

“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates: February 15, 2008 Commission Conference Call
Agenda item: 2008 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan
Staff Contact: Craig Burley (Fish Program)
Presenter(s): Craig Burley, Inland and Marine Resources Division Manager (Fish Program)

Background:

In 1999 the Legislature gave the Department the authority to purchase triploid rainbow trout from private growers to supplement existing departmental hatchery trout production (RCW 77.18.050 Planting privately produced trout). This popular program has continued every year since.

RCW 77.18.060 Determination of appropriate waters states:

“The fish and wildlife commission in consultation with the department is authorized to determine which waters of the state are appropriate for this use. In making this determination, the commission shall seek geographic distribution to assure opportunity to fishers statewide...”

Attached is the 2008 stocking plan with the proposed lakes to be stocked this spring. The lakes in the attached stocking plan are the result of WDFW area and district fish biologists working with the public and advisors over the past nine years to provide a diverse fishing opportunity and geographic balance, that complements the mix of fry plants, catchable, and jumbo trout produced by WDFW hatcheries. The list of lakes proposed for stocking is similar to the 2005-06 plans, with changes to enhance fishing opportunities, and to augment lakes that were rehabilitated last fall. This year, the Department is recommending a 50/50 allocation of purchased triploid trout to be stocked in eastern and western Washington lakes.

The 2008 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan represents the base funded program. The enhanced 2007 program reflects the use of one-time dollars received from the legislature to fund new fish production (Table 1). The contract to purchase triploid trout in 2008 has not been finalized, and the numbers of fish in the 2008 triploid distribution plan may change slightly depending on the outcome of the bid process. Any adjustments will maintain the allocation between the eastside and westside lakes.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Approval of a 50/50 allocation of purchased triploid trout between eastside and westside lakes.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The 2008 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan is the result of staff working with constituents and advisors over the past nine years. This list has been refined based on this input and additional biological information regarding performance of these fish in some waters. The 2008 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan was shared with the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group at their February 9th meeting. Staff will report on comments provided by the IFPAG.

A post-decision communication plan to inform the public of the 2008 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan will include placing the final stocking plan on the Agency web page, incorporating the plan in the publicity package provided to key media outlets in the Spring prior to Opening Day for lowland lakes and including the information in radio announcements publicizing Opening Day.

Action requested:

Approval of the proposed 2008 triploid trout stocking plan.

Draft motion language:

Recommend adoption of the 2008 triploid trout stocking plan as presented in Table 2.

Justification for Commission action:

Approval of the proposed 2008 triploid trout stocking plan will continue the popular program of enhancing recreational opportunities for trout in lowland lakes.

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Table 1. Funds expended, number of fish, number of lakes, and price per fish to purchase triploid trout from 2000-2007 and the proposed 2008 program (Budget column reflect purchase price only and excludes sales tax and other operational and administrative costs e.g., trucking and WDFW delivery).

Year	Budget	Number of Fish	Number of Lakes	Contract Price (per fish)
2000	\$ 90,320	45,008	43	2.01
2001	\$175,160	84,001	74	2.09
2002	\$117,660	51,522	73	2.28
2003	\$114,420	49,268	78	2.32
2004	\$124,000	51,311	80	2.42
2005	\$151,800	61,968	91	2.45
2006	\$190,000	60,703	95	2.63
2007	\$395,000	115,019	104	2.75
2008	\$125,000	* 42,196	93	* 2.92

Table 2. 2008 Triploid Stocking Plan.

