



## June 2021, Quarterly Newsletter

Thank you all for your dedication in supporting our fisheries, and striving to protect angler privilege in Oregon. The OAA has been extremely busy collaborating with State agencies, legislators, business owners, and the general public in an attempt to bring a renewed sense of balance to our fisheries management strategies.

To name just a few of the hot topics in the process:

1. The OAA has been instrumental in the success of getting Senate Bill 3150 (Incubation Boxes) to our House Ways and Means committee.
2. We have been a cooperative partner in the appropriations for the Cole Rivers Infrastructure funding.
3. We are currently fighting to keep the Rock creek and Leaburg hatcheries from becoming a distant memory.
4. We have been vigilant in our opposition to the proposed listing of the OR Coastal Spring Chinook.
5. We are working steadily with the OHRC, ODFW, and the legislature in an attempt to focus the Oregon Hatchery Research Centers efforts to follow the original intent of the legislative language.
6. Are you aware of the proposed Off-shore wind generation for your home waters? Bureau of Ocean Management (BOEM) is proposing to create widespread commercial fishing closures, (See RODA). This is only a small portion of what you will not like about this. It's coming!
7. Rocky Shores Amendment is up for additions. Did you know that your OPAC representatives voted to expand conservation, reserve and marine garden areas? Details TBD.
8. Proposition 13; ...to eliminate all animal husbandry and commercial fishing in Oregon. The list goes on!
9. Don't forget to look at our Coquille River Fall Chinook Restoration Plan negotiations. This may likely set the stage for other Oregon rivers.

Fortunately for us, we have a great core group of organizers with a Technical Science Review Panel that the anti-harvest/anti/hatchery NGO's can only dream of! As some of you may have noticed, there have been some great articles by our own TSRP member Jim Pex published in the Salmon, Trout, Steelhead magazine. We can always use more members. We can always use more people that are interested in organizing. Please contact us if you are one of those that are willing to help.

Special thanks to all of the wonderful people, organizations and businesses that have contributed through 501-C-3 charitable donations.

There are over 4 million people in Oregon. There are only about 650,000 anglers. There are little more than 65,000 OAA members. The anti-harvest, anti-hatchery, and anti-fishing NGO's have been at the bargaining table for over 30 years. The OAA is the first large and united voice to come to the table and attempt to instill a balanced approach to our fisheries management strategies. Why isn't every Oregon angler an OAA member?

Be sure to let people know that if they believe that they will effect change by ignoring it and standing on the dock complaining then they are mistaken. "If you don't get to the table the others will get your slice of the pie." Let them know that they need to get involved now. Join the OAA and learn what is really going on. Let your voice be heard.

Proposition 13 will ban all animal husbandry (fish hatcheries) and commercial fishing in Oregon. Where is the voice of opposition? Most people aren't even aware of current issues.

We are working with ODFW's experts and our law-makers in an attempt to ensure the future of Oregon's fisheries. Oregon has the ability to enhance wild fish populations through native fish propagation. We have the potential to perhaps be the largest salmon and steelhead producer in the lower 48 while at the same time, sustaining healthy populations of naturally born wild fish. We can have both.

Are you going to stand up, or stand down? Help us to grow our voice. The time to act is now.

Thank you for helping to restore our fisheries. Our culture, our environment and our communities economic well-being depend on it.

Gratefully,  
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