



Garrison Dam

National Fish Hatchery

Station Facts

- Mitigation stockings in North Dakota include Lake Sakakawea, Lake Audubon & Lake Ashtabula
- The economic impact of Lake Sakakawea and Ashtabula is estimated at \$129 million
- Total Corps mitigation funding in North Dakota was \$153,000
- Garrison Dam NFH provides essentially all of the walleye, trout and salmon stocked in this state.
- If not fully funded mitigation activities may be eliminated
- The economic and biological impact to the State will be felt

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Directions:

Located in mid-central North Dakota between Bismarck and Minot.



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

Appropriations for the two hatcheries in North Dakota were approved by Congress in response to dam construction on the Missouri and Sheyenne Rivers by the Army Corps of Engineers. It was thought that stocking fish would compensate for the impacts the dam would have on natural fish reproduction in the river. Fish stockings have had a tremendous impact on reservoir fisheries providing a world class fishery and economic boost to the state.

Mitigation Stockings

Mitigation stockings are stockings that occur to offset impacts that are the result of some Federal action - typically the creation of dams. Mitigation stockings have been effective in supporting the State's recreational fisheries for decades - in fact 70-100% of all walleye caught in our mitigation reservoirs are from the hatchery.



Walleye Fishing

The U. S. Fish Commission was founded in the late 1980's to investigate the cause for the decline in fish populations and develop fish hatcheries for stocking our Nation's waters. Fish stockings in reservoirs created by the Federal Government historically have been a public service funded by appropriations to the Service. Over the past decade however, Congress and our partners have asked that we seek reimbursement from the responsible Federal agency so base funds could be used to support native species and their habitats. Initial funding was negotiated with the Army Corps of Engineers for FY 2010 and we anticipate funding from the Corps through 2012. However, if the Service does not receive full reimbursement, the Fisheries Program mitigation activities will be eliminated or substantially reduced at the nine hatcheries identified in the President's 2012 Budget. Garrison Dam NFH is one of the nine.



Salmon Fishing on Lake Sakawea

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