



# United States Department of the Interior



## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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### MEMORANDUM

4/21/2005

TO: ARD-Fisheries Attn: Rich Johnson, Field Supervisor

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: "March" Activity Report

### PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2004

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
105	Pahsimeroi	198,062	47,594	4.16	8.66
106	Sawtooth	859,121	177,996	4.83	8.24
107	Clearwater B	194,472	36,840	5.28	8.00

The steelhead remain in good health with the exception of a few raceways being affected by nucleospora (NS). Pre-release health inspections were performed by Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center (IFHC); all fish were given clearance to be released. Distribution started on March 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue into early May.

#### Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
108	Hayspur T-9 Rainbows	97,535	1,909	51	3.73
109	Hayspur T-9 Rainbows	32,691	272	120	2.75

The Rainbow Trout continue to do well. Lot 108 was ponded outside in the rainbow raceways on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 136 fish per pound (fpp). The sample count during the move provided us a chance to get a new inventory number that was slightly higher than the egg count estimate. We held 4,909 fish from Lot 108 in Hatchery 1 to supplement the fall-catchable group. The majority of Lot 108 is tentatively scheduled to be released in the middle of May at 15 fpp (5-inch fingerlings).

## **OPERATIONS**

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, attended the Water District 36A annual meeting in Hagerman, ID.

The Hatchery rated as the top field station in recorded purchases of the Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp competition. We are looking forward to lunch with the Regional Director.

## **COORDINATION**

Ray Jones, Idaho Fisheries Resource Office, and Kathy Clemens, IFHC, attended the Hatchery Evaluation Team (HET) meeting and performed pre-release fish health inspections.

On March 8 and 9, Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, attended the LSRCP Cooperators meeting in Boise, ID. Bryan presented the group with an overview of the issues surrounding the Hatchery's diminishing spring water supply.

## **PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY**

Mark Olson, former Staff Fishery Biologist, was officially promoted to Assistant Project Leader.

Mark Olson completed the on-line training to obtain the MasterCard small purchase authority.

Richard Johnson, Region 1 Fisheries Supervisor, visited the Hatchery.

Anna Ray, Fisheries Program Assistant, performed a one week detail in the Portland Regional Office, in the division of Contracting and General Services.

Steve Money, Maintenance Mechanic, and Brian Clifford, Motor Vehicle Operator, were recertified (medical card) for their Commercial Drivers Licenses.

## **OUTREACH**

Oster Lakes opened for fishing on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Over 200 hundred anglers flocked the banks of Oster Lake 1 and the adjoining ponds to catch fish stocked by Hagerman State Fish Hatchery. Nate Wiese used the opportunity to capture digital photographs of anglers using the handicap accessible fishing pier to add to the Hatchery's website.

Cub Scout pack 107 picked up garbage around the Oster lakes; their efforts helped them earn a conservation badge.

Steve Money represented the Hatchery at the USFWS booth at the Idaho Sportsman Show in Boise, ID. The booth was put together by Susan Sawyer, Information/Education Specialist, Dworshak Fisheries Complex. It was a positive experience for everyone involved. The booth handed out over 3000 coloring books, refuge and fisheries brochures, stickers, pens/pencils, post-it pads, sturgeon/bull trout cards, and blue goose tattoos. The contact count was over 4,000 with 1,689 one-on-one extended contacts.

Nate Wiese published an article showcasing the Hatchery in the March Newsletter of the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society. The article was in response to the editors' request for contributions from university and hatchery programs.

One scheduled tour for the Bliss School was conducted for 20 people, and 92 people signed the guest register.

## **MAINTENANCE**

### Vehicles and Equipment

- Wired in new resistor at security gate circuit board.
- Serviced and tested fish pumps.
- Water Chiller serviced and tested by Callen Refrigeration, Inc. in preparation for fish distribution.
- Serviced John Deere tractors 455 & 495.

The following items were completed on fish transport trailers prior to distribution:

- Sanded alarm system contacts.
- Lubed working parts of brake systems and landing gear.
- Filled axles with hub oil.
- Tightened all nuts and bolts.
- Tested alarm systems.
- Tested aeration systems.
- Tested oxygen systems.
- Marked displacement tubes.
- Replaced faulty marker lights.
- Replaced glad hand rubbers.
- Replaced leaking lily pad gaskets.
- Replaced faulty oxygen regulator on 319.

### Buildings and Grounds

- Replaced broken blinds and screens in all quarters.
- A quarterly bacteria sample was taken from domestic water system.
- All Quarter's carpets were cleaned by Canyon Carpet Care.
- Quarters #6 received a pre-occupancy general cleaning, window sill repair, and installation of replacement drapes.