

# 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	
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	660,000							660,000	
Sokaogon/Mole Lake		29,512	64,880					94,392	
St. Croix	65,188	62,660	2,101					129,949	
Red Cliff		5,900			47,381			53,281	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,925,188</b>	<b>459,477</b>	<b>121,168</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>55,414</b>	<b>23,412</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>43,967</b>	<b>16,654,134</b>

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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