



# 2019 Newsletter

## HLF Presidents Letter

Hi from Sunny California,

Last year was a great year for Henry's Lake Foundation. The following is just a brief summary of why I have this attitude:

1. We raised the most money in a single year than any other in our 38 year history – especially thanks to the generous donation from the Devto Family Foundation.
2. The fishing year was great at every level imaginable. Catch rate was off the charts. Great trophies abounded. The fly, bait and lures all produced during their sweet-spots.
3. No algae bloom.
4. A great fundraiser that created the largest donation level of any other event.
5. A smashing success for our first education grant. Getting young future biologists and anglers involved and passionate about our great lake and environment is an exciting thing for us old timers.
6. A first ever joint project with the prestigious Henry's Fork Foundation. You'll see more in our project discussion later, but it was great to combine forces in a way that played to both our strengths and both our interests.
7. The addition of three new passionate directors to our board: Rick Sitts Phd, Mike Martin, and Dr. Charles Friedman. Longtime residents and advocates for our lake and habitat.
8. A new website soon to be unveiled that makes it easier to share and inquire with all of our stakeholders.
9. And finally, the beginning of the substantial Rock Creek project that we have actively partnered in.

So, a solid year after all. And some great plans for our future. Our top three priorities for this next year include:

1. Identifying additional high value and leveraged projects for our next round of investment and participation.
2. Developing strategies and tactics that will increase our reach and membership. We have a great story to tell, we just need to use our resources and the available tools to tell it better. After all, our purpose and projects are significant.
3. And, given the success we have had with our fundraising efforts, we'd like to continue to have funds and build community through yet another great afternoon and evening at the Meadow Vue Ranch.

If you have an interest to be a more active part of the foundation, we are always looking for volunteers, new members and directors. Give me a call any time any time zone. 602-317-5406.

Thanks for your support (and the fantastic support of my fellow board members). Here's to a healthy winter for all. And Lynne and I are looking to seeing so many supporters, colleagues and friends around one of the most wonderful lakes and habitat ever created for trout and mankind.

Richard Hodge President, Henry's Lake Foundation.

## Henrys Lake Tributary Diversion Project

Most Henrys Lake anglers know that fishing success near Duck Creek is dependent on summer flows. During drought years, little water flows to the mouth and fish don't congregate.

Likewise, spawning and rearing habitat in this vital Henrys tributary is minimal during poor water years. Side channels dry up and stream temperatures increase and are not suitable for fingerling rearing.

Simply stated, increase flows in Duck Creek and you increase fishing opportunity and improve habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

In 2015, the Henrys Lake Technical Committee formed to identify and prioritize fish habitat projects on Henrys Lake. The group identified the Duck Creek drainage as the number one priority. A project on Rock Creek (the largest tributary to Duck Creek) to install diversion control structures that would increase flows by diverting water during periods when landowner irrigation was unnecessary.

In the winter of 2018, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Fisheries Manager-Brett High, coordinated efforts with the USFS, the Henrys Lake Foundation and local landowners to initiate the project. Landowners Mike Moedl and Lynn Briggs had approved the project. Fabrication for the metal structures began under the supervision of USFS employees Lee Mabey and Louis Wasniewski. Construction site work was provided by Darin Schneider from IDFG. Project funding was provided by the Henrys Lake Foundation and grants.

In October 2019 the diversion structures were installed. In the spring of 2020 flumes will be added to monitor flows and reduce erosion.

Sawtell Peak and the Centennial mountains maintain winter snows well into late summer. From these snowy fields, Rock Creek flows. Thanks to this collaborative effort and dedicated landowners, water flowing from this tributary will now contribute to Duck Creek. Fish habitat will be improved and anglers will benefit.

For over three decades, fish habitat improvement projects have been implemented on Henrys Lake. The Henrys Lake Foundation has provided funding, technical expertise, collaboration skills and labor for most of these projects. We are pleased to see our members contributions go towards projects that benefit fish habitat and angler opportunity.



Rock Cr Upper diversion before controlled head gate

Rock Cr Lower Diversion before controlled head gate



# 2019 HENRYS LAKE FOUNDATION PROJECTS REPORT

Mary VanFleet



Lee Mabey, USFS completing cement on Upper Rock Creek



Rock Creek Lower Diversion Under Construction  
Darin Schneider IDFG Recreation Site Maintenance  
Foreman on Backhoe Louis Wasniewski,  
USFS Hydrologist in Green Jacket



Rock Cr Lower Diversion after controlled head gate installation

## Henrys Lake Foundation Funds Continuing Research

University of Idaho graduate student Darcy McCarrick has been studying factors influencing YCT populations in Henrys Lake utilizing radio telemetry transmitters. Last year Darcy tagged 50 YCT and 50 Utah Chub and studied their movements and habitat use. In an effort to increase the sample size the study will continue for a second year. See separate article for more details of the objectives and progress of the research.

A majority of the funding has been provided by IDFG, and a request for supplemental funding has been granted by the HLF Board in the amount of \$5000 to continue the research.

## Future Project Work

In addition to the above projects, HLF continues to look for opportunities to improve riparian corridors along tributaries which aids water quality flowing to the lake. This involves work on pasture areas which includes fencing off the creeks and shoreline, providing watering gaps for cattle, hardening the crossings to reduce siltation, and maintaining continuity of fence lines. Several priority areas were identified for 2020, and an allotment of \$7500 for fence lines was approved by the HLF Board.

HLF is continuing to look at tributary habitats in the south and west sides for potential improvements as we discuss opportunities for the future. There are a few areas where good projects could be conducted to enhance the creek quality, and HLF will begin landowner discussions on the benefits of such improvements.

