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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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TROUTLINE OCTOBER 2014

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., Shaun Mulligan residence, 5925 Zinna Court, Arvada.

BROWN AND BROOK SPAWNING 2014: Our annual spawning took place in the third week of September this year. We spawned 6025 brown trout eggs. We also spawned female brown trout with male brook trout which resulted in 12344 eggs. We plan to stock these tiger and brown trout in the spring of 2015 as 3" fingerlings.

2014 ARCTIC CHAR: On September 4, the lake water temperatures were cool enough to stock our arctic char. We stocked a total of 725 in Lakes 8,15,19, and 20. These fingerlings were 4" long.

2015 HOFER RAINBOWS: We have moved these fish into their designated ponds for the winter. Towards the end of September, we noticed these fish were not doing very well. We have concluded that these fish were beginning to spawn. We also suspected that these fish may be in the early stages of bacterial gill disease, so we treated them and they seem to be coming out of it very well. These hofers are currently 14" in length, weigh one pound, and look really good.

2016 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS: These fish have also been moved into their designated ponds for the winter. They are healthy and look great. These triploids are about 9" in length.

CUTBOWS: The cutbows are doing very good. In order to make room in the hatchery for our 2017 rainbows, tiger trout, and brown trout, we have moved these fish into the hatchery pond for the winter. We plan to add these fish to the 2017 rainbow stocking class. They are currently 7".

2017 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS: We will receive these eggs on October 16th from Troutlodge in Washington. We expect to get 36,000-38,000 eyed eggs. Our 2016 rainbows are also triploids, which are sterile and provides them with better growth to large sizes as all energy is transferred to growth, rather than reproduction.

YELLOW RAINBOWS: On August 28th, we stocked 700 yellow rainbows into Lakes 5,6,9, and 12. These fish were one pound and 14 inches long. These fish have the same rules and regulations as the normal rainbow trout do. We decided to put an additional 800

yellow rainbows into rearing ponds so we can add them to our 2015 rainbow stocking class.

WATER FLOWS: Our water flows have been maintaining 3.8 – 4.6 cfs. Our last day of diverting water down Union Creek was August 7th and we turned the home row ditch off on August 22nd. We are still currently running our entire fish rearing system. As of the first week of October, we are experiencing the same water flows as we did last year at this time. With recent rain and snowfall on Weston Pass, we could experience higher flows into late fall.

NO BAG LIMIT: In an effort to utilize trout that will not survive throughout the winter, bag limits on rainbow trout, less than 19" in length, were suspended beginning September 2, 2014. Please harvest rainbow trout until the fishing season closes at "ice on".

Rainbow trout that remain in our lakes after "ice on" experience an 85% mortality rate over the winter. 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.

CLUB ROADS: As a member of Mount Massive Lakes, Inc., you are responsible for any damage caused to club roads by your guests, including contractors.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Robert Dan Fontaine purchased from Jack Haydon; Robert Prouty purchased from Kim Tyrell.

BURN PILE RESTRICTIONS: 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 burn pile. We plan to burn after the first snowfall in November.

GUEST PERMIT CREDITS: It is impossible for the office to allow credits or debits for guest permits. Please determine who is going to fish and how much it is going to cost before obtaining guest permits. If a mistake is made on the amount you pay or owe, it is the member's responsibility to make arrangements to correct discrepancies. The office will not keep any credits or debits for any member's guest permits.

FISH PRODUCTION 2014: Recovery from the adverse effects of the 2012-2013 drought continued in 2014. These adverse effects resulted in low fish production numbers, fewer fish, and smaller fish stocked. Fishermen probably noticed it was more difficult to catch fish this fall due to fewer fish being stocked. Normally, we stock approximately 16,000 rainbows weighing 30,000 pounds. In 2014, we stocked 11,674 rainbows weighing 17,806 pounds. We expect production and fishing to recover in 2015.

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

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