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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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October 8, 2020

Austin Franklin
Troutlodge, Inc.
P.O. Box 1290
Sumner, WA 98390

Re: TroutCo Clear Creek Hatchery NPDES Permit No. WA0039021 Inspection Report

Dear Austin Franklin:

Thanks for your time during our inspection of the TroutCo Clear Creek Hatchery on August 28, 2020 in Tacoma, WA. I am sending you a copy of our inspection report in reference to the facility's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (number WA0039021) for your review and records. If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please contact me by email at john.diamant@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 407-6289

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Y. Diamant", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Y. Diamant, P.E.
South Puget Sound Basin
Industrial Facility Manager
Southwest Regional Office
Water Quality Program

Enclosures: NPDES Permit No. WA0039021 Inspection Report
2020-08-28 Inspection Photolog

cc: Steve Eberl, Ecology
Marc Pacifico, Ecology
Chris Huff, Ecology

Water Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)

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Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (<i>For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number</i>) TroutCo Clear Creek Hatchery 4008 Pioneer Way East Tacoma, WA 98443-1609		Entry Time/Date 1142 hours 8/28/2020	Permit Effective Date February 1, 2020
		Exit Time/Date 13:00 8/28/2020	Permit Expiration Date January 31, 2025
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number Austin Franklin Quality Management Systems & Compliance Coordinator austin.franklin@hendrix-genetics.com cell: (253) 350-3309; ph: (253) 350-3309		Other Facility Data (<i>e.g., SIC NAICS, and other description information</i>)	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Contacted Austin Franklin (as shown above) Troutlodge, Inc. P.O. Box 1290 Sumner, WA 98390			
		Contacted <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretreatment	<input type="checkbox"/> MS4
<input type="checkbox"/> Records/Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Schedules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility Site Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operations & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Sewer Overflow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sludge Handling/Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer Overflow	

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

(Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists, including Single Event Violation codes, as necessary)

Inspection Findings/Comments

72-hours of notice is required before gaining access to the facility. This was an agreement reached with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) in order to allow the facility to prepare for visitors and meet requirements to maintain their certification that the fish are free of disease. The site visit was arranged with Lance Loney. Adequate advance notice was provided.

John Diamant and Chris Huff were the Ecology staff conducting the inspection. John and Chris met Austin Franklin at the facility at 1142 hours. The weather was sunny.

Austin showed us the egg incubation room at the hatchery. They installed a chiller system about two years ago. They recently doubled their egg incubation capacity at this location.

The creek's flows have been running low recently. Eight raceways are kept offline because they do not have enough flow. Troutlodge wants to change their water rights to utilize well water to augment their flow. They plan on installing an effluent weir to measure flow to track water volumes better. Currently, water flow is measured at the influent.

Everything appeared to be in good order. The grounds were kept clean. There were no concerns noted during this site visit. Ecology staff exited the facility at 14:00. Photographs taken are attached to this report.

Recommended Actions

The Department will: 1) send a copy of this inspection report to the Permittee.

The Permittee shall: 1) shall continue to comply with the NPDES Permit and notify Ecology of any permit non-compliance issues.

Verify Latitude and Longitude

☒ Announced
☐ Unannounced

Outfall #001

47.21848°N 122.37382°W

Front Gate

47.21777°N 122.37363°W

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)

John Diamant, P.E.



Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers

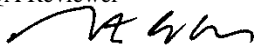
Ecology/SWRO (360) 407-6289

Date

10/8/2020

Signature of Management QA Reviewer

Steven G. Eberl, P.E.





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Ecology/SWRO (360) 407-6293

Date

10/8/2020

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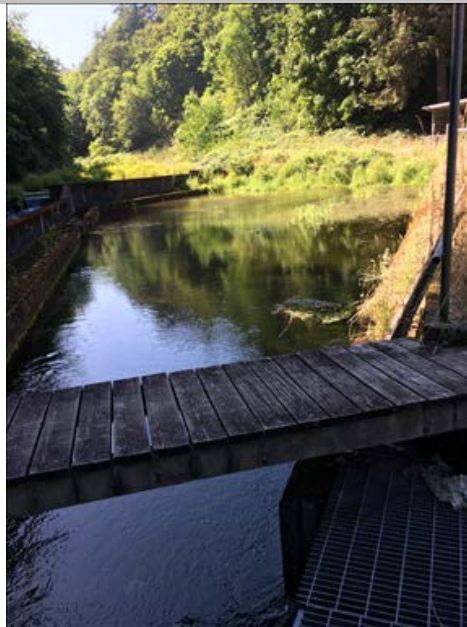
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Raceways (looking upgradient)	 Ctrl+Click HERE to view full size image	Troutco Clear Creek
Raceways.	 Ctrl+Click HERE to view full size image	Troutco Clear Creek

Intake.




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Influent settling pond and
creek channel.



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Clear Creek intake area.



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Egg incubation cooling system.	 <p>Ctrl+Click HERE to view full size image</p>	Troutco Clear Creek

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