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SENATE COMMITTEE APPROPRIATES \$2 MILLION FOR LEADVILLE FISH HATCHERY ALLARD SAYS APPROPRIATION WILL KEEP FISH HATCHERY OPEN

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard announced today that the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee has approved \$2.025 million in funding for the National Fish Hatchery, which is located in Leadville, Colorado.

“This is great news for the Leadville Fish Hatchery,” Allard said. “Without this funding, the Leadville Fish Hatchery faced closure in 2003. This has been a top legislative priority of mine, so I am very pleased that the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee has funded this very important Colorado project.”

The Leadville Fish Hatchery, the second-oldest hatchery in the country, has tested positive for whirling disease. The more than \$2 million appropriation will allow the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to make upgrades at the hatchery and become aligned with National Fish Hatchery stocking quotes.

“This appropriation will allow the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to implement a program to combat the current whirling disease problem and upgrade their facilities,” added Allard. These needed changes should allow the Leadville Fish Hatchery to remain open for many years to come.”

Allard said the Interior Appropriations bill containing the funding for the Leadville Fish Hatchery should be acted upon by the entire U.S. Senate by end of this week.

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