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Hagerman National Fish Hatchery
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MEMORANDUM

October 17, 2008

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

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: September Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2008

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
124	Sawtooth	1,071,628	22,008	48.7	3.81
125	Pahsimeroi	202,171	6,665	30.3	4.47
126	Clearwater B	203,780	6,034	33.8	4.31

Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center, completed monthly fish health exams on September 30th, 2008. Kathy noted overall good fish health, however, she noted active dorsal fin erosion on all samples. Dorsal fin erosion has been common in September through November in previous Brood Years. Both Hatchery buildings were pressure washed and desiccated for Brood Year 2009.

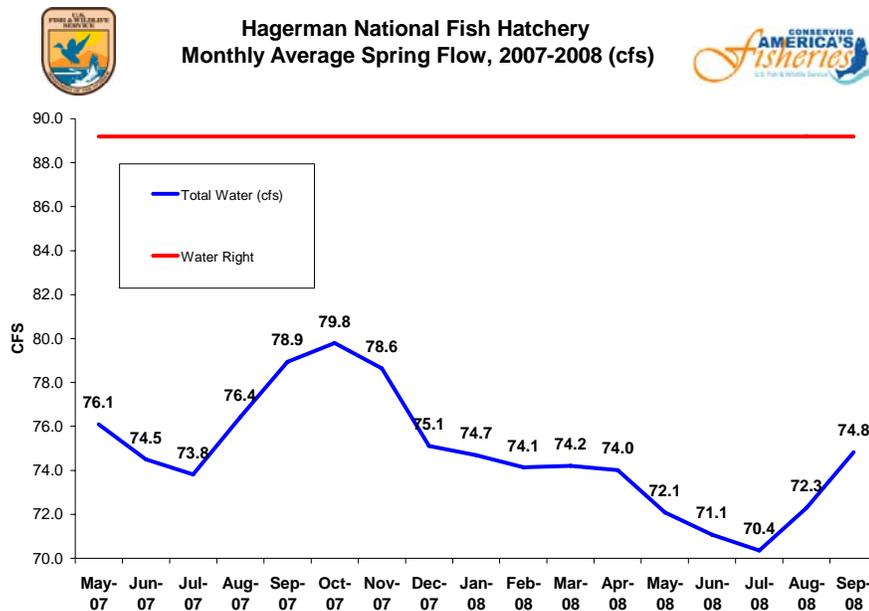
Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
123	Hayspur KT/T9 Rainbows	40,918	18,998	2.2	9.98

The trout will be released in Chesterfield and Salmon Falls reservoirs the week of September 29th.

OPERATIONS

The Hatchery's spring flows increased 2.5 cfs in September, but remain 5.1 cfs below September 2007.



Byran Kenworthy, Project Leader, and Nathan Wiese, Assistant Project Leader, attended several calls led by Sean Connolley, FIS coordinator. Sean assisted with categorizing the Hatchery's FIS accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2008.

The Hatchery received several bids for the Hatchery 2 tank coating project. Bids ranged from a low of \$13,875 to a high of \$95,000. Because of the wide disparity in bid offerings and a need to focus on other priorities such as the rehabilitation of the fish transport tankers, this project will sit on the "back burner" for the time being.

Eric Willet, Motor Vehicle Operator, demonstrated water measurement protocols and sites for Frank Irwin, Water Master, Water District 36A, and Michelle Richman, Idaho Department of Water Resources. The Hatchery also provided Frank and Michelle with copies of the Water Measurements Sites and Procedures Handbook which can be viewed at:

[http://www.fws.gov/hagerman/documents/Water/RECORDING%20LOCATIONS%20AND%20LOGBOOKS\(2\).pdf](http://www.fws.gov/hagerman/documents/Water/RECORDING%20LOCATIONS%20AND%20LOGBOOKS(2).pdf)

Jeremy Trimpey, Fish Biologist, entertained a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Inspection by Chad Chorney, Aquaculture Coordinator, and Sonny Buhidar, Regional Water Quality Manager, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The review went well with no apparent problems with the Hatchery's NPDES program.

The Hatchery installed a directional sign for the University of Idaho, Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station (HFCES). The sign is designed to direct traffic to the Station's access road and away from the Hatchery's programmatic area.



