

For immediate release: June 25, 2009

Trophy fish released into Caples Lake

Placerville, CA... Approximately 1,500 trophy-sized rainbow trout—totaling 9,000 pounds—were delivered to Caples Lake on Wednesday, June 24. The average fish weight was 6 pounds, with some fish weighing up to 15 pounds.

The California Department of Fish and Game also released 2,000 pounds of catchable brook trout into the lake on Wednesday.

The releases are part of an extensive fish restocking program approved by Fish and Game and funded by El Dorado Irrigation District (district). The goal is re-establishment of the sport fishery in Caples Lake following the draw-down of the lake level in 2008 so that emergency repairs to the main dam's outlet works could be completed.

Chaulk Mound Trout Ranch in Bridgeport, Nebraska, supplied the trophy-sized rainbows under a contract with the district.

Restocking began with delivery of catchable rainbow, brown, and brook trout by Fish and Game the week before Memorial Day. The district will continue to stock the lake through September of this year under an agreement with a private hatchery and in cooperation with Fish and Game.

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