



# Warm Springs

## Fish Health Center

### Station Facts

- Established in 1989 and became part of the Regional Fisheries Center in 1990.
- Provides state-of-the-art fish disease diagnostic and fish health certification services to a variety of fish hatcheries, private fish farms and wild fish surveys.
- Serves all of Region 4.
- Triploid Grass Carp inspections are also provided to private fish farmers.
- There is currently 1 project manager and 3 fish health biologists on staff.
- The Warm Springs Fish Health Center is one of nine in the nation, the only one serving the ten southeastern states.

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### Who We Are

Fish Health Centers (FHCs) provide expertise in aquatic animal health, including diagnostics, monitoring, investigations, certifications, and training related to both wild and captive populations. FHCs coordinate the Wild Fish Health Survey and address emerging pathogen issues through applied research and innovative management strategies.

### How We Help

We provide services to the following:

- Federal agencies including other Fish and Wildlife Service program offices.
- State agencies.
- Native American Tribes.
- Military bases.
- Universities.
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO's).
- The public.

### Wild Fish Health Survey

Service Regional Fish Health Centers have been mandated to establish and maintain a National Fish Disease Database to be a comprehensive survey of the health of wild fish populations throughout the United States.



Necropsy

### Station Goals

Provide service, expertise and information that contributes to the health, survival, enhancement, restoration, and recovery of fish and other aquatic species in support of national and regional priorities.

Supports hatchery operations to provide quality fish that contribute to Strategic Habitat Conservation and landscape objectives.

Assists in the development of management strategies through assessment and applied research to support the protection of wild stocks and recovery of threatened and endangered species.

Educates key audiences about the elements of comprehensive fish health and its critical significance to healthy aquatic ecosystems.



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