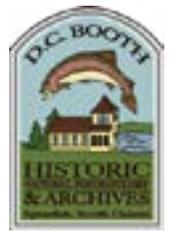


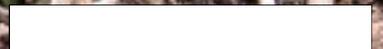


MONTHLY REPORT

May 2020



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

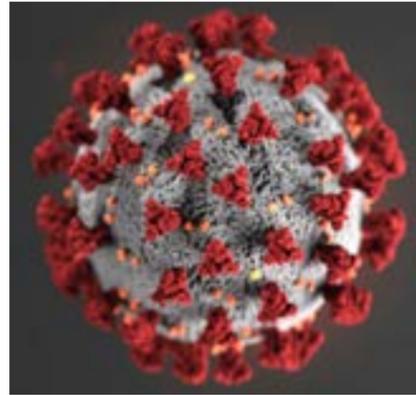


COVID-19

As of May 30th, there were 1,016 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Dakota, including 62 deaths. Two active cases are in Lawrence County, which includes Deadwood, Lead and Spearfish.

South Dakota has not and does not have any stay-at-home orders. Municipalities have open businesses, most with CDC guidelines in place.

Numerous events, meetings, and trainings have been canceled or postponed. FWS staff continue to perform mission critical duties at D.C. Booth while being cognizant of social distancing and isolation protocols.



Facility Operations

- Met with City Parks Department to discuss inlet channel issues, leaves, easement, trees and encroachment by neighboring property owner.
- Welded ladder for distribution truck.
- Distribution truck DOT inspection.
- Built de-gassing unit for raceway well.
- Spring cleaning of the grounds.
- Installed new pump in the gift shop basement.
- Built replacement window flower boxes for the gift shop.



Left: New sump pump and window boxes at the gift shop.

Above: A local volunteer and Booth Society board member helps with spring clean-up of hatchery grounds.

Fish Culture - Tribal Trust

In May, we stocked 1,000 9" Rainbow trout into Lake Buffalo on the Cheyenne River Reservation, and 1,000 9" Rainbow trout into Bullhead Lake on the Standing Rock Reservation.

Stocking on tribal lands provide food and recreation in economically depressed areas.

Fish Culture - Miscellaneous

All stocking was done while practicing social distancing. Separate vehicles were taken to keep two staff members separated.

D.C. Booth is partnering with McNenny SFH on a YY Brown Trout project for non-native control.

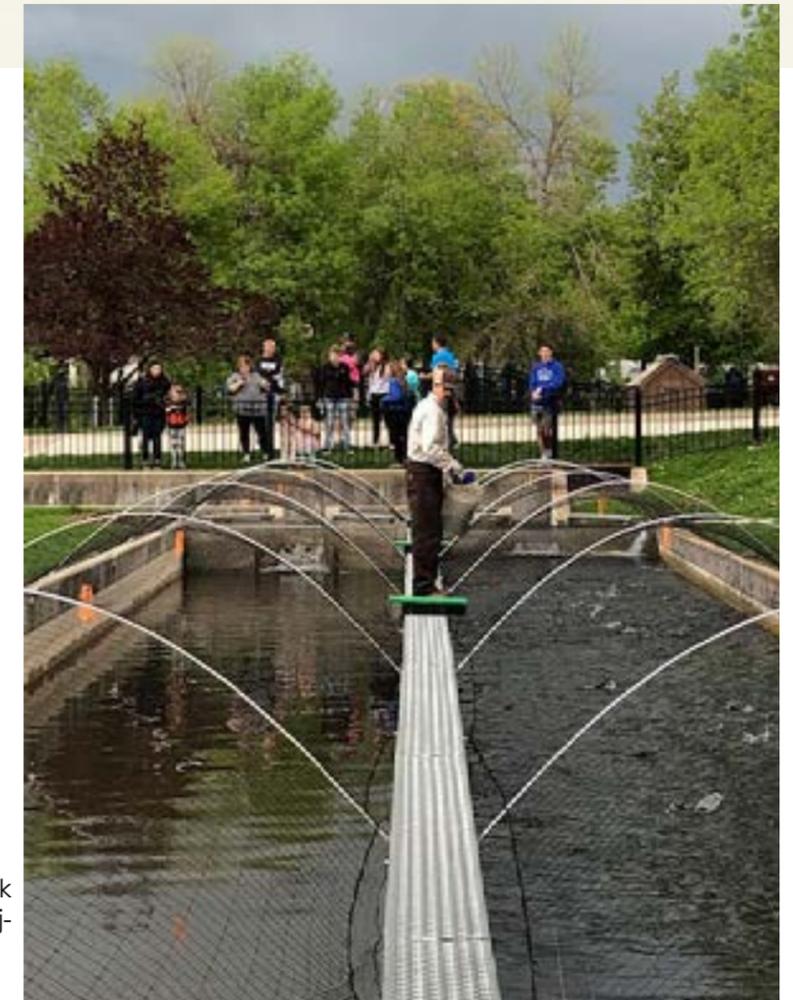
As auxiliary duties, Carlos serves as the National Broodstock Coordinator and also represents Legacy Region 6 on the Hatchery Operations Work Group (HOWG).

