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President's Message

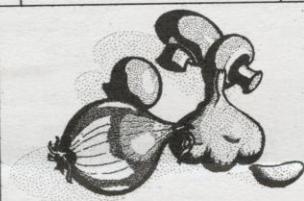
Well, it looks as though it is time to bring you all up to speed with what is happening here on Henry's. The climate here on the lake is a bit tumultuous at present. This fall has seen a great deal of change, both good and bad.

Of considerable concern is the status of the IDFG hatchery. With the departure of Tom Herron from this installation we have seen its partial closure. Unfortunately, IDFG has no intention of re-opening the hatchery on a full time basis in the foreseeable future. The plan for managing Henry's Lake calls for the hatchery to be opened up on a part time basis in order to take care of Spring and Fall spawning, operation of aerators, and maintenance of improvements to the fishery (screens, fencing, etc.). When one looks at the considerable job that the management of a trophy lake entails, this seems woefully inadequate. A "part time" solution just does not seem to be able to address all of the concerns now facing Henry's Lake. We are currently working with the IDFG in order to find a solution to this situation that will satisfy all involved parties, but this is a serious time for the Foundation and your involvement is needed in any form you can muster. A good relationship between ourselves and the IDFG has been a cornerstone to the successful efforts we have enjoyed thus far and it is a must for the future as well.

While the loss of Mr. Herron at the hatchery has been detrimental, it has allowed him to become more involved with the Foundation. Tom is now a director, and with his experience in the

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HENRY'S LAKE FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIPS AS A GIFT GIVING IDEA FOR THE HOLIDAYS? IT'S A GIFT THAT CAN GIVE AN ETERNITY OF SATISFACTION



Gretta Lou's Double Layer Pumpkin Pie and Cranberry Cherry Chutney Inside!!!

Notice to all readers from Richard Prange, Newsletter Coordinator.

From time to time we may have articles of a controversial nature in this newsletter. It will be our policy not to censor or edit the content of the articles without the consent of the authors. However, the opinions and statements made are those of the authors and are not necessarily the views and opinions of the Henry's Lake foundation and Board of Directors.

Henry's Lake Reservoir

The North Fork Reservoir Company was created in 1916 by all the canals on the then called "North Fork of The Snake River". The company sold bonds and acquired property and easements necessary to construct a reservoir. The dam construction was completed in 1923 and the company began to store water. Because Henry's Lake was the only reservoir on "The North Fork", the company acquired easements to flood property on the flat. The reservoir hired a full time operator whose major job was to tie up and dynamite the floating islands before they got into the dam.

Because of the drought in the thirties, the reservoir was drained several times. The gates were left open in the fall of 1934 and brook trout found their way into the reservoir. Another thing happened. Because of the depression, eight of the original companies that started the North Fork Reservoir Company failed to pay their assessments and their shares were acquired in different proportions by the six remaining companies.

The Fremont-Madison Irrigation District was formed in the late 1930's and contracted with the Bureau of Reclamation to construct Island Park Reservoir in 1938. That construction

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Presidents Message

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Fish and Game as a fisheries and wildlife biologist he has become a solid resource for our organization.

This Spring will see the installation of informational signs around the lake and the Henrys Lake Foundation Home Page has been posted on the Internet since mid-November. Both of these should serve to boost interest in the Henrys Lake Foundation. They will also aid in spreading the word about our goals and accomplishments in maintaining a world class fishery on Henrys Lake. We have also formed a committee for solicitation which will be working on expanding the donation base for our annual auction. This coupled with the strength of our current auction director and the tremendous volunteer help we receive each year should provide us with an outstanding auction in 1997.

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ous concerns to deal with, but overall we are moving toward a strong fishing season for 1997. The future of the hatchery and IDFG involvement on Henrys is somewhat in question, however our organization is strong and these problems can be solved if we all

stay involved. The foundation is getting more exposure, the projects we are involved with are moving along at a reasonable pace, and interest in our work here on Henrys' is high. To top this off we have had favorable conditions for the annual freeze over (good oxygen levels are likely), and the brook trout spawning this fall has been bountiful.

