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MEMORANDUM

April 15, 2011

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

FROM: Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: March Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2010

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
131	Sawtooth	1,167,230	253,793	4.6	8.38
132	East Fork Hatchery	160,436	32,490	4.9	8.18

The Hatchery finished up an Aquaflor® treatment for coldwater disease and treated four more raceways on the top deck with potassium permanganate for skin sloughing related problems. These treatments occurred during the first week of March. Since then, little mortality has been observed with skin lesions. Overall mortality for the month was 1.0%.

The Hatchery completed CWT retention checks, fin indices, and length/weight checks. Smolt distribution is scheduled to start on Wednesday, April 13th at the Sawtooth Weir.

Corie Samson, Idaho Fish Health Center, conducted fish health inspections on March 10th.

Rainbow Trout

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
133	Hayspur	130,123	1,931	67.4	3.16

The trout continue to do well in the trout raceways with survival at 93.3%. The spring release of rainbow trout will occur at the end of May.

OPERATIONS:

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, and Jeremy Trimpey, Acting Assistant Project Leader, attended the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan hatchery production meeting convened in Boise.

The Hatchery hosted a meeting sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) to discuss the rearing and release database being developed by IDFG. Chris Harrington, IDFG programmer, briefed staff representing the three Magic Valley steelhead hatcheries on the status of the database and provided a demonstration on its operation.

Jeremy Trimpey attended the Salmon River Annual Operating Plan meeting at IDFG Headquarters in Boise.

Jeremy Trimpey participated in a conference call with Idaho Power Company and IDFG staff concerning the possibility of transmitting whirling disease from the Pahsimeroi River to the Magic Valley via fish distribution trucks.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY



Assistant Manager Nate Wiese and family departed early in March for Orofino, Idaho. Nate will be working as the Assistant Project Leader at Dworshak NFH. During Nate's tenure the Hatchery made great strides in its Outreach and Hatchery Evaluation efforts. The Hatchery staff wishes the Wiese family the best of luck; it will be a tough pair of thirteen's to fill (picture courtesy of Harley's Adventure blog).

Jeremy Trimpey, Fish Biologist, was given a temporary promotion to Acting Assistant Project Leader to lead the Hatchery through fish distribution and egg incubation season. Having been Nate's "right hand man" we are confident in his ability to fill the gap with his size 12 boots.

The Hatchery crew spent time completing several audits this month including the Annual Station Safety Self Audit and an Energy Audit. In support of the safety audit, vendors completed the semi-annual inspection of the fire alarm system in the Administrative Building and inspection of the fume hoods in Hatchery #1.



Thanks to the Fairfield Ranger District, National Forest Service, several Hatchery staff completed the S 212 Wildland Powersaws Certification for non-fire operations. The Hatchery conducted this two day training event to be compliant with a Service requirement for chain saw operation (241FW12).

Four Hatchery crew members performed annual fit testing for respirators as a part of the station's Safety Program.

Eric Willet, Motor Vehicle Operator, traveled to the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery to perform a one-week spawning detail.

Anna Ray, Fisheries Program Assistant, traveled to Portland, OR to attend the Financial Business Management System (FBMS) Deployment Preparation Workshop.

The Hatchery hired Andrew Varhley as a temporary Animal Caretaker. Andrew will work through mid-August.

OUTREACH

March 1 marked opening day of fishing at Oster Lakes on the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area. Yes! that is snow in the valley in March. So much for the claim as Idaho's "Banana Belt" this year.



Bryan Kenworthy provided a tour of the Hatchery to staff members of the Idaho Congressional delegation which included Linda Culver (Congressman Mike Simpson), Mike Mathews (Senator James Risch), and AJ Church (Senator Mike Crapo).

Bryan Kenworthy provided a tour of the Hatchery's spring complex to Frank Erwin, Water Master Water District 36A, and Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) staff-Daniel A. Nelson and Rich Rigby. Mr. Rigby, senior advisor to the Governor for the IDWR Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan, is on temporary assignment to IDWR from the Bureau of Reclamation.

As always with the fishing season comes the increase in public visitors. The guest registry recorded 260 tourists and 18 guests for a total of 278.

MAINTENANCE

- Finished wiring voltage interlocks for and replaced air, oil and fuel filters and added new oil to all generators on the four Fish Transports.
- Reset visitor center bathroom heat pump.
- Weld trash can for Oster Lakes.
- Weld safety grate and lifting hook on mort pit pipe.
- Put feed truck window back on track.
- Quarterly bacteria test of domestic water system.
- Replaced security system batteries.
- Modified Fish Transport generator compartments to prevent oil spillage when changing oil.
- Wired new plug on ISCO water sampler at sedimentation pond.
- Weld broken lilly pad valve on Fish Transport #910.
- Pulled window out of Quarters #6 so Nate could take his couch to Orofino.
- Replaced trim on Quarters 4 chimney.
- Serviced fish pumps.
- Took Fish Transport #905 to West End Diesel for new axle seals.
- Callen Refrigeration here to service chiller.
- Flushed and tested chiller system.
- Replaced faulty switch and welded protective cover on alarm light housing on Fish Transport #908.
- Ordered new vacuum pump for E-2 fish pump.