



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
HAGERMAN NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY
3059D NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY ROAD
HAGERMAN, ID 83332



MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2004

TO: ARD-Fisheries Attn: Rich Johnson, Field Supervisor
FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH
SUBJECT: January Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
100	Clearwater B	212,949	28,855	7.4	7.150
101	Pahsimeroi	211,245	30,264	7.0	7.290
102	Sawtooth	917,827	117,834	7.8	7.030

Steelhead Brood Year 2003

All stocks continue to perform well. Fish size and length are right on track with last years fish. Mortality remains low and no necropsies were needed during the month. As outlined in our HACCP Plan, approximately 150 fish stomachs from each lot were checked for presence of New Zealand Mud snails (NZMS). No NZMS were found. Additional checks will be completed prior to distribution, which is tentatively set to begin March 29, 2004.

Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

Lot 103 rainbow trout are performing well after the initial drop out when starting on feed. We had expected a 65% survival from egg to distribution based on other hatcheries experiences, to date we have 88.9 % survival and the fish are in good health. Live fish and kidney smears were sent to Idaho Fish Health Center to look for a possible epizootic, results found nothing of concern and mortalities are normal.

The remainder of requested eggs were received from Hayspur hatchery (Lot 104) and currently are incubating in Hatchery 1; we expect them to hatch immediately.

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
103	Hayspur Triploid Rainbows	114,795	141	812	1.52
104	Hayspur Triploid Rainbows	72,631	Eyed eggs	Eyed eggs	NA

OPERATIONS

As with all service employees, Hagerman NFH started implementation of the Activity Based Cost Accounting system for PP2004-03

On Tuesday evening January 20, Bryan Kenworthy attended a second in a series of public information meetings in Hagerman, hosted by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). The IDWR staff presented updates on the water budget model they are developing for the Thousand Springs area of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. When fully developed, the model will allow the IDWR to “identify and address unmet demands of senior water rights”. As part of the process the IDWR is developing a web-based public information system regarding the model and allow stakeholders further opportunity to provide information and comment.

Bryan Kenworthy attended a mid-Snake Watershed Advisory Group meeting this month. IDEQ and US.EPA were on the agenda to discuss the TMDL waste load allocations for the aquaculture industry and pending changes to the Aquaculture NPDES permit due for renewal in September of this year. IDEQ reported they were not prepared to present any information at the meeting pending issuance of a letter to the industry that will address the issue. They indicated the letter would be sent out within the week. Carla Fromm, EPA Boise. Presented a number of issues they are reviewing in preparation of renewing the NPDES permit for aquaculture facilities. One anticipated change is to eliminate the “General Permit” and have several permits based on production classification (pounds of production) and water temperature. She also indicated that they would accept 24-hour sampling for effluent monitoring.

Bryan Kenworthy, Kurt Schilling and Anna Ray met with National Park Service Staff at the Hagerman Fossil Beds Monument, Hagerman Idaho to revitalize a long standing informal coordination effort. Both offices have seen a recent turnover in staff and, as field offices of two DOI “sister” agencies a number of issues such as developing partnerships in the community, employee and visitor safety and health, information transfer/automatic data processing are common and could be improved in close coordination

Hatchery staff is working with Hayes Construction to correct several deficiencies in the bathroom remodel in residence #4 and #7.

Darrin Taggart from Boise FRO repaired computers and installed backup of all computer systems.

COORDINATION

Ray Jones, Idaho Fishery Resource Office, Led a Hatchery evaluation Team meeting. The group focused on development of the Comprehensive hatchery Management Plan.

The CSI Cooperative Agreement was renewed for FY2004 in the amount of \$3,000 for student internships. CSI student Kenyon Roark started working weekends this month, his first day was January 17.

PERSONNEL/ TRAINING/ SAFETY

Bryan Kenworthy completed the four hours of “mandatory equal Employment opportunity update training for managers and supervisors”.

Chuck Larson Animal Caretaker WG 5 accepted the Biological Technician GS 5 position at Jones Hole NFH. Chuck’s effective date is February 8.

Steve Money reviewed the spill prevention and countermeasure control plan.

OUTREACH

Kelly Donahue and Vaughn Rupert, Region 1 Division of Visitor Services and Communications, visited the Hatchery to begin design work for improving visitor access to the display pond and picnic area.

Natural Heritage Youth Project completed instruction in Hagerman, Buhl, Bliss and Castleford schools. HNFH staff involvement this month was 20 hours, 63.5 hours to date.

20 visitors signed the hatchery guest register.

OSTER LAKE FIRE - BURNED AREA EMERGENCY REHABILITATION PLAN

MAINTENANCE

Vehicles and Equipment

- The snow plow shoes were hard faced to increase wear time.
- A Chevrolet pickup and Semi tractor were listed on the surplus vehicle auction this month.
- A panel and electrical controls were installed on the Magic Valley heli-arc fish pump.
- A new power pump was installed on the feed truck carburetor to stop leaking fuel.
- Magic Valley Business Systems serviced the copy and fax machines.

Buildings and Grounds

- Under counter lights were installed in egg prep room, new hatch 1 building.
- A fire bell was repaired in the administration building.
- A punch list was prepared for bathroom remodel on quarters 4 and 7.
- Fish shaped signs were made for residences 5, 6 and 7.
- An ultra violet light was purchased for New Hatchery 1 egg room and lab.
- Routine domestic water sample taken by Walker Water Systems.

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