



White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery

Conserving America's Fisheries



Mission

Working with partners to restore and maintain fish, mussels and other aquatic resources at self-sustaining levels for the benefit of the American Public. Our seven priority areas include Partnerships and Accountability, Aquatic Species Conservation and Management, Public Use, Leadership in Science and Technology, Aquatic Habitat Conservation and Management and Workforce Management.

Hatchery Information

Originally established in 1900 to produce fish for the nation's lakes and streams, the hatchery became part of the National Broodstock Program in 1976. Since that time, we have been shipping millions of disease-free rainbow trout eggs every year to hatcheries across the country. In 1995, the hatchery added a new program, freshwater mussel conservation. Today, hatchery staff provide shelter for adult freshwater mussels threatened by pollution and raise baby mussels to help improve wild populations.

Workforce Management

Our sincere *congratulations* go to Michael Whited (a.k.a. Mikee) for 10 years of service to the hatchery and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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Public Use

Great Turnout for Fishing Derby 2007!



Hundreds of local school children and their families packed into the hatchery last weekend for a full day of trout fishing during the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery Annual Fishing Derby. All photos by Rachel Mair, Fisheries Biologist.

Cooperation with Native Americans

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society invited *WSSNFH* to give a presentation on freshwater mussels at its 25th anniversary celebration in Reno, NV. Matthew Patterson, a Fisheries Biologist with the hatchery, discussed the new Ohio River Basin Mussel Habitat Partnership and how it can forge partnerships with tribes living in the Ohio River Basin. Matthew also set up the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society Outreach Display at the associated trade show to help garner tribal support for the 2009 International Symposium in Baltimore, MD. The symposium will include a special session entitled "Freshwater Mussels on Tribal Lands."



Matthew touring the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Photo by Diana Brubaker



The FMCS Outreach Display. Photo by Matthew Patterson

