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REPORT OF FEDERAL FISH HATCHERIES--MAY 1941

Sixty Federal hatcheries in 33 states distributed in suitable waters more than 274,685,000 fry and fingerlings of 20 varieties during the month of May. In addition, almost 350,000,000 eggs, fry, and fingerlings of 35 varieties were handled or ready for stocking.

Following is a breakdown summary of activities:

MAINE

Boothbay Harbor. - Sixteen hundred seed-bearing lobsters have been taken from the pound at Pemaquid and transferred to the station where they are held in hatchery troughs and live cars until the hatching period. Two six-compartment, lobster rearing tanks with full equipment have been constructed for other marine stations and are now ready to ship.

To date there have been taken 1,365,000,000 flounder, 33,923,000 haddock, and 31,565,000 cod eggs. The 596,700,000 flounder fry which have hatched have been liberated in local waters.

Craig Brook. - The trap to be used in capturing salmon at the Bangor Pool was placed in position at the up river end of the fishway on the Brewer end

of the Bangor dam, and with the next raise of water salmon should be running. This is the poorest season known along the river and at the pool: only one fish has been captured, and that in a weir at South Orrington which is only a few miles below Bangor; none has been taken at the pool to date.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nashua. - This station distributed 123,176 fish during the month.

National Forest. - About 70 percent of the 200,000 yearlings on hand were graded for size, and spread out into ponds where they will be fed and kept until they are of legal length for summer distribution. A total of 50,000 two-year olds were planted by the States of Vermont and New Hampshire under the terms of the Cooperative Agreement. About 167,000 fry were also planted by the State of New Hampshire.

VERMONT

Pittsford. - Yearling brook trout were graded and counted. Part will be reserved for future brood stock; the remainder will be planted by the National Forest Supervisor.

MASSACHUSETTS

Gloucester. - The off-shore work included the fertilization and liberation upon the fishing grounds of 430,172,735 cod and 57,880,104 haddock eggs. There were 95,321,539 cod and 3,472,113 haddock eggs taken into the hatchery for incubation, together with 1,559,232 flatfish and 328,860 lobster eggs.

During the month, 115,769,137 cod, 2,659,640 haddock, and 11,596,788 flat fish fry were liberated by station launches in suitable spots.

Hartsville. - During the month, 15,000 yearling brook trout were distributed to applicants or planted in local waters, while 9,700 brook trout yearlings were delivered to the State of Connecticut. In addition, 20,000 brook and 10,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were delivered to an applicant for rearing pools at Springfield, Mass.

Operations at Wangum Lake, near Norfolk, Conn., on the smallmouth black bass work were begun.

NEW YORK

Cape Vincent. - Over half a million lake trout fry were distributed.

Watertown. - This substation was opened early in May. About 400,000 brown, brook, and rainbow trout fry and fingerlings have been received.

VIRGINIA

Roxbury. - During this period the shad hatchery was put into operation. To date, 1,860,000 shad eggs have been collected. About 1,207,000 shad fry have been planted in the James River in various places.

Of the 258,000 bass fry collected thus far, 198,000 were delivered to applicants and 60,000 stocked in the rearing ponds.

WEST VIRGINIA

Leetown. - Fingerling trout totaling 165,254 were distributed by this station. These included 100,000 rainbow trout which were turned over to the State of West Virginia.

NORTH CAROLINA

Edenton. - Shad egg collections continued up to the close of the season. Fifty thousand fry are being held in the ponds, while 4,420,000 have been distributed.

About 750,000 striped bass eggs were taken during the month at the Weldon hatchery, and 469,000 of the resulting fry planted in Roanoke River.

Ten thousand black bass and 225,000 shad fry were distributed in waters of Beaufort County near Washington, N. C. To date, 121,000 black bass fry and fingerlings have been distributed to applicants or planted by station personnel.

Pisgah Forest. - During the month, 5,100 brook, 3,000 rainbow, and 3,200 brown trout were liberated in the National Forest streams.