With your involvement this organization has the opportunity to see its strongest days yet to come. The key word here is involvement. Our strength is in our members and your involvement is what makes it all come together. I would like to thank all of you for your work in making this organization as successful as it has been and challenge you to stay involved, the Lake and the Foundation still need your help. If you want more information on the status of the hatchery or our current projects, would like to make a donation, or would like to become more involved, we would appreciate hearing from you. Tight Lines, Best Wishes, and Happy Holidays:

Michael A. Horton: President

rights. The canals with the more junior priorities have more shares of stock in the company. There are two of the smaller stockholders that very seldom use any water because they have very early priorities in their natural flow rights. They refer to Henrys Lake as their “insurance water”.

Because of its high elevation

and small drainage area (100 square miles), the best way to fill the reservoir is to keep it as full as possible. The stockholders and the fish each have one thing in common—they are both better off with a full reservoir.

F. Dave Rydalch.

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and resulting operation changed the operation of Henrys Lake Reservoir. Because all of the companies have space in Island Park Reservoir and that storage has ten times the drainage to refill, they use that storage first.

A world class trout fishery has been created by the company and its stockholders who are controlled by the Snake River Watermaster. Because of The Idaho Constitution, water rights are delivered according to the priority system—First in Time is first in Right. Each of the canals that are stockholders have different priorities in their water





"I took two more, about three pounds each, and then, after three fruitless casts, hooked a fish I could not stop. I felt when he took that he was heavy. He did not rush like the others, angling to one side while the line angled up and up. This fish moved straight away from the boat slowly and steadily...Soon he had all my stripping line out, and then began to take line off the reel with the same slow, confident power. And then he stopped. I lifted the rod tip to be sure it was still there. There was

Diamond D Project

With the completion of the Howard Creek fish ladder in late September, the fisheries and ranch enhancement projects on the Salisbury Corporation's Diamond D Ranch have been finished. Idaho Department of Fish and Game Engineering did an excellent job completing the fish ladder at the diversion pond on the Diamond D Ranch. Almost immediately adult cutthroat trout and brook trout were moving upstream through the fish ladder after many years of limited or no access to Howard Creek above the diversion pond.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service is negotiating a conservation easement with the Diamond D Ranch as part of the Wetland Reserve Program. If an easement is negotiated the N.R.C.S. will build the exclusion fencing on Howard Creek above highway 87. The \$4,400 dollars earmarked for this fencing from the Defenders of Wildlife group will be used for riparian planting on Howard Creek below highway 87. The additional \$1500 available from Island Park Sportsmen's Association will go to improvements to the children's fishing pond on Mill Creek in the Shotgun Valley-also an excellent project.

Oxygen Monitoring Continues In 1997

Oxygen monitoring will begin in early January, 1997 as ice conditions allow. Dissolved oxygen in 1996 remained high enough that supplemental aeration was not necessary.

During the '96 angling season algal densities remained low and aquatic plant growth was average, conditions that should moderate oxygen depletion this winter. By the end of the season, the lake iced over. As last year, it opened up again in mid November. When it re-froze, it was partially covered with snow, limiting oxygen production. Snow quickly accumulated deep enough to cut-off sunlight and halt oxygen production, increasing the importance of monitoring during the upcoming winter of '97.

The Fish and Game Department maintains the shore-based lake helixing system and an array of portable aeration equipment to remove ice cover and allow wind to supplement oxygen levels if needed.

Sterile Hybrid Production Successful; Performance Evaluation Begins

During the spring spawning run at Henrys Lake Hatchery, efforts to produce triploid rainbow-cutthroat hybrid trout were undertaken.

Triploid fish have 3 sets of chromosomes that result from immersing fertilized eggs into warm water for various amounts of time after fertilization. The result of triploidy in fish can be variable but often the fish are sterile.