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**Henrys Lake 2019**

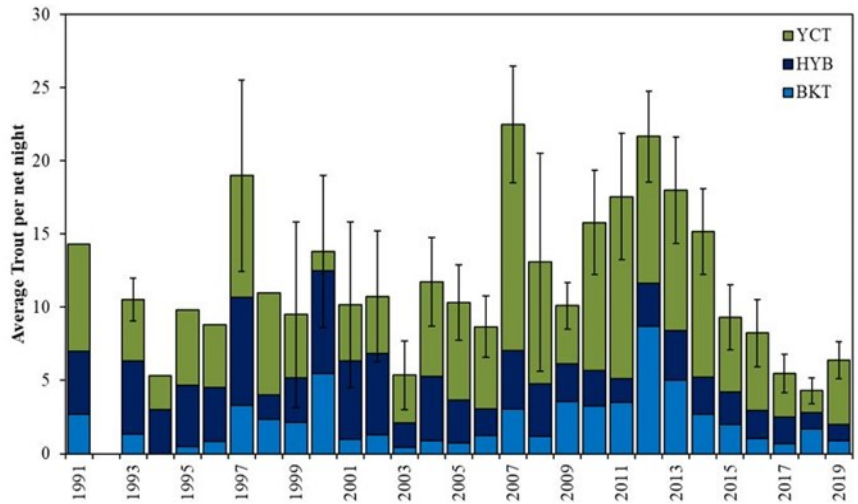
**Population analysis:**

Each year directly following ice-off we set 50 gill nets to obtain current information on the fish population trends in Henrys Lake. In May of this year, during our gill net surveys we estimated a capture rate of 6.4 trout per net, which is below our long-term average of 12 fish per net but higher than we have recorded in the previous two years (2018 - 4.8, 2017 - 5.5; Figure 1).

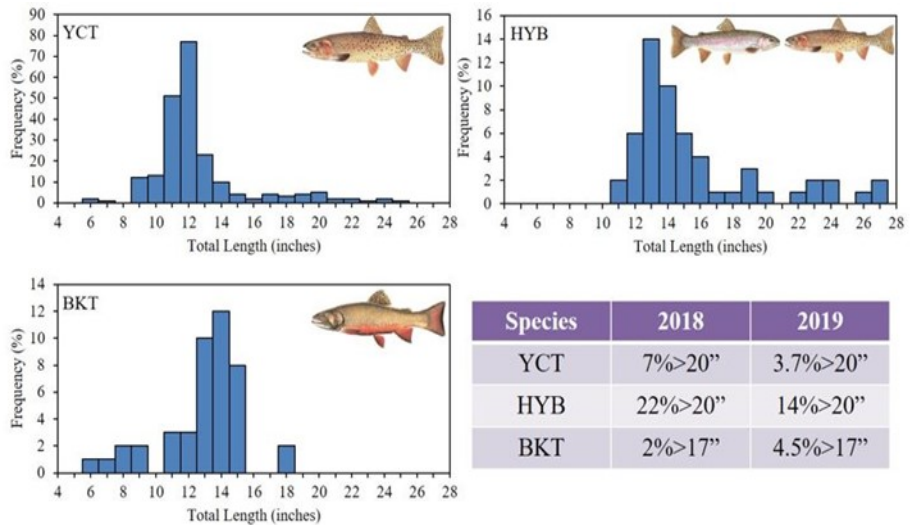
Although, the total number of trout captured during our 2019 gill net survey was higher than the previous two years, the number of both Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (YCT) and Hybrid Trout (HYB) captured with a total length of over 20 inches has decreased since 2018. Conversely, the number of Brook Trout over 17 inches has increased since 2018 (Figure 2). The largest percentage of our catch for each species was in the 12-14 inches in length (~age 2 fish). This overall increase in trout numbers combined with the high abundances of age-2 trout suggest we should look forward to continued fishing success in the next two or three years to come. Although we detected low dissolved oxygen levels during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 winters the dissolved oxygen concentrations over the last 2 years have appeared quite conducive to trout survival. This is described in more detail below.

**Stocking:**

Each year we stock Henrys Lake with three species of trout. In the years past, we stocked all of our hatchery fish during the last week of September. This year we adjusted this stocking regime. We switched our rearing facility for Hybrid Trout from the Mackay Hatchery to American Falls Hatchery, where they grow faster with higher water temperatures. Due to this, we stocked approximately 171, 765 Hybrid Trout (Rainbow x Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout) on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, that were ~2.5 inches in length. An additional 18,681 Hybrid Trout at 3.4 inches in length were also stocked on September 30<sup>th</sup>. All other trout were stocked during the week of September 24.



**Figure 1:** The average number of trout captured per net night during our gillnet surveys of Henrys Lake from 1991 to 2019, where YCT= Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, HYB= Hybrid Trout (Yellowstone Cutthroat x Rainbow Trout), and BKT= Brook Trout.



**Figure 2:** The number of fish caught by total length (inches) and species captured during the 2019 gillnetting survey of Henrys Lake where YCT= Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, HYB= Hybrid Trout (Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout x Rainbow Trout), and BKT= Brook Trout.



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This included 1,209,364 Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout at ~3" in length and 106,289 Brook Trout at ~5" in length. That's a total of over 1,506,000 trout! This year signifies the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of increased stocking in Henrys Lake.

Water conditions at the time of stocking are very important to the survival of trout. This year at all three stocking locations, dissolved oxygen and temperatures were at desirable levels to foster trout survival. In addition, no significant mortality from hatchery truck hauling or bird predation were observed.

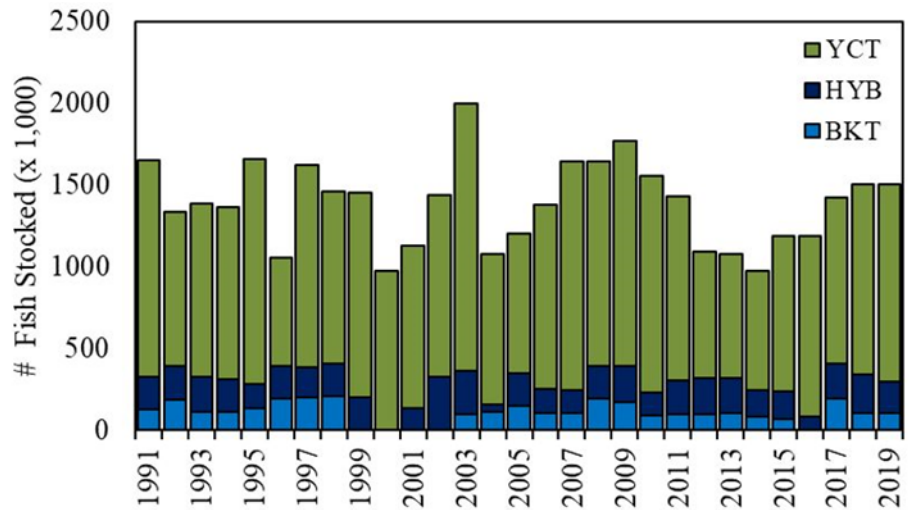


Figure 3: The number of trout by species stocked into Henrys Lake from 1991 to 2019 where YCT= Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, HYB= Hybrid Trout (Yellowstone Cutthroat x Rainbow Trout), and BKT= Brook Trout.

