



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Genoa *National Fish Hatchery*

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1932
- FY 2005 Budget: \$664,000
- Staff: seven permanent employees

Geographic Area Covered

- Six states in Region 3
- Cooperate with state, tribal, and other Service hatcheries throughout the country

Hatchery Mission

- Rear 23 species of fish to support high priority federal management, restoration and threatened and endangered species programs
- Serve as regional isolation facility
- Hatch and rear wild lake trout and coaster brook trout
- Support fish recovery efforts in the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River
- Supply fish/eggs for research, tribal and state cooperator programs
- Provide environmental education
- Culture two distinct strains of lake sturgeon for ongoing tribal restoration efforts at the White Earth and Menominee Indian reservations
- Culture endangered Higgins' eye pearl mussels for restoration in the Upper Mississippi Ecosystem

Fish Species and Capability

- 40 million eggs and fry of cool water fish such as northern pike and walleye
- Propagate 250,000 juvenile endangered Higgins' eye mussels
- 200,000 fingerling and subadult salmonids, cool water, and warm water fish (bass, bluegill, sturgeon) for national wildlife refuges and other high priority federal programs
- Repository for threatened and endangered mussels



Public Use Opportunities

- Fishery education
- Self-guided hatchery tours and visitation (5,000 annually)
- Guided tours and off-site presentations available
- Open air ponds (17) and raceways (6) with some broodfish
- Hatchery grounds are ranked in Top 10 area locations for bird watching by the La Crosse Chapter of the Audubon Society

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