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Birdsview Hatchery Started In 1900

About the year 1900 a small hatchery was established on Grandy Creek at Birdsview as an auxiliary to the Baker Lake hatchery. Salmon eggs for the hatchery were obtained from both Grandy Creek and Phinney Creek. In 1911 extensive improvements and construction of buildings were made, including a new hatchery building, barn, and several residences, and the old hatchery building was made into a workshop. The office of the Baker Lake hatchery superintendent was then moved to the Birdsview hatchery since the field operations became enlarged and Birdsview was more accessible for mail and transportation, as well as being more centrally located since the hatcheries on Hood's Canal were also added to the field. After 1911 from time to time further improvements and construction of buildings were carried out as became necessary. However, by 1947 the run of salmon into Grandy Creek had declined greatly and the water of the creek during winter and early spring was muddy for such long periods that fish cultural work could not be carried out with maximum efficiency. Logging off of the creek watershed caused the changed condition in the creek. The long periods of muddy water in the creek during the winter months especially, appeared to be a factor in the decline in the numbers of salmon entering. The creek and at times fingerling fish in the ponds could not be properly fed for several weeks at a time. Therefore further

operation of the hatchery was not considered justifiable. Accordingly on July 1, 1947 the hatchery was closed and eventually was transferred to the State Game Department.

At the present time there remains only one federal fish hatchery still in operation in the Puget Sound area, that being at Quilcene on Hood's Canal. At present the Fish & Wildlife Service is concerned chiefly with the Columbia River and tributaries and with the Sacramento River in California in so far as fish cultural work is concerned.