### Water quality:

This August marked the year anniversary of our water quality program on Henrys Lake. A huge thank-you to each of you for partnering with IDFG, the Henry's Fork Foundation, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to help make this project a reality. This project was implemented in response to the decreasing trout abundances captured in our gillnets as shown in Figure 1. The lower abundances seen from 2015 to 2018 suggest trout may have experienced a higher than normal mortality rate and some potential factors limiting trout production in the lake may be abiotic factors such as temperature and oxygen. We collect data on temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), conductivity (a measure of how much "stuff" is in the water column), and algal production (tied to the cyanobacteria blooms we've observed in recent years) as well as measuring water clarity. We have also been collecting water samples to analyze total Nitrogen and total Phosphorus concentrations.

### Temperature and dissolved oxygen:

Since we began our sampling in August 2018, we have not recorded a water temperature over 20°C/68°F (Figure 4). The lethal limit for trout is ~25°C/77°F. Cooler water temperatures have been a welcomed change from the high temperatures observed in the lake over the last few years, and cooler water can hold more oxygen. The amount of oxygen in water is essential to the growth and survival of aquatic animals. Trout prefer waters with high concentrations of oxygen and we deem a concentration of 5 mg/L or higher to be adequate for trout growth and survival.

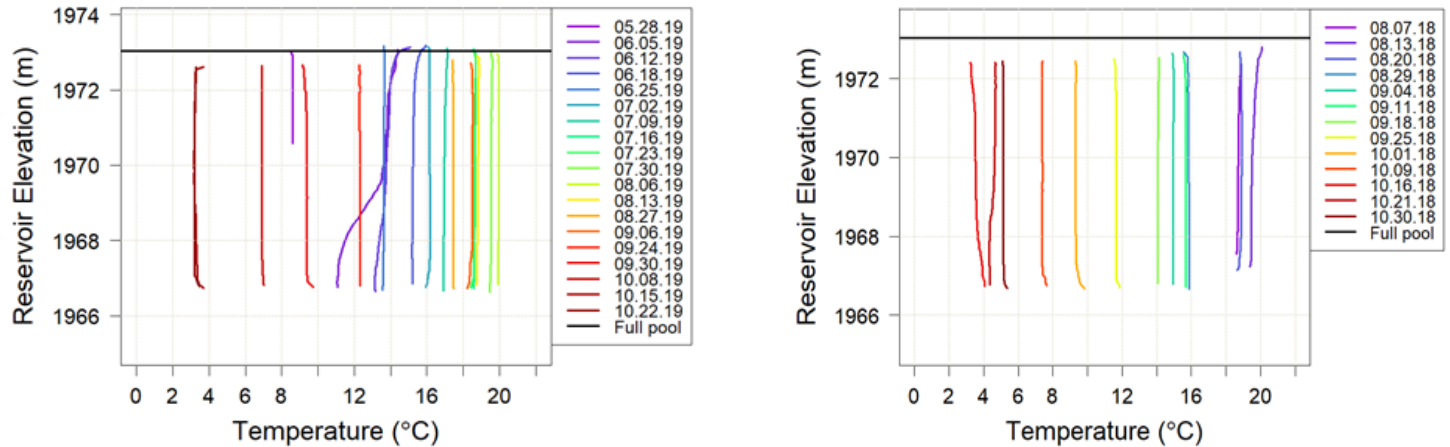
Throughout the 2018 and 2019 open water seasons, dissolved oxygen concentrations throughout the lake were above 5 mg/L (Figure 5). During the last week of sampling each year before the lake iced over, a concentration of >9 mg/L was observed, indicating highly oxygenated waters heading into the winter. These last 2 years have provided trout with cold, well-oxygenated water throughout the spring, summer, and fall.



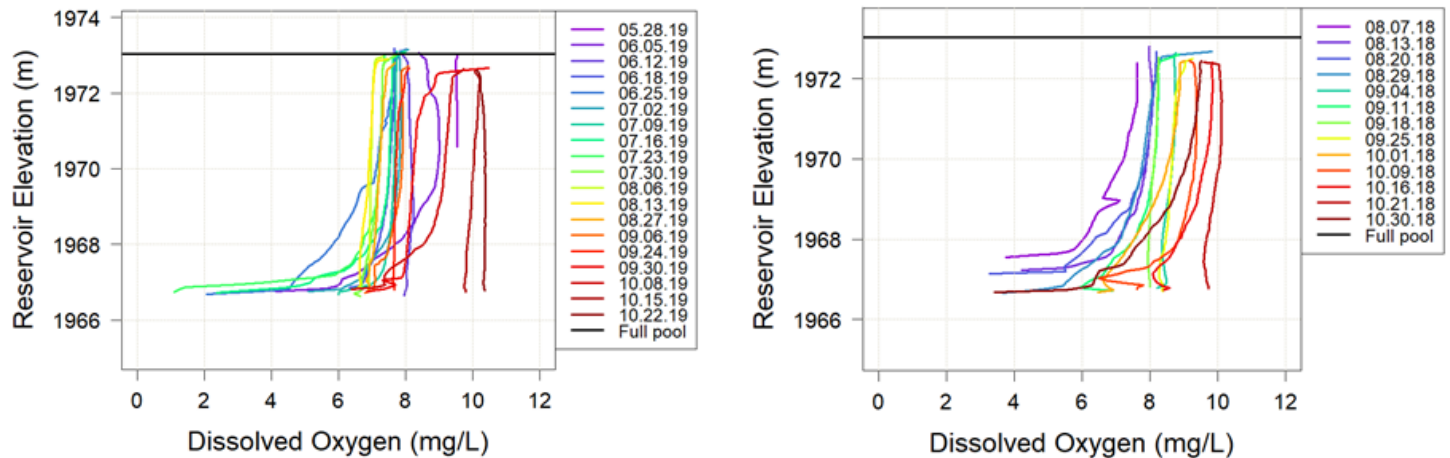
Volunteer Tom Hohler  
measuring water clarity

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**Figure 4:** Temperature (°C) throughout the water column at the Center sampling site, Henrys Lake for A.



