



# Garrison Dam

## National Fish Hatchery

### Station Facts

- Authorized in 1957 to stock fish in Corps of Engineers Reservoirs
- Today's hatchery programs include threatened and endangered species as well as sport fish
- Supported with funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the US Army Corps of Engineers
- Largest walleye producing hatchery in the nation
- Largest pallid sturgeon producing hatchery in the nation
- Provides fish to maintain the fisheries needs of the region

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**Directions:**

Garrison Dam NFH is located halfway between Bismarck and Minot, ND.



### Who We Are

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) is comprised of a network of 71 National Fish Hatcheries which propagate imperiled species for restoration and recovery programs, provide emergency refugia for species whose habitat is threatened, provide fish to benefit Tribes, and mitigate for federal water projects.

### How We Help

The mission of the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery is to provide fish to mitigate adverse impacts from federal water projects, to maintain healthy recreational fisheries for the benefit of the angling public and for general economic productivity, and to recover threatened and endangered species.

### Fisheries Program Mission

Working with partners to restore and maintain fish and other aquatic resources at self-sustaining levels and support Federal mitigation programs for the benefit of the American public.

Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery is one of the Fish and Wildlife Service's premier hatcheries. The hatchery's mission has evolved in response to the changing needs of our nation's fishery resources.



Spawning Walleye

From a sole purpose of stocking fish in reservoirs constructed by the Federal Government, the hatchery now has assumed additional responsibilities. We are the leading producer of the endangered pallid sturgeon with nearly 60% of the pallid sturgeon stockings nationwide. We are the sole producer of shovelnose sturgeon and sauger for restoration in the Bighorn River Basin of Wyoming. We are pioneers in the development of spawning and propagation techniques for burbot, a unique species of freshwater cod that is threatened throughout most of its range. This facility has proven itself to be an adaptive, responsive hatchery to the nation's aquatic resource needs and will continue to play a vital role in maintaining threatened and endangered species as well as providing quality recreational fishing opportunities where appropriate.



Spawning paddlefish

