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## BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

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IN THE MATTER OF BASIN 37 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

STATE OF IDAHO ) ) ss COUNTY OF ADA ) Docket No. AA-WRA-2021-001

AFFIDAVIT OF GREGG ANDERSON IN SUPPORT OF IDFG MOTION TO EXCLUDE

GREGG ANDERSON, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states

that:

- I am employed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game ("IDFG") as the Magic Valley Fish Hatchery Complex Manager. I supervise five fish hatcheries in the Magic Valley, including Hayspur State Fish Hatchery.
- The following facts are based on my education in fish production and management (AAS Fish Hatchery Management, BS Project Management).
- The following facts are also based on my expertise and experience as the Hayspur State Fish Hatchery Manager 2015–2018 and the Magic Valley Complex Hatchery Manager 2019–present.
- Water for the Hayspur State Fish Hatchery is supplied by water rights 37-7038, 37-8271, 37-8331, 37-2695, and 37-2489.
- Water Rights 37-2695 and 37-2489 are from surface water sources, Loving Creek and Butte Spring respectively.
- 6. The Loving Creek water right 37-2695 (24 cfs) is not suitable for use in the main hatchery operations because it is not pathogen free. Instead, water right 37-2695 is used in Gavers Lagoon a recreational fish pond located adjacent to the main hatchery complex.
- The Butte Spring water right 37-2489 authorizes diversion of 15 cfs, but currently produces approximately 5.5 cfs.
- Water Rights 37-7038, 37-8271, 37-8331 (collectively "IDFG's Ground Water Rights") are pump assisted artesian ground water rights totaling 5 cfs. However, they are currently only producing between 2 to 3 cfs.
- Water Rights 37-8271 and 37-8331 contain conditions stating: "Use of water under this right shall be non-consumptive." Water Right 37-7038 does not contain

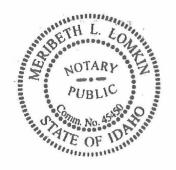
this condition but, as described below this water right is comingled with and used in the same manner as water rights 37-8271 and 37-8331.

- Total inflow into the hatchery from IDFG's Ground Water Rights and water right
   37-2489 was 7.06 cfs as measured on May 19, 2021.
- 11. IDFG's Ground Water Rights and water right 37-2489 are piped to a common headbox where they run through a degassing tower and then out to the heath racks, tray, and rearing pots in the incubation building, to concrete vats in the hatchery building, to small covered concrete raceways, and to covered concrete round ponds. Water from these areas flows either to the large uncovered concrete raceways for second use or discharges directly to the settling basin
- 12. The settling basin is situated within the natural channel formed by Butte Creek.
- 13. There are seven outfalls into the settling basin, two from the round pounds, one from the hatchery building, one from the egg incubation building, two from the small raceways, and one from the large raceways.
- 14. Due to the small size of the settling basins (approximately 1 acre) and the volume of flow-through water there is very little retention time (< 24 hours) and the water quickly exits the property.
- 15. Total outflow of hatchery discharge into Butte Creek Springs was approximately7.45 cfs as measured on May 19, 2021.
- 16. There are no other water rights diversions between where the water discharges from the hatchery into the settling basin.
- Butte Creek Spring flows off of the Hatchery property and into Loving Creek.
   Loving Creek is tributary to Silver Creek.

- 18. The Haypsur Strain of Rainbow Trout have been developed and habituated to spawn throughout the year due to photo period manipulation. This allows hatchery staff to provide eyed eggs to the resident fish hatchery programs throughout Idaho for the purpose of providing recreational fishing.
- 19. Hayspur Fish Hatchery also raises 40,000 of its own 10"-12" Rainbow Trout for stocking North of Ketchum, ID. If our hatchery water was curtailed we could lose all our brood-stock (parent fish) and catchable fish for stocking and it would take four to six years to re-develop our hatchery Rainbow Trout program.
- 20. Hayspur State Fish Hatchery has developed the YY Trojan Brook Trout, which is an all-male population of Brook Trout that is only capable of producing male off spring. These fish are used to control feral populations of Brook Trout in Idaho waters. The YY program is a research project and test platform to base the possible control of unwanted invasive species of fish into public waters. Currently, Hayspur provides eyed-eggs to six other States to assist in further research on this application. Loss of these fish due to water right curtailment would set IDFG back 6 to 8 years to rebuild this valuable and successful Native Trout Conservation program.
- 21. The Hayspur State Fish Hatchery has developed an all-female strain of Rainbow Trout which began in 2017 and successfully completed the first spawn of this strain in late 2020. All-female hatchery fish have a tendency to grow more uniform and faster than males, providing an efficient product for anglers. Loss of this strain due to water right curtailment would set the department back 4 to 6 years.

Further your affiant sayeth naught.

DATED this 2nd day of June, 2021.



GREGG ANDERSON Idaho Department of Fish and Game Magic Valley Region Magic Valley Hatcheries Supervisor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  $2^{nd}$  day of June 2021.

Meubert L. Lomkin Notary Public for Idaho

Notary Public for Idaho Residing at: <u>Verome</u>, <u>TD</u> My commission expires: <u>9/28/2023</u>

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this  $2^{n}$  day of June 2021, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing AFFIDAVIT OF GREGG ANDERSON IN SUPPORT OF IDFG MOTION TO EXCLUDE by placing a copy thereof in the manner listed below:

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