
“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates: March 2, 2012 Commission Conference Call

Agenda item #: 2012 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 2012 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan with the proposed lakes to be stocked this spring (Tables 2 and 3). The lakes in the stocking plan are the result of WDFW area and district fish biologists working with the public and advisors over the past twelve 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 proposed list of lakes in the 2012 stocking plan is similar to the list of lakes stocked in 2011 with minor changes to address local fish management goals. In addition to proposed allotment of 42,000+ fish, we will have available, an additional 5,000 fish in late May that we wish to use for a promotional opportunity in May/June. We wish to put these fish into lakes that have good shore and boat access, are close to population centers, and can expect a good catch rate. We would like to promote this limited opportunity as either a Mother’s Day, a Father’s Day, or a Family Day opportunity.

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

Approval of 2012 triploid trout stocking plan.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The 2012 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan is the result of staff working with constituents and advisors over the past twelve years. This list has been refined based on this input and additional biological information regarding performance of these fish in specific waters. The Plan was shared with the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group (IFPAG) at their February 25, 2012 meeting. The IFPAG had some questions on specifics of the plan that were answered by WDFW staff and WDFW staff incorporated input from the IFPAG in forming the final recommendations for the annual stocking plan and the additional 5,000 fish for a promotional event.

A post-decision communication plan to inform the public of the 2012 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. A news release will also be issued for the promotional event in May/June.

Action requested:

Approval of the proposed 2012 triploid trout stocking plan.

Draft motion language:

Recommend adoption of the 2012 triploid trout stocking plan as presented (Table 2 and 3).

Justification for Commission action:

Approval of the proposed 2012 triploid trout stocking plan will continue the popular program of enhancing recreational opportunities for larger trout in lowland lakes.

Table 1. Year, purchase budget, number of fish purchased, number of lakes stocked, and price per fish for the triploid trout program 2000-2011 and the proposed 2012 purchase. The budget column figures are for purchase price only and do not include sales tax, administrative, and trucking costs.

Year	Budget	Number of Fish	Number of Lakes	Price per Fish
2000	\$90,320	45,008	43	\$2.01
2001	\$175,160	84,001	74	\$2.09
2003	\$117,660	51,522	73	\$2.28
2004	\$114,420	49,268	78	\$2.32
2005	\$124,000	51,311	80	\$2.42
2006	\$151,800	61,968	91	\$2.45
2007	\$190,000	60,703	95	\$2.63
2008	\$395,000	115,019	104	\$2.75
2009	\$125,000	42,196	95	\$2.92
2010	\$125,000	42,196	94	\$2.92
2011	\$147,000	50,000	96	\$2.75
2012*	\$139,000	47,196	109	\$2.75

* Note: The "Offer to Bid" for the triploid trout contract, posted by Department of Enterprise Services, Office of State Procurement, is currently open. It will "close" on February 28, 2012. After the contract is awarded, numbers of fish and price per fish may vary slightly from the estimated numbers on the above table for 2012.

Table 2. Proposed Triploid Trout Stocking Plan for 2012.

Region	Lakes	County	Surface Acres	Current Manage.	Season & Special Regs	April Total	May Total	Total	Totals	Regional Percentage
Region 1	Sprague Lake	Adams/Lincoln	1,860	Mixed	O. D.	0	0	0	8,158	19.3%
	Fishtrap Lake	Lincoln	196	Trout	O. D.	750	0	750		
	Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	754	Mixed	O. D.	750	0	750		
	Badger Lake	Spokane	244	Trout	O. D.	750	0	750		
	Clear Lake	Spokane	401	Mixed	O. D.	750	0	750		
	West Medical Lake	Spokane	235	Trout	O. D.	1,950	0	1,950		
	Williams Lake	Spokane	319	Trout	O. D.	750	0	750		
	Deer Lake	Stevens	1,163	Mixed	O. D.	1,200	0	1,200		
	Loon Lake	Stevens	1,119	Mixed	O. D.	758	0	758		
	Bennington Lake	Walla Walla	52	Trout	Y-R	500	0	500		
R1 Total	10 lakes					8,158		8,158	8,158	
Region 2	Roses Lake	Chelan	131	Trout	Y-R	500	0	500	4,925	11.6%
	Beehive Lake	Chelan	60	Trout	O. D.	180		180		
	Wapato Lake	Chelan	186	Trout	O. D.	400		400		
	Jameson Lake	Douglas	388	Trout	O. D.	600	0	600		
	Corral Lake	Grant	80	Trout	Y.R.		270	270		
	Deep Lake	Grant	107	Trout	O. D.	300	0	300		
	Heart Lake	Grant	26	Trout	Y-R		175	175		
	Canal Lake	Grant	92	Trout	Y-R		500	500		
	Perch Lake	Grant	15	Trout	O.D.	100		100		
	Vic Meyers	Grant	12	Trout	O.D.	100		100		
	Spectacle Lake	Okanogan	315	Trout	O.D.	600		600		
	Pearrygin Lake	Okanogan	192	Trout	O.D.	400		400		
	Alta Lake	Okanogan	187	Trout	O.D.	400		400		
	Patterson Lake	Okanogan	143	Trout	Y-R	400	0	400		
R2 Total	14 lakes					3,980	945	4,925	4,925	