The objective is to prevent native cutthroat from reproducing with fertile hybrid trout. When hybrid trout reproduce with cutthroat trout the result is a loss of the desirable rapid growth of the hybrid and a significant decrease in the genetic integrity of the native cutthroat trout.

Testing at Washington State University has shown the treated experimental fish to have a high enough percentage of triploidy to be evaluated over time in a nearby waterbody.

Idaho Fish and Game biologists will be comparing growth, survival and sterility of triploid hybrids with normally produced fertile hybrid trout. Efforts will continue at the Henrys Lake Hatchery during the 1997 spawning run to produce another experimental group of fish with even higher percentages of triploids for further evaluation of performance.

How Low Can People Be?

This is No Joke! Aaron Stockton caught a beautiful 11 pound hybrid October 3, 1996. He had proudly displayed his trophy to the Wild Rose and Valley View Grocery when he discovered the shock of his life. Some slob had stolen his Trophy Trout! Aaron has notified Fish & Game and all the Taxidermy shops and all agreed it probably wouldn't show up until next year. Luckily Bill & Jeannie Fullen were there to weigh and capture the Fuji moment (no it wasn't in the spring) but it's not even close to having the real thing on the wall. If you have any information, contact Aaron at: 1004 Redwood, Idaho falls or (208)523-1212.

Membership News

Yes, it's that time of the year again to start thinking of paying the 1997 membership dues! Our fiscal year starts on January 1 and the membership dues are due and payable.

Two years ago the Board of Directors revised the membership dues structure. We all know how inflation has effected everyone and the Foundation hasn't been excluded. The Board found it necessary to raise the fees and "grandfather" all life memberships prior to 1995 to not be assessed a ten dollar yearly maintenance fee.

Unfortunately the Newsletter omitted this yearly fee and the majority of our new Life members are unaware of payment due. With this Newsletter we have fixed the problem! Please be prompt at paying your memberships, we have many projects scheduled for 1997 and with Fish & Game's financial problems we will have to "bare the burden".

Your continued support helps to insure the quality fishery of Henrys Lake present and in the future. All revenues received fund our riparian projects, operational expenses, and keeps us "in tune" with organizations we "rub elbows" with in our particular ecosystem. Your Officers and Board of Directors receive no wage or salary, it is definitely a labor of love and caring.

Anyone interested in contributing their "personpower" towards projects, fund raising, being a Board Member, or thoughts and ideas please contact your Secretary/Treasurer - Jeannie Fullen. Thank you, everyone for all your support, without you, we wouldn't be so successful.

Jeannie Fullen:
Secretary/Treasurer

The Howard Creek Recovery Program

Howard Creek is one of the main streams feeding into Henrys Lake. It enters from the direction of Targhee Pass paralleling highway 20 and passes under highway 87 near the junction of the two highways. From there to the lake it flows across the flats to the Eastern shore of Henrys Lake.

About eight years ago, the Foundation, in conjunction with Idaho Fish and Game and the Flying R Ranch (now the Howard Creek Ranch) began to fence the banks of Howard Creek. The creek at that time was typical of too many streams in Idaho cattle country. The banks were shallow, muddy and denuded by cattle, who are browsers and grazers and eat all new shoots of willows, aspen as well as grass. It was a scene of devastation from decades of old-time cattle raising methods.

Now, eight years later, the entire stream, except for the gaps for watering and transferring of cattle, from the highway to the lake, is a meandering, gravel bottomed, grass edged run. It is perfect for cutthroat in the Spring and brook trout in the Fall. A visit to the Diamond D ranch property gives a wonderful demonstration of reclamation for trout habitat. It is especially thrilling for those that remember the way it was.

This September saw the last blockade to total stream spawning removed. A fish ladder was built on the dam of an irrigating pond on the creek. This allows spawners to reach the upper miles of Howard Creek. Until now, only a small percentage of fish were able to traverse the pipe flume to the pond and the stream above.

