



FACT SHEET

H.B. PARSONS FISH HATCHERY • CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY • PARKS & RECREATION

Oklahoma City operates a complete fisheries program consisting of fish culture, fish management, aquatic education, and extension.

The H.B. Parsons Fish Hatchery has been supporting fishing in Oklahoma City since 1983.

Aquatic Education

Hooked on Fishing!

Hundreds of children and adults attend our free fishing classes offered at Close to Home waters.

Co-sponsors: ODWC, OKC PAL, Metro Tech, and City Care

Family trout and game fishing clinics are also offered throughout the year.

Fish Culture

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) provides an excess of 1.2 million fishes annually for the hatchery and direct stockings at no cost to the City.

Fish species currently reared are walleye, striped bass hybrids, channel catfish, and hybrid sunfish. Smallmouth bass have been reared in past years.

Extension & Outreach

Extension technical advice is available to the public.

Staff attends OKC's Game & Fish Commission meetings.

Staff have advised multiple Eagle Scout fisheries projects.

Fish Management

Walleye are stocked at Lake Hefner, striped bass hybrids at Lake Overholser, and channel catfish at Lake Stanley Draper and Close to Home waters, with an average of 500,000 fishes stocked annually.

8,000 surface acres of fishable water are managed in cooperation with ODWC. This includes our 3 City Lakes, 8 Close to Home waters, the Oklahoma River, and the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge.

City fishing waters receive regular fish stockings, fish collection surveys, angler creel surveys, habitat enhancement, fishing and boating access improvement, and fish feeder and aeration operation.

Trout season is supported at Route 66 Park and Edwards Park. Trout season provides 18,000+ hours of fishing and \$300,000+ to the local economy, with a 75% satisfaction rating and approximately 85% harvest rate. Co-sponsors: Trout Unlimited, ODWC

Questions?

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