08.07.2018 to 10.30.2018 and B. 05.28.2019 to 10.22.19.

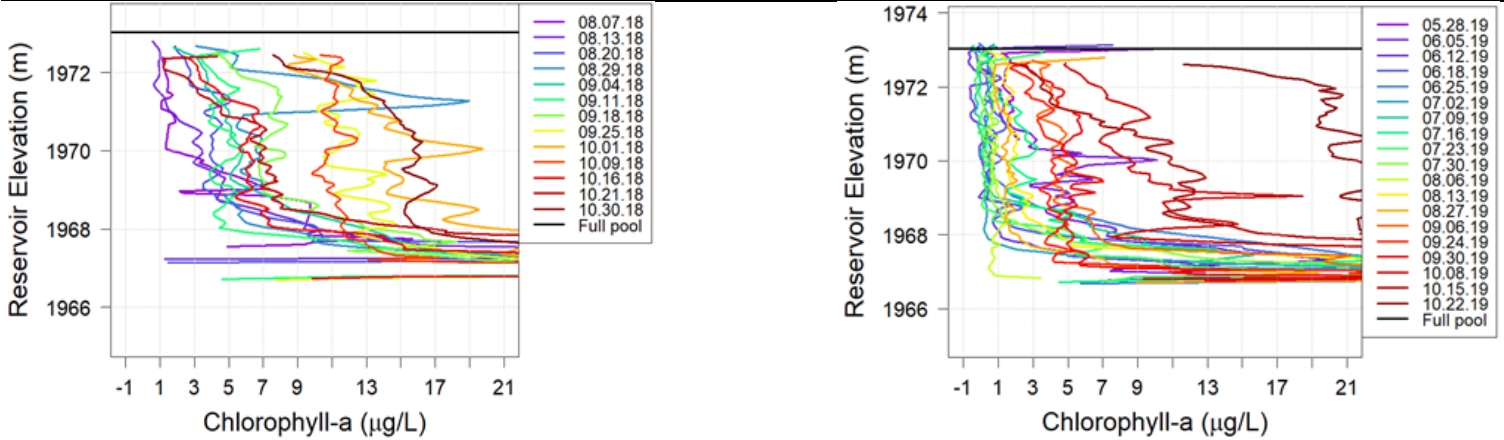
**Figure 5:** The concentration of dissolved oxygen (mg/L) throughout the water column at the Center sampling site, Henrys Lake for A. 08.07.2018 to 10.30.2018 and B. 05.28.2019 to 10.22.19.

**Algae:**

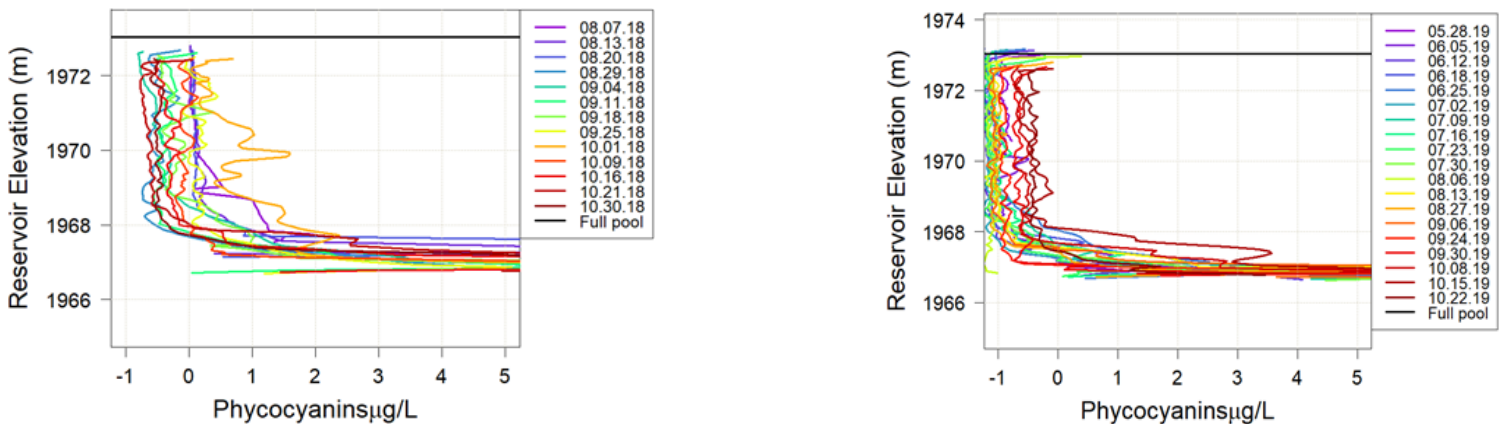
Algae are important organisms which capture light and undergo photosynthesis and provide an important food source for organisms up the aquatic food chain. As such, algae are essential to the lake and provide oxygen for trout. However, too much algae can indicate issues with water quality, and can be hazardous to plants and animals. To determine the total amount of algae in the water column we can measure different color pigments. The chlorophyll-*a* pigment gives us a measure of the total amount of algae in the lake and the phycocyanin pigment provides us with the amount of harmful blue-green algae. Both pigments followed the same trend in 2018 and 2019, where algae peaked in the late summer to early fall (Figure 6) and a small harmful algal bloom was recorded at the beginning of October each year (Figure 7).