SPECIES	LOT	#	FPP	WEIGHT	LENGTH	MORTS
McConaughy	RBT-MCD-19-ENN	41,604	5.6	7,429	7.5"	21
Fish Lake	RBT-FLC-20-SAR	30,080	67	449	2.4"	47
Mixed	Display	7,000				



Right: Visitation at D.C. Booth has started to pick up with the warmer weather. Visitors watch Project Leader Carlos Martinez feed fish.

Above: Loading fish for a stocking trip.

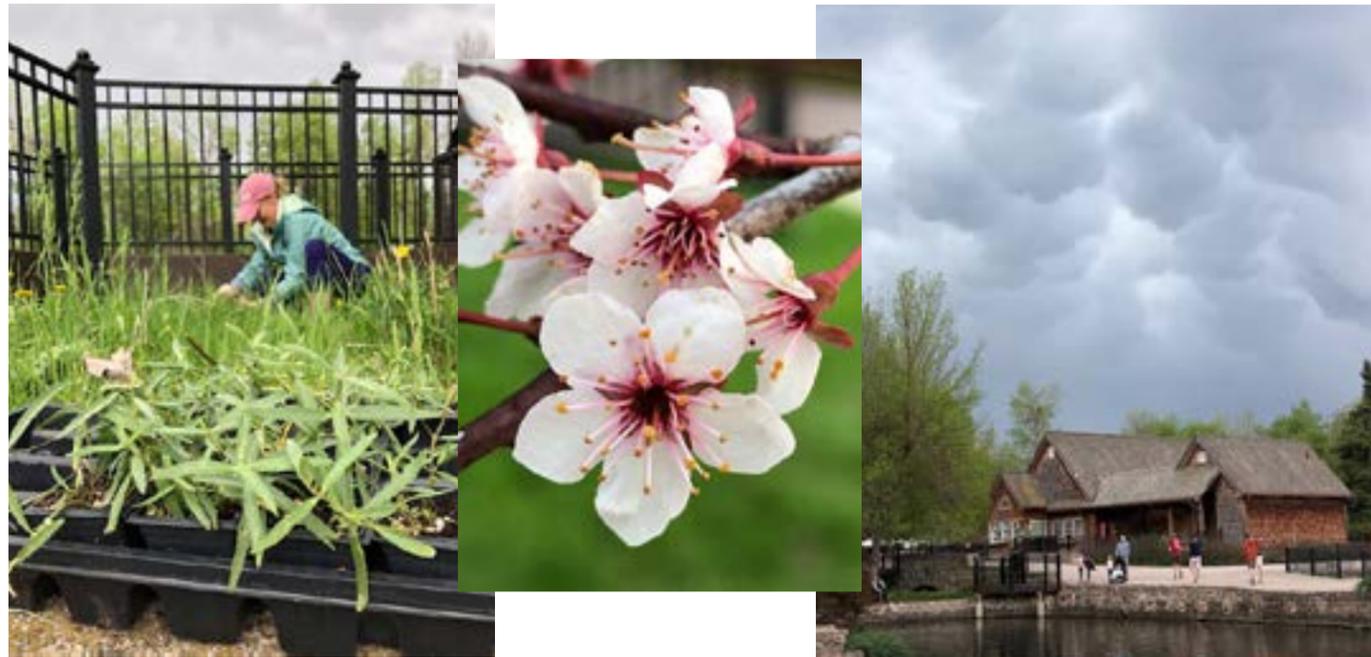


Community Support, Volunteers and Visitors



Announcing...Our very own hatchery beer, Rainbow Trois!

The three microbreweries in Spearfish got together and crafted a collaboration hazy IPA to help support the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery & Archives. Proceeds from sales of Rainbow Trois will benefit the Booth Society. The name and design were inspired from the Booth Society's logo and the iconic Generations statue located on the station. Bonus: The tasty brew is now available in 6-packs!



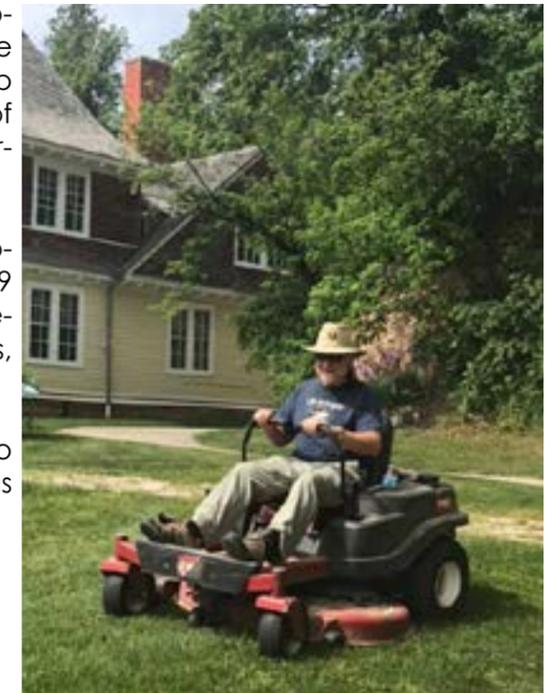
Left: Local volunteer Heather Doerges plants the milkweed that she donated to the hatchery. **Middle:** Detail shot of plum blossoms. **Right:** Storm clouds didn't deter these tourists from taking in the sights at the hatchery.

