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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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MEMORANDUM

November 7, 2011

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

FROM: Bob Turik, Acting Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: October Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2011

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
134	Sawtooth	1,218,183	42,383	28.74	4.55
135	East Fork Hatchery	197,216	6134	32.15	4.38

During October we did not experience any elevated fish health issues. However, there does continue to be signs of nitrogen super-saturation. Pop-eye can be seen scattered throughout the population and our fish health inspections continue to identify gas bubbles to be present. During October we had a meeting with Chris Starr (LSRCP), representatives from the Idaho Fish Health Center, the IDFG Fish Health Lab, Jack Christiansen (Dworshak NFH), and IDFG's Magic Valley and Niagara Springs Hatcheries. We are now making significant progress in addressing this issue and there should be a vacuum de-gassing system in place for BY2012 steelhead and also for our RBT which are due to arrive in January. PIT tagging is scheduled to occur the first week of November.

Rainbow Trout

Lot Number	Release Site	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
133	Little Camas Reservoir	39,588	16,360	2.42	9.6

Fall distribution of the rainbow trout occurred October 3rd and October 4th. The Hatchery decided to make two truckloads per day since Little Camas Reservoir is relatively close to the Hatchery. The fall distribution went very good with only five hauling mortalities observed. The Hatchery has requested 150,000 triploid eggs from Hayspur State Fish Hatchery for the first week of January for Brood Year 2012.

OPERATIONS



Bob Turik, Acting Project Leader, and Jeremy Trimpey, Fish Biologist, attended the 2011 Mark/Tag Coordination Meeting at the IDFG Nampa Research Office. The marking crew requested that participating hatcheries standardize their power source to 240v to be more compatible with their automated marking trailers.

Hatchery life can be tough, so to unwind Jeremy & Miranda Trimpey hosted Nate & Amber Wiese in 8 days of hunting.

From the looks of it, I think they are ready to get back to work.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

Steve Money, Maintenance Mechanic, attended the ATV/UTV train-the-trainer safety program at Devils Lake WMD in North Dakota.

The Hatchery provided on-site flu shots to staff members who opted for the program.

OUTREACH

Jennifer Hamilton, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the crew. This was a final activity under her college graduate project with the University of Oklahoma in which she observed the Hatchery staff in their educational tours. Her presentation outlined guidelines to assist the staff members in improving its educational efforts and unify the Hatchery's outreach message.

The Hatchery conducted a two-day tour to Jerome Elementary 1st graders in cooperation with the National Park Service and Idaho State Parks under the "Connect Students to Hagerman

Resources” busing grant program. We also hosted the Magic Valley Home Educators under this program. The guest register recorded 232 visitors, 8 guests, and 207 tours for a total of 447.

MAINTENANCE

- Removed trees and plugged leak in Bickle ditch between Quarters 4 & 5
- Cleaned bathroom drain lines in Quarters 7
- Winterized Hatchery 1
- Picked up Manlift at State Fish Hatchery
- Trimmed trees around Quarters 4, 5, & 7
- Removed leaves from roof and gutters for Quarters 4 & 5
- Placed Honda high pressure pump at Bickle Lake screen to remove leaves
- Winterized Fire Truck
- Winterized Visitor Center bathrooms