



### Production Record Set by Fish Hatchery in Arkansas

Mountain Home, Ark.: The Norfolk National Fish Hatchery in north-central Arkansas produced 416,180 pounds of fish in a recent 12-month period to set a new National Fish Hatchery System record, the Interior Department has announced.

Raising only rainbow trout, the newly enlarged facility of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, produced an average of 31,481 pounds of trout per man-year of labor. Production in a previous one-year period was 229,619 pounds, with an average of 20,855 pounds per man-year.

Trout produced at the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery are used in managing tail-water fisheries below large dams on the White River in Arkansas and in other waters of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

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### Extensive Sea-Clam Beds Found off Chesapeake Bay

False Cape, Va.: Exploratory fishing by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has discovered extensive sea-clam beds off the mouth of Chesapeake Bay. Previous reports indicated the species did not inhabit the area, and, at present, no commercial fishery for sea clams operates off the southern Virginia coast.

The research vessel Delaware is conducting further explorations, the Bureau said.

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### Florida Keys Refuge Leaflet Produced

Washington, D.C.: A new publication describing the refuges of the Florida Keys has been produced by the Department of the Interior. The three refuges discussed in the leaflet are National Key Deer Refuge, Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, and the Key West National Wildlife Refuge. The leaflet features a cover by Fish and Wildlife Service artist Bob Hines.

The eight-page publication also includes photographs of Key deer, great white heron, and typical refuge habitat, plus a list of other National Wildlife Refuges in Florida. Refuge Leaflet 518 is for sale at 10¢ a copy by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

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### Interior's Columbia River Fishery Program is Good Investment

Washington, D.C.: The annual value of the Fisheries Development Program carried on by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in the Columbia River exceeds its cost by \$1.8 million, according to the Bureau.

The annual cost for maintaining the fishery program is estimated at \$6.5 million, while the net economic value to the sport, commercial, and Indian fisheries was calculated at \$8.3 million.

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### Shotgun Shells Rationed to Goose Hunters

Sumner, Mo.: Goose hunters on the public shooting areas on and near the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge are being limited to 10 shells each. The new regulation was established by the Missouri Department of Conservation on the theory that hunters with only a few shells will wait for good shots at birds which are well within range. Early reports indicate that crippling losses have been reduced by the new regulation.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife says that "rationing" of shotgun shells has also reduced crippling of geese on public shooting areas at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin and the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. Similar regulations are planned for this year at the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in Alabama and the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi.

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