The experimental lot of 10,000 brook trout hatched from Maine eggs has been transferred to a small rearing pool and is doing remarkably well.

Smokemont. - Three thousand brook trout were delivered to the National Park Service for planting in nearby waters.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Orangeburg. - Distribution of bass fingerlings now totals 238,200.

Walhalla. - The U. S. Forest Service was furnished with 3,480 legal-sized brook trout for the Cliffside Lake, at Highlands, N. C.

GEORGIA

Cohutta. - During the month, 82,000 smallmouth, 197,000 largemouth, and 51,000 Kentucky bass were distributed.

Warm Springs. - There have been distributed 264,000 fingerling bass.

FLORIDA

Welaka. - Fingerling fish, totaling 16,700, were distributed during the month.

ALABAMA

Elkmont. - Black bass fry have been planted in Tennessee Valley Authority waters as follows: Wheeler Reservoir, 30,000; Wilson Reservoir, 21,500; and Elk River, 5,000.

Marion. - Totals of 250,250 bass were distributed to applicants and transferred to the Carbon Hill, Ala., station by the Alabama Department of Conservation trucks.

MISSISSIPPI

Lyman. - Applicants at this station received 134,050 bass and 4,750 bream fingerlings.

Tupelo. - One hundred seventy thousand fingerling bass were distributed to applicants.

TENNESSEE

Erwin. - During the month, 46,600 rainbow and 70,950 brook trout and 250,000 bass fry were distributed.

Flintville. - Rainbow trout fingerlings have been distributed to Tennessee applicants.

The red-horse eggs have hatched out with good results, and the fry are being held in the troughs at the hatchery until rearing pools are completed, at which time they will be transferred to these pools.

KENTUCKY

Louisville. - Thirty thousand smallmouth bass fry from the Mammoth Springs, Ark., station were planted in Chicksaw Lake.

MICHIGAN

Northville. - The Indiana Department of Conservation assisted in the distribution of 108,415 rainbow, 100,120 brown, and 99,600 brook trout.

WISCONSIN

Genoa. - All trout were removed from this station for distribution by the La Crosse, Wis., station truck.

MINNESOTA

New London. - Five million pike perch and 18,000,600 northern pike eggs were taken during the month. Two million pike perch fry were planted in nearby waters by station personnel; while 13,090,000 northern pike fry were planted by the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

Fry resulting from the 26,600,000 pike perch eggs received from the state hatchery at Redby, Minn., were distributed to applicants in this section of the state.

Totals of 36,080,000 northern and wall-eyed pike fry were hatched and distributed from this station for this season.

MISSOURI

Neosho. - One hundred thirty-five thousand largemouth bass fingerlings were distributed to applicants and to the Missouri Conservation Commission.

ARKANSAS

Mammoth Spring. - During the month, 292,000 smallmouth bass fry and 108,000 fingerlings, as well as 130,000 largemouth bass fingerlings, were distributed.

TEXAS

Burnet. - Fingerling bass were planted in Roy Inks Lake and Buchanan Lake.

Fort Worth. - Twenty thousand largemouth bass fry were distributed during the month.

San Marcos. - Fish distributed during the month included 43,000 fry and 135,700 fingerling bass, and 23,850 bream.

Uvalde. - This station distributed to applicants 186,109 largemouth black bass fry and 64,930 fingerlings.

NEBRASKA

Crawford. - A considerable number of brook, loch leven, and rainbow trout fingerlings have been distributed during the month.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Spearfish. - During the month a total of 186,000 eggs was collected from the rainbow trout brook stock, making the total collected for the season 862,000.

Forty-five thousand fingerling brook trout were distributed.

MONTANA

Bozeman. - This station delivered to applicants 3,600 grayling; 2,740 black-spotted, 6,100 rainbow, 3,000 brook, and 18,700 loch leven trout--all fingerlings.

Creston. - Each day during May a tank load of fingerlings was liberated in Glacier National Park waters.