**Nutrients:**

Total phosphorus concentrations in the water column of freshwater lakes are generally highest during the late summer and early fall with higher temperatures, more sunlight and when primary production is at its peak. Henrys Lake follows this trend throughout the year. Total phosphorus was consistent across all sites providing us with evidence of seasonal internal cycling of phosphorus within the lake instead of an external point source location.



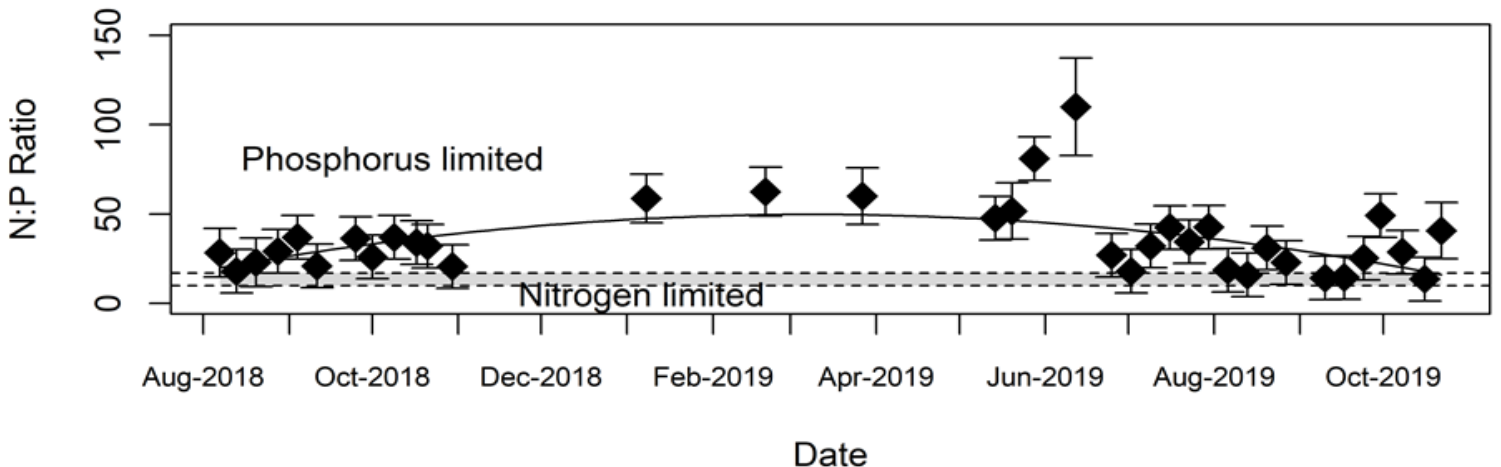
**Figure 6:** The concentration of chlorophyll-a ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) throughout the water column at the Center sampling site, Henrys Lake for A. 08.07.2018 to 10.30.2018 and B. 05.8.2019 to 10.22.19.



**Figure 7:** The concentration of phycocyanins ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) throughout the water column at the Center sampling site, Henrys Lake for A. 08.07.2018 to 10.30.2018 and B. 05.28.2019 to 10.22.19.

**Nutrients:**

The graph below shows the average nitrogen to phosphorus (N:P) ratio across all sites from 7 August 2018 to 22 October 2019 (Figure 8). Throughout the entire year of sampling, the lake appears to be phosphorus limited with the highest limitation occurring in June 2019. Nutrient concentrations and ratios are very similar to those observed in Island Park Reservoir in recent years by the Henry's Fork Foundation.



**Figure 8:** The ratio of Total Nitrogen to Total Phosphorus measured at the Center sampling site, Henrys Lake once a week from 07.08.2018 to 22.10.2019.



We are trying to do a better job at sharing current IDFG happenings around the region. One step towards this is the distribution of our Henrys Lake quarterly newsletters. These newsletters will inform you about our ongoing projects, results, and information regarding Henrys Lake. Our next newsletter will be circulated in December 2019. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please send your email address to [idfgreply@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:idfgreply@idfg.idaho.gov), request to be added to our emailing list and choose the subscription topic “Upper Snake Region”.

## Henrys Lake Research

Darcy McCarrick-M.S. Graduate Student

Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and the University of Idaho

Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (YCT) *Oncorhynchus clarkii bouvieri* have high ecological and economic value. In recent years, the distribution of YCT has decreased across the western U.S. from habitat loss and interactions with nonnative species. Fisheries managers are forced to balance angler satisfaction and YCT conservation. Trying to balance these two needs is typified at Henrys Lake, Idaho. Henrys Lake is a popular trophy trout fishery, but in recent years, surveys have revealed changes in catch rates and body condition of YCT. A variety of factors have been hypothesized to explain these trends, including increased temperatures, reduced dissolved oxygen due to warmer temperatures and changes in nutrient dynamics, high mortality from avian predators or anglers, and direct and indirect effects of introduced Utah Chub (UTC) *Gila atraria*. The influence of UTC on YCT is largely unknown, but they have typically had a negative effect on salmonids in systems where they have been introduced. Given the importance of the Henrys Lake YCT fishery, additional information is needed on the factors influencing YCT population structure and dynamics.

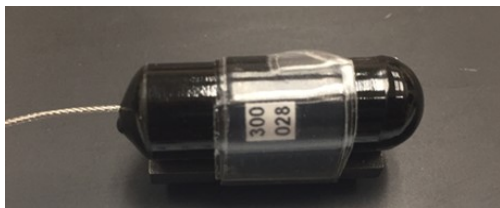


Figure 2. A radio transmitter (tag), emits a signal that we can detect to determine fish locations.

