



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Inks Dam NFH Awarded \$373,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide a total of \$373,000* dollars to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for various improvements to Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery (NFH). The slated improvements will include reconstruction of three ponds, an energy efficiency upgrade, and installation of a new filtration system.



Aerial view, Inks Dam NFH

The Service will soon be accepting bids on the three projects which should be completed by next fall. The Facility, located 67 miles NW of Austin, Texas supplies sportfish to Native American tribes in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana; it also provides a breeding ground for the Clear Creek Gambusia, an endangered species protected under the endangered species act.

Inks Dam has 28 breeding ponds measuring a little less than a surface acre each, and breeds Channel Catfish, Gulf Striped Bass, Largemouth Bass, and Paddlefish for distribution.

Project Benefits

The Service expects the award to create four jobs, and enhance the effectiveness of the hatchery in a variety of ways, including:

- Increased breeding capacity of distributed and endangered fish.
- Energy conservation.
- Increased fish harvesting speed and safety
- Protection of the hatchery from entry of unwanted species.

Total Budget Information

Inks Dam NFH: \$373,000

For More Information

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