



Spring 2020 Root River Weir Summary

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the Governor's Executive Order #12, steelhead spawning activities at the Root River Steelhead Facility were modified this spring. Restrictions were placed on the number of staff present at the facility, and therefore no biological data was collected from fish after March 23rd. The focus of our effort was egg collection for our hatchery system to provide steelhead for stocking in the future.

The Root River Steelhead Facility (RRSF) was in operation for two processing dates this spring prior to the Governor's Executive Order #12. We captured 128 steelhead between March 16th and March 23rd. Steelhead were processed on March 19th and March 23rd.

A total of 108 female steelhead were spawned at the Root river, and 140 females were spawned at the Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facility. With the eggs collected at both of our spawning facilities we expect to meet our egg collection goals for the year.

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<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/lakemichigan>

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We plan to resume operations at the weir in the fall in compliance with all current health and safety guidelines.

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