NOBLE CREEK HATCHERY**



Coos River S.T.E.P. Association
Coos River S.T.E.P. needs your help to insure that there will be rivers to fish and salmon and steelhead to fish for into the future. Sign up today as a **SUPPORTER** & volunteer! Oregon's fish need your help!

MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 Family

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