



Past President Clara Fish Accepts an award of gratitude from incoming President Richard Hero for her years of volunteer service and as President of the Friends of Craig Brook.

Photo by Jim Wait

Past president Clara Fish was awarded a commemorative plaque in honor of her accomplishments as president of the Friends of Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery. Under Clara's leadership, the Friends have moved forward with the capital campaign to raise construction funds in support of the new Atlantic Salmon Museum addition, and provided many educational opportunities for children. Four Orland school students were provided the opportunity to attend Greenland Point Environmental Education Center in Princeton, Maine over the past two years.

At the hatchery, Clara has tirelessly staffed the Visitor Center and taken the lead in many fun educational events over the years for families and children, including the Spawning Spectacular, Halloween and countless annual banquets. In addition to her tenure as FCB President, Clara is also well known for being one of those behind-the-scenes people—she gets the job done! And luckily she'll remain a member of the Board of Directors.

Her plaque reads "In grateful appreciation for many years of participation in and dedicated to the Friends of Craig Brook and for her leadership as President, the Board of Directors presents Clara Fish with this recognition of her service to our Goals—Conservation, Education Restoration. Given this second day of October, 2008, by the Friends of Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery Board of Directors".

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At the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce recognition banquet, Clara receives the BBACC's Non-profit Organization of the Year award in behalf of the Friends of Craig Brook.

FCB sponsors Orland Consolidated School for Salmon-in-Schools

The Friends of Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery Board of Directors voted at their last meeting to purchase an Atlantic salmon egg incubation chiller unit for use by students at Orland Consolidated School. The new chiller, a refrigeration unit—will allow the students to maintain the proper water temperature of 35 °F in a 20-gallon classroom aquarium to incubate Atlantic salmon eggs to hatch-out in March and stock them into the West Branch of the Union River in May. Cooperating teacher for



the project is Robin Bray. The students will join over a 140 other Maine schools which participate in the learning experience. In addition to learning the life cycle of endangered Atlantic salmon, the stu-

dents also learn about the critical watershed habitats their fish must share with other migratory and resident fish species of Maine, and the interactive nature of all species in our rivers.

The students care for 200 Atlantic salmon eggs during their incubation from January to March and through hatching and fry development, just as occurs at Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery, and then release the young fish into the Union River in May. It's a great experience for the students, who learn first-hand the importance of assuming stewardship for healthy river populations.

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Friends of Craig Brook member Richard Hero goes to the Hill

Friends of Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery member Richard Hero (pictured in the third row just in front of the red tie) joined members of 13 other Hatchery Friends Groups across the United States for a meeting in Washington. While in session, the group discussed the future of the Fisheries Friends Initiative, and the possibility of a National Fisheries Friends Association similar to the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

Fisheries Friends are non-profit organizations which exist to promote the well-being of individual National Fish Hatcheries and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices. A national Friends Group would coordinate individual group efforts to benefit the Fisheries Program as a whole, and would be central in executing the National Fish Hatchery Volunteer Act signed by the President in 2006. We'll follow developments in the future!

— Adapted from an *Eddies* article by Richard Christian



While on Capitol Hill, Richard seized upon the opportunity to meet and speak with Congressman Mike Michaud of Maine, and present an inaugural copy of *Eddies*, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's new publication devoted to our national fisheries and their watershed habitats.



Representatives of several U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service hatchery facilities rally in Washington, DC at FWS Headquarters before visiting Capitol Hill.

USFWS Photo by David Gordon

University of Maine Bound



Taylor Gray

Friends of Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery Board Member Taylor Gray is beginning his Freshman year at the University of Maine at Farmington. He has served on the Board for several years, and continues serving even while at college. The Friends wish him a rewarding college career!

New Friends of Craig Brook Officers and Board Members Elected

New officers elected at the December 4th meeting of the Friends of Craig Brook are Marsha Mushrall (Orland) as Interim Secretary, Bill Mulliken (Blue Hill) Treasurer, Wally Palmer (Brooksville) Vice President and Richard Hero (Brooklin) President. The Board of Trustees includes all the officers as well as Ron Newcomb (Hampden), Bob Mushrall (Orland), Jim Wait (Bucksport), David Cassidy (Deer Isle), Roger D'Errico (Hampden), Charlene DiBiase & Richard DiBiase (Orland), Chris Farley (Camden), Clara Fish (East Orland), Taylor Gray (Orland) and Herb Von Kluge (Orlando, Florida).



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