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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Existing Manufacturing, Commercial, Mining and Silvicultural Discharge, permit number NV0020664 from the following applicant:

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE (NDOW)
6980 SIERRA CENTER PKWY #120
RENO, NV - 89511

Permit NV0020664, NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE (NDOW) - SPRING CREEK REARING STATION:

The Permittee, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), has applied for the renewal of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0020664, for their Spring Creek Rearing Station (SCRS). The SCRS is a flow-through aquaculture facility located at 1067 East Snake Canyon Road/HC64-64900, in Ely, within White Pine County, Nevada. The Permittee proposes to continue to discharge pass-through water, made up of Spring Creek and Snake Creek waters, which flow through the raceways, which stairstep down the hillside, and eventually terminate into two raceways (18 and 19) at the discharge point, Outfall 001. A fish screen at the discharge outlet prevents most of the fish from escaping into the creek, from their fish rearing station's settling ponds, into Snake Creek. The rearing station collects about 75% of its inflow from Spring Creek and the rest from Snake Creek.

First stocked in 1950, the facility continues its rearing operations, with a current harvestable weight of about 40,000 pounds (lbs) of trout species per annum. The facility has 19 raceways for rearing fish and two settling ponds to treat the outflow from the Station. The facility's permitted inflow limit is 5.0 million gallons per day (Mgal/d), while the discharge into the Snake Creek is limited to 0.5 Mgal/d based on maximum cubic foot storage capacity of the system.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NV0020664 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance should submit their comments or request, in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 10/07/2026, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

A public hearing on the proposed determination can be requested by the applicant, any affected State, any affected interstate agency, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region IX or any interested agency, person or group of persons. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. Any public hearing determined by the Administrator to be held must be conducted in the geographical area of the proposed discharge or any other area the Administrator determined to be appropriate. All public hearings must be conducted in accordance with NAC 445A.238.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Melissa Hanson, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9315 or at mhanson@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.