

Dear Foundation Member:

It's working! The Henry's Lake Foundation is now rapidly moving toward our tax-exempt status according to Tom Morris, Officer and Foundation Attorney. Tom indicates that with the right kind of push, we can be there soon!

Last summer's efforts were very successful with donations coming from over 200 charter members. These contributions have allowed us to purchase hoop nets for predation studies. Bob Spateholt's use of the nets last fall found some very interesting facts concerning the diets of the brookies, cutts, and hybrids in Henry's Lake. He was able to capture several Canadian brook trout planted as fingerlings (average size about four inches) in the fall of 1980, and one fish measured more than 14 inches. He will have additional information to share with us this next summer concerning his studies.

On the legislative scene, bills in both houses have been introduced to expand the D-J program. Up to this time, there has been a 10% manufacture level federal tax on sport fishing equipment. This new extension would expand the tax base to include fish hooks, fishing lines, and miscellaneous accessories plus a 3% manufacturer's excise tax on certain recreational boats, boat motors, and boat trailers. Funds generated would be used by all the states for fisheries restoration projects, waterway improvement programs, and construction of new lakes and boat access areas. You might want to get involved today by letting your legislators know how you feel about the future of fishing and about D-J expansion!

As you know, our hybrid stocking program is well on the way again with an extra effort being made by the Idaho Fish and Game Department to provide us with the best quality hybrid available. In fact, Dr. Gary Thorgaard at Washington State University is conducting some extensive research on our lake to see if we can improve the growth rate of our hybrids through sterilization. The foundation would like to make a modest contribution to WSU for their efforts and will probably be sending the University \$1000 for their research. Complete findings will be available to us with the hope of improving our hybrid quantity and quality.

I would like to briefly recap the projects that were completed with foundation support in 1981. A permit was obtained for a work habit improvement project to be done on Wild Rose Creek. With the help of foundation members, especially Trustee, Ron Dye, with his backhoe, spawning channels were dug and gravel added to the creek. We will evaluate this project in the spring of 1982. Foundation President, Dr. Jack Griffith of Idaho State University, provided expertise and additional manpower. Members of the foundation provided manpower in 1981 for stocking cutthroat in Henry's Lake. Thanks again!

The Henry's Lake Enhancement plan has been completed by department personnel and will be reviewed by foundation trustees. It will provide direction for future projects at Henry's Lake. This plan has been given considerable effort and thought by the Idaho Fish and Game Department staff, and prospects look very good.

Some good news about the Henry's Lake cutthroat spawning run. We should have about 500 more cutthroat into the spawning house in 1982 compared to 1981 (3,500 vs. 2,900). There should be no problem getting all the cutthroat eggs for our needs in 1982. The one million large fry (three inches) that were planted in 1980 should be 12-14 inches this opener. Also, we planted 2.3 million large cutthroat fry in 1981, and these fish will begin to enter the creel in 1983. So the trend for cutthroat fishing on Henry's Lake in the future is up!

I hope everyone is able to return to our lake safe and soon and it will be but a short time until we are together again. Shortly after the 4th of July, the foundation can expect to have a big get-together at Henry's to go over last year's efforts and to plan for the future (possibly July 10, 1982; specifics will be available at Staley's Lodge and Wild Rose Lodge). Good luck and good fishing!

Mike Glenn
Secretary

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