

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





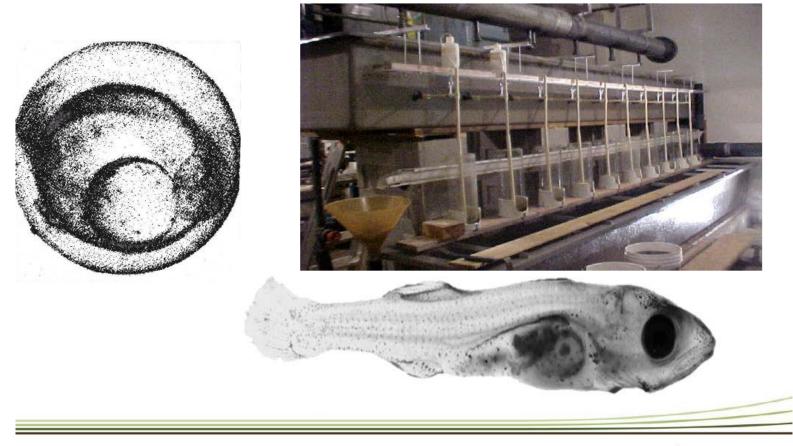
Sampling & Egg Conditioning

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 (O₂ and NH₃)
- 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

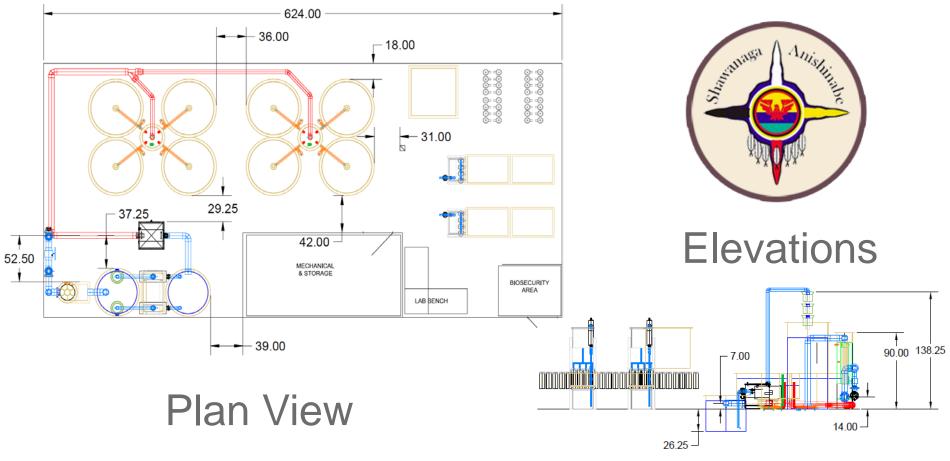
The Shawanaga First Nation walleye program is expanding

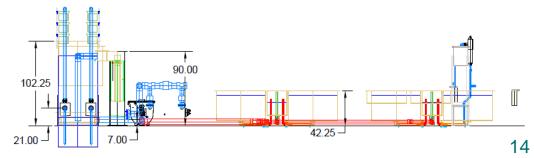
Larger hatchery with recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) for intensive production of advanced fingerlings



<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



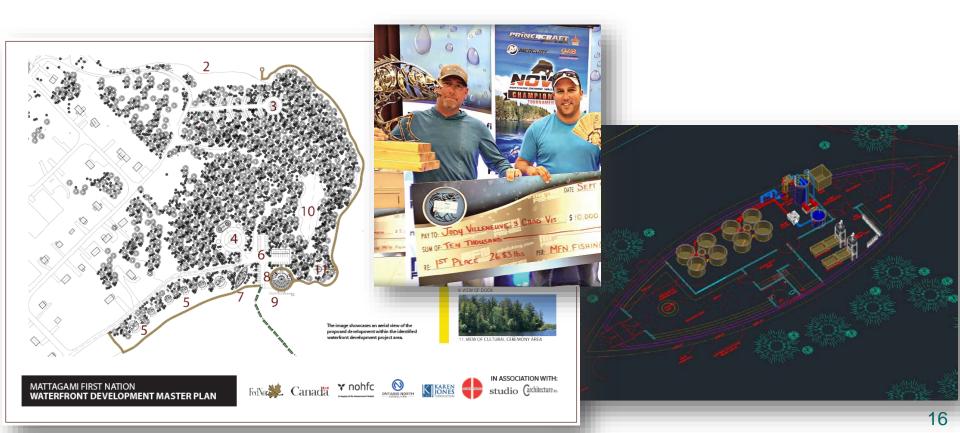
- Constructed a walleye hatchery in 2013 for lake enhancement
- Approximately 2 million walleye fry released every spring





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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