

Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery



The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Fish Hatcheries

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) fish hatchery program is to propagate those species of fish in sizes required to accomplish fishery management objectives as recommended by the biological staff and approved by administrative personnel, and to provide pond owners, at cost, largemouth bass, redear sunfish and bluegill for private pond management purposes.



DNR



Location: In West Columbia at 1522 Fish Hatchery Road (S-32-103) 1.3 miles west of U.S. Highway 321.

Personnel: Hatchery manager (1), fishery technician (1). Assistance is available through the office of the Hatchery Coordinator.

Background: The Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery was constructed in 1935 with WPA/CCC funds. Originally the hatchery was called Camp Styx. At times it was known as the Richardson Hatchery and for many years Styx Hatchery. In 1985 the Pine Ridge facility was renamed and dedicated as the Cohen Campbell Hatchery in honor of a deceased manager who had provided 31 years of service to the hatchery program.

Species Raised:

Bluegill	Redear sunfish
Largemouth bass	Striped bass
Channel catfish	Robust redhorse suckers

Land Acreage of Hatchery: 260 acres.

Approximately 75-100 acres are usable with the remainder in wetland habitat. Thirty acres used for ponds, buildings, and residences.

Fish House Construction: Metal framed and sided building (30ft. x 50ft.) with concrete flooring. Lab space partitioned within the structure (5 ft. x 15 ft.). Drive through doors at both ends of structure. Five concrete vats with plumbing permanently attached.

 **Utilities:** Electrical service, potable water to lab area, and nonpotable water for hatchery operations.

 **Function:** Fish holding, hatchery distribution, lab and grass carp certification.

Number of Ponds: 15 production ponds and (1) reservoir pond. Over one million fish are produced annually.

Acres of Water: 11.85 acres

Water Source:

A reservoir pond of 3.5 acres which is maintained by pumped surface water from Congaree Creek or by three wells.



Hatchery staff providing therapeutic treatment on brood fish