Only one week after finishing the fish ladder, trout could be seen in the water above the dam. Interestingly, only a quarter of them were brookies, the rest were cutthroat, and all were of spawning size! This was a heart-warming surprise.

Of course, Nature will beckon the bald eagle and osprey to prey on the migrating fish, but this has been the way for thousands of years. Newly planted aspen and willows will help protect the trout as they grow and mature. Volunteers from the Nature Conservancy of Idaho have been active in planting of cover at

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movement. Perhaps he was sulking, I thought. I lifted the rod again and felt the same dead weight. For several minutes I stood, putting constant pressure on the line but not enough to break it. My chest was beating heavily; my right hand shook. 'In the weeds?' one of the men asked. 'Don't know. Something's still down there. I can feel something.' 'Better pull the line with your hand,' the man said. 'If he's still on, you'll feel him.' I did so and only felt the dead weight. I gave the line a few more steady pulls, and then drew it tight and gave it a sharp tug. When I got the line in, I saw some weeds still attached to it. The fish had wound himself around and around until he was able to break off; I'd never felt the break..."
From "ON THE DIVIDE" by Nick Lyons.

Brook Trout Enhancement

Decreasing abundance of brook trout in Henrys Lake have been quite obvious to many people who have fished the Lake in recent years. Things are looking up however.

Gill netting conducted in June by the Department of Fish and Game showed higher percentages of brook trout over previous years. Up to double the percentage of previous years of recruiting year-classes.

Planting of brook trout has been doubled on Henrys Lake in 1996- to the same number as hybrid trout stocked; over 200,000 fingerlings. This level of stocking should continue in upcoming years.

Completion of the fish ladder on Howard Creek will, and already has, resulted in increased spawning access and success of brook trout.

Greater numbers of brook trout have been seen spawning in other tributaries of Henrys Lake also. This is partly due to increased flow in recent years as well as supplementation of Duck Creek, Kelly Spring and Howard Creek with fry plants in previous years.

Future projects that could benefit brook trout include reducing fish barriers on Duck Creek and Targhee and Howard Creeks at culverts on highway 87. Eventually when the hatchery run increases, fry will be available for further supplemental planting into tributaries of Henrys Lake.

Brook trout spawning during the fall 1996 run was particularly successful. Eye-up percentages have been very good and enough eggs collected to provide for continued enhanced stocking of Henrys Lake with brook trout. Kudos to Mel Sadecki; Ashton Hatchery Manager, Bill Harriman; Assistant Manager, Dan Ethridge and Leon Martindale; Bio-Aides with the Ashton Hatchery. Also Steve Wingert; newly assigned Assistant Manager at the Ashton Hatchery replacing Bill Harryman who has transferred to Northern Idaho.

WELCOME ABOARD STEVE WINGERT

Steve Wingert replaces Bill Haryman at the Ashton Hatchery as Assistant Hatchery Manager. Steve comes to Ashton from the Eagle Hatchery where he worked with the endangered Redfish Lake Sockeye. Steve brings much fish cultural experience to the Ashton Hatchery from his assignments at the Sawtooth Hatchery in Stanley and at Eagle.

Before his permanent assignment Steve was a temporary employee at the Ashton Hatchery and The Cabinet Gorge Hatchery. Steve hit the ground running, spawning brook trout this season at Henrys Lake. His toils have paid off nicely with brook trout eye-up survival percentages around 80 percent.

We all look forward to seeing Steve this fishing season conducting creel surveys, angler interviews and engaging in enforcement activities on the Lake. Your first opportunity to meet Steve could be when you volunteer to help spawn cutthroat trout and produce rainbow cutthroat hybrid trout starting March 1. Volunteers interested in Spawning should call Steve or Mel Sadecki at the Ashton Fish Hatchery (208)652-3579. They will appreciate your help.

Howard Creek Restoration

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the site.

Next summer, perhaps tours can be arranged to show off what our Foundation with its leadership and funding can do to re-establish a spawning trout habitat. Howard Creek carries a message not soon forgotten: People **can** repair an ecosystem, it just takes initiative, leadership, volunteers, time and money with cooperation of all parties toward a common good.

