

Summary of Final Report

Organization Name: Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery

Project Title: Mad River Hatchery Restoration and Support

Amount of Grant Award: \$26,935

Date of Final Report: 1/19/07

1. What were the project goals and were they achieved?

The primary goal was to solidify, expand and restore state/federal funding for the Mad River Fish Hatchery. This was achieved. The Hatchery will continue to produce steelhead and trout for the Mad River.

Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery was formed in response to a proposed permanent closure of the Hatchery due to the state budget crisis. A collaboration between Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery and the department of Fish and Game was successful in securing the funding for the future of the Hatchery.

2. What were the activities undertaken and accomplishments through the completion of this grant?

Hatchery operations were maintained for three years; steelhead trout were taken and released successfully and the local fish runs were preserved. The Hatchery facility was upgraded in terms of equipment, settling ponds, pumps and roads. 2.7 million dollars in state funding was secured for the Hatchery via AB 7 legislation to maintain the Hatchery.

3. What are the lasting benefits of the project?

Continued Hatchery operations will yield an estimated 1.2 million dollars annually in revenue to Humboldt County from fishermen. About 150,000 yearling steelhead are produced annually at the hatchery. It will also provide an educational and recreational site for Humboldt County schools, families and children.

4. How will you continue work started by this project?

The Department of Fish and Game has pledged to maintain and fund the Hatchery after fiscal year 2006-2007. Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery will disband as a 501c3 when this occurs, as our work will be done.