

# Volunteer Salmon Hatchery

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The salmon fishing season is once again with us. All indications are that it is going to be another very disappointing season with numbers of wild sea run salmon absent, but in saying that I have heard of two salmon caught in the Waitaki last weekend. Both were caught, “above the bridge”, which really narrows the field.

As a result of a pleas for more volunteer assistance to help look after the general running of our hatchery facilities we received two firm offers of assistance. To those members, thank you, but more assistants are required to help with the running of the hatchery sites. On site training is given so you are not dropped in the deep end.

We have received donations from Chris Main, and Mt Cook Alpine Salmon since the last news letter. I do apologise to anyone who has made a donation and is not acknowledged in this news letter, as my financial records are away with the reviewer for completion of the FY 2024 balance sheet.

We must also acknowledge our corporate sponsors, whom without their assistance we would not have the facilities that we have. Our sincere thanks to, Meridian Energy community fund, The Morven- Glenavy – Ikawai Irrigation Co. (MGI), Oceania Dairy Ltd, Mt Cook Alpine Alpine Salmon, and last but not least the Waitaki Irrigators collective.

We also thank the volunteers that turned out for our wood splitting working bee that was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. Most of the rings were split and almost 20 meters of wood was split.

Another pile of rings has been cut and is awaiting splitting. **Another working bee** has been organised for **Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> February starting at 9am**. It is intended to finish at about 12-12.30pm. Please if you can assist for a few hours please let Linn know( 03-689 3883). If anyone reading this, knows where we may be able to obtain some firewood logs please get in touch.

We are still operating our battrey collection fund raiser. This is a simple and easy way in which everyone can contribute to raising funds for fish food. Fish food is our major expense and is expensive. The cost of a single ton on fish food is on average greater than \$5,500 per ton.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January a group of volunteers help transport approximately 1000 smolt from the Welcome Stream Hatchery to the rearing raceway at Bells Pond. Job well done and thanks to all involved.

As we are raising our own brood stock at Bells Pond, and there is heavy use of the area beside the raceway over a period of 6 weeks, in the winter. This results in the grass at the side of the raceway turning into a muddied area which is rather unpleasant to work in, the area has been upgraded. Using the **donated tread plate from Mt Cook Alpine Salmon**. A series of soak holes has been dug, to drain away the water leaking from the raceway, filled

with gravel and then overlaid with pea gravel to a depth of approximately 100mm. . It has resulted in a very firm surface, and should be a blessing come winter when we will be harvesting our brood stock. See Photo below (left).



An excellent demonstration of reversing was displayed by a member of the public at Bells Pond. (see photo above right) . Luckily there was no fuel spill and the two children in the back escaped without injury, although they wanted to go home to “ Mum”. (Dads in the dog box.)

The Annual General meeting for our organisation has been set for **Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Glenavy Hall.**

Along with the usual matters, Presentation of balance sheets, Chairmans report, election of officers we must ratify a **NEW Constitution**. This is a **compulsory legal requirement**, as all Incorporated Societies must re-register, and failure to do so will result in the society being deregistered. (This was enacted in the Incorporated societies Act 2022 and comes into effect in April 2026.)

Our old constitution was some 6 pages of typed A4 and can be found on the Register of incorporated societies, web site ( register no 2518061). This constitution is to be replaced by the mandatory constitution, which is 26 pages of typed A4 in length ) I have not included this in this News letter as it is too volumous.

**IF YOU WANT TO VIEW THE DRAFT DOCUMENT PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL REQUESTING IT** and I will forward an electronic version. The committee will recommend to members that the draft constitution be adopted.

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