

## APPENDIX D

### Plan for Utilization of Hatchery Surplus Trout

#### **Excess Trout (overproduction spring fingerlings)**

Over production spring fingerlings are referred to as “excess” trout that become available in the spring and are to be utilized according to the following prioritized list:

- a) Recommendations by regional fisheries biologists to accomplish a specific objective (e.g. new impoundments, establishment of a reproducing population in a stream). Recommendations should be submitted to the hatchery by December 1 to ensure availability for the following spring.
- b) Initiating new, but on a limited basis (as surplus numbers permit), stocking programs.
- c) Sportsmen sponsored and operated fish culture nurseries (none at present).
- d) Barter with other state/federal agencies
- e) Large streams that support trout year round (maximum quantity given):

Musconetcong R. (from Stephens S.P. downstream)	60,000
Paulinskill – Lower	40,000
Paulinskill – Upper	3,000 (brook trout only)
Pohatcong Creek – Lower	30,000
Raritan River S/B – Middle	50,000
Toms River (bkt only)	3,000
Wanaque River – Upper	20,000

\*Assumptions: year round survival possible but contribution to the creel will be insignificant; impact to the existing resource will be minimal.

- f) Forage for other cultured fish species

#### **Bonus Trout (overproduction spring catchables)**

Overproduction spring catchable trout are referred to as “bonus” trout that may be available for distribution in the spring during In-season Weeks 6 & 7. These fish are to be stocked primarily in waters that support trout and provide a trout fishery year round. The following prioritized list of waters indicates the maximum quantity per water (maximum may be split between Weeks 6 & 7 unless otherwise noted):

- a) Fishing Education Pond (if needed – quantity undetermined)
- b) Stream sections regulated as seasonal or year round trout conservation areas:

Musconetcong River	500
Pequest River	1,500
Toms River	500
Paulinskill- Upper	500 (no brown trout)

\* Exception - Do not stock bonus trout in Pequannock STCA (naturally reproducing population.)

c) Large streams and lakes that support trout year round (if maximum available, split between Weeks 6 & 7 for streams – stock lakes Week 6 only):

d) Small streams that support trout year round (if maximum available, split between Weeks 6 & 7):

Capoolong Creek	300 (Week 6 only, no brown trout)
Metedeconk River N/B	600
Pequest River – Upper	300
Wallkill River – Upper	500
Lockatong Creek	200 (Week 6 only)

e) Streams having closed in-season stocking dates that marginally support trout year round (preference is given to Week 6, but could be split between Weeks 6 & 7):

Ramapo River	800
Raritan River S/B – Lower	500
Rockaway River	1,000
Wallkill River – Lower	250
Wanaque River – Lower	150

f) Repeat item (c) reducing numbers proportionally for the amount of bonus trout remaining.

### **Surplus Trout (overproduction fall subcatchables)**

Over production fall subcatchable trout are referred to as “surplus” trout. Although these fish are generally not of a desirable harvestable size, if stocked they may provide additional recreational opportunities immediately (catch & release) and the following spring. These trout are termed “surplus” and utilized as follows:

- Sportsmen sponsored and operated fish culture nurseries (none at present).
- Stock the following waters Week 3 of the fall stocking program (#’s may be increased or decreased proportionally, depending upon availability):

Big Flatbrook – Lower	8,000
Black River	1,200
Manasquan River	1,400
Metedeconk River N/B	1,400
Metedeconk River S/B	1,200
Musconetcong River – Lower	10,000
Musconetcong River – Upper	3,000
Paulinskill River – Lower	7,000
Paulinskill River – Middle	800
Paulinskill River – Upper	1,200 (no brown trout)
Pequest River – Lower	6,000
Pequest River – Middle	1,600

Pequest River – Upper	600
Pohatcong Creek – Lower	3,600
Ramapo River	4,000
Raritan River N/B	4,600
Raritan River S/B – Lower	3,000
Raritan River S/B – Middle	9,000
Rockaway River	6,000
Toms River	2,000
Wallkill River – Lower	1,000
Wallkill River – Upper	1,000
Wanaque River – Lower	800
Wanaque River – Upper	1,000

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