

# INTERIM JUNE SUCKER HATCHERY CONSTRUCTION

Did you know that there is a fish in Utah Lake found nowhere else in the world? It is the June sucker (pictured at right). This fish evolved in the warm water of Utah Lake, but over the last 20 years its population has crashed. One of the many reasons for its decline is lack of good places to raise young June suckers and predation by nonnative fish.



Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Photo

Many interested parties have come up with ideas to help save the June sucker. One of these ideas is to build a warm water hatchery to raise the fish up to a size that can avoid the predators. This will help the population while predators can be dealt with and habitat is improved.

## More About Our Idea



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This proposal is to build a warm-water interim hatchery at the Goshen Warm Springs in Utah County, to raise June sucker. Facilities to be constructed include:

1. water systems - control structures, supply/drain lines, effluent treatment
2. -rearing facilities - concrete or plastic ponds, raceways or tanks
3. -buildings – hatchery and service and/or storage, similar to the one pictured here.

These facilities are meant to be used temporarily until a larger, permanent hatchery can be built.

## Possible Issues

Some issues related to the interim hatchery have been previously identified through the hatchery planning process. Please review the following list of issues and let us know if you have others.

- definition of need, what is the interim hatchery and why build it
- site-specific construction impacts
- water quality
- water rights protection
- public use of the spring pools
- Tintic Reduction Mill site
- fish health
- bird predation

Write your comments on the enclosed mail-in sheet.

***Your response will be most useful if received by July 31, 2002.***

**Future opportunities for comment**

There will be more opportunities for comment in this analysis. A draft assessment document will be available for your review, and public meetings may be scheduled, if requested.

If you would like to talk about the project, please call Eric Larson at the Division of Wildlife resources (801-538-4822), or Maureen Wilson at the Mitigation Commission (801-524-3146).