Educational Outreach - RV Summer Volunteers

D.C. Booth HNFH and the Booth Society work together to coordinate a large traveling RV summer volunteer program. The RV volunteers are from all around the nation and normally help accommodate our 160,000 annual visitors by providing tours of the fish rail car, historic superintendent's house, and the fisheries museum. They also help in the gift shop.

Ordinarily, our 10 RV sites are occupied from May through September. The roster was full again for 2020, but due to COVID-19 concerns, about half of our RV volunteers canceled. As a safety measure we have elected to not fill the vacant positions, further hindering an already understaffed facility.

The dedicated crew that are here self-quarantined for two weeks after their arrival. In late May, volunteer training was



conducted outside. They are now helping with a variety of tasks including many maintenance related items such as weed-eating and lawn mowing, helping with the nature store and roaming the grounds welcoming visitors to the hatchery and answering questions. Historic buildings and museums remain closed.

Friends Group - Booth Society, Inc.



Karen Holzer, Booth Society executive director, was on the FWS planning committee for a friends group training that was to take place May 28-31 at the Balcones Canyonlands NWR in Texas. Due to COVID the in-person training has been rescheduled to 2021. However, the committee was dedicated to still sharing tips and resources with fellow FWS friends groups. On May 28, they hosted an online webinar titled "Wild West Friends Webinar," and over 50 people tuned in. It was very informative.

The Booth Society has opened their gift shop with limited hours following CDC guidelines. They are requiring patrons to sanitize their hands before entrance, to not handle merchandise unless they intend to buy it, are limiting the number of people in the store at one time, and are selling fish food outside of the building via an honor system.

National Fish & Aquatic Conservation Archives

- Carlos Martinez and April Gregory continue as key contributors and collaborators on a book titled: **Bountiful Waters | 150 Years of Fisheries Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**. The product will be published via Stackpole Publishing in 2021 and celebrates the 150th Anniversary of our agency's Fish and Aquatic Conservation program. Royalties from the book will benefit the Booth Society.
- Mitch Adams, April Gregory, and the Booth Society were successful in applying for and receive grant money to repaint the replica Fish Car #3. \$7,500 was awarded to the Booth Society from the Outside of Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund and \$5,000 was awarded from the FWS Retirees Association. The fish car is a top attraction at the hatchery and educates many thousands of visitors each year about the history of fish culture and transportation.
- Articles and photos from the Archives and staff are included in the newly released *NCTC 2020 Journal, Women in Conservation*. Bozeman FTC and Carson NFH are highlighted as well as the "Fisheries Evangelist." <https://nctc.fws.gov/history/Documents/2020-Conservation-History-journal.pdf>
- Heritage Committee calls & duties include but are not limited to: Artifacts Subcommittee, 150th Subcommittee, 150th Design team, and FWS curators call.
- Research on COVID: Cleaning exhibits - many historic structures and artifacts cannot be cleaned with regular household cleaners due their fragility; giving tours in historic structures during a pandemic; Determining next steps is on-going. The NPS has put out some good guidance.



UPCOMING

2020

- ~~May 16 Booth Day - D.C. Booth Historic NFH - **Canceled**~~
- ~~May 19-20 Multi-agency AIS Response Training (SCUBA) - **Canceled**~~
- ~~May 21 Kids Fishing Day - Iron Creek Lake, SD - **Canceled**~~
- ~~May 28-31 FWS Friends Group Training, Balcones Canyonlands NWR, TX - **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 2-5 USFWS SCUBA Workshop - Destin, FL **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 6 Hot Rods For Hatcheries - D.C. Booth Historic NFH - **Postponed**~~
- ~~June 8-12 Region 6 Dive Team Training - Denver, CO **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 13 Find Your Park - Public Lands - Rapid City, SD - **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 15 Sasquatch Baseball fundraiser for D.C. Booth - Spearfish, SD - **Postponed**~~
- ~~June 16-18 Motorboat Operator Certification Course - D.C. Booth Historic NFH - **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 21 Father's Day Brunch in Ruby's Garden - D.C. Booth Historic NFH - **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 25 Chamber Mixer in Ruby's Garden - D.C. Booth Historic NFH - **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 22-26 FWS Curators & Cultural Resources Workshop, DeSoto NWR, IA - **Canceled**~~
- ~~June 24 - Aug. 5 Canyon Acoustics Concert Series Fundraiser - Spearfish Park - **Canceled**~~
- September 27- Black Hills Beer Run - Fundraiser

Hatchery Staff

Carlos Martinez, **Project Leader**
April Gregory, **Curator of Collections & Exhibitions**
Mitch Adams, **Facility Operations Specialist**

Vacant, **Fishery Biologist**
Vacant, **Archivist**
Mike Stracco, **Bio. Science Tech** (part-time)