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Special THANKS to these special Volunteers.

NO SPAWNING TUE. 11.

We will not spawn salmon on Tuesday 11 Veterans Day.

Check spawning schedule below for spawning dates.

HATCHERY NEWS

The Chinook eggs that we sent to the Bandon hatchery to be eyed should be coming back to put in our hatch boxes about January 1. Then there will be more eyed eggs each week after that, depending on Temperature and dates that we spawned. Our total number of Chinook pre-smolts we can release is 600,000 each year. We are trying to set enough Chinook eggs to reach this goal. Last year we got all the Chinook counted for the first time, and we were some short of this number. We are trying to get the numbers right, now that we have a way to count them all.

Jim Croft came over with his backhoe and cleaned out the settling pond for us so we wouldn't get so much silt in our hatchboxes. This is something that needs to be done each year, to keep our water supply working good. The water is all gravity that we do the hatchboxes with. It takes about 48 gallons of water a minute when we have all six of them with eggs.

WORK AT THE HATCHERY

Saturday November 8

Thursday November 13

Tuesday November 18

Tuesday November 25

We have had good help for our first two spawning, with lots of new volunteers. There is lots of COHO this year to pass on up Noble Creek. There also has been good numbers of Chinook to spawn for our hatchery production, over all it has been a good year so far.



This is our first big spawning day October 28th. I thought we would be short handed but we all invited friends to show up and about fifty people did. What a nice crowd to help with spawning and stay for lunch.



This is the action table where we measure fish, look for coded wire tags and count the Chinook. They are then cut in two to be put back in streams to feed bugs and future fish.



In 2012 we created a spot along side the Hatchery so a fifth wheel trailer or motorhome could park there. We hoped to find a Hatchery Host to help with spawning and day to day Hatchery tasks. This is our first season with a Host to help Clyde and Dorothy around the Hatchery.



Bob and Vickie Fleming are our first Hatchery Hosts. They have been retired about a year and a half. Some of their travels have taken them to Canada, Alaska and Arizona. Vickie is the daughter of Loretta Burcher. Their home, when not off traveling, is in Deadwood, Oregon. I've heard they're avid elk hunters!

We had lots of good help on the first day of spawning at Noble Creek last week. We went through 435 adult and 739 jack Chinook that day. We passed well over 500 male and female Chinook that will be ready to spawn in the upcoming weeks. We also had 185 wild coho that we passed upstream to spawn in Noble or Ferry creeks. This one day total was more coho than we have trapped in a whole season in the past 7 years. I looked back through my records since I've worked in the area and the previous high was 146 coho captured and passed above the hatchery in 2010.

There should be plenty of Chinook and coho that continue to come into the trap over the next month. We have several spawning days still scheduled and if you can make it out to help please show up and pitch-in at least for a little while. Here are the remaining spawning days for Noble Creek:

Saturday, November 8
Thursday, November 13
Tuesday, November 18
Tuesday, November 25

Steelhead should start showing up in the Coos and Coquille basins by the end of the month. Just a reminder to the steelhead anglers out there that through November 30 you can only harvest 2 hatchery steelhead per day in the Coos and Coquille basins. But from December 1 – April 30 you can harvest a third additional hatchery steelhead in these basins.

Gary Vonderohe
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

**POTLUCK 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 TUE. NOV. 11th
NOBLE CREEK HATCHERY**



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