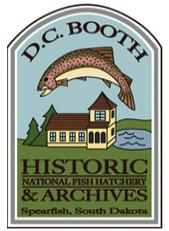




MONTHLY REPORT

February 2020



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



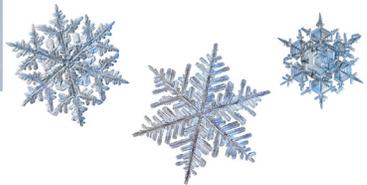
**Interior Region 5 - Missouri Basin
Spearfish, South Dakota**

Fish Culture

Jillian Sutton, a senior at Sturgis High School, is interning this spring with Mitch Adams, Facilities Operations. They are pictured at right cleaning the raceways.

Approximately 60,000 Rainbow trout are currently in the raceways. They will be grown to the length of 10-14 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 brood-stock for the McConaughy strain.



Facility Operations

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

Several snowstorms occurred in February. A large snowstorm dumped over 20 inches of heavy snow right before D.C. Booth was to host the Fisheries Summit Meeting. Naturally DC Booth staff was busy clearing snow and spreading sand and salt.

Preparation for the three year safety inspection is underway, as well as updating the station's Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

Partnerships

D.C. Booth hosted the Fisheries Summit Meeting, an annual coordination meeting among the USFWS, North Dakota Game and Fish, and South Dakota Game Fish & Parks.

Staff attended the 56th Annual Meeting of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Spearfish, SD.



National Fish & Aquatic Conservation Archives



So far, over 300 historic images in the collection from various fisheries stations across the nation have been scanned. Many will be used in the book that will be published via Stackpole Publishing for the FAC 150th anniversary in 2021. Carlos Martinez and April Gregory are both on the FAC 150th book team and have found themselves occupied coordinating with authors, gathering images, researching subjects and writing articles for this exciting project.

Articles for the NCTC 2020 Conservation Journal were submitted and finalized. Several items were added to the collection.

Above: 1890's photo from the National Fish and Aquatic Conservation Archives of rearing troughs at the Craig Brook Station, Maine.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
"Gaining Ground" Gala

Join the Booth Society, Inc., for an evening of celebrations. As we draw closer to our fundraiser goal, we'd like to thank the community for their support and share hatchery updates with you.



Friends Group

The Booth Society has been working on planning a fundraising event for their land acquisition project. On July 31, 2019, they purchased 64 acres adjacent to the hatchery for \$642,500. In less than 7 months of fundraising their goal is in sight! They only have about \$70,000 left to raise.

The Booth Society is busy prepping for hosting the SD Junior Duck Stamp art contest, which they coordinate with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife staff at D.C. Booth.

The nature gift shop is busy placing orders for merchandise and inventory for the 2020 season.

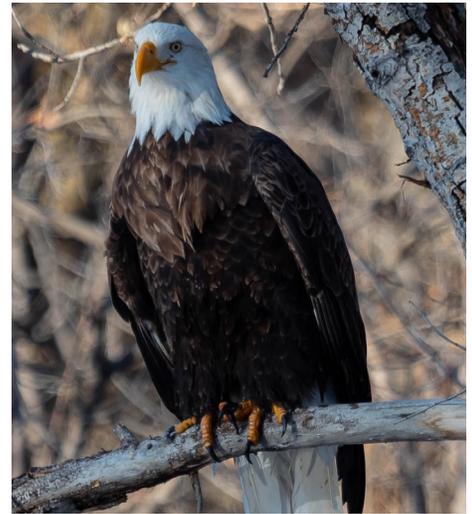
Planning for numerous summer events is underway.

Educational Outreach

D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery (SD), in partnership with Black Hills State University, hosted a bird walk on February 22 for ornithology students.



The students submitted bird species they saw or heard during the walk to eBird, a citizen science forum. The hatchery is third on a list of birding hot spots in Lawrence County, SD, according to eBird.



Eagle photo by Aaron Chapman of AWC Photography

Mitch Adams had a booth at the Sturgis High School Career Fair on Feb. 13.

UPCOMING

2020

March 14 Booth Society "Gaining Ground" Gala Fundraising Event - Spearfish, SD

March 15 South Dakota Junior Duck Stamp art entries due

March 24 Booth Society Monthly Board Meeting

March 31 SD Junior Duck Stamp Judging - Spearfish, 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 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)

2021 USFWS Retirees Reunion

Hatchery Staff

Carlos Martinez, **Project Leader**

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