I will be conducting research to better understand these factors. May 2019 marked the beginning of my first field season at Henrys Lake. Fifty YCT and 50 UTC were surgically implanted with radiotelemetry tags between 28 May and 5 June 2019 (Figures 1 and 2). Fish were relocated via mobile tracking from a boat

throughout the summer, and via boat and airplane during fall and winter. Thirty-four YCT and 29 UTC have been relocated from June to November 2019. In general, fish were relocated in near-shore habitats (Figure 3). As water temperatures increased, some YCT were observed in the center of the lake in relatively deep water (i.e., > 4 m). We predicted YCT would seek thermal refuge (colder water) at the mouths of tributaries and near springs during peak summer temperatures. A few fish were located in Duck, Howard, and Targhee creeks throughout the summer. However, temperature sensors on the radio tags revealed that the majority of fish were in water temperatures that were similar to the rest of the lake.



Figure 1. Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout and Utah Chub are surgically implanted with radio tags so we can understand habitat use and movement.



## Henry's Lake Research

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Habitat assessments were also conducted each time a fish was relocated. These data will be coupled with lake-wide habitat surveys to understand the types of habitat YCT and UTC use. Fish will continue to be relocated throughout the year and ~100 new fish will be radio tagged in spring 2020.

In addition to the radiotelemetry component of the project, I will be conducting a comprehensive summarization and analysis of historical data. This summer, I compiled data from Idaho Department of Fish and Game's annual gill net surveys. These data go back into the 1970s and include information on total catch, species composition, lengths, weights, and hard structures (i.e., otoliths, scales, and fin rays). The hard structures will be used to estimate age and growth patterns of fish in the lake. Results of this project will identify possible interactions between YCT and UTC and provide a comprehensive understanding of factors influencing population dynamics of YCT that can be used to guide management actions to improve fishing opportunities and continue conservation of native YCT.



Figure 3. Map of Henry's Lake, Idaho with fish locations sampled in June, July, and August 2019. The yellow markers are Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout and the blue

## Henry's Lake Fishing Report 2019

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This has been a very interesting past year for Henry's Lake fishing. Ice off happened later than the last two years. This along with a later run off than normal and lower temps in June helped keep the lake temps down, which in turn kept algae down. This should (no proof) lead to a good natural reproduction year and survival of the trout stocked this year. With IDFG's policy of continued stocking numbers being very consistent with that of the past couple of years trout population numbers should stay high. Only major variation we did see was in the stocking dates from past years primarily with the hybrids being planted earlier in the year. My guess is due to the lower water temps and good nutrient loads it should have no effect on the survival of those fish.

The season opener was very successful with good weather and improved fish counts. Fishermen did see some very large fish being caught but unlike the past couple of years also saw good numbers of smaller trout being caught. Most exciting to me is a return of the brooks. Thanks to the increased stocking numbers. These types of catches were sustained and evident throughout the year. Overall Henry's Lake had a much more consistent year than last year. The guys fishing reported that the total number of fish caught daily was sustained without much of a summer slump. One thing that did happen was the lake saw a very early freeze but catch rates have stayed up offering the ice fishermen some early year opportunity this season. As a reminder this is a survey year for IDFG and I am very excited to see how those numbers come out. We do not need to see the number to know due to the good reports that pressure was up from past years.

I would also like to add due to this year's success on the lake and with assistance from Yellowstone Teton Territory our regional tourism board that is committed to promoting Henry's Lake and surrounding areas. Drift Lodge & Fly Shop was very excited to have hosted "The New Fly Fisher", with Phil Rowley, Mark Melynk and a surprise visit from Orvis's Tom Rosenbauer.

## Henry's Lake Fishing Report 2019

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They filmed for five days on Henrys Lake and will be airing this episode towards the end of March 2020. Tom and Phil also filmed a segment of Orvis's learning videos "Advanced Stillwater Techniques" during their visit. We saw these guys with the help of fellow board member Kevin Skenandore boat approximately 250 fish during filming, with Phil landing a 13 pound pig.

In closing I am looking forward to a very successful 2020 for Henrys Lake fishing and we are as always anticipating the return of all of you to enjoy everything Henrys Lake and this area has to offer.

Mike Wilson  
Drift Lodge & Fly Shop



Phil Rowley & Mark Melynk "The New Fly Fisher"



## TRUMPETER SWANS AT HENRYS LAKE

Mary VanFleet



Trumpeter Swans have long been part of the landscape at Henrys. Historically they inhabited much of the U.S. and Canada. At the turn of the century the skin trade, habitat deterioration and over harvesting by settlers reduced the population of TS in the U.S. to a small remnant population of about 50 adult non-migrating birds and in the Tri-State area of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, and another 80 migrants in Grand Prairie Alberta by the 1930.

Conservation efforts made strides to increase their numbers to about 1600 adults in the early 60's, although a feeding program in the harsh winter environment of the Red Rock Lakes caused overcrowding, disease and large setbacks in the population by 1968, and the program was terminated.

Today, the population of Trumpeters remains limited to the warm spring fed waters of the Tri-State area of SE Idaho, MT and WY, a small flock in South Central MT and a flock that migrates here from Alberta. SE Idaho roughly 20 nesting pairs of Trumpeters strewn throughout Island Park, Teton Valley and the Ashton area.

Over the past 4 years, Henrys Lake has a newly established pair of nesting Trumpeters, and their first successful fledging of a brood of cygnets (chicks) occurred this fall. This is the first successful fledging of cygnets at Henrys Lake in over 40 years! Migration for Trumpeters in the Tri-State region is short- they take the first open waters they can find for over wintering- usually the Henrys Fork. You'll observe many TS on the Fork during the winter, as birds from Alberta come in to enjoy the ice-free waters of the spring fed waters. You will also notice several Trumpeters on Henrys during late spring and early fall as they are traveling North or South to their wintering or breeding spots elsewhere.

Our pair of Swans first courted as juveniles in 2016 in the marsh area below the State Park Campground. The following year (2017) they (same pair-they mate for life) built a nest in the marsh, and due to rising waters, they had to rebuild it. They laid 5 eggs, and three cygnets took to the water. Scavenger birds snatched the other two, and later took another two cygnets off the open water. The remaining cygnet was unable to fly out for the season due to a broken wing.

