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MEETING JAN 15th at Oak Tree in Woodland 7 p.m.

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be Feb. 4-8. The job is basically handing out information and responding to questions. Call Daina at 360-687-5306

STILL MORE NEWS ON NUTRIENTS



Gary Loomis

Fellow Members it just keeps getting better on the Nutrient front. I believe we have turned a major corner as I reported last month. There is now far more recognition of the importance and far more willingness to use analogs. In addition we have made a convert of the fish buyer who gets spawned carcasses from the hatchery. On January 4th we got back four totes of Silver carcasses and some whole Jacks. The Silvers were food quality and had been filleted elsewhere but the carcasses that remained came back to use as nutrients. That's a big deal for FF to have this kind of cooperation. In addition the buyer is very interested in getting some analog processing in this region and we have good reason to believe he will follow through. Your Board of Directors is poised to make Nutrients a top priority for 2009. Stay tuned to this column for more positive developments that I believe are coming and will really benefit the fish.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday January 15th 7 p.m. at The Oak Tree Restaurant in Woodland. Dick Dyrland will present a program on this year's habitat projects

Other Fish First Meeting Dates

February 19, 2009
March 19, 2009
April 16, 2009
May 21, 2009

On the Internet: www.fishfirst.org
We have videos of Fish First work on the East Fork of the Lewis up and available for viewing.

Jerry Sauer, Membership Chairman, 360-607-1646
Harry Bresnahan, Membership meetings 360-225-9836
Jerry Brown, Newsletter Editor 360-600-8559

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPORTSMENS SHOW AT PORTLAND EXPO CENTER

Fish First needs volunteers for it's booth at the Sportsmen's Show at the Expo Center. The show will

DEAN CK. EASEMENT DEAL APPROVED

The FF Board of Directors voted January 7th to accept a perpetual easement to a section of Dean Creek in Northern Clark County that had been set aside for wetlands mitigation. The easement was mandated as

part of a development by Achen Development Co. FF will have the right to make improvements to that part of Dean Creek flowing through the easement following an approval process. The area is north of the intersection of NE 284th St. and NE 66th Ave. Dean Creek flows into the E. Fk. of the Lewis River. A map of the parcel is attached.

NET PENS AND NUTRIENTS



Dan Balch
Net Pens Chairman

NET PENS SPEELYAI AND ECHO

Very little news on the net pens due to severe weather. The fish didn't get fed for two weeks because there was too much snow to launch the boat in either location. Now the plan is to turn the first batch loose January 20th despite being undersize as more fish will be waiting for the pens. I will know more by the time of the January membership meeting on the 15th.

NUTRIENT ENCHANCEMENT

The last report was through December 8th. Since then I picked up 92 spawned fish at Speelyai December 10th and put them in stream by egg box sites. Then on December 16th Alan, Tom, Bob, Roy, Steve Harrison and myself stacked freezers, put 1 tote (110 fish) in the freezer. Then the gate that pushes fish into the process area broke because the motor froze up. This shut us down and shortly after we got lots of snow for the next two weeks.

The Hatchery wasn't able to work again until December 30th due to that same snow and ice. On the 30th Alan, Tom, Bob, Roy, Steve and myself stacked freezers and put two totes totaling 350 fish into freezers. Steve and Dan took 200 fish to Stable creek and Houghton Creek egg box sites.

January 4th, Gary Loomis called and said we got back four totes of filleted Silver carcasses and whole Jack Salmon from Andy the Buyer. We took care of them

January 6th. Before stacking the freezer three totes of 700 fish went to Wright Road in the big truck with Alan and Tom. Roy, Bob, and myself took one tote of 225 fish which were mostly Jacks to Hayes Creek. Back at the freezer Steve had finished and put 120 in one freezer. Alan and myself took one tote of 110 fish to Stable creek and we put 50 fish in the Houghton egg box site and finished up at the Hatchery. Next week the fish will be taken care of at the Merwin Hatchery Pens.

Chairman Alan Fulcer 225-5690
Co Chair Dennis Frantz is now in Sunny Arizona until May

FF SEEKING SOMEONE WITH PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE TO HELP WITH HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Fish First is seeking candidates who have any experience in project management. For example if you were/are a general contractor you already have the skills needed because you can organize, schedule and keep things moving while at the same time keeping costs under control. Or, if you ever managed major projects in an office or manufacturing environment chances are you have the necessary skills.

The position works with Dick Dyrland, head of the FF Stream Team. John DiVittorio has promised to provide all of the training needed for success. FF has the process and the forms to track and manage those habitat projects.

Most of the year this doesn't take much time but during the summer months when we can get into the streams it can involve several hours per week. This coming season would be a good one to use as a learning experience as we have just a few projects.

You can contact FF Board member Jerry Brown 360-600-8559 if you are interested and he will send out a position description. The Fish First Board will review all applications and select a candidate.

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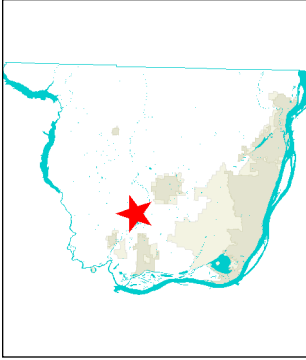
Dean Creek Easement



0 350 700 1050 ft.

Map center: 45° 49' 41.9" N, 122° 36' 15.1" W

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- Parcels
- Roads
 - Alley
 - Arterial
 - DNR (Private Land)
 - Driveway
 - Interstate
 - Interstate Ramp
 - Primary Arterial
 - Private Roads
 - Private Roads w/o Names
 - Public Roads
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- County Boundary
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