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TROUTLINE AUGUST 2013

DROUGHT CONTINUES: We are experiencing another hot, dry summer which is adversely affecting our 2014 and 2015 rainbow trout stocks. Warm water temperatures and low water flows have stressed these fish enough that they have contracted two bacterial diseases and a gill parasite. The mortality associated with these problems has reduced 2014 rainbow trout numbers to 13,500. Normally we stock 17,000 of these fish annually. If we can contain the current epizootic without further mortalities fishing in 2014 will still be much poorer than normal. If containment is not achieved the 2014 fishing outlook will be much worse.

The 2015 rainbow trout crop still has a chance to recover. If the epizootic is contained in these fish, adequate numbers will be saved to produce fair fishing in 2015. However, the epidemic has reduced growth rates considerably. These slower growth rates will produce fish much smaller than we have come to expect.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

FOR SALE LIST: Is no longer part of the "Troutline". Please contact Shaun Mulligan (303-513-0624) if you wish to list a membership or other items for sale.

HOME-ROW DITCH: Due to lack of adequate water flows the ditch was shut off for the summer on August 3rd.

NO BAG LIMIT: In an effort to utilize trout that will not survive until the next fishing season, bag limits on rainbow trout, less than 19" in length, will be suspended beginning September 3, 2013. Please feel free to harvest rainbow trout at will until the fishing season closes at "ice on".

Rainbow trout that remain in our lakes after "ice on" experience an 85% mortality rate by the next season. This high mortality rate is partially due to the poor habitat these fish experience under the ice. High numbers of fish, low winter water flows and extreme ice cover produce poor habitat conditions. Harvesting most of the rainbow trout will improve habitat quality and increase survivability of the remaining fish.

CLEAN TABLES: Please return the tables borrowed from the clubhouse CLEAN! Thanks!

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