

Coos River S.T.E.P. News

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SPAWNING

Our spawning will start on the last Tuesday, October 25.

We will spawn every Tuesday through November with the first two Saturdays of November also. These work parties start at 9:00AM, and last until the salmon are spawned and processed, and loaded onto a trailer to take back up and put into the Coos River.

As of October 4th we have donated Chinook salmon three times for a total of 47 salmon. These salmon are donated to food banks where there is no charge or donation asked for a meal.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

We held a garage sale here at the hatchery on September 23 and 24th along with the Greenacres Grange, and several community members. We had several donations of items plus the cement yard frogs and urns and gnomes that STEP already had. We did sell the old flat bed trailer that we had never used, as we have two others that are in good shape we use for STEP stuff. There is still some more cement items left to sell if you know someone who might like to have some. This sale brought some new people out to this hatchery that had never been here, most were quite interested in how we operate and how many salmon we work with each year.

We also had four pieces of farm equipment for sale that we don't use anymore. One squeeze chute went to a neighbor, but the rest weren't sold so we took to Bandon Feed to sell on consignment.

TARHEEL ALUMINUM

Ray has donated the material to reinforce the new hatchbox, and Paul has welded it on, and painted it to match.

THANKS

HATCHERY NEWS

We had a work party on Tuesday October 4, to clean out and straiten up some of the storage area in the barn where we store STEP things. We got a good job of getting this done.

Don Perkins bought a can of safety paint and then painted the area by the steps so people will be sure to see that there is a step, and not trip. The paint sure made things look new again, and it looks really nice.

We got the fire hose out and Harold started to hose out the big creek holding area with Dave finishing it up. It sure looks clean now, and is ready to block the water to hold water in the holding area for the adults for spawning.

We also have some nylon netting that was donated years ago to keep the King fishers out of Nora's pond. We got what we needed and there's lots left over that we don't need.



Scaffolding is installed to keep people out of the creek while installing new gutters.



The Ocean Terminal donated 4"x12" wood planks for our use as firewood. We cut up and hauled two trailer and 1 pickup loads to the hatchery. Johnny loaned us his wood splitter and this crew did the stacking. I believe this is the most wood we've ever had ready for the rainy season.



Gary Vonderohe and Paul Merz net early returning Chinook for donation to food banks. These fish are returning Tuesday, October 4th. Our first spawning day will be the last Tuesday of October so these are way too early for spawning.



This is just some of the 32 Chinook we killed and bled out today. They will be donated to the South Coast Gospel Mission to feed the hungry people in our area. Last Tues 12 fish were netted and given to Pelican Food Bank.