Roger Lang; Board of Directors

Utah Chub Update

The interested anglers that brought Utah chubs to the Henrys Lake Hatchery during this fishing season have been very helpful in advancing the knowledge of chub and trout interactions in the Lake.

The chubs will be aged by reading scales, and their stomach contents will be analyzed to determine diet preference and shed light on the potential competition between this non-game fish and resident trout in Henrys Lake.

Routine Gill netting in June failed to turn-up any of the undesirable fish that are feared to be on the increase. Several beach seine hauls were also unproductive for chubs. The chubs obtained for study in 1996 came exclusively from anglers, primarily if not exclusively fly anglers. Once water temperature warms to around 60 degrees F it seems anglers begin catching the chubs in greater numbers, particularly around Stanley's.

Again in 1997, if you catch a Utah chub it should not be returned to the lake. If possible, freeze it and/or give it to Fish and Game personnel.

There is little that can be done to eliminate Utah chubs from Henrys Lake, however understanding as much as possible about the life history of this fish that is believed to compete with trout will be very helpful in the future.

Howdy-Do From Gretta Lou...

Hello to all our foundation friends and neighbors at Staley Springs on Henrys Lake. I am sure all of you agree that we had a super summer at the lake. The Henrys Lake Foundation auction was a great success and those of you who missed it missed a great time. Try to plan now for the next one - 4th of July weekend 1997.

My husband Bob bought the Buck's Tube that was donated by Buck's Bags in Boise. Believe you me, he experienced a new way of fly fishing and says to thank Carl Yates for bailing him out. One fin just doesn't do the job.

I don't know if anyone topped George Roth's 54 hooked-and-released fish, but it was an exciting day watching him hook up, it seemed like, everytime you looked out on the lake.

We didn't get to stay as long this year because we went to Southern California for our 50th wedding anniversary. I want to thank again Stan and Becky and the staff at Staley Springs for a beautiful 50th party at the lodge. Not only for Bob and me, but

DOUBLE LAYER PUMPKIN PIE

A dandy recipe for the holidays!!!

Mix 4 oz. cream cheese, 1Tbsp milk, 1Tbsp sugar. Mix in a large bowl until smooth. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of Cool-Whip and spread in a graham cracker crust. In a bowl, mix 1 cup of milk, 2 pkgs Jell-O vanilla pudding until blended (1 to 2 minutes). Stir in one 16 oz canned pumpkin, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp ginger, 1/4 tsp ground cloves. Mix and spread over cheese and chill at least for 3 hours, then spread with Cool-Whip.

Gretta Lou Askey

Board of Directors

Bill and Sandy Hayes of California, Don and Betty Carrier of Wyoming who also Celebrated their 50th this year. 1946 was a great year. All our boys were home and the war was over. Jack and Val Forman of California also celebrated an anniversary, their 49th. About 20 of us went to the Dude in West Yellowstone for dinner and a great time was had by all.

Henrys Lake Foundation Auction

The annual picnic and auction at Staley Springs Lodge on July 6th, 1996 was once again a success, with net receipts after Idaho 5% sales tax of \$4,638.49. Mary Hall, Mike Horton and crew did a fine job organizing the barbecue.

Thanks to the increased participation of local businesses, nationally known companies and friends of the HLF, the tables were filled with a variety of items for the eager bidders. The cash table also displayed numerous items, notably Doris Woodall's chocolates. As the silent auction drew to a close the bidding became quite heated on a number of items, such as the popular HLF silver belt buckle and an HLF engraved Buck Knife.

A special THANK YOU to the solicitors and auction helpers.

Barbara Day

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Henrys Lake Foundation Goes ONLINE

The Henrys Lake Foundation Now has a WEBB SITE on the INTERNET. the address is:

<http://henryslake.netib.com>

The objective is to provide a current source of information about Henrys Lake in one convenient location. Also to recruit members that are interested in the resource and willing to pitch-in. The webb site includes an expanded definition of the regulations that are specific to Henrys Lake, paraphrased from the IDFG regulations booklet. Also there is a brief life history of the major fish species and a page for fly patterns. Richard Prange's Historical Essay is included with a description of projects, past present and future.

