

MINNESOTA'S FISH HATCHERY SYSTEM

Transforming the state's aging fish hatcheries into state-of-the-art facilities

Funding Request:

Get Out More – Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requesting \$60 million to repair and update the state's fish hatcheries (\$35 million General Fund, \$25 million bonding).

HF1344 (Brand) / SF1422 (Rasmusson) appropriates \$60 million to update and repair the state's fish hatchery system managed by the DNR.

In Minnesota, anglers make significant contributions to the state's economy. Fish hatcheries are an important part of making sure our state has strong and healthy lakes, rivers, and streams.

The DNR operates four cold water and 11 cool and warm water fish hatcheries. Much of the infrastructure of the fish hatcheries was constructed in the 1950s before the need to fight disease and invasive species was a problem for the state.

The most urgent needs include:

- Biosecurity updates to fight against fish diseases and aquatic invasive species
- Antiquated water piping and technology control systems
- Employee safety related concerns
- Energy efficiency updates

The Waterville and Crystal Springs Hatcheries are the most in need of renovation. The Waterville Hatchery is a critically important component of the state's walleye, northern pike, and muskellunge management programs.



Fish Hatcheries in Minnesota

Cold-Water Hatcheries

Altura	Peterson
Lanesboro	Remer

Cool-and-Warm Water Hatcheries

Walker Lake	Grand Rapids	Park Rapids
Bemidji	Detroit Lakes	St. Paul
Brainerd	Glenwood	Tower
Detroit Lakes	Grand Rapids	Waterville
Glenwood	New London	

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MN-FISH MISSION

- Provide a strong voice for Minnesota anglers and fishing related businesses before the State Legislature and DNR regarding all things fishing.
- Advocate, protect and restore aquatic fish & spawning habitat in lakes, rivers and streams.
- Support scientific and common-sense fish management for all gamefish species.
- Advocate and promote youth fishing recruitment and fishing programs in school curriculums to sustain the next generation of anglers.
- Become a grassroots sport fishing, marine and angler advocacy network to give anglers a voice in all fishing related issues.
- Advocate and seek funding for new investment in fish hatcheries, public accesses, fishing piers and shore fishing facilities.