



NEWSLETTER

Whirlwind Season . . .

It has been a whirlwind four months since I assumed the role of interim executive director and first stepped into the Ashton headquarters of the Henry's Fork Foundation. It has been an exciting time for the HFF—a time of transition and a time to renew our vision and direction for the organization. All said, I believe these times have been extremely productive, and that we've maintained and even expanded our presence in the Henry's Fork watershed.

In terms of existing programs, we once again have an energetic group of college and high school students — under the tutelage of long-time Henry's Fork fishery consultant Jim Gregory — carrying out important summer aquatic health monitoring plans at strategic locations in the watershed. Further, due to the efforts of a certain staff member (Susan Steinman) and a number of great and much appreciated volunteers, once again the fences are up on the Grandview and Last Chance allotments. We are also monitoring the fences and trying to finish up some minor tinkering to ensure that they are functioning throughout the summer.

The HFF has also renewed an active role and voice on water issues in the Henry's Fork watershed. Despite a better snow pack during the 2001-2002 winter, drought conditions have continued throughout the Henry's Fork system. This is due to poor carryover storage and soil moisture throughout the Upper Snake River Basin and the fact that flows below Island Park Dam are inextricably tied to the Bureau of Reclamation's broader Minidoka Project operations. The result this year will likely be similar to the last. Water levels in Island Park Reservoir will reach low — although above the threshold for any type of sediment event — levels this summer and early fall, and winter flows are projected to be 80 cfs.

Our conversations with the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District (FMID) have been constructive. The FMID has only been allocated 42 percent (with 3 percent subtracted for evaporative losses) of the Island Park storage this year. This is substantially less than last year, and is illustrative of the fact that FMID water use alone is not the driver for low winter flow conditions. This is why the winter flow issue is so complex; changing the system to benefit fish during low flow years will be a long-term process that will involve water users and other stakeholders from Twin Falls upstream. Further, any solution will undoubtedly need legislative support at both the state and federal levels. As I mentioned at this year's membership meeting in June, it's roll up our sleeves time because changing long-term operations so that fish are given a chance during low water years is going to take time, long-term conversations with diverse stakeholder groups, and in the end, most likely money.

Hopefully, we've already begun this process. The HFF has spent a lot of time this summer talking with FMID and congressional representatives and partnering with Trout Unlimited regarding the proposed title transfer legislation for the Cross-Cut (Chester) Dam and Canal and Teton Exchange Wells. We have respectfully disagreed with our partners at FMID regarding the content and overall tone of the legislation, and have offered suggestions for specific ameliorating language and the addition of some sort of conservation component to the title transfer bill. At the time this article is being published, it does not appear that the legislation will be amended in response to our requests. At the same time, we have already had substantive discussions with FMID regarding the

by Scott Yates
Interim Executive Director

possibility of future negotiations to ensure that the Henry's Fork wild trout fishery is protected and enhanced. Central to HFF's argument throughout all our conversations with FMID, Idaho congressional representatives, and other stakeholders is the need to develop a consensus-based approach to drought management in the Upper Snake River basin, including the Henry's Fork River and its tributaries. We believe a solution can be reached using new technology and a mix of market-based incentive programs to meet everyone's long-term needs.

In addition to the HFF resource work this summer, the Board spent a substantial amount of time conducting an exhaustive search for a new executive director. I'd like to take a brief minute to introduce the new hire — Steve Trafton — to HFF members. Steve has spent the last four-plus years running TU's California Office and has worked on a multitude of anadromous salmon and steelhead and resident wild and native trout issues. Most importantly, Steve has a great track record setting up and implementing long-term collaborative efforts with private landowners to protect and restore north coast coho salmon streams. Finally, Steve's diverse work and educational background will also serve him well as he attempts to navigate the difficult but important natural resource issues facing the Henry's Fork watershed. Let's just hope his experience in the Marines effectively counterbalances and neutralizes his Harvard education. Steve is a good friend and a good man; he will undoubtedly hit the ground running as he works with the HFF board, staff, and members to chart a new and exciting course for the organization.

