

HENRYS LAKE FOUNDATION  
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Dear Member:

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In order to keep you posted on progress in the Henrys Lake Foundation, I agreed to pinch-hit for Mike Glenn on this report. He is finishing his Ph. D this month and is extremely busy. Any comments or suggestions after you review the enclosed material should be sent to him. The above address will be the official address for the Foundation.

Hopefully, the Articles of Incorporation (rough draft enclosed) will soon be filed in Idaho by Tom Morris (our Chairman and an attorney) and his associate, Jack B. Britton. Also enclosed are the ~~enies~~ proposed By-Laws, copy of a letter written in August to Director Jerry Conley after his visit to the lake, a recent letter and report from Biologist Bob Rohrer, the Foundation's poster being used in the Island Park Area, your receipt for dues, and your membership card. You are a Charter Member. The year for dues (which will be \$10 per year or any larger donation you might wish to give) will run from July through the following June. Note that the annual meeting is to be in early July at Henrys.

From a start on July 20 in which we intended to raise about \$700 to buy trap nets to study the lake (which was accomplished on July 29), we instead have now raised approximately \$2700 in dues and have some 170 members! It is a great start and an indication of how much Henrys Lake means to all of us and how serious we consider the problems to be. The only money expended so far is the approximately \$700 for the nets and about \$400 for mailings to solicit memberships and to make this report. For example this package, including printing, envelopes and postage, will cost more than one dollar per package, but we are trying to include everything so that one mailing will suffice.

I know you are interested in knowing precisely what is happening at Henrys and what the prospects are. We seem to be headed in the right direction to rehabilitate the lake, to bring the fishing back from a low ebb. The newly purchased nets were deployed in the hatchery area of the lake twice during the fall, and approximately 150 mature fish were stomach-pumped each time, revealing no particular predation on fingerlings. This is encouraging in light of prior suspicions. Scatter-stocking (spreading the fingerlings by boat all around the lake) was employed for most of the stocking this fall, and all of the fish stocked were of much larger size than any year previously, except 1980. Several members assisted in the scatter-stocking. Idaho Fish and Game welcomes the help and participation.

1981 stocking included 1.8 million cutthroats averaging 3" in length. This compares with 800,000 fish per year that weighed at 3,000 per pound in several years prior to 1980. This year it took only 300 to weigh one pound, so the fingerlings were ten times as big as the fry regularly stocked up through 1979. In 1981, 170,000 hybrids of 3" to 4" were stocked and 70,000 brookies 4" to 5" (including 20,000 of the special, large growing Temescamie strain).

We all know the great results obtained by stocking the large hybrid fingerlings. The returns have been phenomenal considering the relatively small numbers stocked the past five years. If it works the same with the cutthroats and this 1.8 million rate of stocking continues, we should soon be out of the woods. It is obvious that survival of fingerlings is several times that of fry. All of the egg production of the lake is being returned to the lake. No eggs will be shipped.

Note too that stream rehabilitation is planned for Wild Rose Creek (see Bob Rohrer's letter), and hopefully a project can be done in 1982 on another creek. A decision has to be made how best to spend our limited funds. The main thing we need is a series of wet years to get water back in the country. Have a good winter will hopefully see you next summer, and keep a tight line!

Sincerely,

  
John O'Neall Jr.

P.S. A special thanks to George Lang for setting up the original meeting July 20 and to Jim Wright for his tireless efforts to get members signed up this summer.