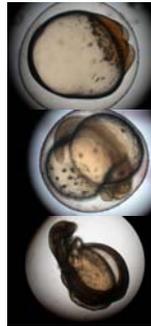




Producing and Stocking Northern Pike - *Public Use / Providing Recreational Opportunities*



Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery was originally established in 1957 to provide fish for recreational fishing in reservoirs created by Federal water projects. The hatchery encompasses 209 acres of land with 100 acres of rearing ponds. Outstanding fish propagation programs at this facility are responsible for the production of over 10 million coolwater fish and 60,000 pounds of salmonids annually. Fish are stocked throughout North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.



Pike egg development



Spawning pike

Incubating Northern pike eggs . There are ~60,000 eggs per quart – most jars have three quarts or 180,000 eggs



Fertilizing Ponds. Ground alfalfa is added to the ponds to provide nutrition for the zooplankton growing there. The zooplankton in turn provide food for the growing fish fry.

Over 300,000 angler days of recreational fishing in North Dakota valued at over \$15 M are a result of Garrison NFH stocking efforts.



Harvesting ponds: Fish are drained from the hatchery ponds to a catch kettle like this one and then loaded on distribution trailers. Through a partnership with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department nearly all fish distribution is provided courtesy of the Department.

Other fish species that Garrison Dam NFH rears for recreational opportunities include:

- Walleye
- Yellow perch
- Crappie
- Rainbow trout
- Brown trout
- Cutthroat trout
- Chinook salmon
- Paddlefish
- Burbot



Northern Pike are a valuable recreational fish which are raised in warm water ponds rather than cement raceways

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