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STEP DONATIONS

C. Reese Dixson Won the 50-50 at our last meeting and donated it all back to STEP.

Farr's True Value donated a new electric sump pump.

NEW MEMBER

Fred Haga

HATCHERY NEWS

In the last 30 days a lot of work has been going on. There were at least 16 days of painting both inside and out. This required a lot of cleaning of the walls, and moving a lot of different stored items that were in the way. Some of these items we had forgotten that we even had, and were not needed anymore.

Greg Brown came out and cleaned out the Noble Creek culvert that the Beaver's had built a dam in. While he was here we showed him our need for a sump barrel to catch the waste from one of our tables. He new that Menasha had some used ones in the building where we pick up our fish feed each year. He went back and asked them if we could have what we needed and they donated them to us. (THANKS)

We got the briars off the storage shed, and Harold got it power washed ready to paint. He also replaced some of the plywood siding, and put new hinges on the door. He also painted safety paint on the steps and hand rails, looks good.

MORE HATCHERY NEWS

We also used the power lift to take out the 12 inch boards from the upper end of the holding pond. The slide we use to move it back and forth didn't like to move easy so we lubed it so it would lots easier. Harold got the big holding pond all washed out, it sure needed it. The water settling ponds that supply our two 4 inch pipes are ready for the yearly clean out of silt. This keeps the water lines open and running, also helps the filters to work better.

HATCHERY CAMP HOST

We're still looking and hoping for a good working hatchery host. If you have any ideas that could help us please let us know.

Note to Lynette. We'd like to hear how you are doing, no response to E-Mail's.



The raceway has had a long time to build up mud and grow grass. Today's work party is likely the final preparation before the rains start. Harold will run the fire hose and Ray will run the shovel.



Harold is starting with the dam boards at the top of the raceway. We'll work our way to the bottom before a break for lunch.



The fire hose makes short work of the cleanup. Pushing the clumps of grass and mud out with the shovel helps speed the washing out of the raceway.



This newly installed hose and rack is next to the table where we cut the carcasses in two. There is a newly installed sump pump and catch tub which will pump things washed off the table out into the pasture behind the hatchery.

Last week I received a call from Clyde that a few Chinook salmon had swum into the trap. I could not make it out to the hatchery that day but the next morning I netted 6 male Chinook that I gave to the Oregon Coast Community Action to donate to local food banks. These Chinook were in very good condition and should be good meal for a few local families. I've heard from a couple fishermen that there seems to be quite a few salmon above the Green Acres tidegate. With any pressure change in the forecast I'm sure we will have a few more salmon showing up to the hatchery that will be good candidates for donating to the local food banks.

In less than a month we should start spawning Chinook salmon. Here is the tentative spawning schedule for Noble Creek:

Tuesday, October 23 (if we have enough water and fish)

Tuesday, October 30

Saturday, November 3

Tuesday, November 6

Saturday, November 10

Tuesday, November 13

Tuesday, November 20

Tuesday, November 27 (if necessary)

Our seasonal crew for the Dellwood Fish Trap started today. They will spend the first part of this week getting the trap fully operational. Then we will be waiting for the fish to show up to the trap. The crew will be trapping and tagging salmon in October and early November and then they will be conducting spawning surveys until the end of December.

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

CAPITAN PAUL MERZ

The Joanne was out of the water at the Charleston Shipyard from November 2007 to July 2012. I spent way too much time chasing Salmon politics (most of which was wasted time) instead of working on the boat during that time.

I replaced the engine, and exhaust and cooling systems. The engine I took out had been in the boat for over 60 years. Replaced bow stem and all the house plywood, modified the house roof and raised the roof 2 inches. Removed and replaced all the windows and added one more window. Built and installed a new mast, new running lights, and refinished the back deck. Re-caulked the bottom. Re-fastened the keel and painted the whole boat. (Some of it twice) Re-wired most of the electronics and wheel house lights. Removed, refinished and reinstalled the doors.

I made a 3 day shake down Tuna trip, caught 1 ton of Albacore and found many small items that need to be fixed before I can fish again.

95 year old boat needs TLC.

PAUL

POTLUCK 6:00 MEETING 7:00 TUE. OCT. 9th
NOBLE CREEK HATCHERY



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