



# McKinnon's Creek Salmon Hatchery

Newsletter. January 2015



Hi All,

First newsletter for the new year and already a good number of hatchery fish have been caught at the Rangitata mouth starting early December. It seems an early run of fish went through during the various small fresh's the river has had so far and there are reports of fish being caught as far up as Arundel. This early run generally makes its way all the way to the Rangitata headwaters. The Opihi and Orari rivers are extremely low and salmon catches have been correspondingly small. Only a few fish are in the hatchery trap so far. McKinnons' creek is also suffering from the effects of low rainfall and is very low at this time.

### WORKING BEE!

We need to have a working bee for some repairs and maintenance jobs and would like a hand from as many as possible. Jobs needing doing are as follows;

Clean weed from creek to allow easy access for fish. Please bring rakes, and any tools that could be used to pull out this weed.

Bypass ponds need to have screens installed and a concrete block wall (blocks placed on top of each other with no mortar) installed alongside one of them.

Incubators need cleaning and setting up in position.

The Working Bee will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please bring own lunch, some cold refreshments will be provided. Meet 10am at George road for those without 4WDs to get a ride. Cancellation on "Port FM" between 8 and 9am.

Already this year we have had some wonderful donations from individuals. The Rangitata Good Baskets (RGB Group) from the South Rangitata Camp, ran their ever more popular raffle over the Xmas holiday and donated the proceeds to the Hatchery. Along with donations from 2 other generous individuals, we have managed to bank \$6000.00 for projects at the hatchery so far. We are indebted to all these individuals and groups and will publish a full list of sponsors next newsletter.

We are seriously looking at a website for the hatchery this year, where items of interest about the hatchery can be put up along with interesting links to other sites and webpages. If any of you are techno wizards or know of someone who might help us with this, please give me a bell on 0274422454, or Email, [phil.dejoux@xtra.co.nz](mailto:phil.dejoux@xtra.co.nz)

Most of the fry that have been at the hatchery from May 2014 will have been released by the time of the working bee. Only our 70,000 broodstock should be left in the raceways, which will give us a bit of time for some repairs and maintenance around the hatchery. Your help with this is appreciated. Tight lines until next time.

3 Intrepid young anglers looking for those elusive hatchery fish!

