

### Getting Started in Aquaculture Information Session

#### **Walleye Culture**



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#### **Fundamentals of Walleye Culture**



#### Basic fundamentals for rearing Walleye and Whitefish in Aquaculture

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# **Egg Collection**

Correct # adult spawners to collect

To Pool or Not to pool Families





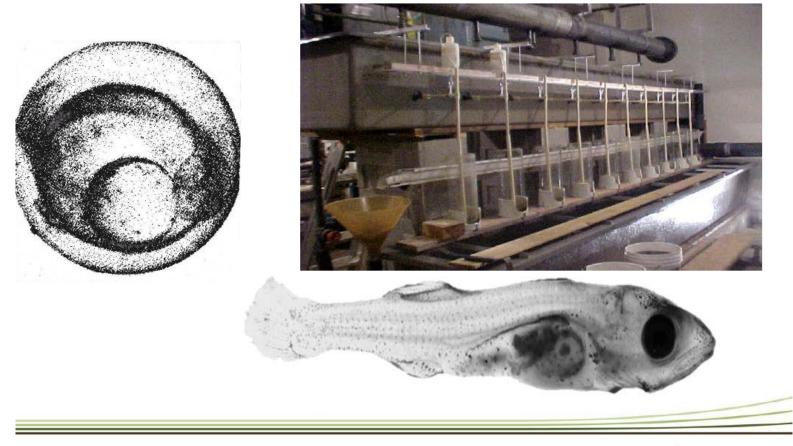
# Sampling & Egg Conditioning

Preparing eggs for incubation

Mudding and stripping agents



### Incubation





### Larval Culture

- Size of mosquito larvae at hatch.
- Cannibals!
- Production of fish relies on attention to detail
- Ponds are expensive and production per unit area is relatively low
- Intensive culture of 24-36 hour old walleye fry









#### **Pond Production**











## Intensive Culture (Flow-through or Recirculation)

#### **Special Challenges**

- Temperature
- Clay turbidity
- Managing turbidity
- Managing temperature
- Managing water quality (O<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>)
- Managing fungus and pathogens





# Fry Culture (24-36 hours old)

Key

# Stronger fish to start on diet

Weak fish have perished





# Early & Advanced Rearing

#### Recirculation



#### Flow Through

•When temperature profile is adequate





### **Advanced Fingerlings**







# **Shawanaga First Nation**

- Shawanaga First Nation's involvement in walleye culture and restoration dates back to the late 1970s
  - Habitat improvement & river watch program
  - Construction of a hatchery in 1996
  - Release approximately 3 to 5 million walleye fry annually









#### Hatchery Expansion at Shawanaga First Nation

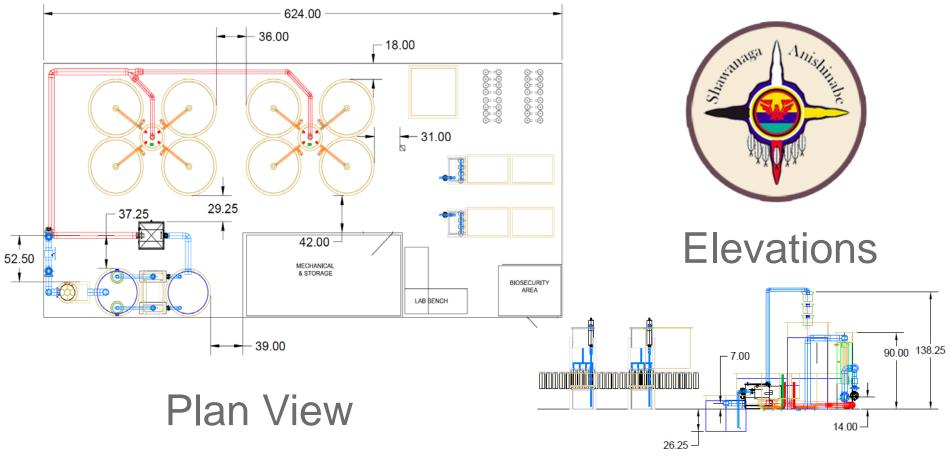
The Shawanaga First Nation walleye program is expanding

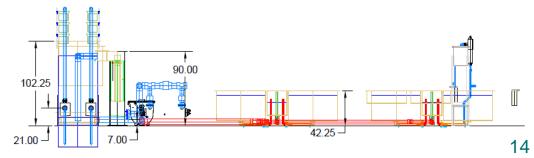
Larger hatchery with recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) for intensive production of advanced fingerlings



<u>Stage</u>	Size of Fish	<u>No. Fish</u>	Time of Release
Stanza 1	2-day-old fry	8,250,000	May
Stanza 2	1⁄2-gram spring fingerlings	150,000	early July
Stanza 3	10-gram early fall fingerlings	30,000	early September
Stanza 4	24- to 34-gram late fall fingerlings	23,000	October

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# **Mattagami First Nation**



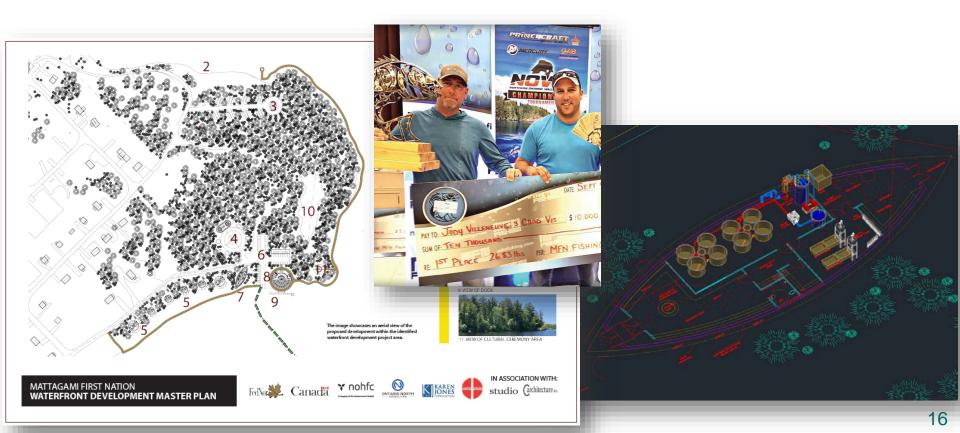
- Constructed a walleye hatchery in 2013 for lake enhancement
- Approximately 2 million walleye fry released every spring





#### Hatchery Expansion at Mattagami First Nation

 Planning an extensive waterfront development
Mattagami First Nation is on the Northern Ontario Walleye Trail fishing tournament





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