There is a hyperlink to e-mail the Henrys Lake Foundation:

henryslk@srv.net for information and suggestions regard-

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ing projects and content. Soon there will be an online membership application form and a forum page for "running" discussions of fishing topics and issues of concern. In the first week the "page" was open there were over 400 visitors to the web site. Weather links will be included to give immediate weather forecasts for the Henrys Lake area including current conditions. Also available will be an area map and other attractions in the area. If desirable a fishing report for other area waters can be included. If you have materials to submit such as pictures, fly patterns, pictures of flies, techniques, editorial articles or descriptions of day trips to areas of interest please submit them to Tom Herron, 900 N. Skyline; Suite B, Idaho falls, ID 83402. If you have Internet access or know someone who does, take a look and offer some feed back. The web site is full color with medium and high resolution photographs and graphics.

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CRANBERRY CHERRY CHUTNEY

In a pan, put 1 cup packed brown sugar, 1 cup raisins, 1/3 cup white vinegar, 1 can whole cranberries, 1 can cherry pie filling. One half tsp EACH of ground cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon. One small orange, chopped (rind and all). Bring to a boil and simmer for 20 minutes. Cool and add one cup of chopped walnuts if you want. Put in Jars. Keeps in fridge for a long time.

Letters...

This is a trial section of the Foundation Newsletter that will include letters with topics of special concern. The purpose of this section is to inform and enlighten, not to sensationalize or misrepresent. The opinions presented are those of the authors. Unfortunately there is not room to include all of the letters written concerning an issue, however factual information in any volume is useful.

This letter was sent to Fish and Game Commissioner, Jeff Siddoway, Engineering Bureau Chief Phil Jeppson and to the *Idaho Statesman* as a letter to the editor, protesting the absence of a resident Fish & Game Officer at the Henrys Lake Hatchery. Included are letters in reply from Fisheries Bureau Chief; Steve Huffaker and Upper Snake Region; Regional Supervisor; Don Wright.

August 13, 1996

Idaho Fish and Game
1055 North 1700 East
Terreton, ID 83450

Dear Jeff Siddoway:

I am writing to you regarding the rumor that there will be no replacement for Tom Herron at the Henrys Lake Hatchery. I am deeply troubled by the oversight Fish and Game may make if this were to be true. The importance of Henrys Lake as a Trophy Fishery and the Hatchery as a valuable collector for Cutthroat Trout to the State's restocking program, is being horribly understated. It is crucial to have a resident F&G officer at the Hatchery. My husband and I have been fishing Henrys Lake for thirteen years (he's been there longer) and our concerns are not only as fishermen, but as future property owners as well.

If there is no one to fill the vacancy, who will clean the fish screens and monitor their care? That is not a once a year maintenance. The same goes for the Ladder (once it's built) it needs to be observed and maintained before and during the fish run not after the fact. How about the fencing projects past and future, the solar fish counter, the cleaning and digging of the mouths to the creeks during

low lake levels, it can go on and on. The Henry's Lake Foundation has devoted a great deal of money and effort past and present to develop these assets and has made an honest effort to work with Fish & Game. Turning your back to them now is not only politically incorrect, it's wrong.

On numerous occasions we have observed repeat law offenders, everything from over limit, littering, fishing before hours and after to fishing in a closed area. We have complained bitterly either directly or by another person to Mark Gamblin with no response. He promised he would send someone up but no one came. Do you have any idea how explosive these problems will get when they are already blatantly committed? There is always a percentage of the general public who refuses to honor and obey the rules and regulations. They will have a complete runaway knowing there are no F&G Officers there. Fines collected most certainly would help offset the expense of a resident officer. I would hate to see any person take the law into their own hands because of frustration, the law suits could be endless.