Region	Lakes	County	Surface Acres	Current Manage.	Season & Special Regs	April Total	May Total	Total	Totals	Regional Percentage
Region 3	Columbia Park Pond	Benton	7	Mixed	Y-R, YF	150	0	150	5,949	14.1%
	Dalton Lake	Franklin	60	Mixed	Y-R	300	0	300		
	Powerline Lake	Franklin	50	Mixed	Y-R	420	0	420		
	N. Fio Rito Lake	Kittitas	39	Mixed	Y-R	740	0	740		
	Lost Lake	Kittitas	145	Trout	Y-R, 1>14"	0	500	500		
	Copper Lake	Kittitas	120	Trout	Y-R	0	500	500		
	Mattoon Lake	Kittitas	27	Mixed	Y-R	491	0	491		
	Clear Lake	Yakima	265	Trout	Y-R	1377	0	1,377		
	Dog Lake	Yakima	60	Trout	Y-R; 1>14"	0	427	427		
	Leech Lake	Yakima	40	Trout	Y-R, F, 1>14"	0	725	725		
	Mud Lake	Yakima	4	Trout	Y-R, S-1	88	0	88		
	Myron Lake	Yakima	13	Mixed	Y-R, S-1	206	0	206		
	Tim's Pond	Yakima	1	Trout	Y-R	25	0	25		
R3 Total	13 Lakes					3,797	2,152	5,949	5,949	
Eastside Totals						15,935	3,097	19,032	19,032	
Region 4	Lone Lake	Island	92	Trout	Y-R, S-1	0	204	204	850	28.6%
	Angle Lake	King	102	Mixed	Y-R	400	0	400		
	Beaver Lake	King	63	Mixed	Y-R	261	0	261		
	Green Lake	King	255	Mixed	Y-R	442	442	884		
	Meridian Lake	King	150	Mixed	Y-R	442	212	654		
	Rattlesnake Lake	King	112	Trout	Y-R S-C&R	204	0	204		
	Sawyer Lake	King	279	Mixed	Y-R	490	212	702		
	Egg Lake	San Juan	7	Trout	Y-R	100		100		
	Hummel Lake	San Juan	36	Mixed	Y-R	400		400		
	Mountain Lake	San Juan	198	Trout	Y-R	0	463	463		
	Campbell Lake	Skagit	370	Mixed	Y-R	525	296	821		
	Clear Lake	Skagit	223	Mixed	Y-R	718	0	718		
	Heart Lake	Skagit	61	Trout	O.D.	600		600		
	Lake Erie	Skagit	111	Trout	O.D.	850		850		

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Region 4 (cont'd.)	Pass Lake	Skagit	98	Trout	Y-R F-C&R	0	162	162		
	Vogler Lake	Skagit	4	Trout	O. D. F-C&R	0	59	59		
	Cassidy Lake	Snohomish	125	Mixed	Y-R	458	0	458		
	Flowing Lake	Snohomish	135	Mixed	Y-R	398	0	398		
	Gissburg Ponds	Snohomish	37	Mixed	Y-R	0	409	409		
	Howard Lake	Snohomish	27	Trout	O.D.	500		500		
	Martha Lake (Warm Beach)	Snohomish	58	Mixed	Y-R	291	0	291		
	Roesiger Lake	Snohomish	297	Mixed	Y-R	517	0	517		
	Silver Lake (Everett)	Snohomish	102	Mixed	Y-R	409	180	589		
	Tye Lake	Snohomish	40	Trout	Y-R	212	0	212		
	Squalicum Lake	Whatcom	33	Mixed	Y-R, F-2	0	178	178		
	Toad Lake	Whatcom	30	Trout	O.D.	250		250		
	Terrell Lake	Whatcom	438	Mixed	Y-R	569	267	836		
	R4 Total	27 lakes					9,036	3,084	12,120	12,120
Region 5	Battle Ground Lake	Clark	30	Trout	Y-R;	256	0	256		12.2%
	Klineline Pond	Clark	11	Trout	Y-R	256	0	256		
	Horseshoe Lake	Cowlitz	80	Mixed	Y-R	608	0	608		
	Kress Lake	Cowlitz	30	Mixed	Y-R	352	0	352		
	Merill Lake	Cowlitz	344	Trout	Y-R, F-2	224	0	224		
	N. Rowland Lake	Klickitat	40	Trout	O. D.	928	0	928		
	Spearfish Lake	Klickitat	22	Mixed	O.D.	256	0	256		
	Kidney Lake	Skamania	12	Trout	O. D.	224	0	224		
	Wahkiakum Co. Ponds	Wahkiakum	6	Trout	Y-R	96	0	96		
	Carlisle Lake	Lewis	20	Trout	O. D.	315	0	315		
	Fort Borst Park Pond	Lewis	5	Trout	O.D., YF	372	0	372		
	Mineral Lake	Lewis	277	Trout	O.D.	687	0	687		
	S Lewis Co. Park Pond	Lewis	17	Mixed	Y-R	294	0	294		
	Plummer Lake	Lewis	12	Mixed	O.D.	294		294		
	R5 Total	14 lakes					5,161		5,161	5,161

