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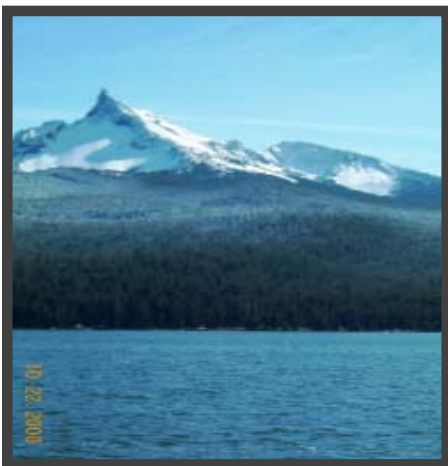
Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation Repolishes Diamond

Diamond Lake in the southern Cascades originally had no fish in it. In the early 1900's, it was stocked with rainbow trout and being a rather shallow, rich lake grew fine, large trout providing many anglers with hours of productive fishing. But some fishers were not satisfied with using legal bait and lures and introduced Tui Chub into the lake as live bait. Some of these members of the minnow family escaped and soon outnumbered the trout. Angling dropped off dramatically. In 1954 the Oregon Game Commission (now ODFW) treated the lake with the chemical rotenone. This natural product kills gill-breathing creatures but loses its strength in a relatively short time.

The restocked lake again became an angler's delight, producing fat, rainbow trout. However, the irresponsible anglers struck again. In 1992, Tui Chubs were found in the lake. ODFW determined the only solution was to again treat the lake. This time, it would be more complex and considerably more expensive. The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation threw their help behind the project by committing to raise \$1,865,000 to help cover some of the considerable cost of this operation.

An estimated 90 million chubs were killed in September 2006. After being allowed to recover over the winter, the lake will be re-stocked with rainbows for opening in the spring of 2007.

Fundraising continues with another \$160,000 needed to reach our goal.



Find out how you can help by calling the Foundation at 503-255-6059, or visit the Diamond Lake Recovery website at www.restorediamondlake.org.

The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible.





Willamette Salmon Quest

More than 200 entrants took part in the 2006 annual **Willamette Salmon Quest** with 30 of them making contact with the prey. The quest awarded winners with plaques, but all Portland area anglers are winners.

Prior to and during the auction following the angling, the activities netted some \$33,000. Individuals donated enough to pay for half a dozen truckloads of trout to be released at a fishing camp for youngsters plus several scholarships to send kids to summer camp.

Other portions of the funds raised at the quest will seed some habitat improvement work for salmon and steelhead, contribute toward disabled angling sites, and help pay for a

spring chinook winter acclimation pond on Foster Creek, a tributary of the Clackamas River.

The 2007 Willamette Salmon Quest will be on Saturday, May 12th.

The day will begin with anglers and their guides fishing on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers (and their tributaries) then coming together at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn for the awards, banquet, auction and raffle.

Each team consists of two anglers and one guide/boatman. Each team fishes for legal Spring Chinook, recording the length of the fish landed. Each inch equals one point, with awards presented at the banquet.

Registration letters for this event will be sent to everyone on our mailing list, and will also be on our website: www.owhf.org. This is a premier fishing event and a lot of fun.



Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation Golf Classic

88 golfers participated in the 2006 **Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation Golf Classic** enjoying a day of 18 holes of golf followed by a banquet, raffle and auction. The day resulted in raising a net of \$29,328.13.

The 9th Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation Golf Classic will be Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at the Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora.

The Langdon Farms Golf Club was designed by award-winning architects John Fought and Robert Cupp and shares course architecture traditions with great courses from around the world. Measuring 6,931 yards from the back tees, but only 5,246 from the forward tees, the course puts a premium on accurate iron shots for low scores, yet remains very playable for the recreational golfer.

Individual players will play 18 holes of golf and enjoy tee prizes, range balls, golf cart, special events and a buffet dinner. Sponsorships are available at several levels, with different benefits assigned to each level.

Registration for this event will be sent out to everyone on our mailing list, and will also be on our website: www.owhf.org.



FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

E. Kimbark MacColl, Jr. – President



Kim MacColl and Deschutes Steelhead

The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation was officially formed as a non-profit corporation in July 1981. At that time, the Foundation's goal was "the development, promotion and support of comprehensive programs for the enhancement, restoration, use, management and conservation of fish and wildlife and other natural resources."

The Foundation's first major project involved the purchase of 3,220 acres (approximately 12 miles) along both sides of the lower Deschutes River from the Columbia River upstream to Harris Canyon. In order to accomplish this feat, the Foundation raised in excess of \$1 million and also approved a supplemental grant of \$57,000.00 for the construction of a new State park, "Heritage Landing," located at the mouth of the Deschutes River.

