

Minnesota Fish Hatchery System Needs

What is Get Out MORE?

The transformative Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) investments will help ensure Minnesotans of all abilities and interests enjoy a world-class recreation system, whatever outdoor experience they choose.

Of the \$150 million in Get Out MORE funds, \$60 million will be used to begin to address the most immediate facility needs for DNR-managed hatcheries which are a critical part of efforts to maintain and enhance fishing opportunities throughout the state.

Stocking these hatchery-raised fish significantly enhances fishing in Minnesota by providing angling opportunities that wouldn't otherwise exist.

Each of the DNR's 15 hatcheries plays a unique role in our stocking efforts and helps support the \$4.4 billion contribution anglers make each year to the state economy.

You can read about the full Get Out MORE investment on our website: mndnr.gov/get-out-more

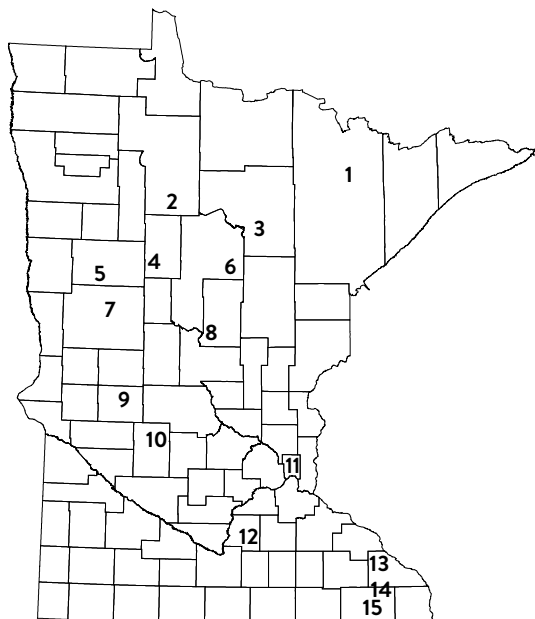
Aging hatcheries need investments

Many state hatcheries were constructed in the 1950s or earlier and are tasked with meeting current demands with failing and outdated technology and infrastructure. The most pressing needs include:

- **Safe and secure water supplies** require facilities and equipment designed for water filtration, contaminant monitoring, temperature control, invasive species prevention, and disease monitoring.
- **Efficient and dependable fish production** call for replacing old egg incubators and fry tanks and repairing or constructing new fish raceways and rearing ponds.
- **Safe and fully-functioning facilities** include repairs that provide safe conditions for workers, safe and dependable power supplies, and intact and functioning dikes, inlet and outlet structures, and water supply lines.

Minnesota fish hatchery locations

Minnesota's system of 15 hatcheries is significant for the state's economy, ecology, and outdoor tourism and recreation opportunities.



LOCATIONS

Coolwater Hatcheries

- 1 Pike River
- 2 Bemidji
- 3 Grand Rapids
- 4 Park Rapids
- 5 Detroit Lakes
- 6 Spire Valley
- 7 Walker Lake
- 8 Brainerd
- 9 Glenwood
- 10 New London
- 11 St. Paul
- 12 Waterville

Coldwater Hatcheries

- 13 Crystal Springs
- 14 Peterson
- 15 Lanesboro

DNR has continually maintained, upgraded, and repaired hatcheries as much as possible with existing staff and general operating budgets. However, large projects and system reconstructions exceed available funds.

Investments now ensure a viable hatchery system for decades to come

Hatchery projects are currently underway at:

Projects funded	Safe and secure water supply	Maintain efficient fish production	Facility maintenance and repairs	Cold water hatchery (trout)	Cool water hatchery (not trout)
Crystal Springs	x	x	x	x	
Detroit Lakes	x	x	x		x
Hinckley	x		x		x
Lanesboro	x	x	x	x	
Peterson	x	x	x	x	
Tower			x		x
Waterville	x	x	x		x

Hatchery repairs and projects waiting for funding

The estimated cost of essential repairs and projects far exceeds the amount received in 2023, and more investments are needed.

Projects waiting for funding	Safe and secure water supply	Maintain efficient fish production	Facility maintenance and repairs	Cold water hatchery (trout)	Cool water hatchery (not trout)
Brainerd	x				x
Crystal Springs			x	x	
Duluth	x		x		x
Grand Rapids			x		x
Lanesboro	x	x	x	x	
New London	x	x	x		x
Spire Valley	x	x	x	x	
Tower		x	x		x

Example of a project awaiting funding



The crumbling spring pool wall (shown above) at Lanesboro Hatchery and the failing pond dike at Waterville Hatchery (shown below) are just two examples of aging infrastructure that threaten production of millions of walleye, muskellunge, and trout across the state's hatchery system.



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