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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Hagerman National Fish Hatchery  
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### MEMORANDUM

November 14, 2006

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

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: October Activity Report

### PRODUCTION

#### Steelhead Brood Year 2006

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
115	Clearwater B	197,344	9,438	20.9	5.06
116	Pahsimeroi	185,893	8,839	21.0	5.05
117	Sawtooth	1,062,201	44,910	23.7	4.85

Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center, visited the Hatchery to perform routine fish health necropsies. Steelhead fish health remains good with the exception of some eroding backs in the Clearwater stock. Size projection for distribution is on track with past years.



Clearwater Stock



Eroded Dorsal/Back Mortalities

## Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

<b>Lot Number</b>	<b>Stocking Site</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total Fish Weight</b>	<b>Size (#/lb)</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>
<b>114</b>	<b>CJ Strike Reservoir</b>	12,422	5,070	2.45	9.5
<b>114</b>	<b>Lake Walcott (Gifford Springs)</b>	31,176	12,725	2.45	9.5

Currently there are no rainbow trout on station; eggs are expected in late December.

## **OPERATIONS**

The Hatchery staff worked with the Service's IT support center in Denver, and technicians representing Quest and MCI, to perform a phone circuit cutover to improve internet connectivity. The process was anything but smooth and required replacement of the Hatchery's router. The Hatchery was without internet and email service for several days.

The Hatchery's Tour-of-Duty is now 7:30am to 4:00pm (MT) for the winter season.

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, attended a public meeting in Twin Falls, Idaho sponsored by CDR Associates of Denver, Colorado. This was the last of a three meeting series in Southern Idaho to seek public input on establishing a framework to follow in order to develop a management plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA). On the following day, Bryan Kenworthy, Mark Olson, Assistant Project Leader, and Rick Lowell, Manager, Magic Valley Fish Hatchery, hosted Diane Tate and John Bartsch, CDR Associates, at the Hagerman NFH. Information on the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) steelhead program and the spring water supply for the two hatcheries was provided.

Randy Schmeller, Region 1 Engineering, visited the Hatchery to perform end-of-contract inspection of the "Hatchery 1 Demolition and Chiller Building" construction project. A short "punch-list" has been provided to the contractor. The following day, Randy provided Chris Starr, LSRCP, a tour of the new Chiller Building.

## **PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY**

Bryan Kenworthy and Mark Olson attended the Region 1, Fisheries Project Leader's Meeting held in Vancouver, WA.

The Hatchery staff celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by having a potluck lunch and viewing a Biography Channel video entitled "*Andy Garcia, Latin Rhythms & American Dreams*". This event met a portion of the 4-hour Diversity and Civil Rights mandatory training requirement for supervisors.

Nathan Wiese, Fish Biologist, participated in a conference call for the Northwest Fish Culture Conference planning committee.

## **OUTREACH**

In cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation and the University of Idaho Extension Service, the Hatchery hosted a visit from over 30 participants who had attended the U.S. Society for Irrigation and Drainage Professionals, Annual Water Management Conference in Boise. The conference theme was “Ground Water and Surface Water under Stress; Competition, Interaction, Solutions”.

James Brandon, Animal Caretaker, represented the Hatchery at the annual College of Southern Idaho Science Expo. The focus of the expo is to present science career opportunities to local 6<sup>th</sup> graders. An estimated 500 students attended this function. James demonstrated the PIT tag reader, CWT tag reader, and length/weight digitizer technology being used at the Hatchery.

Hatchery staff provided tours for the East Minico Special Ed class and to Molly Bowman, Miranda Dotson and Nicole Wandelaar, Bozeman Tech Center employees, who were in the area working with the commercial aquaculture industry on an Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership Program project. We had 200 visitors sign the guest registry for a total of 254 visitors, including tours.



Bryan Kenworthy and Gary Fornshell, Idaho Aquaculture Extension Agent, visit with members of the U.S. Society for Irrigation and Drainage Professionals

## **MAINTENANCE**

- A regular scheduled Bridge Inspection was performed by Service Engineers.
- Quarters #4, #6, & #7 were sprayed for spiders.
- The Suburban was serviced.
- Welded leaking fish pump boot.
- Welded 2 broken standpipes for STT raceways.
- Winterized all irrigation systems.
- Winterized Hatchery Building 1 and Hatchery Building 2.
- Installed new incubator valves in Hatchery Building 2.