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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: May Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2004

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
105	Pahsimeroi	204,370	82	2500	1.027
106	Sawtooth	183,068	73	2500	1.025
107	Clearwater B	206,365	158	1306	1.270

Brood Year (BY) 2004 steelhead distribution was completed in early May with a total of 1,279,273 smolts stocked. Distribution went as planned this year with no major problems.

We started receiving eggs for BY 2005 steelhead in May, two weeks earlier than last year. The Clearwater fish are now on feed and performing well. The remainder of the eggs will be received in June with a total egg inventory expected to be 1,487,000.

Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
108	Hayspur T-9 Rainbows	4,454	273	16.3	5.0
109	Hayspur T-9 Rainbows	30,618	1,878	16.3	5.0

We stocked 95,193 of Lot 108 Rainbows into CJ Strike Reservoir on May 11th at 14.5 fish/pound (5¼ inches). The final stocking numbers were three percent higher than the estimated egg counts. The remainder of Lot 108 and Lot 109 will be stocked in September or October in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, depending on fall water temperatures. We have seen some increased mortality during May. A sample was sent to Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center, for analysis. No reportable pathogens were observed, however, the sample tested positive for nucleospora salmonis spores. No approved treatment is available for this organism.

OPERATIONS

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, attended the Fish and Wildlife Service sponsored “Environmental Compliance / Hazardous Materials” course in Portland, OR.

Bryan Kenworthy and Mark Olson, Assistant Project Leader; participated in a conference call with Engineering and the A&E contractor regarding the 60% design review for the “old” Hatchery 1 Demolition and Chiller Building Construction project.

Steve Money, Maintenance Mechanic, attended “ATV Instructor Preparation Course” in Troy, Ohio. This training, sponsored by the ATV Safety Institute, is in cooperation with the National Park Service, Hagerman Fossil Beds Monument (NPS), to maintain ATV safety training capability for our two offices. The NPS office funded the cost of tuition and materials for this training.

Hatchery staff met with contractor, Ed Wickham, Wickham Pipeline Construction, concerning the three contracts his company has been awarded which include; Brailsford Intake Flume, Main Spring Overflow Pipeline, and Quarters #4 Driveway Repair.

COORDINATION

The Idaho Department of Parks (Department) has requested Bryan Kenworthy represent the Hatchery on the Stakeholders Advisory Committee for the Thousand Springs State Park Master Plan. On May 31, Bryan attended a tour of the park units provided by the Department. The Thousand Springs State Park consists of four units within the Magic Valley, one of which is the recently acquired property at Billingsly Creek in Hagerman. The Master Plan effort coincides with review of the Corridor Management Plan (Plan) for the Thousand Springs Scenic By-way (By-way) now underway. Starting in FY 04 the Hatchery secured funding through the Fish and Wildlife Service, Refuge Roads Program, to match a local effort to update the Plan with a focus to improve visitor services along the By-way and evaluate the potential for a shared visitor center at Billingsly Creek. Others involved in both processes include; National Park Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, University of Idaho, local governments, and a number of non-government organizations.

After discussion with the ditch company president, the Hatchery began diverting water to the Brailsford Ditch on May 4. Cold, wet weather in southern Idaho has diminished the need for irrigation water. The Hatchery completed the transfer of the 14cfs by May 24.

On May 10, Bryan Kenworthy attended the South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center Spring Meeting at the Bureau of Land Management Fire Center in Shoshone, Idaho. The agenda included review and updates of the WildCad Run Cards, review of constraints listed in the Run Cards, initial attack procedures, radio Frequency updates and general logistics. After the meeting Bryan met with Lance Roberts, Southern Idaho, Zone Fire Management Officer, to discuss drafting a letter for the Delegation of Authority for Wildland Fire Suppression and establishing the list of Resource Constraints for wildland fire fighting on the Hatchery property.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

The Hatchery hosted a potluck BBQ/Picnic for Dave Allen, Region1 Director, and Dan Diggs, Assistant Regional Director for Fisheries, who were visiting in honor of the Hatchery winning the Regional Duck Stamp Challenge.

Federal Occupational Health (FOH) performed hearing tests and physicals for respirator use on James Brandon, Brian Clifford, Steve Money, and Eric Willet and hearing tests only on Mark Olson and Nathan Wiese.



In preparation for fire season, the Hatchery staff activated the wildland interface sprinkler system at the four hatchery residences. A tailgate safety session was conducted to brief all staff on its operation.

OUTREACH

The Hatchery hosted the Annual Hagerman Elementary School, two day, “Hatchery Activities With Kids” (HAWK) program with a BBQ on the second day which was shared with the Hatchery staff.

The Hatchery hosted the Annual Buhl Poppelwell Elementary School program, which involved students fishing at the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery, attending Hatchery tours, and participating in outdoor activities.

Brian Clifford, Motor Vehicle Operator, represented the Hatchery in the Annual Hagerman Fossil Days Parade by driving a fish distribution truck and trailer in the parade. Two volunteers assisted by passing out USFWS promotional rulers.

Seven scheduled tours were conducted this month including Lincoln, Wendell, Shoshone, Castleford, Hagerman, and Buhl Poppelwell Elementary students and Boise West Junior High 8th Grade students. The total number of people involved in tours was 515 and 319 folks signed the guest registry.



MAINTENANCE

Vehicles and Equipment

- Repaired welds on fish pump suction boot & raceway standpipes.
- Repaired weld on flatbed hydraulic reservoir.
- New tires were installed on 319, 480 & 469 fish transport tankers.
- Leveled the John Deere 455 mower deck and adjusted guide wheels.
- Replaced idol wheel on John Deere 332 lawn mower.

Buildings and Grounds

- Cleaned drain lines on Quarters 6.
- Callen Refrigeration installed digital thermostats in Administration Building and all four Quarters.
- Received and cut replacement dam boards for trout raceways.
- Removed asphalt from new feed bin foundation sites.