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REPORT OF FEDERAL FISH HATCHERIES--SEPTEMBER 1941

During the month of September, totals of 10,833,665 fry and fingerlings of 17 varieties were distributed in suitable waters by 54 Federal hatcheries located in 32 states, the Fish and Wildlife Service today reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. In addition, approximately 32,000,000 eggs, fry and fingerlings of 31 varieties were handled or ready for stocking.

Following is a breakdown summary of activities:

ALABAMA

Marion. - During the week of September 15--6,750 bass and 5,500 bream were delivered to applicants.

ARKANSAS

Mammoth Spring. - After the largemouth black bass rearing ponds were drawn, 1,920 fingerling fish, from 3 to 5 inches in length, were distributed. There are still approximately 6,000 fish of this size to be distributed later. This represents only a fraction of the largemouth bass output as 140,000 fingerlings were distributed earlier in the spring.

COLORADO

Creede. - In September, 238,000 blackspotted trout, weighing 2,034 ounces, were distributed as well as 361,200 rainbow fingerlings, weighing 2,422 ounces. Virtually all of this distribution was made by the Forest Service.

In concurrence with new policies of the Service, the Creede station allotted a larger proportion of its output of fish this summer to Forest Service and other waters entitled to priority, with a consequent decrease in the number allotted to private applications.

Leadville. - During the month ended September 15, a total of 155,000 rainbow and 225,000 blackspotted trout was distributed from this station.

FLORIDA

Marianna. - A total of 45,060 bream fingerlings and 678 bass fingerlings was distributed from the Marianna station for the period ended September 20.

Welaka. - During the month 12,288 largemouth black bass, also 1,000 mixed bream, were distributed.

GEORGIA

Lake Park. - The young bass in Grassy Lake responded to an influx of rain water following several days of intermittent rains and on August 17, 5,000 bass fingerlings were collected and distributed locally.

IDAHO

Clark Fork. - The entire distribution during the month from this station was made to the Forest Service as follows: blackspotted trout fingerlings, 76,915; rainbow trout fingerlings, 44,230; and eastern brook trout fingerlings, 3,720.

Hagerman. - The distribution of fish was continued throughout the month by the Idaho Fish and Game Department, the Indian Service, and with the equipment of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The rainbow trout carried since the first of this calendar year were about 3 to 5 inches in length when liberated.

The blackspotted trout hatched from eggs received from Yellowstone Park during early July were between 1 and 2 inches in length when planted. Plants were made in the Snake River and its tributaries within a radius of 250 miles of the Hagerman station.

The greater number of these fish were planted in streams inside the boundaries of National Forests, Indian Reservations and other Federal-controlled lands.

Salmon. - There were planted during the month 120,940 blackspotted and cut-throat trout and 121,250 rainbows. All but two small loads of these fish were planted by the Idaho Fish and Game Department with their truck and fish tank.

INDIANA

Rochester. - With the exception of four trips made by messengers from Fish Distribution Car No. 9, this station personnel made all the distribution in Indiana, handling the largest number of applications ever sent to the station. A total of 368,910 fish were distributed during the month, including some in Ohio and West Virginia.

IOWA

Fairport. - Several trips were made via truck during the month, delivering fish to Service applicants within the States of Iowa and Illinois.

In addition to the truck trips, Fish Distribution Car No. 10 moved three carloads of fish, as follows:

Trip No. 1, to Hannibal, Mo. The load consisted of 20,500 largemouth bass fingerlings, and 50,000 bullhead catfish fingerlings, all consigned to the Missouri Conservation Department.

Trip No. 2, to Alliance, Ohio, was made for Service applicants within the State. The load consisted of 17,325 largemouth bass fingerlings; 1,050 smallmouth bass fingerlings; 1,155 yearling crappie and 28,350 sunfish fingerlings.

Trip No. 3 was made to Cass Lake and Duluth, Minn., to deliver fish assigned to the U.S. Forest Service at these points. The load consisted of 28,800 sunfish fingerlings; 7,175 crappie yearlings; 2,100 largemouth bass fingerlings, and 375 smallmouth bass fingerlings.

Manchester. - During the month this station delivered by truck, to messenger at Guttenberg, Iowa, 1,000 rock bass fingerlings; also by truck to applicant at Springbrook, Iowa, 1,000 fingerling rainbow trout, and delivered to truck at hatchery 300 yearling rainbow trout for Spring Brook, Iowa, and to truck from Fairport, Iowa, 1,500 rock bass fingerlings.