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Officer and Director Changes

At the June board meeting the Henry's Fork Foundation board of directors welcomed two new directors and elected officers for the coming year.

The new directors are Whit Fosburgh, Washington, DC, and Mike Gibbons, Salt Lake City, UT.

Martin McLellan of Idaho Falls was selected to be the chair of the board for the next year. Other officers are vice-chair Dan Todd, Livingston, MT, secretary Paul Dremann, Salt Lake City, and treasurer Harry Poett, Ovando, MT.

Four directors retired from the board at the completion of their terms. They are Hugo Melvoin, who served two years as board chair, John Hoagland, Andy Goode and Jim Kennedy. ♦

The Monthly Hatch

HFF has an on-line monthly newsletter—"The Hatch"—to keep you abreast of issues and news. If you would like to receive "The Hatch" automatically, please send us your e-mail address to membership@henrysfork.org. "The Hatch" can also be accessed through our website.

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Incoming board chair Marty McLellan (left) accepts the "gavel" from retiring chair Hugo Melvoin.



New directors Whit Fosburgh (right) and Mike Gibbons (center) are welcomed by governance committee chair Ann Murray.

HF Watershed Council Annual Field Tour

The annual Watershed council field tour took place on July 16 at the Glen Atchley farm headquarters east of Ashton. Participants toured the upper Marysville Canal section that provides water for the Yellowstone Hydroproject and heard a presentation by Mr. Atchley on the proposed Marysville Pipeline project.

The Marysville Pipeline project would put approximately 40 miles of the current canal system into a gravity-flow pipe, with significant environmental and economic benefits as a result. Atchley outlined some of the advantages of the project, the primary being that it would result in an annual water savings of 50-60 percent or about 35,000 acre feet. This saved water would remain in the Fall River and translate into a significant amount of storage water in reservoirs in the system. The pipeline would also impact water quality positively in eliminating high levels of sediment, nitrates, ammonia and phosphates in the return flows to the river. Some significant economic benefits include a huge savings in electric costs—approximately 1200 horsepower—and increase in property values and acreage available for tillage due to the reclamation of unused canals. It would also reduce or eliminate costs for the building and maintenance of roads and

bridges.

The project area includes the farmland between the Henry's Fork on the north and the Fall River on the south from the canal start east of Ashton to the river west of Ashton—some 20,000 acres. The number of irrigators affected is estimated to be between 90 and 130. The first phase is a one-year feasibility study that will cost about \$750,000. The study would be done by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and includes an EIS and engineering design. Funding for the study will be sought through congressional appropriation this fall. The cost of construction is expected to be more than \$30 million. ♦



This upper section of the Marysville Canal would be eliminated by the installation of a pipeline system.



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A Note From the Chair

Let me start by saying what a privilege it is to serve as your new board chair for the coming year. The Foundation—and the great things it has accomplished for the resource—has always meant a lot to me, and I am very appreciative of this opportunity. I would like to personally thank Hugo Melvoin and the other retiring directors for their time and effort in keeping the Foundation pointed in the right direction during their tenure.

In my conversations with former board members and general Foundation members in the months leading up to the annual meeting I was made aware of one common concern. That was that the Foundation needed to get "back to the basics." With this in mind we opened our annual June meeting with great enthusiasm. By the end of the three day event we had set the stage for some exciting new projects in what was probably one of the most productive meetings we have had in some time.

Scott Yates, our interim executive director, started the meeting off with a report that was crisp, concise and very informative. Since April, with Scott at the helm, we have accomplished a great deal. His insights into water issues and the overall needs of the Henry's Fork have been paramount in the initial stages of our rebuilding process.

