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DONATIONS

Mac & Vikki Mclain
Mac and Vikki have donated coffee both regular and decaf several times to the Salmon program. This is appreciated by all the coffee drinkers.

VISITERS are always welcome to come on out to the hatchery . Depending on the time of season there is adult salmon and then eggs to swim up fry. We start feeding them until they are ready for release, usually in May.

HATCHERY NEWS

C We will need to do a work party soon, to put in the boards that hold the water in our ponds. As the rain season gets here so will the salmon, and we need to be ready for them.

This project shouldn't take too long. I think we have everything that will be needed on hand. This always seems to be an interesting time here at the hatchery, with the adult Chinook salmon returning.

We usually get to meet some new people too that come out to see these salmon.

APPLES

We have had a bumper crop of apples this year. Most of them have already ripened and fallen to the ground. The rest are ready to harvest now, so if you would like to have some come on out and salvage them. The fall storms will knock most all of them off the trees.

FALL CREEK FISH LADDER

Just a couple weeks ago Gary, Paul Bob and Vicki went up to the Fall Creek fish ladder to work on it. I didn't go, but it sounded like there was quit a lot to do to it so the salmon could use it. It was plugged at the upper end so the water wasn't entering it right. Also there was a big bolder in it blocking the water. They got the intake opened back up and the bolder broke up with a large hammer, and then rolled it on down out the bottom. They had some 4 by 6 cut to length and replaced most of the rotten ones that hadn't already Brock out. They say it will need more help next year.



The screens for each of our fish raising tanks in the hatchery were originally made from 1/2" plywood with some screen in each end. Over the years the plywood has rotted away. Harold took one of the screen boxes to Tarheel Aluminum to get a price to build.



Tarheel Aluminum wants about \$180 per box to make the screens from welded aluminum. Gary Stroup said he could probably make the boxes. We have heavy plastic barrels and 1/8 th" aluminum with holes to make the screen. The above pictures are of Gary saving Coos River STEP several hundred dollars. Thank you, Gary. We appreciate it!



We've had no work parties in the last month. Here's where we were last September 30th. This is the storage room for waders and rain gear. It took a few weeks to build it but well worth the time and effort to secure our waders and rain gear.



We've only had a few fish show up at the Hatchery so far this year. Gary took out four yesterday and one the day before. Here is a reminder of what's to come. This was October 27th of last year.
The fish are coming!!

**Coos River S.T.E.P
Noble Creek Hatchery
2016 Spawning Schedule**

<http://noblecreekfish.net/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

<u>Day of the week</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tuesday	Oct. 25
Tuesday	Nov. 1
Saturday	Nov. 5
Tuesday	Nov. 8
Tuesday	Nov. 15
Tuesday	Nov. 22

Other work days may be scheduled as needed. Work days usually start at 8:30-9:00 am. We have an assortment of boots and raingear if you don't have your own.

Hatchery directions:

Take the Green Acres turnoff at mile marker 3.2 on Highway 42, half way between Coos Bay & Coquille. Noble Creek Hatchery is 1.1 miles on the right hand side of the road.

Volunteers, observers, and new members are always welcome.

Monthly membership meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at the hatchery.

Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM, adjourn by 8:00.

Questions?? Phone Gary Vonderohe at ODFW: 541-888-5515

**POTLUCK 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 TUE. Oct. 11th
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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City, State, Zip _____

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