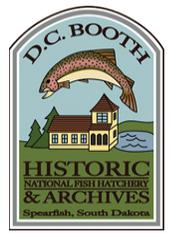




MONTHLY REPORT

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D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and National Fish and Aquatic Conservation Archives

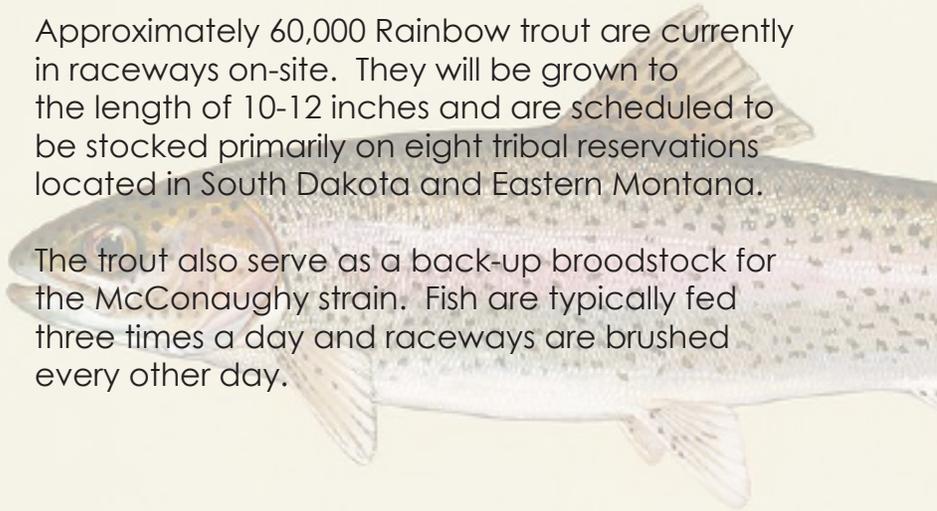


*Interior Region 5 - Missouri Basin
Spearfish, South Dakota*

Fish Culture

Approximately 60,000 Rainbow trout are currently in raceways on-site. They will be grown to the length of 10-12 inches and are scheduled to be stocked primarily on eight tribal reservations located in South Dakota and Eastern Montana.

The trout also serve as a back-up broodstock for the McConaughy strain. Fish are typically fed three times a day and raceways are brushed every other day.



Facility Operations

We received a gift from the Pierre FWCO office in the form of a newer pick-up. The truck will be utilized for station maintenance and fish stocking trips.

Annual service on all station vehicles and generators was completed in December.

Planning and coordination of logistics continues for hosting the upcoming Wage Grade Workshop (April 2020).

Partnerships

Mitch Adams coordinated with the City of Spearfish on items related to our water conveyance infrastructure which runs through City Campground adjacent to D.C. Booth.

The City of Spearfish borrowed our water pump for filling in the Community Ice Skating Rink (We borrow their compressor in the fall to blow out our sprinkler lines).





National FAC Archives

Work continues on the FAC 150th Anniversary book via scanning potential historic images to use in the book and researching and writing articles.

Five research requests were received and responded to, three new accessions were added to the collection. Routine processing and cataloging continued, as well as digitizing VHS videos, and caring for the historic buildings (snow removal, cleaning).

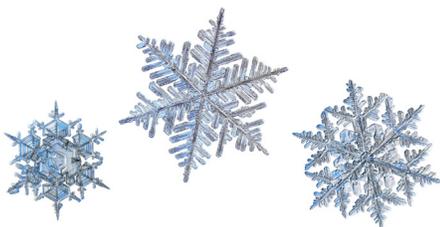
Three artifacts are on loan to the Journey Museum in Rapid City, where they will be on display from mid-January through Mid-May for their exhibit, *Planes, Trains and Autos*. They are highlighting the fish rail car era, we also provided several historic photos of the fish cars.



Friends Group

The Booth Society held their annual Hatchery Holidays Open House from Dec. 5 - 8, 10am to 5pm each day. The historic 1905 superintendent's house was decked out in Christmas cheer and her walls filled with live Christmas music all day, each day, from local musicians. A historic re-enactor was there as Ruby Booth and visitors enjoyed tours of the house while listening to the live music and sampling a cookie (or two) and tea. The gift shop was also open.

Free to attend, over 800 visitors from surrounding towns attended and the friends group brought in \$800 in donations and over \$3,000 in gift shop sales.



Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Village roster for the 2020 summer season has been completed. Volunteer Village is typically staffed with ten RVing couples from early May through late September. They are instrumental in staffing our venues for 160,000 annual visitors.

Approximately twelve local volunteers are currently assisting the D.C. Booth staff with a broad range of projects including cataloging, research requests, integrated pest control/monitoring, and maintenance.



UPCOMING

2020

Jan 21 Booth Society Annual Meeting/Winter Mixer/Special Friends Awards

Feb 24-26 AFS Dakota Chapter 2020 Annual Meeting – Spearfish, SD

Feb 26 ND/SD/FWS Coordination Meeting – D.C. Booth Historic NFH, SD

April 13-17 National Broodstock Meeting – Spring Creek NFH, WA

April 14-16 Wage Grade Workshop – D.C. Booth Historic NFH

April 27-30 Heritage Meeting – Rocky Mountain Arsenal, CO

May 16 Booth Day - D.C. Booth

June 6 Hot Rods For Hatchery – D.C. Booth

June 16-18 Motorboat Operator Certification Course (MOCC) – D.C. Booth

June 21-25, 2021

125th Anniversary, Spearfish National Fish Hatchery (established 1896)

150th Anniversary, National Fish Hatchery System (established 1871)

2021 USFWS Retirees Reunion

Hatchery Staff

Carlos Martinez, **Project Leader**

Mitch Adams, **Maintenance Chief**
Daniel Delatte, **Seasonal Fish Bio Tech**

April Gregory, **Curator**