2008 Triploid Stocking Plan								
	Water Body	County	Surface Acres	Current Management	Season & Special Regs	April	May	Total Triploids
Region 1	Sprague Lake*	Adams & Lincoln	1,860	Mixed	Y-R	2,205	0	2,205
	Fishtrap Lake	Lincoln	196	Trout	O. D.	750	0	750
	Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	754	Mixed	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
	Badger Lake	Spokane	244	Trout	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
	Clear Lake	Spokane	401	Mixed	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
	West Medical Lake	Spokane	235	Trout	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000
	Williams Lake	Spokane	319	Trout	O. D.	1,500	0	1,500
	Deer Lake	Stevens	1,163	Mixed	3/1-10/31 only 2 > 30"	1,000	0	1,000
	Loon Lake	Stevens	1,119	Mixed	O. D. only 2 > 20"	750	0	750
Bennington Lake	Walla Walla	52	Trout	Y-R; only 2 > 13"	350	0	350	
R1 Total	10 lakes					10,555	0	10,555
Region 2	Wapato Lake	Chelan	186	Trout	O. D., S- C&R 8/1	1,020	0	1,020
	Beda Lake	Grant	50	Trout	Y-R, S-1	250	0	250
	Lenice Lake	Grant	99	Trout	3/1-11/30, S-1	500	0	500
	Nunnally Lake	Grant	120	Trout	3/1-11/30, S-1	600	0	600
	Sprague Lake*	Adams & Lincoln	1,860	Mixed	Y-R	1,034	0	1,034
	Conconully Lake	Okanogan	313	Trout	O. D.	360	0	360
	Conconully Reservoir	Okanogan	450	Trout	O. D.	360	0	360
	Patterson Lake*	Okanogan	143	Trout	Y-R	360	0	360
R2 Total	8 lakes					4,484	0	4,484
Region 3	Columbia Park Pond	Benton	7	Mixed	Y-R, YF	100	0	100
	Powerline Lake*	Franklin	50	Mixed	Y-R	300	0	300
	N. Fio Rito Lake	Kittitas	39	Mixed	Y-R	723	0	723
	Lost Lake	Kittitas	145	Trout	Y-R, 1>14"	0	1,033	1,033
	Mattoon Lake	Kittitas	27	Mixed	Y-R	501	0	501
	Clear Lake	Yakima	265	Trout	Y-R	1,903	0	1,903
	Dog Lake	Yakima	60	Trout	Y-R; 1>14"	0	435	435
	Leech Lake	Yakima	40	Trout	Y-R, F, 1>14"	0	739	739
	Mud Lake	Yakima	4	Trout	Y-R, S-1	80	0	80
Myron Lake	Yakima	13	Mixed	Y-R, S-1	245	0	245	
R3 Total	10 lakes					3,851	2,207	6,059
Region 4	Lone Lake	Island	92	Trout	Y-R, S-1 > 18"	0	400	400
	Angle Lake	King	102	Mixed	Y-R	500	250	750
	Beaver Lake	King	63	Mixed	Y-R	250	0	250
	Green Lake	King	255	Mixed	Y-R	500	250	750
	Meridian Lake	King	150	Mixed	Y-R	500	250	750
	Rattlesnake Lake	King	112	Trout	O. D., S-5	500	0	500
	Sawyer Lake	King	279	Mixed	Y-R	500	250	750
	Mountain Lake	San Juan	198	Trout	Y-R Only 1>18"	0	447	447
	Campbell Lake	Skagit	370	Mixed	Y-R	329	279	608
	Clear Lake	Skagit	223	Mixed	Y-R	606	0	606
	Pass Lake	Skagit	98	Trout	Y-R F-C&R	0	109	109
	Vogler Lake	Skagit	4	Trout	O. D. F-C&R	0	56	56
	Cassidy Lake	Snohomish	125	Mixed	Y-R	500	0	500
	Flowing Lake	Snohomish	135	Mixed	Y-R	250	0	250
	Gissburg Ponds	Snohomish	37	Mixed	Y-R	718	0	718
	Martha Lake (Warm Beach)	Snohomish	58	Mixed	Y-R	277	0	277
	Roesiger Lake	Snohomish	297	Mixed	Y-R	500	0	500
	Silver Lake (Everett)	Snohomish	102	Mixed	Y-R	400	0	400
	Tye Lake	Snohomish	40	Trout	Y-R	200	0	200
	Squalicum Lake	Whatcom	33	Mixed	Y-R, F-2	0	110	110
Terrell Lake	Whatcom	438	Mixed	Y-R	275	248	523	
R4 Total	21 lakes					6,805	2,649	9,594
Region 5	Klineline Pond	Clark	11	Trout	Y-R Only 2>20"	512	0	512
	Horseshoe Lake	Cowlitz	80	Mixed	Y-R Only 2>20"	608	0	608

* New Lake for 2008.