Some of the highlights of a meeting were:

- Through a generous donation by the Flat Rock Club and a bequest from the Richmond Pugh estate we will be able to pursue a habitat assessment study on the upper stretch of the Henry's Fork from the Henry's Lake outlet to Island Park Reservoir. This is a stretch of river that has gone unnoticed for several years. The study, to be undertaken in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Fish & Game, will provide us with the data necessary to initiate a restoration project.
- The development of the Harriman State Park Master Plan has been on the forefront of the foundation's agenda for some time. With the help of an ad-hoc committee chaired by John Becker we have been able to play a key role in the development of this plan, which is now in the final stages of the process.
- Fencing on Harriman State Park and at Wood Road 16 has been a constant concern of many anglers. A work party was organized by HFF's Susan Steinman and on June 29th volunteers went to work getting the fences up and running. At this writing I am pleased to announce that the fence project was a complete success.
- Both the stewardship and governance committees, along with Interim Executive Director Scott Yates, have been actively involved with the title transfer issue at Chester Dam and other lower basin facilities. The Foundation sent a letter expressing our concerns to the Idaho congressional delegation and other stakeholders regarding the HFF position that we cannot support a title transfer proposal that does not incorporate an environmental component. The HFF, with the help of Trout Unlimited is very involved in the issue, both locally and in Washington D.C. The winter flow and other aquatic flow issues will be a high priority for the HFF in the near and long term. The organization will continue to work with our partners such as the Bureau of Reclamation, FMID and other conservation groups to ensure that the fishery resource is better protected during dry years.

This letter would not be complete without telling you how pleased we are to announce the hiring of our new executive director, Steve Trafton. Steve comes to the Foundation from Trout Unlimited where he serves as the Policy Director for the California office of TU. Steve is very knowledgeable on water and fisheries issues, and is experienced in building collaborative relationships with state, federal and private entities. We feel confident that Steve will be able to pick up where Scott Yates leaves off in moving the Foundation forward in our efforts to get "back to the basics."

I look forward to seeing you on the river!

Marty McLellan

Volunteers Make the Day



Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the breakfast cooks on Henry's Fork Day. John Becker, Marty McLellan, Dan Todd and Chuck Wood cooked some mighty fine hot cakes and sausage.

Fundraisers like Henry's Fork Day are not possible without the generous assistance of many volunteers. A heartfelt thanks goes to those who made HF Day 2002 another success. Those who helped with set-up, staging and clean-up include Dick and Ann Berg, Evan Byers, Nancy Byers, Pat Mataisz, Myrna and Homer Jacobs, Jim Hardie, Ayleen O'Connor, Kim Goodman, Kathy Clark and Barbara Todd (and of course, all HFF board members). Special thanks to retired director Gail Dial for her oversight of the auction—she kept things organized and running smoothly. We can't forget pre-auction work by Tom Henderson of Ketchum, who, as he has for many years, solicited and delivered donations in the Sun Valley/Ketchum area. Directors John Becker and John Champion also deserve recognition for their leg work in soliciting donations on a grand scale, and thanks to Henry Ellis for helping get publicity out. Special thanks to breakfast donors and cooks Dan Todd, Chuck Wood and Al Bridwell. And to Dan Todd again for providing leadership for the whole event. ♦

Many thanks to the following who donated auction and raffle items for Henry's Fork Day 2002.

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I'd like to conclude by thanking everyone at the Foundation for putting up with a new face these past few months. I'd like to especially recognize the HFF staff—Pat Feldsien, Joan Rice, and Susan Steinman—for enthusiastically taking on new tasks and roles so that all the core work of the Foundation got done. I've thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with the HFF Board and a number of members on specific issues, and look forward to an active and productive partnership in the future between the HFF and Trout Unlimited. ♦

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Buffalo River Spawning Migration — by Jim Gregory, Research Biologist

I can remember when it took 1/10th of my lifetime to change from winter to summer. Now that the world is turning faster, and it takes a mere 1/70th of my lifetime to rotate between those two seasons, it doesn't seem inappropriate to put a picture of snow in a summer newsletter. Right now, in the middle of an exceptionally hot summer, snow looks pretty good anyway. In fact, this picture would really look good if there were more water in it. During this past spring (2002) low flows in the Henry's Fork at Box Canyon caused much of the habitat typically used by spawning fish to become dewatered or otherwise unusable to spawning fish. I thought that if there was ever a year when fish would move to the Buffalo River to spawn, this would be it! Not so. The number of migrating fish observed this spring was near the lowest we have observed over the last six years. It turns out that spring discharge is not correlated with the number of fish that migrate into the Buffalo River. The number of migrating fish is also not correlated to the rainbow trout population size in Box Canyon.

