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MEMORANDUM

January 18, 2012

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

FROM: Bob Turik, Acting Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: December Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2011

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
134	Sawtooth	1,216,727	88,275	13.8	5.81
135	East Fork Hatchery	197,075	13,350	14.8	5.68

The steelhead continue to do well with only occasional skin sloughing issues on a few fish. Potassium Permanganate treatments on a few select raceways have been effective at preventing any widespread issues. We are also hopeful that this indicates the Furunculosis vaccination has been effective in preventing the usual outbreak. The past few years have seen an outbreak immediately following the PIT tagging and to this point there are no indications of furunculosis. Corie Samson, Idaho Fish Health Center, conducted fish health inspections on December 6th. Gas bubbles do continue to be found during IFHC inspections. Nitrogen saturation monitoring continues to indicate elevated nitrogen levels in the supply water. This data was reinforced with the station receiving a new satumeter which also shows elevated readings.

Rainbow Trout BY-2012

Final preparations were made to Hatchery Building II and coordination with the Hayspur State Fish Hatchery has us scheduled to receive brood year 2012 rainbow trout eggs on January 3, 2012.

OPERATIONS

Steve Money, Maintenance Mechanic, started modifications on the RBT water supply line. This will include installing 4 vacuum degassing towers to treat water from Spring 17 and Main Spring

water as it arrives at the RBT raceways. We are hoping the weather cooperates and allows this project to be completed in a timely manner.

US Senator, Jim Risch, and his Chief of Staff, John Sandy, stopped in unexpectedly to tour the Hatchery grounds in this month. They appeared to have been hunting and made an informal visit during which they handed out some business cards.



PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

Adam Leija, Animal Caretaker, was honored this month by receiving his 10 year Service Award from Bob Turik, Acting Project Leader. Adam's career began with the Bureau of Land Management as a Wildland Firefighter and Crew Boss. The Hatchery has been fortunate to have him as a valued member of our team since 2009. Congratulations Adam!!

Bob Turik, Acting Project Leader, and Jeremy Trimpey, Fish Biologist, traveled to Victoria B.C., Canada to attend the 62nd Northwest Fish Culture Conference.

Anna Ray, Fisheries Program Assistant, traveled to Portland, Oregon to attend FBMS Field Training. Additionally, Anna participated in multiple conference calls for WebEx training and operational updates concerning the new system.

Hatchery staff celebrated the holidays by gathering for their annual game dinner in Twin Falls. It was a great opportunity to clean out the freezers and fill our stomachs with the area's finest Chinese cuisine.

COORDINATION

This is a new category for our monthly report. Many initiatives are developed within the Service and one of the most recent is to increase and document our efforts to expand and improve our coordination efforts with other entities as well as to champion diversity. To that effect, we will address Hagerman's ongoing approach in this area as highlights in our monthly activity reporting.

Jeremy Trimpey, Fish Biologist, made several contacts with Brad Dredge and Jamie Mitchell, Hayspur Hatchery Supervisor, IDFG, to coordinate delivery of the BY-2012 RBT eggs.

Steve Money, Maintenance Mechanic, worked with University of Idaho, Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station staff to assist in their efforts to pump septic systems for their facility and bunkhouse.

Brian Clifford, Motor Vehicle Operator, assisted the University of Idaho, Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station by unloading a heavy crate with the facility forklift.

Bob Turik, Acting Project Leader, worked with Dean Grissom and Frank Edelman, IDFG Wildlife Management, concerning a cooperative effort to remove debris accumulated from

Hagerman NFH's fall cleaning of Riley Creek. Hagerman NFH will assist IDFG by providing a water truck to stand by during burning operations on the WMA.

Anna Ray, Fisheries Program Assistant, worked with the National Park Service, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to schedule May tours for several school districts including Buhl Popplewell, Hagerman H.A.W.K. program, and the Caldwell Gifted and Talented students.

Rich Holman, IDFG Enforcement stopped in with a new WMA Waterfowl Security Zone map. Rich also responded to a call from the hatchery regarding shooting on the closure and questioned two hunters. Steve Money observed a vehicle and provided Rich the information to contact the individuals. No citation was issued.

Steve Money delivered the Manlift to the Magic Valley Fish Hatchery. The Manlift is owned by the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan and cooperatively utilized between the Federal and State hatcheries in the area. Hagerman NFH manages this piece of equipment providing maintenance and transportation of the unit.

VISITORS

Even though December produced unusually warm weather, no tours were provided. The visitor register logged 53 visitors and 3 guests for a total of 56 contacts in the month of December.

MAINTENANCE

- Con Paulos Chevrolet installed new clutch, pressure plate and flywheel on the feed truck. They also installed a new window crank assembly to the passenger side.
- Removed old pack columns and associated plumbing from trout raceway headbox.
- Removed 12" resilient wedge valve from Spring 17 pipeline in trout raceway headbox.
- Rebuilt two flushometer valves and replaced toilet gasket in Administration building men's room.
- Installed new pull rope assembly on Echo leaf blower.
- Delivered quarterly bacteria water sample to Magic Valley Labs.