

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
FISHERIES DIVISION

JOB PROGRESS REPORT

State: MONTANA Element 1: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT  
Project No: F-78-R-1 Job No: 3590  
Project Title: STATEWIDE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Job Title: BIGHORN WALLEYE EGG COLLECTION  
Project Period: July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

OBJECTIVES AND DEGREE OF ATTAINMENT

Activity 1 - Survey and Inventory

**Objective:** To survey and monitor the characteristics and trends of fish populations, angler harvest and preferences, and to assess habitat conditions in selected waters.

Not applicable to this job.

Activity 2 - Fish Population Management

**Objective:** To implement fish stocking programs and/or fish eradication actions to maintain fish populations at levels consistent with habitat conditions and other limiting factors.

Because Fort Peck has become a more reliable and cost-effective source of walleye eggs, we diverted our efforts away from Bighorn Lake. The personnel time intended for Bighorn Lake was dedicated to helping the Region 6 fisheries crew collect eggs. The egg take resulted in the planting of 4 million walleye fry and 200,000 fingerlings into Bighorn Lake.

Activity 3 - Technical Guidance

**Objective:** To review projects by government agencies and private parties which have the potential to affect fisheries resources; provide technical advice or decisions to mitigate effects on these resources; and provide landowners and other private parties with technical advice and information to sustain and enhance fisheries resources.

Not applicable.

**Activity 4 - Aquatic Education**

**Objective:** To enhance the public's understanding, awareness and support of the state's fishery and aquatic resources and to assist young people to develop angling skills and to appreciate the aquatic environment.

Not applicable.

**SUMMARY**

Three of the objectives were not applicable to this job. The fourth has been abandoned in favor of concentrating efforts toward egg collection at Fort Peck. Funds dedicated to this job will be returned to the rotating creel/fieldworker fund for redistribution.

**FINAL BUDGET STATUS**

<b><u>Amount Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Spent</u></b>	<b><u>Balance of Funds</u></b>
\$2,981.00	\$1,339.65	\$1,641.35

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