



Orangeburg

National Fish Hatchery

Station Facts

- Established in 1911
- Annual Operating Budget: \$740,000
- Number of Employees: Seven employees
- Annual Fish Production Numbers: 7,186,285
- Cultured Species: Striped bass (Atlantic Coast), American shad, Lake sturgeon, Carolina heelsplitter, Channel catfish, Bluegill sunfish, Redbreast sunfish and Gopher Frogs.
- Provides recreational and educational opportunities (i.e., hiking trail, nature observation deck, outdoor classroom)

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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

Primary objectives of the hatchery are to protect, enhance, and augment the population of threatened and endangered aquatic species. These include the following: striped bass, redbreast sunfish, bluegill sunfish, american shad, lake sturgeon, gopher frog and carolina heelsplitter.

Restoration and Recovery Efforts

- Striped Bass
- Redbreast Sunfish
- American Shad
- Gopher Frog
- Carolina Heelsplitter (Endangered Species)
- Lake Sturgeon

Carolina heelsplitter transformers

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A Multiplier of Economic Benefits

A recent study completed in 2010 by Dr. James Caudill and Dr. John Charbonneau, entitled “An Assessment of Economic Contributions from Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation”

Warmwater fish stocked for recreational fishing, such as striped bass, shad, largemouth bass, bluegill sunfish, and catfish, have a tremendous economic impact. Retail sales (gas, food, lodging, rods and reels, bait and tackle) associated with fishing for these hatchery-produced fish amounts to \$17.5 million annually. This spending creates over 350 jobs, over \$9 million in jobs income, \$1.2 million in Federal tax revenues, and over \$1.2 million in state and local tax revenues. The total economic output associated with these expenditures is \$33.6 million, a return of more than \$6.88 for every

