

Coos River S.T.E.P. News

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NEW MEMBERS

Greg & Loni Brown
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DONATIONS

Don Perkins
Paul Merz
Gayle Martin
Ben Mahoney
Vera Mase
True Value Farris (CB)

THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Ray Lee.

HATCHERY NEWS

We have a nice new to us wood heating stove in our meeting room, donated by Mike Edwards. Al Hanson made the deal for Coos River Step to get it. Greg Brown got Farris of Coos Bay to donate the pipe to get it installed, and working. The old heating stove was all burned out, with fire holes in it's walls and leaking ash on the cement floor.

Paul Merz has got the new crowder all built and we used it Tuesday for spawning.

He got Tarheel Alumn. To sell Coos River STEP the alumn. that was needed at their cost. Paul has built a really nice crowder gate that will last for many years.

Harold and help have all the rain gutters up in place, good work as it was quite a challenge especially along the creek side. He also has built a walk at ground level along the creek side for cleaning windows, and repainting the siding.

Coos River has got Gary looking into a new Dissolved Oxygen meter for us. Tod Jones has the new screens for our hatch-boxes ready for pickup, paid for by the STAC grant.

KITCHEN

By trying to do our part, Marla, Marge, Donna Wooden (from Cottage Grove) and Dorothy cooked up some hot food for the volunteers. Dessert is always necessary, and Mickey, Jimmy, Ester & Charley furnished the sweets. Without something to eat we may have lost some workers early, as it was about 29 degrees when they started. At least 24 volunteers turned out, some times we don't get everyone down in our time book.

The staff at Belloni's ranch brought 24 kids, they had them eat their lunches they brought outside in the sun. We're impressed by the way everything they bring or use is all cleaned and put away, they sure were appreciated yesterday.

HOST SPOT IS READY

We have the Sani-can moved over on the concrete slab by the logging road. Where it was is all graveled and ready for a host to park an RV. It sure is a nice clean looking place now.



DON PERKINS

Here is Don working with the just spawned Chinook eggs, that were spawned on Nov. 1st. He had a very busy day along with Jimmy D. and many others that worked to get the 226 females all spawned and bagged and packed into the transport boxes ready to go to the Bandon Hatchery to be eyed. This process will probably take about a month, and then these eggs will be brought back to Noble Creek Hatchery to be hatched and reared to 75 per pound when they will be ready for release into Noble Creek to start their journey of life in the ocean to mature, and return back to the Noble Creek Hatchery. The mature Jacks are two year olds when they return with three year olds and four year olds coming back as they mature, all from this release of these eggs that were spawned this November 2011. We will spawn probably four more times this brood year, which will also produce Jacks and three and four year olds. In all we should set about 600,000 Chinook eggs in our hatchboxes here at Noble Creek Hatchery this brood year. We will feed these babies as they swim up looking for something to eat, they should be at the 75 per pound size for release in late May or first part of June.