The following year their attempts at nesting were thwarted by rising waters during runoff and rebuilding was late. Time escaped them and they were unable to breed. This year (2019) they were successful in nest building and successfully taking 3 cygnets to the open water within a couple of days of hatching. I'm happy to say they stuck it out all summer and were a frequent site of anglers fishing the East end of the Lake. They were still seen in mid-October just before storms beset the lake, as were migrating families of birds coming over from RRL. Looking healthy and able to fly, we expect them to return to Henrys next year to do it all over again.

This is a fabulous addition to the waterfowl species here at Henrys. We are pleased to have the specialized habitat required for their successful breeding. Trumpeters require high quality water, marshy wetlands with space to build a nest out in open water for predator barrier, lush aquatic vegetation and crustacean growth for forage (they do not eat fish!), and enough runway room to take off for flight in the fall. They are very prone to disturbance by people, very private birds requiring adequate space and distance to breed safely from predators. Not many places in SE Idaho provide suitable habitat and we are fortunate to have them. Look for a family (juveniles are likely to hang with the parents their first year) next summer when you are out fishing the waters of Henrys. Juvenile cygnets will eventually head off on their own looking for a mate (Golden Lake at Harriman is a favorite spot for that) and will begin breeding between 3-5 yrs. of age. Adult birds usually breed annually if conditions permit and will continue for many years.



## **Invasive Species Report 2019**

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Dear Henrys Lake Foundation Members,

This year the entire state inspected 118,350 watercrafts, which is up 8000 watercrafts from last year. Here at home, at highway 87 location, we inspected 6244 watercraft and hot washed 2007. At highway 20 we inspected 6724 watercrafts and hot washed 2738. With better fishing this year the dockside inspections stations had a lot more activity. At both the Henrys Lake State dock and Frome Park dock 3180 watercrafts were inspected and 11 hot washed. Zebra/Quagga mussels were found on 45 watercrafts across the state this year with 2 of those boats caught in Fremont County. One was at highway 87 and one at highway 20. We continue to see aquatic plants being moved around. At highway 87, twenty-five percent of the watercraft had plants on them and at highway 20, sixty percent of the watercraft had plants on them. So, we need to take the extra couple minutes to clean our watercraft after we use them. Remember we are all in this together and it is going to take all of us to keep invasive species out whether it is mussels or invasive plants. As we all love to recreate, please keep that in mind and take the time to make sure your equipment is clean. This will help continue our efforts to keep Fremont County waterways pristine. This year we continued our protocol of washing every boat that was coming from Montana. This additional step made it so watercraft were washed before they were placed on Idaho waters. It gives us another layer of protection and we're the only boat stations in Idaho doing this. The good news is, because of the success of our Fremont County inspections stations, other inspection stations throughout Idaho are now getting set up to do it next year, which will be another huge benefit for Idaho. This year we found our first invasive species in Henrys Lake. It is curly-leaf Pondweed. It was found at Staley Springs. I'm guessing that it came off someone's waders where it is walk in access only. Once again please make sure your equipment is clean. Because of this, next year the Idaho Department of Agriculture is going to bring in an aquatic vacuum and start treatment on removing the curly-leaf pondweed with very little habitat disturbance.

This year there was one 24-hour boat inspection stations in the state with three of those open 18-hours per day. It will be interesting to see if that will be expanded this coming season as well. The only other up-dates that I have heard for next year is going to be just site up grades. To what extent and how our stations may be affected we will have to wait and see.

On the Noxious Weed Control side of things, the work goes on. This year we continued to work with homeowners to control noxious weeds surrounding Henrys Lake. Which is always a great thing, because it keeps things looking beautiful. Next year we hope to continue to have a lot of projects that involve homeowner associations so we can keep the Henrys area beautiful.

Once again THANK YOU for all your support and help. And remember we are here to help. If you have any questions PLEASE CALL.

### **Access This -Pocock Family Enrolls Pintail Point in Access Yes Program- Damon Keen**

We all know Henrys Lake is one of Idaho's most popular fisheries. Unfortunately, one of the limiting factors to angler participation is public access. Most of the property surrounding the lake is private property and unavailable to the public. With only four public access sites; State Park, IDFG Hatchery, BLM Cliff Access and Frome Park our 6400-acre lake is somewhat restricted.

That's why the one private access point, Pintail Point, is critically important for anglers. A terrific site for tubers, this access area provides anglers with an opportunity to "get at" the northeast corner of the lake where popular areas like the stump hole and the Pintail Point gravel bar are located.

For many years, the Chris Hunt family allowed angling access here as long as the public respected his property. Chris loved Henrys as deeply as anyone ever has or will. He permitted access to make sure that the angling passion persisted and unselfishly allowed anglers the opportunity to launch from his property.

And now with new ownership, that unselfishness continues. The Tanner Pocock family has enrolled the site in Idaho's Access Yes program permitting angler passage/parking and promoting angling for the generations that follow.

The Henrys Lake Foundation Board, membership and all of Henrys anglers owe a huge "Thank You" to the Pocock family. Present and future anglers are blessed with their generosity. And Chris Hunt's wishes continue. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/yes>

## 2020 Annual Fundraiser

June 26, 2020

2019 fundraising annual event was a success with the Weigands, Damon Keen, Cheri Poole, Mike and Jamie Wilson and the VanFleets for carrying the ball for the Foundation. It was held for the fourth straight year at the Meadow Vue Ranch and boasted both the largest attendance of any former HLF event as well as the greatest amount of capital raised. Our hosts and partners at Meadow Vue and their current batch of “cowboys and cowgirls in training” did their usual outstanding job. We had both a live and silent auction, cook-out, country music and dancing. Due to the fun and success of the past four events, we will be once again partnering with Meadow Vue for the 2020 Event. If you want to help or have any treasures to donate to the Live Action please let us know. Contact: Anna Anderson (406)580-6154 /or Mary VanFleet 208 558-9127 or [parmerv@myidahomail.com](mailto:parmerv@myidahomail.com)

- When : June 26, 2020
- Location: Meadow Vue Ranch , <http://www.meadowvueranch.com> , 208) 558-7411

**Social Media** Cheri Poole (610) 453-6617

### Henrys Lake Foundation Has a New Website!

[www.henryslakefoundation.com](http://www.henryslakefoundation.com)

We are very excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website. We would like to extend a big thank you to Rachel Wilde for the new design, migration of material from the previous site as well as her continued support on the project. Appreciation also goes out to Richard and Lynne Hodge and Mary VanFleet for their collaboration to bring this to fruition.