One of the early newsletters announced that the Foundation was formed to respond to that often heard phrase, "Somebody should do something about that!" Early examples of the Foundation "doing something about that" are exemplified in the establishment of the "winter wildlife fund" during 1983-1984, which provided emergency food for thousands of deer and elk, many of which would have certainly perished without the needed assistance. During this fund drive, the Foundation received approximately \$120,000.00 in donations, yielding approximately 420 tons of deer pellets, 645 tons of hay and 12 tons of grain.

In 1984, another example of "doing something about that" materialized in Union County when the Foundation assisted in the construction of photography blinds in Ladd Marsh so that photographers and birders could capture waterfowl and other wildlife on film.

The original leaders of the Foundation were stalwarts in our community. Names like Fred Wessinger, C.M. Bishop Jr., Jack Meier, Beulah Drake, Ken Klarquist, Cecil Drinkward, Governor Victor Atiyeh and Roland Fisher, were instrumental in getting the Foundation off to its successful beginning. Joining them in later years were "Stub" Stewart, Bill Sweet, Don Frisbee, and Bill Swindells Jr. Much of the Foundation's early success was due to the tireless and inspirational efforts of its Executive Director, Allan Kelly.

In July 1985, the "Heritage Landing" was formally dedicated.

In 1986, the Foundation assisted in the purchase of the Sharp Ranch property in Sherman County, on the east side of the Deschutes River, which complemented the initial Deschutes land purchase made in 1983. According to then Governor Victor Atiyeh: "The Foundation graciously and most successfully answered my call on a project of long lasting benefit to Oregonians....The thrill and pride you introduced into the public acquisition of the lower Deschutes must rank among the most scintillating events in our history....Because of the skill of the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Board of Directors, success was the result."

Starting in approximately 1986, the Foundation began its successful North Coast Salmon Rendezvous fundraising event.

In 1988, the Foundation successfully participated in another major project (\$309,000.00), this time to build the "Tuffy Creek rearing pond" to help rebuild the salmon run in the Wilson River. On March 22, 1989, Governor Goldschmidt dedicated the rearing pond at the South Fork camp on the Wilson River.

The big news in April and May 1990 was the success of the Foundation's first Willamette Salmon Quest fishing event/derby and the grand opening of the Bonneville Gift Store. The proceeds from both the fishing derby and the gift store continue to this day to provide supplemental funding sources for Foundation projects.

Throughout the early 1990's, the Foundation continued its successful support of the North Coast Salmon Rendezvous fishing event, the Willamette Salmon Quest fishing event, the winter wildlife fund, upland bird projects, wildlife viewing projects and other worthy habitat enhancement projects.

Starting in 1991, the Foundation commenced a series of grants in partnership with PGE, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and ODFW to support Clackamas River winter steelhead and spring chinook enhancement projects.

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Students to Steer Fish

Four Oregon State University students will receive part of their internships from the *Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation* to assist in the operation of the fish trap at the Alsea River Hatchery between October and April. This is during the peak of the hatchery steelhead migration. The trap is used to sort returning fish and allow the wild fish to pass upstream to 17 miles of good habitat while the hatchery fish are re-cycled into the downstream sport fishing area. The students receive a small stipend and gain education and work experience.

OWHF Assists Disabled Anglers

The *Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation*, West Linn Rotary Club and Common Waters of Oregon are providing a 50' disabled fishing ramp at Fields Bridge Park. Providing angling access mainly for warm water fish, the ramp consists of two 10'x14' platforms connected by a 30' long ramp along the shore of the Tualatin River. OWHF is providing the materials for the ramp while the Rotarians and volunteers from Common Waters of Oregon will help with the labor.

At another site, OWHF has been working with Portland General Electric to build a new disabled fishing area upstream from River Mill Dam on the Clackamas. This ramp is scheduled for completion on the south shore of Estacada Lake in the summer of 2007.

Bucks Against Bullfrogs

Bullfrogs are native to the eastern United States, but some entrepreneurs thought their legs would provide a welcome addition to the restaurants of Oregon. In the 1800's they were introduced to western Oregon. They apparently liked the new country and spread to much of the wetland area in the west side of the state. They multiplied much more rapidly than the restaurateurs demanded their limbs for diners and have become fairly numerous. Unfortunately, they are not completely compatible with native species since they dine on native frogs, turtles, snakes, ducklings and a variety of plants and insects needed by the natives.