Sincerely,

Bill and Jeannie Fullen

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fullen
7545 Southside Road
Nampa, ID 83686

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fullen

I am writing in response to your letter to Mr. Phil Jeppson, regarding the status of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (Department) biologist position at Henry Lake Fish Hatchery. First, let me assure you the Department is not closing the fish hatchery. We will continue to operate the facility as we have in the past. We no longer raise fish at Henrys Lake, and we have not for a number of years. We do operate the fish trap, spawn cutthroat and brook trout, and will continue this program.

The Department is currently experiencing a financial shortfall and is having to make adjustments in order to remain solvent. One of the actions that we plan to take is to put the operation of Henrys Lake Hatchery back under the supervision of the Ashton Fish Hatchery. This will consolidate the fish management and hatchery programs. For most of the year the Department will have a presence at Henrys Lake with both hatchery operations and the local Conservation Officer. We anticipate keeping our temporary employees for maintenance on fencing projects, creel surveys, and ladder operations.

The Department is committed to sound fish and wildlife programs throughout the State. We are not turning our back on Henrys Lake nor the Henrys Lake Foundation. Our regional personnel are dedicated individuals committed to the resource and will do the best job possible with the time and money they have available. Our commitment to maintaining the trophy status of Henrys Lake is unchanged. Enforcement personnel are very active in this area and I do not anticipate an increase in illegal activity with the loss of this position. I hope you understand that in difficult financial situations, some "belt tightening" has to be done. The Department is doing this statewide, so everyone is going to have to give a little.

I thank you for your interest in this matter and hope that I have answered your questions. If you need further clarification or have other questions, do not hesitate to give me a call at (208)-334-3791.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Huffaker, Chief
Bureau of Fisheries

c: Commissioner Siddoway w/ltr
Don Wright

August 28, 1996

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fullen
7545 Southside Boulevard
Nampa, ID 83686

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fullen:

I'm replying to the letter you sent to Chief Phil Jeppson of our Engineering Bureau concerning the Henrys Lake position. I would like to try to alleviate some of your concerns. The decision has been made that the Assistant Hatchery Superintendent at Ashton will also be responsible for Henrys Lake. He will be physically at Henrys Lake approximately one-half of his time, mainly during the times of concern, i.e., the spawning season for cutthroat in the spring, the summer season, and the fall during brook trout spawning.

There will be no cutbacks in temporary employees at the Henrys Lake facility, therefore, we can maintain the electric fences, and maintain all of our diversion structures so we can continue the program at Henrys Lake.

With assistance from the regional personnel, the Department believes we can continue a good operation, and continue to have the trophy fishery at Henrys Lake as we have in the past.

If you have any other concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Don E. Wright
Regional Supervisor

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HENRYS LAKE FOUNDATION 1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1997	
January	3 Oxygen Monitoring Begins
	21 Henrys Fork Watershed Council Mtg
February	19 Henrys Fork Watershed Council Mtg
	28 Winter Update posted on Internet http://henryslake.netib.com
March	1 Hybrid and cutthroat trout Spawning begins at Henrys Lake Hatchery
	18 Henrys Fork Watershed Council Mtg
April	15 Deadline for spring newsletter
	16 Henrys Fork Watershed Council Mtg
	26 Foundation willow planting on Howard Creek
	24 Fishing season opens-Island Park
May	1 Spring newsletter Mailed
	10 Fishing Season Update posted on Internet: http://henryslake.netib.com
	24 Fishing Season Opens on Henrys Lake
	24 Weekly Fishing Update Begins on Internet webb site
July	5 Henrys Lake Foundation Annual Picnic, Auction, General Membership Meeting and elections
	7-11 Project completion: Build Riparian Fence on Duck Creek. Complete Misc. maintenance needs on projects around the Lake
	16 Watershed Council field trip
October	21 State of the Watershed Conference
	31 Deadline for Fall Newsletter
November	15 Fall Newsletter Mailed

NEWSLETTER

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