



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



### Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

#### Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will utilize \$320,000\* in Recovery Act Funds for five projects at Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center (Dexter) in Chaves County, N.M. designed to rehabilitate, upgrade and improve efficiency at the fishery and technology center.



Pictured are the D series ponds at Dexter NFHTC in New Mexico.

The objective of Dexter is to work with partners on reintroduction of species into their native habitat; improve the quality of fish reared through genetic and fish health research; and maintain populations in the event of catastrophic loss in the wild. The fishery houses 1.5 million fish and 16 listed species in 72 ponds. In addition to the normal fisheries function, Dexter is home to a fully functional fish culture facility, molecular ecology & fish health labs.

The first project will replace 47 valves in 25 D-series ponds. The project was awarded to the Saigan Company out of Corrales, N.M. for the awarded amount of \$82,635.\*\*

The second, third and fourth projects will upgrade and rehabilitate more ponds by replacing pond 7C's liner and pond 1A's kettle as well as renew well and pumping station No. 3.

The final project will increase energy efficiency at Dexter by replacing light bulbs; increasing insulation; installing programmable thermostats; caulking, sealing and weatherstripping leaks; and replacing windows and appliances.

#### Project Benefits

Dexter's water supply is the lifeblood that keeps the fish alive. Replacing the old valves, which are leaking, will allow Dexter to conserve and effectively manage its water. Conservation of water and utilities, reduced chemical usage, reduction of unwanted vegetation growth that hinders fish production/harvest increases overall survival in the ponds. Better energy efficiency will help the fishery save money wasted on inefficiency.

#### Total Budget Information for 4 Projects at:

Dexter NFHTC: \$320,000\*

#### For More Information

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