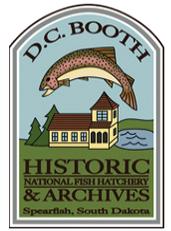




MONTHLY REPORT

January 2020



**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.



Left: Bottom of doors were rotting; Above: fixed doors are re-installed.

Facility Operations

The entrance doors to the replica Fish Car #3 have been rebuilt and replaced. The doors were rotting on the bottom. The rot was unsightly but also could have been an entrance for pests. The railcar is open for tours May-Sept and is very popular with visitors.

An antiquated fish distribution truck and an older Ford F250 were surplused on GSAauctions.gov

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

Partnerships

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff are collaborating with the Booth Society in formulating the initial designs for the Von Bayer Museum of Fish Culture's exhibit modernization project. Planning has required a large amount of time and detail. Ultimately it will serve to tell the American public the story of National Fish Hatchery System. The Booth Society will be initiating a capital campaign in the near future to help fund-raise for the project.



National Fish & Aquatic Conservation Archives



Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery Fishery Biologist and Photographer Sam Stukel served a two day detail at the National Fish and Aquatic Conservation Archives in Spearfish, SD. Sam collaborated with Curator April Gregory to capture images of artifacts to be entered in the DOI ICMS database. Many of the images will also be utilized in promotional material for the upcoming sesquicentennial of the National Fish Hatchery System.

Scanning images for the 150th FAC anniversary and researching and writing articles continued.

Four research requests were received and

responded to. Routine processing and cataloging continued, as well as freezing items to prep them for storage and caring for the historic buildings (snow removal, cleaning).

Friends Group



The Booth Society held their annual Winter Mixer on the evening of Jan. 21 at Studio 621 in downtown Spearfish. They highlighted accomplishments from 2019 and also honored the 2019 Distinguished Hatchery Friends. Renee Munasifi, who served as Senior Policy Advisor for former Congresswoman Kristi Noem was a recipient and Lynn Tjeerdsma was the second recipient. Tjeerdsma was the Senior Policy Advisor for Senator John Thune from 2007-2019. Both have worked with the Booth Society over the years to support the hatchery.

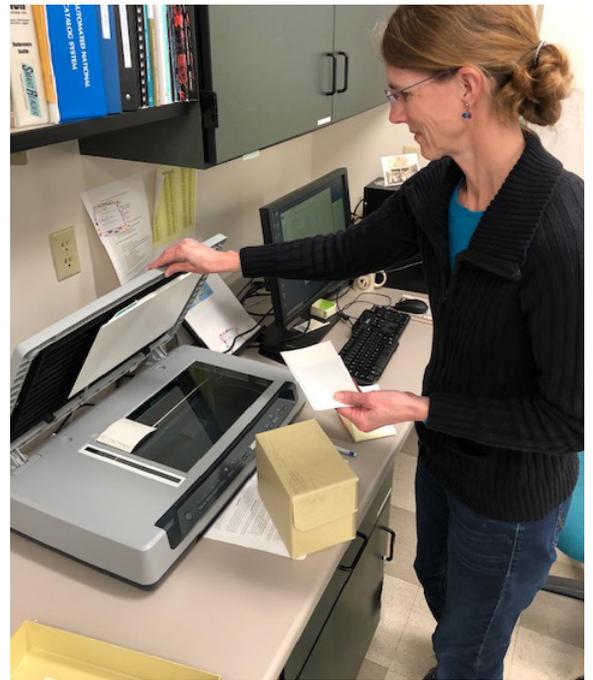
The event was well attended. Many people bought memberships or made donations towards the Booth Society's land acquisition project.



Volunteer Program

There's a new face helping out in the National Fish & Aquatic Conservation Archives. Susanne Neumiller has been wanting to volunteer at the hatchery since her family relocated to Spearfish two years ago. Recently, her work schedule became more flexible and so Susanne now comes in every Tuesday morning to help out with various projects in the collection. So far, she has cataloged multiple objects including painting the catalog numbers onto the object. She has also been helping scan historic images to be used in materials for the upcoming FAC 150th Anniversary and D.C. Booth's 125th Anniversary in 2021.

D.C. Booth has a dedicated group of local volunteers who come in on a weekly basis year-round to help with everything from maintenance to archival work.



UPCOMING

2020

- Feb 18 Booth Society Monthly Board Meeting
- Feb 24-26 AFS Dakota Chapter 2020 Annual Meeting – Spearfish, SD
- Feb 26 ND/SD/FWS Coordination Meeting – D.C. Booth Historic NFH
- March 13 Booth Society Wine & Tapas Fundraising Event - Spearfish, SD
- March 17 Booth Society Monthly Board Meeting
- 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 Historic NFH
- June 6 Hot Rods For Hatchery – D.C. Booth Historic NFH
- June 16-18 Motorboat Operator Certification Course (MOCC) – D.C. Booth Historic NFH

June 21-25, 2021

- 125th Anniversary, Spearfish National Fish Hatchery (established 1896)
- 150th Anniversary, National Fish Hatchery System (established 1871)

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