Y-R Year Round

O. D. Last Saturday in April

C&R Catch and Release

S Selective Gear Rules

YF Youth Fishing (and ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act])

1>14" 5 Fish, no more than 1>14"

F Fly Fishing Only

2008 Triploid Stocking Plan							
Water Body	County	Surface Acres	Current Management	Season & Special Regs	April	May	Total Triploids
Kress Lake	Cowlitz	30	Mixed	Y-R Only 2>20"	352	0	352
Northwestern Res.	Klickitat	97	Trout	O. D.	256	0	256
N. Rowland Lake	Klickitat	40	Trout	O. D.	928	0	928
Kidney Lake	Skamania	12	Trout	O. D.	448	0	448
Wahkiakum Co. Pds.	Wahkiakum	6	Trout	Y-R	96	0	96
Carlisle Lake	Lewis	20	Trout	O. D.	330	0	330
Ft. Borst Pond	Lewis	5	Trout	O.D., YF	390	0	390
Mineral Lake	Lewis	277	Trout	O. D.	720	0	720
S Lewis Co. Pk Pd	Lewis	17	Mixed	Y-R	618	0	618
R5 Total	11 lakes				5,258	0	5,258

Region 6	Water Body	County	Surface Acres	Current Management	Season & Special Regs	April	May	Total Triploids
	Aberdeen Lake	Grays Hbr	64	Trout	O. D.	79	46	125
	Failor Lake	Grays Hbr	65	Trout	O. D.	132	60	192
	Sylvia Lake	Grays Hbr	31	Trout	Y-R	75	46	121
	Gibbs Lake	Jefferson	37	Trout	Y-R, S, C&R	0	184	184
	Horseshoe Lake	Jefferson	13	Trout	O.D., S-1	92	0	92
	Kitsap Lake	Kitsap	238	Mixed	Y-R	0	400	400
	Panther Lake	Kitsap	100	Trout	O. D.	107	0	107
	Benson Lake	Mason	82	Trout	O. D.	307	0	307
	Haven Lake	Mason	69	Trout	O. D.	348	46	394
	Island Lake	Mason	108	Trout	Y-R	0	123	123
	Phillips Lake	Mason	110	Trout	O. D.	250	0	250
	Tee Lake	Mason	38	Trout	Y-R	0	137	137
	Wooten Lake	Mason	70	Trout	O. D.	325	46	371
	Loomis Lake	Pacific	170	Mixed	O. D.	37	0	37
	Bradley Lake	Pierce	13	Mixed	Y-R	96	0	96
	Clear Lake	Pierce	155	Mixed	O.D.	183	0	183
	Harts Lake	Pierce	108	Mixed	Y-R	0	48	48
	Lake Kapowsin	Pierce	512	Mixed	Y-R	96	0	96
	Ohop Lake	Pierce	236	Mixed	O. D.	307	0	307
	Rapjohn Lake	Pierce	56	Mixed	O. D.	80	0	80
	Spanaway Lake	Pierce	262	Mixed	Y-R	339	0	339
	Steilacoom Lake*	Pierce	313	Mixed	Y-R	0	96	96
	Tanwax Lake	Pierce	173	Mixed	O. D.	231	0	231
	Waughop Lake	Pierce	22	Mixed	Y-R	115	35	150
	Clear Lake	Thurston	173	Mixed	O. D.	0	176	176
	Hicks Lake	Thurston	171	Mixed	O. D.	88	88	176
	Lawrence Lake	Thurston	330	Mixed	Y-R	265	88	353
	Long's Pond	Thurston	10	Mixed	Y-R, Y-F	44	44	88
	McIntosh Lake	Thurston	116	Mixed	O. D.	176	0	176
	Munn Lake	Thurston	34	Mixed	O. D.	0	265	265
	Offut Lake	Thurston	200	Mixed	Y-R	0	221	221
	Lake St. Clair	Thurston	245	Mixed	Y-R	88	88	176
	Ward Lake	Thurston	68	Mixed	O. D.	0	147	147
R6 Total	33 lakes					3,862	2,384	6,246

Eastside Total: 21,098
Westside Total: 21,098
Statewide Total: 42,196

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