

West Grand Lake/Grand Lake Stream Hatchery Pipeline Project



- Construction is set to begin this August on a new water intake pipe for the Grand Lake Stream Fish Hatchery. At times during the project there will be sections of pipeline floating between the dam on West Grand Lake and the Munson Island area. The floating pipeline sections will be marked appropriately to alert boaters.
- The on-water construction phase is expected to take about a month and be completed by the end of September. During that time, workers will be working on the water assembling the pipeline, and will be utilizing the boat ramp area on the west side of the West Grand Lake Dam to distribute the pipe.
- Work will start in July on the water treatment center at the hatchery while heavy equipment is mobilized to the site. Construction is projected to be completed by October 2 and will not affect hatchery stocking programs. Fish will be transferred back to the hatchery in October from other facilities and staff will be ready for the fall 2018 wild egg take.
- The new pipe will extend approximately two miles (10,800') out into West Grand Lake to an area that is approximately 57' deep.
- The pipe assembly will begin at the West Grand Lake Dam area and be incrementally extended into the water. There will be portions of the pipeline floating during construction. As sections of the pipeline are completed, they will be lowered into place on the lake bottom.
- The new intake pipe is in addition to the original intake line. The new line will deliver colder water from a deeper section of the lake. Increasing lake temperatures have necessitated the need for a new pipeline in order for the hatchery to continue raising landlocked salmon and brook trout. Utilizing the two lines together will allow hatchery staff to keep fish at an ideal water temperature for health and growth rates.
- The Grand Lake Stream Hatchery raises landlocked salmon and brook trout. It serves as the source of the West Grand strain of landlocked salmon, and provides three quarters of the salmon used in the statewide stocking program.
- The Grand Lake Stream Hatchery was established in 1936 and produces over 80,000 catchable fish annually. Over 300,000 people fish in Maine each year, injecting \$319 million into Maine's economy annually.
- For updates and more information, please visit www.maine.gov/ifw or call 287-5262.

