



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Iron River *National Fish Hatchery*

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2005 Budget: \$789,000
- Staff: seven permanent; 13 intermittent
- Acres: 1,200

Geographic Area Covered

- Upper Great Lakes
- Tribal, research and national fish Hatchery transfers to Midwest United States

Hatchery Mission

- Produce eggs for the National Broodstock Program
- Rear lake trout for interagency restoration programs in Lake Michigan
- Supply fish/eggs for research and tribal programs
- Rear brook trout for interagency restoration programs in Lake Superior
- Manage a program to isolate future lake trout and brook trout broodstock through collection of gametes from wild Lake Superior donor populations
- Coordinate future broodstock rearing program with Genoa National Fish Hatcher and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Fish Species and Capability

- 1.2 million yearling lake trout for spring stocking
- 100,000 fingerling brook trout
- 200,000 fingerling lake trout for fall stocking
- 4 million lake trout eggs
- 500,000 brook trout eggs
- 1,300 brook trout broodstock (2 species)
- 7,500 lake trout broodstock (5 species)



Public Use Opportunities

- Environmental education
- Hatchery tours

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