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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fawn River State Fish Hatchery

other names/site number Orland Fish Hatchery

2. Location

street & number 6889 North SR 327 N/A not for publication

city or town Orland vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Steuben code 151 zip code 46776

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____

Date of Action _____

Pawn River State Fish Hatchery
Name of Property

Steuben County IN
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

New Deal Resources on Indiana State Lands 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/fishing facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/fishing facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19th-EARLY 20th CENTURY MOVEMENTS

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls WOOD: clnboard

roof ASPHALT

other STONE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

CONSERVATION

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1935-1942

Significant Dates

1942

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

GPA

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Fawn River State Fish Hatchery
Name of Property

Steuben County IN
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 46.8

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization _____ date 15 June 1996

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name State of Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish & Wildlife

street & number 402 West Washington Street W275 telephone 317-232-4080

city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46204

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Fawn River State Fish Hatchery

Steuben County, Indiana

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Split roughly in half by State Road 327 about a mile north of the village of Orland, the Fawn River State Fish Hatchery appears much the same as when it was dedicated in 1942. The east unit of the property is surrounded by a road, which is entered through a stone archway (photo 1). Above the arch is emblazoned ORLAND/FISH HATCHERY. The road runs east along the south edge of the property, along which is Orland's town park. (Access to the park is gained through the same entrance.) The road then turns northward and finally west, encompassing eight fish rearing ponds. Originally these were four larger ponds side by side. The levees needed rebuilding in the 1980s: in essence the four ponds were bisected to form eight closely adjacent ponds that kept the original outside configuration of the four. The road turns due west as it crosses a channel flowing southwesterly from Fawn River on a small stone-and-mortar single lane bridge (photo 3), which is deteriorating. Originally there were three small display ponds west of the bridge between the road and the channel, but these have disappeared.

The road enters the west unit from a point on SR327 north of the property line (but south of Fawn River) and provides access to the service area. A vaguely Cape Cod-influenced custodians' residence, a one-story gabled dwelling with a gabled entrance and one-over-one and six-over-six double hung sashes (photo 4), lies north of the road. This road ends shortly just beyond the the main hatchery building (photos 5.6), which is L-shaped with a gabled roof, two stone fireplace chimneys, and six-over-six and eight-over-eight double hung sashes. South of these buildings are six large ponds (photos 5.7), all the original configuration. To the north of the northwesternmost pond are four very small concrete circular pools, now empty (photo 7). North of the main hatchery building is the supply pond, formed by an earth dam (photo 8) built across Fawn River. The spillway is at the north end, and a sluice gate at the south.

The historic resources contained on the site are as follows: the entrance arch, a fieldstone bridge, eight rearing ponds (that had once been four), the property manager's residence, the hatchery building, the dam impounding the supply pond, four small concrete pools, six large rearing ponds (intact).

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Fawn River State Fish Hatchery

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The bucolic Fawn River State Fish Hatchery appears much as it did at the time of its completion with a few alterations but no major intrusions, a fine example of important New Deal public works in the management of natural resources. The hatchery is significant under Criterion A in the areas of conservation and social history and meets the standards of integrity established in the multiple property nomination "New Deal Resources on Indiana State Lands." The hatchery's buildings and ponds are in their original location and setting, the original design essentially intact. The hatchery is representative of the work of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and of fish hatcheries in the 1930s and 1940s.

An act of the Indiana General Assembly in 1911 established the first state fish hatchery. By the 1930s the Division of Fish and Game (today, Fish and Wildlife) administered five fish hatcheries scattered throughout the state. With the help of New Deal work programs these were expanded, and the WPA developed two new fish hatcheries in the north and south. The former property was just north of Orland, where the town and the local conservation club in 1935 had established a fish hatchery with the help of the WPA. By the end of 1937 the WPA had completed the Orland Fish Hatchery on the east side of State Road 327, with four large rearing ponds and an impressive fieldstone arch entrance. Immediately adjacent on the south was a recreation area, which Orland kept as its town park when its board voted in 1939 to donate the hatchery to the state. The Department of Conservation immediately purchased land on the other side of the highway, and again WPA workers provided the labor to build six more rearing ponds, a service building, a custodial residence, and display ponds. They also reconstructed an old earth and masonry dam, once part of an old mill long gone, that the town's hatchery had used for its water supply. The new Fawn River State Fish Hatchery, named for the stream that forms part of its boundary on the north and west, was dedicated in June 1942 by Governor Henry Schricker. The facility was the largest in water area of any of the state's hatcheries, and produced bluegills, sunfish, and large and smallmouth bass in abundance to stock northern Indiana lakes. Today, Fawn River raises primarily walleye and northern pike, and channel catfish.

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Indiana's other New Deal-era fish hatchery, also constructed by the WPA, lies in Jackson County below the dam forming Starve Hollow Lake. It is largely intact but has had a number of more recent buildings added to the site. The state has only one other extant historic fish hatchery, at Avoca in Lawrence County. The main buildings there are older, but the WPA and National Youth Administration (NYA) expanded ponds and developed recreational facilities at the Avoca site.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

Archival Collections

National Archives, Washington, D.C.
Records of the Works Progress Administration (RG 59)

Indiana Division, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis
Clipping Files, WPA
Outdoor Indiana, 1939-1951

Government Publication

"Annual Report of Department of Conservation." Yearbook of
Indiana, 1938-1945.

Other

Greiff, Glory-June. "New Deal Resources on Present Indiana State Lands." June 1990-May 1991/August 1995-June 1996. Sponsored by Indiana University, Indianapolis, and on file with the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204. Field survey and inventory of existing CCC- and WPA-constructed buildings, structures, and sites.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the site are the boundaries of the fish hatchery property. Roughly, Fawn River borders the property along the northeast, north, and northwest; Orland Town Park borders along the south, east of SR 327. West of SR327 the south boundary follows roughly the southern edges of the rearing ponds and channel.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries encompass the historic site known as the Fawn River State Fish Hatchery.