At this point, the number of fish passing the ladder in the spring

seems to exhibit a three-year cycle that starts out high and descends progressively the next two years (Table 1). This could indicate a large year-class that shows up



every third year. However, given multiple spawning and variation in age at maturity it seems unlikely that such a strong pattern would continue. In short – I'm stumped.

Although some of the prime spawning habitat in Box Canyon (Redd Alley – the west channel across from the Box Canyon boat launch) was unusable for much of the spawning season, juvenile trout were abundant along the banks at Last Chance. In fact, population estimates in early July showed that in some locations as many as 600 juvenile trout were present in 100 meters of bank habitat. Previous studies have shown that rainbow trout spawn throughout Box

Canyon and Last Chance.

On a related topic, the hydro-electric plant on the Buffalo River, which is now owned by Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative Inc., is currently in the process of re-licensing through FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). In their First Stage Consultation document they proposed some changes to the existing dam and plant facility. Changes included sealing the dam with sheet piling, installation of a fish screen over the plant intake, and increasing the capacity of the plant by some unspecified amount. Since that time, they have stated that they are no longer attempting to increase the capacity of the plant. Therefore, as things stand now, they are just planning to install sheet piling along the face of the dam and install a fish screen over the plant intake.

The re-licensing process takes about five years to complete and HFF will be attending related meetings and providing input. Data we have collected in the past have already been, and will continue to be, valuable to the accomplishment of this process in a manner that will provide additional benefits to the fisheries resource. ♦

Table 1. Estimate of total number of rainbow trout and number of trout > 16 inches long that passed the Buffalo River fish ladder during the springs of 1997 - 2002.

| Year | Filming Period | # of fish (95% CI) passing during the entire filming period | | # of fish observed for standard period 2/15-4/4 | |
|------|----------------|---|------------------|---|-----------|
| | | All Fish | Fish >16" | All Fish | Fish >16" |
| 1997 | 2/1-5/13 | 742 ^a | 224 ^a | 313 | 125 |
| 1998 | 1/28-4/23 | 414 (268 - 560) | 134 (76 - 192) | no data | no data |
| 1999 | 2/1-4/2 | 56 (32 - 80) | 26 (13 - 39) | 93 | 13 |
| 2000 | 2/4-5/15 | 1028 (722 - 1334) | 87 (53 - 121) | 226 | 44 |
| 2001 | 2/15-4/29 | 554 (354 - 788) | 113 (74 - 321) | 314 | 62 |
| 2002 | 12/14-4/25 | 67 (38 - 98) | 21 (13 - 37) | 32 | 4 |

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2002 Awards Given at Annual Meeting

Mike Aldrich, Verdugo, CA, is the recipient of the Manlove Award for 2002. Aldrich served on the HFF Board of Directors from 1993-1998, succeeding Don Byers as chair of the fundraising committee. Aldrich's professional fundraising experience and expertise were crucial to HFF's success in raising more than \$1 million for the Henry's Fork Watershed Initiative in the middle 1990s. He instigated the Foundation's first long-term development plan and helped develop membership goals and a member communications strategy. Mike has a passionate love for fishing the Henry's Fork and arrives every year with the green drakes.

The Manlove Award is named for Bill Manlove, HFF founder who died in 1986. The award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of Bill Manlove in his efforts to preserve and protect the Henry's Fork.