COORDINATION

Jeremy Trimpey attended a meeting hosted by Jerry Zinn, Novartis Animal Health. The meeting was held at the University of Idaho HFCES to discuss current disease issues faced by the aquaculture industry in the Hagerman Valley.

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, and Nathan Wiese, Assistant Project Leader, attended an Idaho Aquaculture Association meeting hosted by Linda Lemmon, Executive Secretary, Idaho Aquaculture Association and Randy MacMillan, Clear Springs Foods, at the Hagerman Legion Hall. The meeting focused on obtaining input from the Thousand Springs Water Users Association members on the current draft Comprehensive Aquaculture Management Plan (CAMP). The CAMP Advisory Committee is nearing a deadline to present a final draft of a plan to the Idaho Water Resources Board. Most in attendance expressed disappointment that the draft plan did little to stabilize the decline in aquifer levels or provide timely relief to the water flow injury.

Nathan Wiese attended a Hatchery Database Technical Committee Meeting at the Idaho Fish and Game Fisheries Research building in Nampa, ID. The meeting discussed challenges with the current Hatchery Database for trapping and egg takes. The Committee will begin tackling the Hatchery production database in upcoming meetings.

Nathan Wiese and Bryan Kenworthy attended the Hatchery Review Team Stakeholder meeting in Boise. The meeting discussed preliminary recommendations for the Hatchery. The comment period for the Hatchery Review Team document is open until October 23, 2008.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

Ray Harrington, Hatchery Host, completed his last day for the summer 2008 season on September 1, 2008.



Nathan Wiese presented briefing sessions to the Hatchery staff on the Service Asset Management Maintenance System (SAMMS) and the recently revised Spill Prevention and Control Plan.

The Idaho Hunting Season began with a bang. Jeremy Trimpey harvested a moose and a sand hill crane. Nathan Wiese harvested his first elk taken with a bow. The crew has continued to jockey October work schedules to accommodate upcoming moose, elk, and deer seasons.



OUTREACH

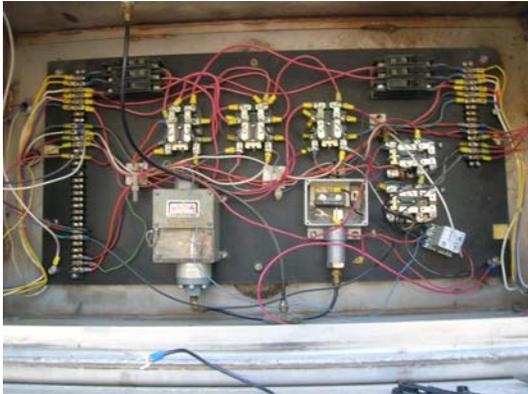
The Hatchery conducted tours for the Gooding Idaho School for the Deaf & Blind, The Sun Valley Community School, the Montessori School, and the Christian Children's Ranch. The Hatchery also served as a card site for the Hagerman Car Show Poker Run on September 20th. The Hatchery had 206 registered visitors and 4 guests for a total of 442 visitors during September.

MAINTENANCE

- Exchanged 1995 Suburban for 1997 Ford Expedition at the LSRCP Office.
- Changed air filters and checked fluids on 480 and 469 fish transports.
- Sprayed broadleaf weeds.
- Changed furnace filter in welding shop.
- Installed door sweep on welding shop door.
- Tested air quality and vented powerhouse vault to shut off water to Hatchery Building 2.
- Repaired hose reel at Quarters 6.
- Repaired entry way at Quarters 6.
- Flushed 480 fish transport.
- Welded 2 aluminum stand pipes.
- Retrieved manlift from State Fish Hatchery.
- Removed outdated antennas from Quarters 4.
- Replaced 400 watt high pressure sodium light on Christmas tree lane.
- Rewired load center on 469 roadside generator.
- Washed solar panels at security gate.
- Welded new stop on security gate.
- Repaired sprinkler at Quarters 4.
- Had all 5 septic tanks pumped.
- Washed F-250.
- Trimmed trees at entrance road speed bump.
- Replaced wax gasket and beefed up fasteners on Quarters 6 toilet.



- Removed all contact relays and associated wiring from the three fish transport trailers and rewired new alarm lights and generators.



Transport Alarm Panels Before.....



and After