



Life Stages & Helpful Hatchery Terms to Know

1. Egg

A mature female can produce up to 3,000 eggs.

2. Sac Fry

Newly hatched fish that have their yolk sac still attached. The yolk sac is a source of nutrition for the newly hatched fish.

3. Swim-up Fry

Fish that have absorbed the yolk sac and “swim up” in search of food.

4. Fingerling

A fish that is 2–3 inches in length.

5. Subcatchable

A fish that is 3–8 inches in length.

6. Catchable

A fish that is 9–11 inches in length.



For More Information:

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151 E. 16th St.
Durango, CO 81301
970-247-0855

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Museum
151 E. 16th St.
Durango, CO 81301
970-375-6766
Open daily May 15th–September 15th
Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

San Juan National Forest Service

15 Burnett Court
Durango, CO 81301
970-247-4874
www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan

101 Places to Take a Kid Fishing
cpw.state.co.us/fish/takekidsfishing

How Can I Contribute?

With the purchase of your fishing license, you are contributing to your state's fisheries and recreational opportunities. Thank you! To ensure the safety and health of both fish and visitors, please follow all rules while visiting all state fish hatcheries.

Hatchery Hours: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. daily

- Self-guided tours
- Feed the fish: 25¢
- Large trout show pond

Durango State Fish Hatchery

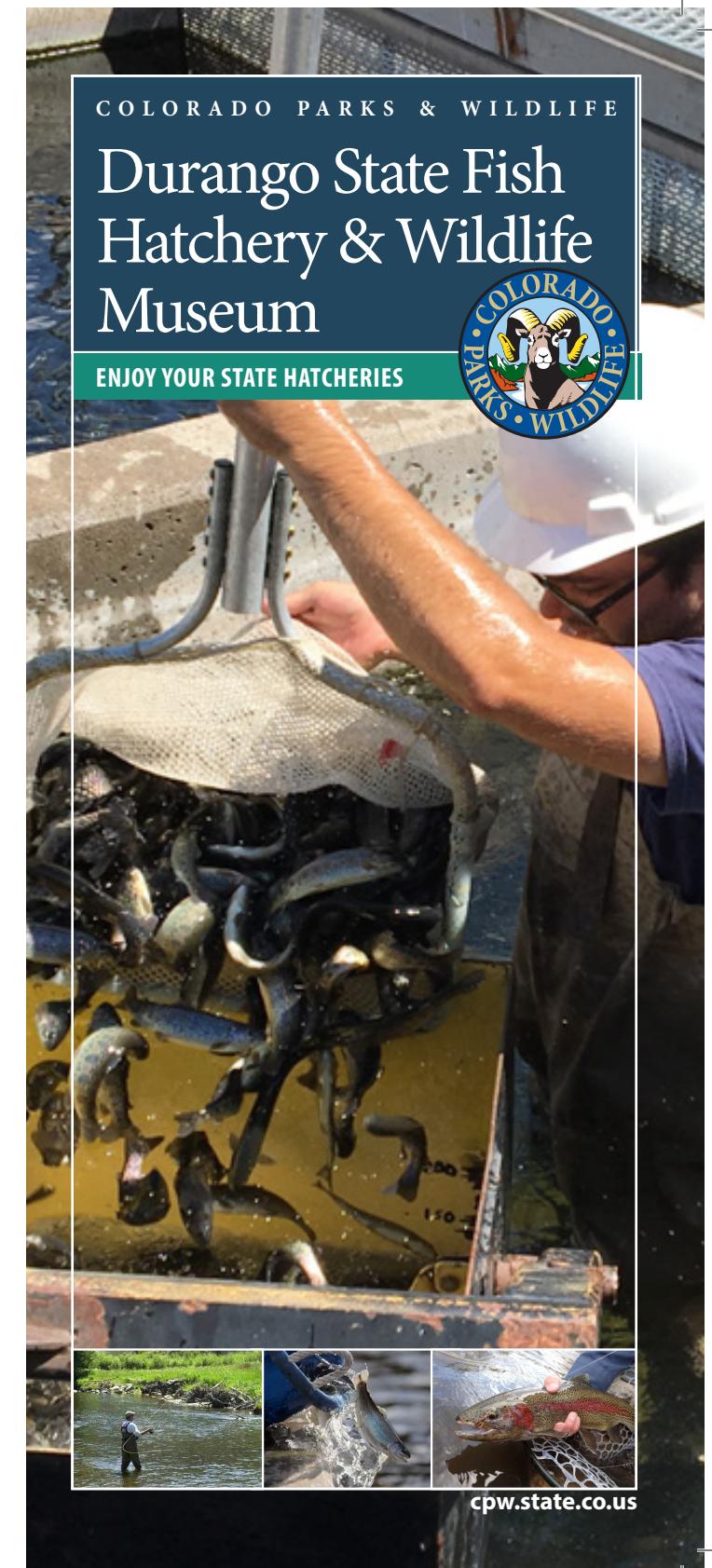
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History of the Durango State Fish Hatchery

This is the oldest state-owned fish hatchery in Colorado. The first building was constructed in 1893. During the expansion of the state of Colorado's fish-stocking program in the early 1900s, a new building was constructed in 1927 and is now the Wildlife Museum. This was the main hatchery until a much bigger upgrade took place in the 1970s.

Annual Production

Durango stocks approximately 125,000 catchable rainbows (8–12 inches in length) and 1.3 million subcatchable fish (1–5 inches in length) each year in the southwest corner of Colorado.



State of Colorado Fish-Stocking Program

Today CPW operates 19 hatcheries that breed, hatch, rear and stock over 90 million fish per year. Many of the fish produced are to enhance angling opportunities, while others serve a critical role in native species recovery efforts. Colorado fish hatcheries support our angling pastime, which annually contributes 1.9 billion dollars to our state's economy!

Hatcheries that hold and spawn domesticated fish are called "brood units." The hatcheries that hatch eggs and raise fish that come from other units are called "rearing units."

Durango State Fish Hatchery both hatches eggs from Durango hatchery and imports eggs from other state fish hatcheries.

The fish production program in Colorado is divided into three parts:

1. Coldwater facilities
2. Warmwater facilities
3. Native species restoration

Species Raised at the Durango State Fish Hatchery

Durango State Fish Hatchery is a cold-water facility that raises the following species: brown trout, kokanee salmon, native cutthroat trout and rainbow trout.

Transportation Methods

There are three main methods of transporting fish to waters in Colorado:

1. By truck
2. Pack plants: by horse or person
3. Air transport: by plane or helicopter



Colorado native cutthroat trout