Ennis. - Spawn-taking operations on Lower Odell and Meadow Creeks were concluded May 3. A total of 318,525 wild rainbow trout eggs were taken during the season, an increase over the two preceding seasons.

One station plant of 68,600 loch leven trout fingerlings was made in local parental waters.

Miles City. - The 150,000 wall-eyed pike fry obtained from the state hatchery at Lisbon, N. Dak., were planted in the city pond here.

WYOMING

Saratoga. - Egg collections from station blackspotted trout brood stock totaled 66,390.

Trout fingerlings--64,530 rainbow and 11,360 blackspotted--were distributed during the month.

Four cases of fresh water shrimp (about 150,000) were shipped to Las Vegas, Nev., to be planted below Boulder Dam.

Yellowstone Park. - To date, 431,124 rainbow trout eggs have been taken at Soda Butte.

COLORADO

Creede. - Sixty-five thousand fish were distributed during the month.

The first rainbow trout eggs were taken May 10 at San Cristobal Lake, and the first eggs from Electra Lake on May 15. A total of 225,000 was on hand at the end of the month.

Leadville. - At Eagle Nest Lake, 1,255,000 rainbow trout eggs have been collected to date.

UTAH

Bear Lake. - Spawn-taking at the traps at Swan Creek continues; to date 541,500 eggs of good quality have been collected.

During the month, 19,200 mackinaw trout were distributed in waters of Bear Lake, while 152,280 brook trout were distributed in the streams of the Caribou and Cache National Forests.

Springville. - This station supplied, 15,110 rainbow trout to applicants.

IDAHO

Clark Fork. - Seventy-eight thousand three hundred blackspotted trout eggs have been received.

Distribution during the month included 43,470 eastern brook trout fingerlings to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and 105,912 to the U. S. Forest Service.

Hagerman. - One load of adult rainbow trout was liberated in Wood River, near Ketchum.

A shipment of 180,000 rainbow trout eggs was received from Williams Lake. Approximately 3-1/2 million eggs have been collected there to date.

Mullan. - During this season, 282,780 rainbow trout eggs have been collected from brood stock.

WASHINGTON

Big White Salmon. - The remainder of the chinook salmon fingerlings in concrete ponds and Spring Creek feeding area were allowed to escape into the Columbia River at will, the screens being removed from the ponds.

During the month, 5,001,000 chinook salmon fingerlings were liberated.

Birdsview. - Station personnel collected 18,000 eggs from station rainbow trout brood stock, making a total of 208,000 eggs of this species collected to date. In addition, 229,000 eggs were taken from steelhead salmon, total thus far being 246,000.

Totals of 358,464 sockeye salmon fingerlings were distributed during the month.

Carson. - Fingerling fish were liberated in Columbia National Forest waters as follows: chinook salmon--Wind River below dam, 85,000; and brook trout--Morning Mirror Lake, 15,000; Gillett Lake, 20,000; Little Deep Lake, 3,000; Lava Lakes, 13,000; Larson Lakes, 20,000; Double Lake, 11,000; Forbidden Lakes, 22,000; and Skamania Lakes, 21,000.

Leavenworth. - To date, 684,100 steelhead trout eggs have been collected.

Quinault. - The 12,735 steelhead trout eggs collected from fish taken from the Humptulips trap during the period bring the season's total collections to 102,395.

Totals of 1,229,579 sockeye salmon fingerlings were liberated in Falls Creek, tributary to Lake Quinault, during this period.

Spokane. - Most of the station's stock of larger rainbow and blackspotted trout fingerlings were distributed, through the cooperation of the Washington State Game Department.

OREGON

Butte Falls. - This station distributed 1,108,035 chinook salmon fingerlings, mostly below the Savage Rapids Dam in the Rogue River. Of these, 954,055 were liberated by the Oregon State Game Commission as a cooperative measure.

Total steelhead trout egg collection is 1,165,230.