

Monthly Activity Narrative

Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery

June 2019

Meetings/Training/Events:

- June 16-22: Bio Science Tech Dominic Giordullo assisted Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery in helping them meet their mitigation requirements by stocking some of their spring trout. Utilizing Hotchkiss NFH's stocking truck, Dominic helped deliver around 80,000 cutthroat trout to Strawberry Reservoir, Utah, in seven trips each averaging about four hours one way.

Outreach/Visitors:

- June 1- PL Eaton, Bio Tech's Giordullo, and Russel participated in the Delta, Colorado Outdoor Heritage & Safety Day. Well over 1,000 people attended the event, numbers include 480 kids under 16 years old. This event started off with a youth fishing derby for the National Free Fishing Day. There were over 45 exhibitors of which we were one, making Junior Ranger "Let's Go Fishing" out of several kids. We also supplied the event with 1,200 rainbow trout. The event was free and hosted by the City of Delta Parks & Recreation.



- June 27- Assistant manager Oviedo gave a tour to Delta Day Camp that consisted of 14 kids under 16 years old and one adult. The kids were learning about natural resources that were within driving distance of the town of Delta, Colorado.

Mitigation/Recreational Fish Production:

- Hotchkiss NFH delivered a total of 5,983 rainbow trout to western Colorado reservoirs.

Below chart shows fish delivered during the month of June.

Species	Strain	Number	Weight	Size/in	Water Body
RBT	FLD-18-2	5,971	1751	9	Capote Lake (Ute Tribe)
RBT	FLD-18-3	10,128	2046	8	Ridgeway Reservoir
RBT	FLD-18-3	10,974	2186	8	Silverjack Reservoir
	Total	27,073	5983		

Fish Health:

- One tank in the nursery with brown trout (BNT) tested positive for furunculosis (*Aeromonas salmonicida*). The BNT trout were disposed of and the remaining BNT tanks were relocated to outside raceways to give them more rearing space. Currently the relocated BNT are doing well. During a normal year the BNT would have been stocked out to their final rearing location by the first of June. However, with more snow than Colorado has received in a long time, spring run-off began later prompting Hotchkiss NFH to hold these fish longer causing crowded conditions in the nursery stressing BNT. This forced crew members to move outside fish in order to make room for these remaining BNT.

Hatchery Maintenance

- June 12- Government quarters 2, 3, and 4, had the bathroom exhaust fans replaced by Sterling Quality Electric, LLC. Quarters 3 and 4 replaced the old nonfunctioning fans and quarters 2 never had an exhaust fan but now it does. This will help in alleviating the mold or mildew accumulation on the bathroom walls and ceilings.