



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Contract Awarded for Inks Dam NFH Water Filtration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has awarded \$249,000* in Recovery Act funds to RORE, Inc., to install a new water filtration system at Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery (NFH) in Burnet, Texas. The San Diego, California company is scheduled to begin work December 2009 and complete by April 2010.



Main Water Pipeline at Inks Dam NFH

Inks Dam NFH's program includes rearing:

- Channel catfish, largemouth bass, and rainbow trout for 15 Native American tribes, Fort Hood military base, and national forests
- Paddlefish and Gulf striped bass for supplementing native fish populations
- The endangered Clear Creek gambusia to provide a genetic reserve

Inks Dam NFH is also heavily involved with providing environmental education and outreach to the public.

Since its inception in 1938, the hatchery has been using unfiltered water from Inks Lake for rearing fish. Fine-mesh filtration intake decreases the potential for inadvertent introduction of unwanted species when fish from the hatchery are stocked into lakes and rivers. The plan developed by Inks Dam NFH, and designed by RORE Inc. staff calls for a mechanical filtration system with automatic cleaning.

Project Benefits

The Service expects the award to create work for two people, and improve the rearing environment of the hatchery by protecting hatchery species and the environment from unwanted introductions of non-target species.

Total Budget Information for All Projects

Inks Dam NFH: \$373,000
Water Filtration Project FFS#R2PN: \$249,000

For More Information

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