

Dear Foundation Member:

With Christmas passing and winter well set into the Rocky Mountains, our thoughts start turning toward visions of our favorite Henrys Lake. I'm sure all of you who were able to be there this past season have nothing but high hopes for the next few years.

I am happy to say that Henrys Lake Foundation is alive, legal, and well! Our group is now a non-profit corporation within the State of Idaho, and our federal tax-exempt status is in the final reviewing process. It will certainly be a step forward when our organization can be totally tax-exempt.

This letter is just a brief report to keep you all posted as to what has happened at Henrys Lake. Second and third more complete newsletters will come out in February and April giving you all the details and plans for this next year or two at Henrys Lake. I must apologize for your membership card coming to you a bit late - BUT, like most of us, your secretary-treasurer has been very busy with his new position at the local college and his new role as husband!

The latest report in November from Bob Rohrer, Senior Fishery Research Biologist with the Idaho Fish and Game Department, is that Henrys Lake receive all the "large fingerling" cutthroat available. Over 2.3 million of these fish were planted this fall in a project which utilized several of our foundation members. Our hats go off to these fellows for using their time, boats, and efforts to scatter these fish all over the lake at each of the tributary sites. Through their work, it is hoped the survival rate would be higher and in the next two to three years, when these fish are ready to spawn, they will seek out and use all the available spawning creeks which feed Henrys Lake. This means of course that we must continue our work with the Fish and Game Department and local land owners to restore the lake's best spawning creeks to their maximum potential.

Bob Rohrer also indicated the lake received its allocation of hybrids and the special strain of Canadian brook trout. A sad note, however, is that Bob Rohrer is being transferred within the Idaho Fish and Game Department. He will be working in southwestern Idaho on another special research project. We will all miss Bob at Henrys Lake next year, as he has been a very strong factor in seeing that our lake received the type of quality attention it so well deserved. Bob - good luck from all of us in the Foundation! We will strive to maintain the quality of fishery that you know Henrys Lake is capable of achieving. It is hoped the Idaho Fish and Game Department strongly considers replacing Bob with another quality research biologist whose full-time job will be to further develop the potential of Henrys Lake.

In February and April, as mentioned, we will be getting you more newsletters discussing our cooperative efforts with the Idaho Fish and Game Department in long-term habitat improvements on the tributaries of Henrys Lake. We will also be reviewing Bob's recommendations for Henrys Lake, and it is hoped that Virgil Moore will be giving us the finalized plans for restoration of Targhee and Howard Creeks for the summer of 1983. Plans also include a summary of the sterilization project which will continue under the direction of Dr. Thorgaard of Washington State University. Since this project was successful last year in sterilizing a sample of hybrids, plans are to sterilize a larger number this next spring. It is also hoped our letters will include words from fellow members who would like to share their thoughts about Henrys Lake.

Last but certainly not least is a SPECIAL thanks to Staley Springs Lodge and Wild Rose Creek Lodge for allowing us to meet, party, and plan this last year, and for all you members who contribute both money and time to our effort. Without you it could not be possible!!

PS: It is important that we have as many members as possible; so if you know of a sportsman or an organization that has not joined Henrys Lake Foundation, please encourage them to join as soon as possible.

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