MAINE

Craig Brook. - Owing to very low water conditions, it was necessary to distribute most of the Atlantic salmon fingerlings, as well as to transfer some 45,000 of them to the State hatchery at Tunk Pond near Cherryfield where they are to be wintered.

Atlantic salmon were distributed as follows: September 5, 20,000 in Machias River; September 6, 20,000 in Narraguagus River. All fish

were hauled by the State Fish and Game Department in their tank trucks. On September 15 two Atlantic salmon were taken from the river at East Machias, Maine, and brought to Craig Brook.

MICHIGAN

Charlevoix. - Final distribution was started on August 23 and terminated on August 30. During this period 690,000 lake trout fingerlings were distributed by the State Conservation Patrol Boat No. 1. These fish were placed on the various fishing grounds in Lake Michigan where the eggs were secured in November 1940. There were deposited in 17 localities selected by the captain of the Patrol Boat.

MINNESOTA

New London. - The State Conservation Department delivered 100,000 fingerling bluegill sunfish to the lakes around Minneapolis, and 12,500 to Big Stone Lake in western Minnesota. Approximately 200,000 bluegills were seined from the bonds and the Conservation Department planned to start delivering to applicants in the State and making State plants about September 23.

MISSISSIPPI

Lyman. - A total of 1,800 fingerling bass and 5,200 fingerling bream were distributed to applicants.

Tupelo. - On September 19 the first truck-load of 13,000 fingerling bass and bream were distributed, filling 26 individual applications.

MISSOURI

Neosho. - The distribution of rainbow fingerlings was started September 10, with a total of 33,925 shipped out by September 15. Of this number,

14,000 were assigned to and distributed to Missouri waters by the State Conservation Commission, and 12,000 to Nebraska waters by the Nebraska Game and Fish Commission. The balance was distributed to applicants on approved applications.

MONTANA

Bozeman. - During the month ended September 20, fish distribution from this station consisted of: 87,600 brook trout; 31,500 grayling; 5,890 mackinaw; 49,590 rainbow and 422,700 blackspotted trout, and included one trip into Wyoming and one into Idaho, the remaining distribution by station truck being of a comparatively localized nature. Other public agencies, however, cooperated in the month's distribution, two tank loads of Mackinaw trout going to Lewis Lake in Yellowstone Park via National Park Service tank truck, and four tank loads of brook trout being taken out in State tank trucks to other zones in Montana.

The work of distribution was slightly delayed during the first half of September due to unusually stormy weather. Entire distribution will be brought to a close for this season early in October.

Creston. - During the first part of September 80,420 brook trout fingerlings and 221 rainbow trout fingerlings were delivered to the Glacier National Park tank truck for distribution within the Park.

Ennis. - Distribution by station crew consisted of two plants by station tank truck to Madison River. Balance of distribution was performed by National Park Service, Forest Service, and private trucks. A total of 104,480 rainbow fingerlings; 33,560 blackspotted fingerlings, and 830 grayling fingerlings were planted during the month.

NEBRASKA

Crawford. - During September there were distributed 96,000 blackspotted trout; 33,000 black bass; 254 black bass yearlings; 21,800 catfish; 29,600 bluegill sunfish, and 3,750 crappie.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Berlin. - Shipments of legal size yearlings, totaling 9,300 fish, averaging about eight to the pound, were distributed by the State of New Hampshire in accordance with the terms of a cooperative agreement.

NEW MEXICO

Santa Rosa. - A total of 36,750 bass fingerlings was distributed. All of the distribution trips were made to lakes and streams in Mora, Colfax, Harding, and San Miguel counties, except for one trip to the Coconino National Forest in Arizona.

NORTH CAROLINA

Pisgah Forest. - During the month, 4,000 rainbow trout, marked for fall planting, were stocked in the Preserve waters, according to schedule, while 3,200 brook trout were planted in the Sherwood Area of the Preserve. This completes the fall plant.

NORTH DAKOTA

Valley City. - Most of the fish distributed during the month, consisting of walleyed pike, largemouth black bass, crappie, bluegill and bullheads, were assigned to the Game and Fish Department of North Dakota who did the distribution and the planting.

OKLAHOMA

Tishomingo. - A total of 43,425 largemouth black bass fingerlings were distributed to applicants in the State.

OREGON

Butte Falls. - During the week ended September 15, 825,494 steelhead fingerlings, weighing 2,721 pounds, were turned over by the Federal hatchery to the Oregon State Game Commission for liberation. The first Chinook salmon eggs were taken on August 28, and a total of 261,800 eggs has been taken to date.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Spearfish. - The following fish were delivered to applicant for restocking waters within South Dakota: 52,500 fingerlings rainbow trout; 14,000 fingerlings Loch Leven Trout.

