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DONATIONS

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Special **THANKS** for these **DONATIONS** to Coos River STEP.

All members and their guests are welcome to attend our monthly potluck and meeting. (second Tue. Each month) Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00. The meeting is held here at the Noble Creek Hatchery.

HATCHERY NEWS

We have heard that there has been some Chinook salmon caught already here at the tide gates. I have seen several people driving in to the hatchery, probably looking to see if there is salmon in the hatchery ponds.

I talked to Richard about 10 days ago and he said that the salmon fishing was excellent in Coos Bay between the highway bridge and to below the railroad bridge, down past the chip loading docks.

He also stated that the bite was in the first hour of day light, after that they couldn't hardly get the salmon to strike their lure's, no matter what they tried to fish with.

We are hearing from lots of fishermen, and there is lots salmon in Isthmus Slough, Coos River and upper Coos Bay that they can see on their fish finders.

Now is the time to catch your salmon, before they start to turn their spawning colors. These salmon should be in very good condition all through September.

GOOD LUCK

NEW BRIDGE OVER NOBLE CREEK

We had several people out from different departments about a week ago looking at what needed to be done to get the old culverts out of the creek, and the new concrete bridge in place.

So far there has been no work started on this project as of Tuesday 2- 2014.

The loggers are hauling out the rest of the logs that had to be cut to make room to build the new logging road. They planned on having all the logs hauled out last week, but the de-limber that they are using to load with, quit working right so it had to be worked on. This is Tuesday 2, and it looks like it is working OK now, there has been 5 loads hauled out already, with more time to get the rest. If they don't get everything all cleaned up, I'm sure they will be here tomorrow to finish this job.

The new road looks to be working really good. It's a little steep, but these truck drivers are doing a good job on it.



An August 19th work party was to build new screens for the top of the raceways. This keeps the debris out while the fry are growing to release size. Bob and Harold are at work here.



Several of our waders have leaks as witnessed by the volunteers having wet pants after helping with spawning in the past. All waders must be tested to find the culprits.



Clyde filled one of the inside tanks so we could test each set of waders for leaks. We then used our ShopVac to inflate each of the sets of waders and marked each leak for repair. We found five sets to patch and two sets that were beyond repair and threw those away.



This set of waders has been repaired using Aquaseal from BiMart. The Aquaseal is applied as a blob about 1/4" larger than the hole. It then spreads and penetrates the neoprene before drying to a hard flexible patch. All five sets of waders were repaired successfully.

FISHING REPORT
COOS RIVER BASIN
Crab, Clams, Trout, and Salmon

Trout season is open in Coos Basin Rivers. Fish the smaller streams with small spinners, small jigs, and flies. The daily limit of trout in streams is two fish over 8 inches.

Salmon anglers are catching Chinook salmon from the BLM boat ramp up to the Marshfield Channel. Angler's are having the best success trolling cut plug herring around slack tides. Remember only Chinook and fin clipped COHO can be kept right now inside Coos Bay. The wild COHO season does not open in Coos Bay until Sept. 15.

Crabbing in Coos Bay has been good, with boat crabbers catching limits, the best fishing for crabs has been near the jetties.

Researchers have tagged hundreds of red rock crabs with a small blue "floy tag" in Charleston to gain an understanding of their growth, age and movement. If you catch a tagged Red Rock crab please contact the ODFW Charleston office at 541-888-5515.

Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island, plus many of the mud flats, where clams do exceptionally well.

Be sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates about clam digging in the Coos Bay.

COQUILLE RIVER BASIN
Trout, smallmouth bass, salmon and Crab

Trout season is open in the Coquille River Basin Rivers. Anglers are having good success fishing the large to medium size streams for cutthroat trout. Small spinners or small jigs and flies all work well to catch trout. The daily limit in streams is two fish over 8 inches.

Anglers are catching a few smallmouth bass. There is no bag limit or size limit on the number of smallmouth bass you can keep in the Coquille River Basin.

A few Chinook salmon were caught over the weekend in the lower Coquille River by anglers trolling cut plug herring near Rocky Point Boat Ramp, and near Bandon.

5' BY 8' BY 3' WATER TANK

Coos River STEP has a surplus heavy plastic free standing water tank that we don't need any more. We are looking for a new home for it, where it will be used.

**POTLUCK 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 TUE. SEPT. 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!

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