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MEMORANDUM

October 8, 2009

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

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: September Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2009

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
128	Sawtooth	1,365,811	26,734	51	3.75
129	East Fork	126,224	2,064	61	3.54

The Pacific States Marine Fishery Commission (PSMFC) crew returned to complete the coded wire tagging of the remaining East Fork Naturals on September 1. Overall, ad clipping and coded wire tagging went very well again this year. Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center, completed monthly fish health checks on September 30th.

The 2nd and 3rd deck of the Steelhead Raceways were covered in abnormally excessive filamentous algae growth two weeks after ponding. The algal growth was thick enough to trap feed, feces, and even fingerlings. Algae problems are common during late rearing in early Spring, but are usually not an issue during early rearing in the Fall. The algae growth may have been exacerbated by ponding earlier in the summer, lower flow rates, and a warm September.



Pond Scrubbing Steelhead Raceways

To remove the algae, the Hatchery “pond scrubbed” the middle and bottom decks on September 10-11th.



Before Pond Scrubbing



After Pond Scrubbing

Rainbow Trout

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
127	Hayspur	43,577	19,702	2.29	9.88

The water from Main Spring to the Trout Raceways was reduced from 10 cfs to 5 cfs to increase water available to the Steelhead Raceways. The rainbow trout are scheduled for release at Chesterfield and Lake Walcott reservoirs starting October 5.

OPERATIONS

Brian Clifford, Motor Vehicle Operator, completed a reconnaissance mission to the East Fork Trap and Colston Corner distribution sites.



←East Fork Trap Voicemail

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, traveled to LaGrande, OR for the Hatchery Review Team (HRT) stakeholders meeting and participated in several HRT conference calls.

John Neely, consultant for the University of Idaho, and Mike Gouker, Filer Mutual Telephone, met with Hatchery staff to discuss obtaining a right-of-way to erect equipment on Hatchery property for a wireless internet device to service the University of Idaho, Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station. Information on this request has been forwarded to the Division of Realty.

Coordination

Don Harlan, College of Southern Idaho student, volunteered a day to fulfill a requirement of the Biology 100 class.

Brian Clifford assisted the Magic Valley Fish Hatchery by using the Hatchery's semi tractor to move their fish transport trailers out of the way in preparation for an asphalt project.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

Steve Money, Maintenance Mechanic, traveled to NCTC to participate as an Advisor for the *Maintenance Workshop for Wage Grade Professionals (WLD5100)*.

Steve Money traveled to Portland, OR for a Wage Grade Committee meeting.

OUTREACH

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, met with Nate Poppino, Twin Falls Times News reporter, to discuss implications of the Columbia & Snake River Biological Opinion filing on Hatchery operations. The interview resulted in several articles and pictures in the paper and on their web site.

The Hatchery gave tours to the Boise Montosouri and Sun Valley Community schools, and Wendell Cub Scouts. The Hatchery was also a stop for the Hagerman "Last Blast Car Show" poker run. The Hatchery had 226 registered visitors and 5 guests for a total of 483 visitors in September.

The National Parks Service, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, represented the Hatchery at the Twin Falls County Fair by stocking their booth with Hatchery brochures and outreach trinkets.

Bryce Lindley volunteered 16 hours in August.



Bryan and Peggy Kenworthy (volunteer) staffed a display at the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge.



A highlight of the day was the presentation by Case Hicks, Theodore Roosevelt Living Historian. President "Teddy" Roosevelt established the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge in 1909.

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Mechanic, when not elk hunting, was in travel status this month....