

2018 Tribal Hatchery Production

Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission Member Tribes

Tribal Hatchery/ Rearing Component	Walleye		Muskellunge	Coaster Brook Trout	Brook Trout	Lake Trout	Total		
	Extended Growth		Extended Growth			Extended Growth			
	Fry	Fingerling	Fingerling	Fingerling (11")	Fingerling	Fry		Fingerling	Fingerling
Bad River	450,000	151,725					601,725		
Keweenaw Bay	950,000	22,561			8,033	23,412	23,207	43,967	1,071,180
Lac Courte Oreilles	1,500,000	21,000	12,299						1,533,299
Lac du Flambeau	12,300,000	166,119	43,989	200					12,510,308
Lac Vieux Desert	66,000								66,000
Sokaogon/Mole Lake		29,512	64,880						94,392
Red Cliff		5,900			47,381				53,281
Total	15,266,000	396,817	121,168	200	55,414	23,412	23,207	43,967	15,930,185

In 2018, the St. Croix Band provided rearing ponds where Lac Courte Oreilles walleye fry were raised into fingerlings.

For more than 80 years, **Ojibwe fish hatcheries** have supported fisheries in the lake country of the upper Midwest. Tribal hatcheries have helped **recover lake trout populations** in Lake Superior and provide fishing opportunities in waters without natural reproduction.

While tribal fisheries managers first seek to support natural reproduction, in recent decades **environmental changes have increasingly impaired** stocks of highly valued species like walleye and trout.

Natural reproduction may be declining due to:

- Warming water
- Shoreline development
- Invasive species



Ojibwe hatcheries help sustain **subsistence, ceremonial, commercial and recreational** fisheries.



William J Poupart, Sr. Fish Hatchery, Lac du Flambeau, Wis. (left) and walleye fishing on the Chippewa Flowage.

In coordination with US Fish & Wildlife Service biologists, Fond du Lac Band and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community are both involved in lake sturgeon restoration stocking projects in the Lake Superior watershed. Fond du Lac staff conduct lake sturgeon egg collection each spring from the Sturgeon River. Fingerlings reared by agency specialists are released into the Ontonagon River and upper St. Louis River.

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