

Coos River S.T.E.P. News

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HATCHERY NEWS

Here at the Noble Creek Hatchery our first day of working the returning salmon was Oct. 17. We sorted and moved most to the holding pond. We also donated 75 salmon to the local food bank, plus some before in Sept. We have spawned Chinook on 10-30, 11-03, and 11-06. We have spawned 335 males, 19 Jacks and 562 females so far this year. With all the improvements that have been done at Noble Creek Hatchery we have been able to get most of this work done faster and easier this year. Our Bio. Also has been able to get lots of help from several different groups this year that also has helped with the work load.

Sat. 11-10 we expect to have students from Astoria, and Coquille here to help take eggs and sperm. Most have experience doing this job, and will be great help for us.

If you would like to come out to the Hatchery and meet these volunteers, please do, and bring your camera. This STEP Hatchery is run by volunteers, and we welcome all who would like to help do this important work for our salmon.

NOTE FROM MICKEY McCREADY

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR GLENN

Betty & Jim	Davison
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Joseph & Marion	Babcock
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Shorty & Loretta	Burcher
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The raceway and trap were full of fish after receiving 1.8" of rain on October 16th. Above are some of the 75 bright chinook killed and donated to ORCCA for distribution to local food banks. These are in addition to the 6 donated on September 29th.



October 30th is our first real spawning day of the year. Several helpers came from Belloni Ranch to get in the water and carry fish so us old guys don't have to get wet. We spawned 318 fish on that Tuesday morning.



Ryan Henderson called to see if she could bring out her Girl Scout Troop. She was welcomed and brought along 11 girls and a couple of leaders. They appeared to have a great time and only screamed when getting splashed. This is the second year they've been here to help.



November 3rd was our 2nd real spawning day this year. We spawned 394 Chinook plus killed enough excess fish to fill up this trailer. The carcasses are hauled upstream to tributaries of the Coos and put back in the stream to feed bugs and juvenile fish.

Thanks to all the volunteers and students that have helped out with sorting and spawning Chinook at Noble Creek Hatchery so far this year. It was a little hectic so far this year with what seemed to be every fish showing up at the hatchery during the same week. Because of all your help we are right on schedule with the egg take for the year. We have a few scheduled spawning days left and will have help from school groups each day.

On non-spawning days at the hatchery I've been keeping myself busy by conducting salmon spawning surveys on sections of Wilson Creek, Marlow Creek, and the West Fork Millicoma River, along with data entry and other office work.

Our seasonal crew, which is working on the South Fork Coos River, has trapped and marked 759 (722 adults and 37 jacks) Chinook salmon at Dellwood Trap this fall. This is a third fewer fish than what we trapped and marked last year but every year is different. The crew is busy conducting spawning surveys looking for Chinook carcasses on the South Fork Coos, Williams River, and Tioga Creek. They are seeing lots of live spawning Chinook so far but have only recovered a few carcasses. With the information that the crew is collecting we will be able to get a population estimate of how many Chinook salmon are spawning this fall in the South Fork Coos basin above Dellwood Trap.

The salmon fishing season inside Coos Bay is still going but the angling effort and catch has slowed way down. Since mid-August we have estimated just over 5,100 adult Chinook salmon have been caught along with 3,200 jacks in the Coos Bay fishery. The wild coho fishery in Coos Bay is still going. We have only harvested about 60% of the 1,200 fish quota. I got a report yesterday that a few anglers are still catching coho in the Coos River.

As always stop by our office in Charleston or give us a call at (541)-888-5515 if you have any questions.

Gary Vonderohe
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

POTLUCK 6:00 MEETING 7:00 TUE. NOV. 13th
NOBLE CREEK HATCHERY



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