The recipient of the 2002 HFF Conservation Award is Jim Mathias, Blackfoot. Mathias retired from Basic American Foods in 2000. He has been active in Idaho conserva-

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tion issues for many years. He has been a member of Upper Snake River Cutthroats since 1990 and is currently the president. He is a member of the Blackfoot River Watershed Council, member of the board of directors of the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Region 6 representative to the Idaho State Council of Trout Unlimited, and a member of Pheasants Forever. Mathias was instrumental in getting funding for HFF's river access projects on the lower river, and has contributed significantly to Title Transfer discussions. He has also played a role in HFF's drought

management efforts the past few years.

Also a part of the annual membership meeting was the presentation of the Don Byers Memorial Scholarship to Tyson Forbush, a senior at Madison High School in Rexburg. The Byers Scholarship is given annually to a watershed high school student who wants to understand more about the watershed and pursue a career in an environmental field. Members of the Byers family, Nancy Byers, Evan Byers, Dick and Ann Berg, presented the award. ♦



Retiring chair Hugo Melvoin presents the Manlove Award bowl to Mike Aldrich (left). The presentation bowls were turned by former director Bill Hackett of Pennsylvania.



Jim Mathias (left) admires the Conservation Award bowl presented to him by stewardship committee chair Al Bridwell.

HFF ANNOUNCES WRITING AND PHOTO CONTEST CELEBRATING THE HENRY'S FORK

At the annual meeting on June 21, the HFF board announced a call for submissions for its inaugural writing and photography contest. HFF is seeking entries of previously unpublished work in short non-fiction and fiction, poetry and black-and-white photography about angling, conservation, history and quality of life pertaining to the Henry's Fork of Snake River and the surrounding ecosystem in eastern Idaho.

The contest is open to the public and submissions will be accepted through January 31, 2003. The submissions will be judged by a panel of Western university professors of literature and fine arts and other experts in the field. The winning entries will be published in a book produced in 2003 by HFF for its members and the public. The judges also will select the best entries to be published on the HFF web site.

"One of the best ways to communicate the history and significance of a place is through storytelling," said Marty McLellan, HFF Board Chair and a resident of Idaho Falls. "For generations, residents of eastern Idaho and visitors to the Henry's Fork have walked its banks, fished its trout and marveled at the surrounding natural beauty. Now, we welcome everyone to share the stories that make this a special place.

"We encourage high school students, university students, parents and grandparents, anglers, naturalists and everyone with a love of the outdoors to tell their stories," said McLellan. "We are especially eager to hear from HFF members about their affection for the river and how lifetimes of angling have shaped views of self, family and the natural world."

Contest rules are printed below. Information and the rules are also available on the HFF web site at www.henrysfork.org.

HENRY'S FORK FOUNDATION 2003 Writing and Photography Contest — Entry Rules

1. The contest is open to members of the public who are asked to submit previously unpublished work in fiction, non-fiction, poetry and black-and-white photography. The theme of the contest is broadly defined as personal reflection and storytelling about angling, conservation, nature and other topics that relate to the Henry's Fork of the Snake River and the surrounding ecosystem in eastern Idaho.
2. Each contestant may enter one work per category and may enter work in multiple categories.
3. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 31, 2003.
4. Fiction and non-fiction writing should be 10 pages or less in length. (As a guideline, one page is measured as 11-point text in Courier font in a word-processing program of one-inch left, right, top and bottom margins.) Judges will not consider work longer than 10 pages. Contestants are encouraged to submit re-written adaptations of their longer work, such as chapters from books in progress; however, no entry may exceed 10 pages.
5. Poetry will be limited to one poem per contestant. Length of work is at the discretion of the author, however the judges will favor submissions that demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the genre. Contestants should present work in 11-point text in Courier font in a word-processing program. Care should be given to presenting line breaks, punctuation and other features in a manner that best communicates the writer's intention.
6. Photography submissions must be in black-and-white and printed on a single sheet of 8-inch by 10-inch photo paper. Contestants may submit single images, multiple images, time exposures and other creative images. However, a submission must appear on a single, 8-by-10 sheet.
7. Writing submissions must be made by e-mail, with the entry attached as document in a word-processing format (eg., Microsoft Word). The e-mail and the attachment must contain the contestant's name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. The e-mail address for all writing submissions is: contest@henrysfork.org. Confirmation of entries will be sent to contestants by e-mail. Photography submissions must be mailed to: Henry's Fork Foundation, Photography Contest, P.O. Box 550, 606 Main St., Ashton, ID 83420. The submission must include a brief cover letter describing the work and must include the contestant's name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable). Confirmation of entries will be sent to contestants.
8. Writing and photo submissions will not be returned to contestants.
9. Information about the contest will appear as part of the HFF Web site. All questions about the contest must be submitted by e-mail to contest@henrysfork.org. The staff of HFF will not answer telephone inquiries about the contest.
10. Decisions of the judges are final.
11. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Henry's Fork Foundation intends to publish the winning writing and photo entries in a book and selected entries on the HFF Web site for the enrichment of its members and the public. By entering the contest, a contestant gives HFF the right to reproduce the work as part of any future print or electronic publishing or promotional campaign. Contestants will hold the copyright to their own work and, as owners, may pursue any use of their own work.