There is a wealth of information on the site about Henrys Lake Foundation, what has been done in the past and what we continue to do in an effort to protect and enhance the area we all know and love. In addition to a more modernized look, you will find there is now an option to pay your dues or make a donation via PayPal. Plus, new members can either submit their application online or print and mail.

You may also notice a couple new email addresses. To get in touch with Cheri Poole, webmaster and social media director, use [info@henryslakefoundation.com](mailto:info@henryslakefoundation.com). For membership related questions, please contact Anna Anderson, HLF secretary and membership coordinator, via [membership@henryslakefoundation.com](mailto:membership@henryslakefoundation.com)

### Social Media

Don't forget Henrys Lake Foundation has a Facebook page. Be sure to check it out often and encourage your friends to 'Like' us so we can continue to spread the word of our mission on social media. I would also encourage you to send me ([cheripoole@gmail.com](mailto:cheripoole@gmail.com)) any photos, videos, updates etc. that might be of interest. Everyone loves to see all the wonderful fish pictures, but if you have a link to a great article or other information that relates to our membership, please send it to me and I will get it posted to share with all our friends.



**Ronald Dean Holder**, 59 of Rupert, Idaho was killed in a tragic hang-gliding accident at Point of the Mountain Flight Park in Draper, Utah on June 11, 2019. His family finds solace in the fact that he died doing what he was most passionate about and with an incredible view of snow-capped mountains.

Ron was born February 17, 1960 in Idaho Falls to Laurel Zumwalt Holder and Rip Holder of Rigby. He attended schools in Jefferson County, graduating from Rigby High School in 1978. Ron worked as a welder at the family business, Holder Machine Works in Rigby and spent many years at Challenger Pallet in Osgood. He continued his education, and earned a degree as a drug and alcohol counselor. On May 25, 2003 he married Joan Saario in Harriman State Park in Idaho. He and his wife Joan own and operate Pathways Counseling, Dancing Star Ranch, Shamrock Lanes Dachshunds, Metal Magic, and Solutions Investigations. His greatest achievements were through his work as a peer counselor at Pathways and as a 39 year member of

AA.

Ron was an avid outdoorsman and loved anything he could do in nature. He loved hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, farming, ranching, raising and training horses the Parelli way, being with his family, especially his son and step-son, and teasing his nieces and nephews. He never met a stranger, was always willing to lend a hand, and was able to see past one's troubles into a person's heart.

Ron leaves behind the love of his life, Joan Saario-Holder, of Rupert; his children, Tylor Holder, of Boise, Sara Cade of Boise, Shawn Grunig, of Idaho Falls; sixteen grandchildren; his mother, Laurel Barsalou, of Palmdale, California; sister, Cindy Poole, of Lancaster, California; brothers, Richard Holder of North Pole, Alaska, and Roy Holder of Menan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rip Holder; sister, Vicki Holder; and grandparents, Blanche and Art Holder and James & Evelyn Zumwalt. Memorial contributions may be made to the Henrys Lake Foundation (P.O. Box 1389 West Yellowstone, MT 59758)



**Bob Coe** closed his eagle eyes for the last time on August 27, 2019 in Ashton, Idaho. He had been overcome by a struggle with his anchor at the end of June and spent the next two months trying to get back out onto Henry's Lake. He left behind his wife of 37 years- Geraldine (Jeri) Coe, two daughters, Christine and Kriss, two sons, Robert B. Coe and Mike Leininger, four granddaughters, two great grandchildren and his sister Shirley.

Bob had been fishing Henry's Lake and all the surrounding areas since the 1940's. Born(1931) and raised in Southern California and the Eastern Sierra, Bob worked as an electric lineman during high school and college. He graduated in electrical engineering from U.C. at Berkeley and then spent his adult working career in the electrical contracting

field-building dams, transmission lines and other electrical infrastructure throughout the western U.S., Alaska, and Canada. He knew the details of the grid from the Rockies and Western U.S., and continued to be concerned about it's conservation after his retirement.

Bob had a deep affinity with growing trees and a constant interest in the weather. From the home he built at Raynold's Pass with Jeri, he was able to indulge in both. Together they enjoyed the mountain majesty and the friendly lake community, from late spring to early fall.

For many years, his strong eagle gaze kept track of the comings and goings of his fishermen friends, took in the creatures and birds, the sage bloom, the antelope, the wildflowers and the aspen turning. He fished, outran some mighty big storms, and surveyed his beloved mountain home.





## Donor Honor Roll

(Since publication of 2018 Fall Newsletter)

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*(Donations made since publication of 2018 Fall Newsletter)*

**In Memory of Ron Holder:** \$100.00 Antelope Valley Cemetery,

**\$20,000.00:** Devto Support Foundation

**\$1000.00 +:** John Herritt, Mary and Parmer Van Fleet

**\$300.00:** Jim and Caroline Wood, Roger and Sue Lang, Ed and Mary Given

Mark and Debbie Anderson, Richard Frencer, Gerald and Cheri Waller

**\$200.00+:** Terry Hogue, Check and Jeannette Stockton, Dean Rickerd,

**\$100.00+:** Lon and Mary Ann Rich, Jerry and Cheri Poole, Dave Martin, Carl Yates, Rick and Marien Barker,

Rex Bigler, Tom Schell

**\$50.00:** Eva Barker, Noal Bolliger, Tom and Cloia Morris, Doug and Marilyn Cornett, John Bingham,

Patricia O’Neill, David Clark

## Annual Election

Officers of the Henrys Lake Foundation are elected annually. Officers also serve as directors. Please vote your approval with a checkmark on the line next to the officer’s and director’s names on the included ballot card. Directors are re-elected upon expiration of their 3-year term. New directors are nominated and vetted by the Board prior to each election. If you have any nominations we would love to have them!

Please see card enclosed and presidents letter for reference.

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