TENNESSEE

Erwin. - A pond on the lower grounds was drawn and 3,000 bream and 450 bass taken therefrom and distributed to Wilkesboro, N. C. Early in the month, 1,000 rainbow trout were forwarded to Newport, Tenn., and used in filling applications from sportsmen.

TEXAS

San Angelo. - At this station during the past 30 days, largemouth black bass, bluegill sunfish, channel catfish, and crappie were the species distributed. Largemouth black bass numbered 25,400 fingerlings; bluegill sunfish, 18,000 fingerlings; channel catfish, 7,600 fingerlings; and crappie, 4,600 fingerlings.

San Marcos. - The following fingerling fishes were delivered to applicants: 5,700 bream fingerlings and 500 black bass fingerlings, while 13,000 bream fingerlings were rescued from drying pools in Onion Creek.

Uvalde. - A total of 900 fingerling bream were distributed during the month, in addition to 19,870 bass fingerlings.

UTAH

Bear Lake. - Twenty-one thousand Yellowstone Park blackspotted native trout; 47,400 Bear Lake native trout, and 10,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were planted during the month. The Yellowstone Park native trout and the rainbow trout were planted in streams in the Cache National Forest. The Bear Lake natives were planted on the east side of Bear Lake. These fish were propagated at the station from eggs taken from Bear Lake spawners.

Springville. - During the month 23,100 rainbow, 17,700 brook, 1,600 brown, 280,260 blackspotted trout and 1,000 bream were delivered to applicants and planted in Forest waters.

VIRGINIA

Roxbury (Harrison Lake Station). - Four hundred and thirty largemouth black bass fingerlings were collected from this nursery and delivered to applicants.

WASHINGTON

Baker Lake. - Fifty thousand eastern brook trout fingerlings were planted by the Washington State Game Department as follows: August 27, 25,000 in Everett Lake; 25,000 in Texas Pond. Weight of fish planted was 96 pounds.

Big White Salmon (Underwood). - A total of 129,000 fingerling blueback salmon was turned over to the Columbia National Forest at the hatchery for liberation in Northwestern Lake. The fish weighed 55 pounds.

Birdsview. - Distribution of fish during the month from this station was as follows: 295,000 blackspotted trout fingerlings; 17,000 brook trout fingerlings; 50,000 rainbow trout fingerlings, all to the U. S. Forest Service;

130,435 steelhead salmon fingerlings, a station plant, making a total of 492,435.

Carson. - The following fish were planted during the past month: 189,435 blackspotted trout fingerlings, weight 96 pounds; 191,100 blackspotted trout fingerlings, 1-inch size, weight 64 pounds. All of these fish were planted in the Columbia National Forest by a Washington State Game Protector.

Mount Rainier. - During September, the blackspotted trout fry resulting from the eyed eggs received from the U. S. Fisheries Station at Yellowstone Park, passed out of the fry stage and were all liberated during the first few days of September. The work of planting was carried out by the National Park Service, and all fish were planted within the boundaries of the Mount Rainier National Park. The plants were made as follows: 40,000 fingerlings in Crystal Lake; 220,000 in Chinook Creek; and 215,785 in Mowich Lake. A total of 475,785 were planted, weighing 131 pounds.

Quilcene. - Seven thousand and sixty rainbow trout fingerlings and 1,200 steelhead trout fingerlings were furnished to the National Park Service on their requisition for stocking Olympic National Park waters; 1,924 brook trout fingerlings were distributed by a State Game Protector to local waters.

Quinault. - A total of 18,000 rainbow trout fingerlings and 164,440 blackspotted trout fingerlings were delivered to the National Park Service at various points in the Olympic National Park for stocking park waters. In all cases, the fish were transported as far as it was possible to go by station truck, from where they were transported the remaining distances by National Park Service pack trains.

WEST VIRGINIA

Leetown. - Distribution of fish for the month was as follows: smallmouth bass, 46,565; largemouth bass, 400; crappie, 7,820; rainbow trout yearlings, 100.

WYOMING

Saratoga. - There were distributed 66,300 brook trout fingerlings; 50,120 rainbow trout fingerlings, and 15,900 blackspotted trout fingerlings during the month.

Yellowstone Park. - During the month, distribution of blackspotted trout advanced fry and fingerling fish was completed with the planting of 3,737,500 advanced fry and 1,737,905 fingerlings. The station was then prepared for the winter close-up.

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