The monitoring crew this summer consisted of five outstanding young men, who managed to put in a full work week and cram in lots of extra-curricular activities such as fishing, hiking and climbing afterwards. They will all head back to school by the end of August. From left to right in the photo above crew members are Justin Novak, Joshua Somers, Tyson Forbush, Nathan Taylor and Aaron Golart. Justin, from Fairfield, CT, is a senior at Washington & Lee University majoring in politics and environmental studies. His future plans include working with an environmental consulting agency in New York, a graduate degree in environmental management and/or a JD in environmental law. Justin says that his summer with HFF has provided a better understanding of environmental issues and problems. He appreciated the opportunity to explore the region and learn the gentle art of fly fishing. Justin and friends climbed the Grand and Middle Tetons this summer. Joshua Somers is a junior at Washington and Lee, hailing from Austin, TX. He is majoring in political science and environmental studies, and plans to attend law school after graduation. For him the best part of the summer was hiking Borah Peak, fishing the Salmon River and backpacking in Grand Teton NP. Justin and Joshua are the A. Paul Knight Memorial Scholarship recipients this year. Tyson Forbush of Rexburg is the 2002 Byers Scholarship recipient, and says he loved being outdoors and working on the monitoring project. Tyson will be a senior

at Madison HS this fall and plans to attend BYU-Idaho, where he might pursue an interest in geology. Nathan Taylor is a junior at Utah State University, Logan. He is majoring in fisheries and wildlife and plans a career as a wildlife biologist. For Nathan the best part of the summer was spending the week on the river watching the animals that depend on it. Aaron Golart was the crew chief this summer. He is a senior at Idaho State University, Pocatello, where he makes his home after moving from Dayton, OH. He is majoring in ecology and plans to do graduate work in GIS. He hopes in the future to be involved with a conservation group that focuses on his interest in water quality. Aaron had a great summer fishing and learning more about the Henry's Fork watershed. We thank all of these young men for their hard work and dedication and wish them the best. ♦

Volunteers Liven Up the Electric Fence

On Saturday, June 29, HFF staffer Susan Steinman led a crew of enthusiastic volunteers on a mission to get the electric fences up and running at Grandview and Last Chance in anticipation of the arrival of the summer grazing season.

Volunteering for a day of splicing, weed cutting, lifting and carrying were Bruce Coan, John Oakes, Jim Hardie, Brian Conner, Ralph Conner, Geoff Conner, Ardie Morrow, Rob Springmeyer, Pat Gibbons, Jared Butler and Aaron Golart.

Since then the cows have found a way around (and through) the fence and Susan and the summer monitoring crew have spent a day or two making repairs and chopping away at more weeds.

Thanks to all who do their best to keep the cows away from the banks and out of the river. ♦

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