Region	Lakes	County	Surface Acres	Current Manage.	Season & Special Regs	April Total	May Total	Total	Totals	Regional Percentage
Region 6	Aberdeen Lake	Grays Harbor	64	Trout	O.D.	77	45	122	6,002	14.2%
	Failor Lake	Grays Harbor	65	Trout	O.D.	130	59	189		
	Sylvia Lake	Grays Harbor	31	Trout	Y-R	74	45	119		
	Vance Creek Pond #1	Grays Harbor	10	Mixed	O.D., YF	36	0	36		
	Gibbs Lake	Jefferson	37	Trout	Y-R, S, C&R	70	0	70		
	Teal Lake	Jefferson	15	Trout	Y_R,S	30	0	30		
	Kitsap Lake	Kitsap	238	Mixed	Y-R	493		493		
	Mission Lake	Kitsap	88	Trout	O.-D.	190		190		
	Panther Lake	Kitsap	100	Trout	O.D.	220		220		
	Benson Lake	Mason	82	Trout	O.D.	170		170		
	Haven Lake	Mason	69	Trout	O.D.	150		150		
	Island Lake	Mason	108	Trout	Y-R		230	230		
	Phillips Lake	Mason	110	Trout	O.D.	230		230		
	Trails End	Mason	74	Trout	Y-R		160	160		
	Tiger	Mason	111	Trout	O.-D.	100	0	100		
	Wooten Lake	Mason	70	Trout	O.D.	150		150		
	Bradley Lake	Pierce	13	Mixed	Y-R	98	0	98		
	Clear Lake	Pierce	155	Mixed	O.D.	187	0	187		
	Lake Kapowsin	Pierce	512	Mixed	Y-R	98	0	98		
	Ohop Lake	Pierce	236	Mixed	O.D.	304	0	304		
	Rapjohn Lake	Pierce	56	Mixed	O.D.	98	0	98		
	Silver Lake	Pierce	138	Trout	O.D.	98	0	98		
	Spanaway Lake	Pierce	262	Mixed	Y-R	196	0	196		
	Steilacoom Lake	Pierce	313	Mixed	Y-R	98	0	98		
	Tanwax Lake	Pierce	173	Mixed	O.D.	417	0	417		
	Clear Lake	Thurston	173	Mixed	O.D.	196	147	344		
	Lawrence Lake	Thurston	330	Mixed	Y-R	196	147	344		
	Long's Pond	Thurston	10	Mixed	Y-R, YF	147	147	295		
	McIntosh Lake	Thurston	116	Mixed	O.D.	196	0	196		
	Offutt Lake	Thurston	200	Mixed	Y-R	196	98	295		
	Ward Lake	Thurston	68	Mixed	O.D.	196	79	275		
R6 Total	31 lakes					4,845	1,158	6,002	6,002	
Westside Totals						19,042	4,242	23,284	23,284	

O. D. = 4th Saturday in April (April 28, 2012)

Y-R = Year-round

S = Selective Gear Rules

F = Fly Fishing Only

FF = Family Fishing

YF = Youth Fishing (and ADA)

C&R = Catch and Release 1>14" = 5 fish, no more than 1>14"

	April	May	Total	Percent
Total				
Eastside:	15,935	3,097	19,032	45.0%
Total				
Westside:	19,042	4,242	23,284	55.0%
			42,316	

Table 3. Recommendations from the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group for stocking an additional 5,000 triploid trout as a Mother's Day/Father's Day/Family Day promotional opportunity in late May/early June are as follows:

Region	Lake	acres	# Fish
1	Williams (Spokane)	320	365
3	Easton Ponds	3	150
3	Lavender Pond	2	150
3	Cooper	120	265
4	Gissburg Ponds	10	350
4	Lake Geneva	29	450
6	American Lake	1125	1200
6	Vance Ponds	3	100
6	Island Lake	43	300
4	Blackmans	140	300
4	Whistle Lake	30	300
4	Green	255	870
4	Echo	12	100
4	Bitter (King)	19	100

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