

# MOUNT MASSIVE LAKES, INC.

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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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## TROUTLINE APRIL 2015

**FISHING 2015:** With a mild spring and windy conditions, fishing opened April 7, 2015.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Rampart Supply, 1801 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, at 9:30 a.m. The BOD will be finalizing the 2015/2016 budget at this meeting. Please feel free to attend and share your ideas.

**ELECTIONS BOD:** Any member wishing to run for a term as Director please contact Janice Good at 719-207-1596. The BOD elections will be held at the annual meeting in May.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual meeting will be held on May 16, 2015. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the club shop.

**2015 RAINBOW STOCKING:** We will be stocking our 2015 Hofer rainbows on May 4, 26, June 1, 29, July 6, August 3. Although we have more Hofers to stock than last years catchables, we will again be short of our stocking goal of 17,000. If you would like to help stock on any of the dates, please contact the office at 719-486-1075.

**19" RULE:** Please remember, beginning in 2013 the MML rule to allow harvest of one (1) fish over 19" has been amended. Drought conditions in 2012 and 2013 resulted in the loss of the super catchable program which produced most of these fish. The super catchable program will be resurrected. However, fish 19" or larger cannot be produced until 2017. **Therefore all fish 19" or larger must be returned to the water immediately.** If you see anyone violating this rule, please get the badge number and notify staff or call the office at 719-486-1075.

**2015 HOFER RAINBOWS:** We currently have 15,071 Hofers which are 14.5" and 1.2 pounds. As the ice came off the ponds this spring, we have experienced very high mortality due to these fishing spawning last fall and into the winter. We have been treating their bacterial infection and picking dead fish daily to ensure we keep the ponds clean. With water temperatures rising slightly, these fish are now doing better. They will remain on medicated feed to keep ahead of the bacterial cold water disease they are experiencing. We expect to have 14,865 to begin our 2015 rainbow stocking.

**2016 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS:** We currently have 22,450 triploids and they are 9" long. We have experienced bacterial cold water disease with these fish as well. We are

currently feeding them medicated feed and they are responding well. These fish are slightly larger than the 2015 Hofers were at this time last year. We will be using 2,500 fish from this year class to resume our super catchable program in 2017.

**2017 KAMLOOPS RAINBOWS:** These rainbows are growing well. Their size is comparable to the 2016 triploids at this time last year. We currently have 31,438 and they are almost 3". We expect these fish to reach 3" within the next week. We will then grade them down to 28,000 fish and hold them in the hatchery until our outside raceway water temperatures rise. Grading allows us to keep the bigger fish, keep the same size, and gives us an accurate number of remaining fish.

**2015 BROWN TROUT:** We currently have 4,582 and they are 1.8". These are the brown trout eggs we received from CPW as a trade for brook trout eggs. We have noticed that these fish grow faster which means we will be able to stock them into the lakes sooner. In the previous years, the brown trout that we have spawned here on the club in the fall were only 1.3" by this time. When these fish reach 3", we will stock 2070 into Lakes 6,7,8,9,10,12,15,18, and 20.

**2015 TIGER TROUT:**We currently have 368 and are 1.7". We plan to stock 1,200 into Lakes 2,10,11,15,19,21, and 26 when they reach 3" next summer. We will need to use extra tiger trout from 2014 to reach our stocking goals. The older tigers are currently in the hatchery and still growing. We have 1,309 and they are 4.3".

**2015 CUTTHROAT TROUT:** Our cutthroat trout are growing very well. We have 2,915 and they are 3.3". We will stock 1,975 into Lakes 2,3,4,5,8,12,15, and 20 when the lakes are ice free.

**WATER FLOWS:** Our water flows remain stable and we are still running water throughout the entire system. In order to have a good water year, we rely on late winter/spring snow storms to add to the current snowpack, along with a cool spring to allow spring runoff at a steady rate. We did not experience much snow in March. Although we have had warmer temperatures, we have not had any spring runoff yet.

**NATIONWIDE TROUT LOSSES:** The USDA reports total losses of all trout intended for sale were 27.6 million fish during 2014 nationwide. This is approximately 21% of the total trout reared. It is also the mortality rate MML experiences annually.

**HEALING WATERS:** Is set for Sunday June 7, 2015. If you wish to participate, please contact Jim Tims, 8842 Mary Hill Cove, Germantown, Tennessee, 38139.

**ASSISSTANT MANAGER HIRED:** After a three month search, we hired Bryan Hamacher from Simla, CO. Bryan will start his tenure with us on May 4, 2015. Bryan has multiple years of fisheries and fish culture experience, along with several past jobs in the construction trade. Bryan successfully negotiated the application process (resume,

transcripts, etc.) and a competitive interview in front of Greg, Brent, Jess, and five board members. He will be training to take Jess's position when Jess retires.

**CONDOLENCES:** To Bob and Pam Tatro on the passing of Bob's father.

**BURN PILE:** The burn pile is to be no larger than 15' x 15' in size. Please do not put construction materials or metal/steel objects in the pile.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Please welcome Jiles and Jill Bennett who purchased from Bill and Irene Walters.

**FOR SALE LIST:** Is no longer part of the "Troutline" but will be emailed along with each Troutline and emailed to our membership each time there is a change in the "memberships for sale" list. Please contact Shaun Mulligan (303-513-0624) if you wish to list a membership or other items for sale.

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