The *Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation* has agreed to contribute to a project of the Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Department to determine if there are effective methods for the removal of numbers of bullfrogs and to find any methods land-owners might use to remove the critters for the benefit of native wildlife.

Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation to Assist USFS

Hebo Lake is located on Mt. Hebo in the Siuslaw National Forest in southern Tillamook County. ODFW annually stocks some 8,000 legal sized trout in the lake. The Hebo Ranger District is developing a plan to improve angler access especially that which is barrier free. OWHF has contributed funds to help construct benches to be placed along the ADA approved trail around the lake. Numerous senior citizens and children use the lake. Local groups have volunteered to place the benches and angling platforms.

Whitetail Relocation

Whitetail Deer are found across much of the United States and at one time the Columbian sub-species was found west of the Cascades from the Puget Sound south to the Umpqua Valley in Oregon. Human residential and commercial activities changing the habitat, plus poaching and some over-hunting, decreased the population until the species was put on the endangered species list with only minor populations remaining along the lower Columbia River and in the Umpqua valley. A federal refuge has been created for the Columbia River herd and under protection the Douglas County population has grown to an estimated 5,000 animals. As a result this group has been taken off the endangered list.



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Whitetail Relocation (continued)

To better assure the future of these animals and utilize unused habitat, ODFW has instituted a program to capture and relocate some of the animals to several of their historical Douglas County native areas in an attempt to establish new herds. The transferred animals will be equipped with radio tracking devices to follow their movements. OWHF has committed funds for some of the equipment needs for this operation.

Ladd Marsh - A Learning Place With OWHF Helping

The 6,200 acre Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area southeast of LaGrande has been the site of a number of activities of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. For some 12 summers the area has provided work and learning for "at risk" and disadvantaged youth. The youngsters learn lessons about wildlife habitat and natural resources while working on the area inventorying waterfowl, building bird nest boxes, collecting grass seeds and building fences. Two crew leaders direct the operations and eight crew members have spent time on the area during each summer. OWHF has donated funds to help cover costs of the operations.

300 Kids and 20 Organizations

The *Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation* is helping provide materials and lunches for volunteers at the annual Youth Outdoor Day at the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area near Corvallis. At this event on the ODFW site, the kids attend with their parents to participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities from building bird nesting boxes, learning about wildlife habitat needs, fishing, hunting, outdoor and boating safety, dog training and many other outdoor oriented pursuits. Twenty organizations have provided volunteer instructors to make the day a success.



Necanicum To Get Better Fish Habitat

As have many of the other streams along the Oregon coast, the Necanicum has suffered from past land use practices leaving it with little large woody debris in the stream.

Landowner Mark Maltman donated a number of large spruce and cedar logs up to 77 feet long and 42 inches in diameter that are available to be placed in the river to create important habitat for migratory fish. OWHF funds that will be matched by the Tillamook Guide Association will be used to place the logs properly in the stream. Also streamside vegetation will be replanted where necessary. This "doctoring" of the stream will help replace the complex in-stream structures and provide shade on the water.

Anglers To Get Better Footing

A 1988 constructed angler dock will be safer and conform to pollution standards thanks to funding from the *Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation* and activities of the Rockaway Lions Club, ODFW and the city of Rockaway.

Lake Lytle is a popular central coast fishing site but has limited access from the shoreline. The nearly 20 year old dock used by anglers to get beyond the heavy weed growth near shore is showing signs of aging. The lake is open to year around angling and gets almost daily use by senior citizens and youngsters.

The original floatation material was missing in some areas and the styrofoam floats needed to be replaced. OWHF purchased all the floats for this project.



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Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation Helps Track Coquille "Steelies"

OWHF is participating in a program to learn more about Coquille River steelhead. This coastal river drains some 1,500 miles of area into a relatively small estuary. The basin has been quite heavily impacted by human activities in the past, but has no major artificial fish passage barriers. However, adult migrating steelhead are subject to extreme water fluctuations, waterfalls, debris blocks and road crossing structures. The basin has both wild and hatchery steelhead.

Currently ODFW has little data on the timing of the runs, the effect of the hatchery fish, and habitat preferences of the fish. A project of coordinated spawning ground counts and creel surveys with fish movement studies is planned. A number of fish will be equipped with radio-telemetry tags to monitor their movements and correlate this information with other types of data collected. OWHF funds will be used to purchase these tags to be placed on hatchery fish.

Fishers To Have Chance To Learn About Fish

The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation is contributing toward a project to help create better informed anglers and other folks in southern Oregon. The project centers around the ODFW Rock Creek Hatchery east of Roseburg and will help provide signs, a cold water aquarium and various other equipment to inform and educate visitors, anglers and visiting youngsters of conservation programs in the state.

Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation Helps Clean-up

ODFW Cedar Creek Hatchery in Tillamook drainage is working to better manage the treatment and cleaning of effluent from the ponds. OWHF is helping. This 50 year old facility seriously needs updating and the personnel are asking for funds from a number of sources to supplement their budgeted money. OWHF has pledged funds to cover the cost of a pump, motor and electrical panel needed to start construction of the necessary treatment facilities.

Putting Logs in the Stream

For many years a major fish management project was getting logging debris out of migrating fish streams. It was later found that streams could be too bare, so putting large woody debris back in some streams is desirable. OWHF is providing some funds to ODFW to hire a self-loader log truck to secure donated logs in the lower Rogue system in Curry County.



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E. Kimbark MacColl, Jr. – President (continued from page 3)

In 1993, after eight years of fund-raising for the Foundation, Rod Brobeck was appointed Project Director and then promoted in 1995 to Executive Director.

Starting in 1994, the Foundation commenced a major public/private partnership with the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and ODF&W, providing funding for the North Coast Salmon Habitat Restoration Project. Critical to the success of this multi-year, multi-million dollar project was the support and involvement of all of the major timber companies in Western Oregon. This project was the predecessor of the Oregon Salmon Plan and provided the final “blueprint” for river, stream and habitat restoration work along the entire Oregon coast.

In 1997, the Foundation commenced the funding of the \$330,000.00 Sturgeon Viewing and Interpretive Center at the Bonneville Fish Hatchery. This was the first project that the Foundation pursued as part of its formal Memorandum of Understanding with ODFW which was approved and signed in 1997 in an effort to provide additional funding resources and project opportunities for the Foundation. Also in 1997, it was noted in the Heritage News that 27 pairs of wild Wilson River winter steelhead were captured and spawned, producing 50,000 juvenile fish which were later released as smolts in May 1998. This successful wild steelhead “brood stock” project continues to provide excellent late winter/early spring fishing on the Wilson River — nine years later!

On September 27, 1998, the Foundation hosted the formal dedication of the Sturgeon Viewing and Interpretive Center. A fine feature of the sturgeon facility was the basalt rock bridge over the sturgeon pond outlet, funded by longtime Board member Beulah Drake in memory of her husband, Robert, who “loved this land.” In honor of Allan Kelly’s 19 years with the Foundation, first as Executive Director and then as Director Emeritus, the Sturgeon Interpretive Center was named “Kelly’s Pond” in 1999.

The year 1999 also witnessed the inaugural Salmon Quest Golf Classic which, for the past eight years, has produced approximately \$30,000.00-40,000.00 per year in additional funding for projects.

In July 2001, long-time, charter Board member, Beulah Drake, passed away at the age of 90. In her honor and memory, Roland Fisher wrote: “To their needs, she would generously donate; then insist, if need more we should call. Our lives were enhanced to have known her, the small one that stood ten feet tall.” Beulah Drake left the Foundation a legacy of approximately \$2.5 million. As a result, the Foundation’s endowment now exceeds \$3 million.

In the last few years, the Foundation has moved forward on many fronts: We have expanded and enhanced the Bonneville gift store; we have entered into major, multi-million dollar projects with Metro and PGE on the Clackamas River for significant habitat restoration work to assist salmon and steelhead; we have donated \$150,000.00 in memory of Beulah Drake to the Tillamook Forest Interpretive Center; we have commenced a planned giving program to grow the endowment to \$10 million over the next few years; we have embarked upon the final drafting and approval of a “business plan” which will provide a roadmap for our growth and development over the next five years; and, most recently, we have participated in a major fundraising effort to raise \$1.865 million for the restoration and renewal of Diamond Lake, the “gem of the Cascades.”

In summary, the past 25 years have witnessed the inauguration, growth, development and expansion of a Foundation committed to doing “something about that!” We have successfully completed hundreds of worthy projects throughout the entire State of Oregon – many of which might never have reached fruition without our help! We have raised and committed millions of dollars to the enhancement, restoration, use, management and conservation of fish and wildlife, educational projects and other natural resources. This Foundation has much to be proud of, from our current Board members to our Directors Emeritus, to our dedicated staff and Executive Director and, finally, to the supportive “partners” that have worked with us so diligently over the years, including the ODFW Restoration & Enhancement Program, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon Department of Forestry, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, PGE, Metro, Tillamook Anglers, Northwest Steelheaders and many, many others. We have a lot to be proud of and thankful for, as we reminisce over our accomplishments during the past 25 years and as we contemplate our goals and aspirations for the next 25 years!



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