
“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates: March 20, 2009 Commission Conference Call

Agenda item #: 2009 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan

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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 2009 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 ten 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 2008 plan, with changes to enhance fishing opportunities, and to augment lakes that were rehabilitated last fall. The Department recommends a 50/50 allocation of purchased triploid trout to be stocked in eastern and western Washington lakes.

The 2009 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 that year (Table 1). The contract to purchase triploid trout in 2009 has not been finalized, and the numbers of fish in the 2009 triploid distribution plan may change slightly depending on the outcome of the bid process. Any adjustments will maintain the 50/50 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 2009 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan is the result of staff working with constituents and advisors over the past ten years. This list has been refined based on this input and additional biological information regarding performance of these fish in some waters. The Plan was shared with the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group at their February 21st meeting. The IFPAG had some questions on specifics of the plan, which were answered by WDFW staff.

A post-decision communication plan to inform the public of the 2009 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan will include posting the final stocking plan on the Agency web page, and incorporating the plan in the publicity package provided to key media outlets in the Spring prior to Opening Day for lowland lakes.

Action requested:

Approval of the proposed 2009 triploid trout stocking plan.

Draft motion language:

Recommend adoption of the 2009 triploid trout stocking plan as presented (Table 2).

Justification for Commission action:

Approval of the proposed 2009 triploid trout stocking plan will continue the popular program of enhancing recreational opportunities for trout in lowland lakes.

Table 1. Funds expended, number of fish, number of lakes, and price per fish to purchase triploid trout from 2000-2008 and the expected 2009 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	95	2.92
Projected 2009	\$125,000	* 42,196	* 94	* 2.92

As of March 11, the 2009 contract has not been let by General Administration Procurement Office. Numbers of fish may change slightly if final bid varies from 2008 level.

Table 2. 2009 Triploid Stocking Plan.

2009 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	Roses Lake *	Chelan	131	Trout	Y-R	1,020	0	1,020	
	Blue Lake *	Grant	523	Trout	O. D.	300	0	300	
	Deep Lake *	Grant	107	Trout	O. D.	100	0	100	
	Park Lake *	Grant	345	Trout	O. D.	200	0	200	
	Conconully Lake	Okanogan	313	Trout	O. D.	300	0	300	
	Conconully Lake	Okanogan	450	Trout	O. D.	400	0	400	
	Jameson Lake *	Okanogan	388	Trout	O. D.	1,464	0	1,464	
	Leader Lake *	Okanogan	159	Trout	O. D.	300	0	300	
	Patterson Lake	Okanogan	143	Trout	Y-R	400	0	400	
R2 Total	9 lakes					4,484	0	4,484	
Region 3	Columbia Park Pond	Benton	7	Mixed	Y-R, YF	150	0	150	
	Dalton Lake	Franklin	60	Mixed	Y-R	400	0	400	
	Powerline Lake	Franklin	50	Mixed	Y-R	350	0	350	
	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	1,403	0	1,403	
	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	75	0	75	
	Myron Lake	Yakima	13	Mixed	Y-R, S-1	210	0	210	
	Tim's Pond *	Yakima	1	Trout	Y-R	40	0	40	
R3 Total	12 lakes					3,852	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	450	150	600	
	Beaver Lake	King	63	Mixed	Y-R	250	0	250	
	Green Lake	King	255	Mixed	Y-R	450	200	650	
	Meridian Lake	King	150	Mixed	Y-R	450	200	650	
	Rattlesnake Lake	King	112	Trout	O. D., S-5	500	0	500	
	Sawyer Lake	King	279	Mixed	Y-R	500	200	700	
	Mountain Lake	San Juan	198	Trout	Y-R Only 1>18"	0	455	455	
	Campbell Lake	Skagit	370	Mixed	Y-R	535	285	820	
	Clear Lake	Skagit	223	Mixed	Y-R	715	0	715	
	Pass Lake	Skagit	98	Trout	Y-R, F, C&R	0	165	165	
	Vogler Lake	Skagit	4	Trout	O. D. F-C&R	0	60	60	
	Cassidy Lake	Snohomish	125	Mixed	Y-R	450	0	450	
	Flowing Lake	Snohomish	135	Mixed	Y-R	389	0	389	
	Gissburg Ponds	Snohomish	37	Mixed	Y-R	0	400	400	
	Martha Lake (Warm Beach)	Snohomish	58	Mixed	Y-R	280	0	280	
	Roesiger Lake	Snohomish	297	Mixed	Y-R	510	0	510	
	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	165	165	
	Terrell Lake	Whatcom	438	Mixed	Y-R	580	255	835	
	R4 Total	21 lakes					6,659	2,935	9,594

2009 Triploid Stocking Plan

Water Body	County	Surface Acres	Current Management	Season & Special Regs	April	May	Total Triploids
Region 5 Battleground Lake	Clark	30	Trout	Y-R Only 2>20"	256	0	256
Klinline Pond	Clark	11	Trout	Y-R Only 2>20"	256	0	256
Horseshoe Lake	Cowlitz	80	Mixed	Y-R Only 2>20"	608	0	608
Kress Lake	Cowlitz	30	Mixed	Y-R Only 2>20"	352	0	352
Merrill Lake	Cowlitz	344	Trout	Y-R, F-2	224	0	224
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.	224	0	224
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	13 lakes				5,258	0	5,258
Region 6 Aberdeen Lake	Grays Harbor	64	Trout	O. D.	79	46	125
Failor Lake	Grays Harbor	65	Trout	O. D.	132	60	192
Sylvia Lake	Grays Harbor	31	Trout	Y-R	75	46	121
Vance Creek Pond #1 *	Grays Harbor	10	Mixed	O.D., YF	37	0	37
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
Bradley Lake	Pierce	13	Mixed	Y-R	100	0	100
Clear Lake	Pierce	155	Mixed	O.D.	190	0	190
Lake Kapowsin	Pierce	512	Mixed	Y-R	100	0	100
Ohop Lake	Pierce	236	Mixed	O. D.	310	0	310
Rapjohn Lake	Pierce	56	Mixed	O. D.	100	0	100
Silver Lake *	Pierce	28	Mixed	Y-R	100	0	100
Spanaway Lake	Pierce	262	Mixed	Y-R	200	0	200
Steilacoom Lake	Pierce	313	Mixed	Y-R	100	0	100
Tanwax Lake	Pierce	173	Mixed	O. D.	425	0	425
Clear Lake	Thurston	173	Mixed	O. D.	200	150	350
Lawrence Lake	Thurston	330	Mixed	Y-R	200	150	350
Long's Pond	Thurston	10	Mixed	Y-R, YF	150	150	300
McIntosh Lake	Thurston	116	Mixed	O. D.	200	0	200
Offut Lake	Thurston	200	Mixed	Y-R	200	100	300
Ward Lake	Thurston	68	Mixed	O. D.	200	80	280
R6 Total	29 lakes				4,528	1,718	6,246

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

YF = Youth Fishing F = Fly Fishing Only
S = Selective Gear Rules 1>14 = 5 Fish, no more than 1 > 14 inches
C&R = Catch and Release Y-R = Year Round Water
* = New Lake for 2009 O.D. = Last Saturday in April