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## NATIONAL FISHERY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that a \$4 million National Fishery Research and Development Center will be constructed in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The center will develop improved methods for producing and distributing hatchery-reared fishes, including selected endangered species.

Current plans call for construction to begin in the spring of 1975 and to be completed within two or three years thereafter.

The specific site, encompassing up to 125 acres, is in Tioga County, eight miles from Wellsboro, Pa., near the Village of Asaph. The property is situated between Asaph Run and Straight Run, and bounded on the north by State forest lands and on the south by U.S. Highway 6. This site was selected by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

Construction near Wellsboro will place the facility near colleges and universities from which a variety of scientific skills may be drawn.

About 20 full-time employees, including a unique combination of engineers, chemists, biologists, physiologists, and supporting staff, are expected to be on the initial payroll.

The area also will benefit because many of the fish will be released into nearby public streams after their research function has been completed.

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