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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Hagerman National Fish Hatchery
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MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2009

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

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: December Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2008

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
124	Sawtooth	1,068,795	87,803	12.2	6.06
125	Pahsimeroi	201,501	21,583	9.3	6.62
126	Clearwater B	202,294	21,802	9.3	6.63

Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center, completed monthly fish health exams on December 16th. Kathy found light infections of *Gyrodactylus*, some active dorsal fin erosion, and several fish with "soreback" symptoms. The Clearwater B stock indicated positive for *Nucleospora salmonis* via PCR analysis.

The Hatchery began a feeding study with the Clearwater B stock comparing the Hagerman diet to Rangen's EXSL 470 diet that is used at the Niagara and Magic Valley fish hatcheries.

The Hatchery has scheduled PIT tagging for the first full week of January with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game marking crew.

Rainbow Trout

Hayspur Fish Hatchery will provide BY09 Rainbow Trout the week of January 5th.

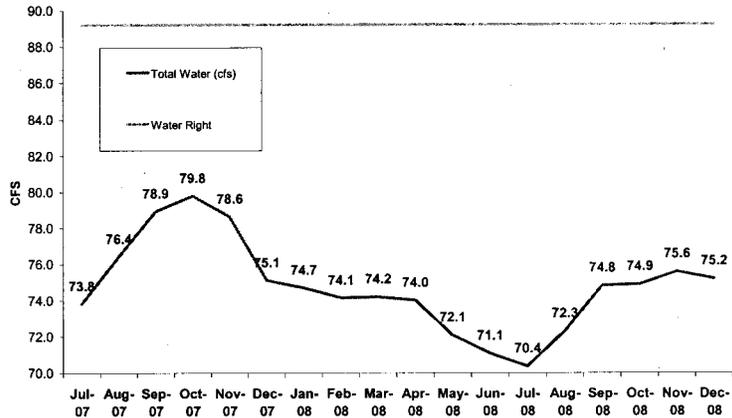
OPERATIONS

The Hatchery's total water supply decreased slightly in December to 75.2 cfs, which is slightly higher than the December 2007 level of 75.1 cfs.

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, and Nathan Wiese, Assistant Project Leader, attended the CAMP Public meeting in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Hagerman National Fish Hatchery
Monthly Average Spring Flow, 2007-2008 (cfs)



Bryan Kenworthy traveled to Vancouver, WA to attend the monthly Hatchery Review Team (HRT) meeting.



In consultation with the Region 1 Fisheries, the LSRCP staff, and the Region 1 Safety office, a decision was made to install traffic barriers to preclude access through the steelhead raceways. This decision is based on the Fish and Wildlife's concern for the safety of Hatchery employees, residents and visitors; and a concern for bio-security for the steelhead program.

The barriers were left open through the Month of December. Notification signs have been in place during this time stating closure will occur on January 1.

COORDINATION

Todd Fenzl, USFWS Zone Law Enforcement Officer, visited the Hatchery for a briefing on traffic management issues and the upcoming Road Safety Audit (RSA).

Bryan Kenworthy presented Ms. Linda Culver, Congressman Mike Simpson's field representative, a briefing on traffic management issues at the Hatchery.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

Jeremy Trimpey, Fish Biologist, and Adam Leija, Animal Caretaker, traveled to Spokane, WA to attend the Northwest Fish Culture Conference. Jeremy Trimpey presented a paper related to “soreback” in summer steelhead.

Brian Clifford, Motor Vehicle Operator; Jeremy Trimpey, and Adam Leija attended a retirement TelNet training at the Hagerman Fossil Beds, National Park Service.

Western Fire completed the annual re-certification of the Hatchery’s fire extinguishers.

OUTREACH

The Hatchery had 15 registered visitors and 2 guests for a total of 17 visitors during December.

MAINTENANCE

- Installed new batteries, wiring and terminals for security gate motor and controls. Excessive non-Hatchery related traffic continues to provide undue wear and tear on this system.
- Tested water heater elements for Quarters 5.
- Picked up concrete barriers, gate poles, chain and reflectors.
- Cleaned and painted gate poles for raceway area.
- Installed new up/down lever for manlift.
- Installed new conduit, wiring and photocell controlled light at fueling area.
- Installed new conduit and explosion proof junction box at fueling area.
- Removed wiring and fuel pump from decommissioned fuel tank.
- Repaired loose connections on main relay for Dodge 2500.
- Welded chain and hooks for raceway area gates.
- Repaired demand feeder lids.
- Replaced batteries in both John Deere tractors.
- Took two transport trailers to Giltner trucking for sandblasting and painting.
- Snow removal on 12/17, 12/19, 12/22, and 12/28.