

Kalispel Tribe Fish Hatchery

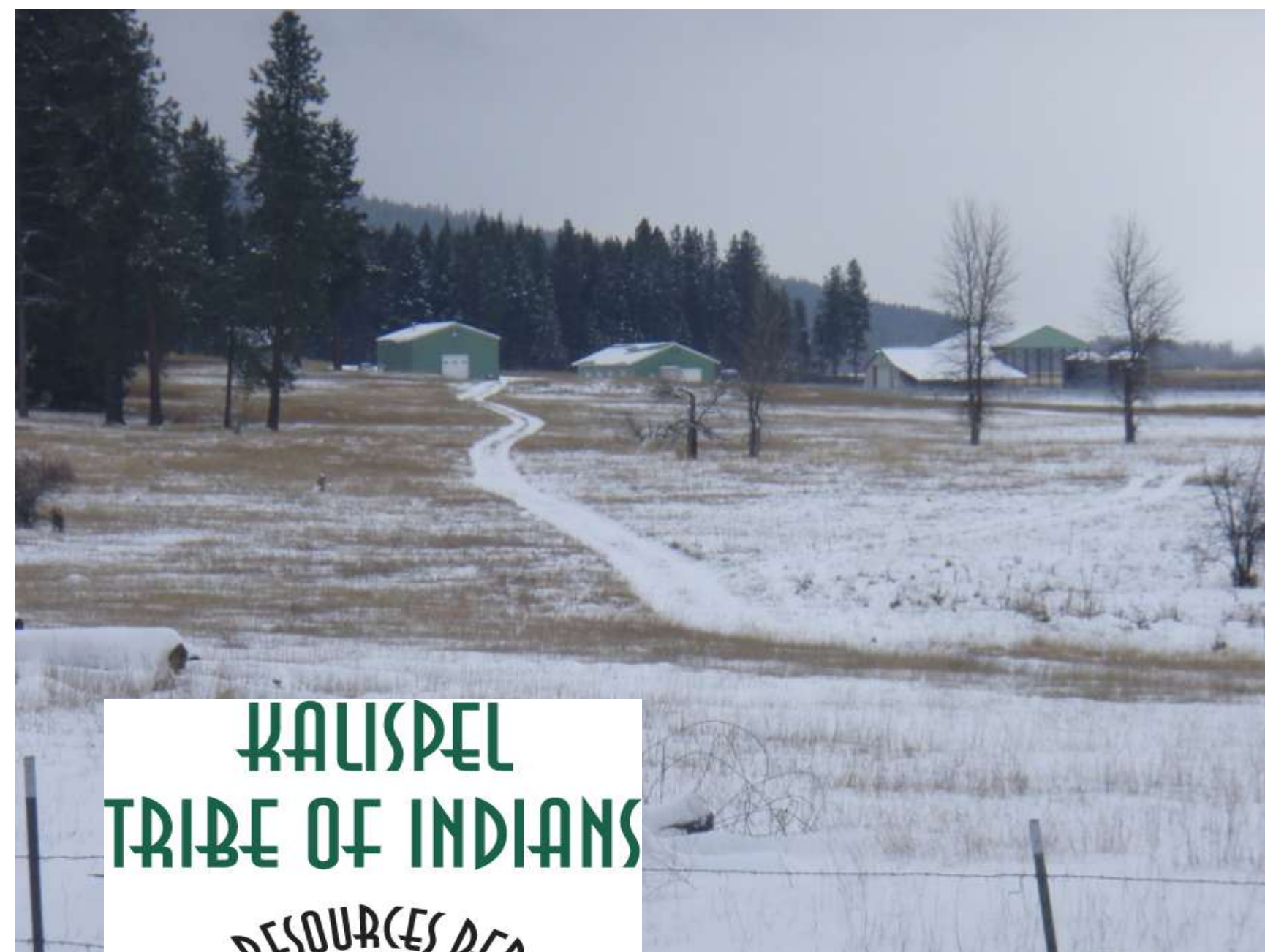
In the summer of 2007 Hatchery staff became concerned with the condition of the brood stock raceway. The structure (originally constructed in 1998) was showing severe signs of deterioration. Cracks had developed in the sidewalls and the structural integrity was becoming a concern. Due to initial poor construction, the potential for dewatering of the raceway was of continual concern. After 10 years of operation and maintenance at the Hatchery, the Kalispel Tribe felt it necessary to address these problems in addition to constructing a second raceway for additional rearing capacity to meet our production goals.



In the spring of 2008 Hatchery staff along with Tom Johnson concrete, began "The raceway project," which entailed restoring the current raceway to its original condition and constructing an entirely new raceway that now sits side by side with the old one. During the project many upgrades were implemented into the old raceway which were also used in the construction of the new raceway. The new raceway will enable hatchery staff to stock more fish in the Pend Oreille reservoir. The raceway project was funded by the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs). Other Hatchery projects include a chemical storage facility.



In the fall of 2008 hatchery staff will begin work on a man made lake at the hatchery that will also help increase the total amount of fish out planted into the reservoir which is also funded by the BIA. If you would like to learn more about these projects or view the Kalispel Tribal Fish Hatchery you can schedule a tour of the facility by contacting Wayne Gould @ (509) 671-1122



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