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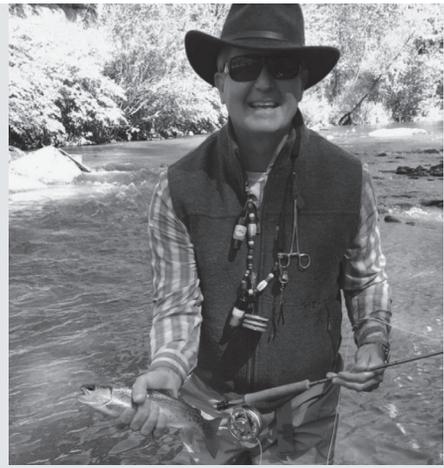
My grandmother used to say, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” Well, 2020 could certainly fall into the “lemons” category, but from a fish management standpoint, things could not have gone better. The COVID pandemic motivated millions of Americans to step outside and take in all that Mother Nature has to offer. The West Virginia mountains provide an ideal backdrop for this increased outdoor activity. Our parks, streams and lakes have experienced record attendance, and fishing licenses sales have been robust.

Our fish management professionals were behind the scenes making things happen. We continued to work on improving fish habitat, stocking trout and other species, as well as kicking off our \$40 million hatchery renovation program. Our hatcheries had been neglected for decades.

We started with the hatchery at Bowden. Early last year, Bowden began receiving a \$10 million makeover. When finished, it will not only provide state of the art facilities but will increase rearing capacity by 50 percent. When all the renovations are complete, our hatcheries will be able to produce well over one million pounds of trout annually.

Looking forward to 2021, we anticipate expanding our Gold Rush event, continuing to improve fish habitat, and developing new special regulation areas and events to create more exciting opportunities for anglers throughout West Virginia.

I hope the upcoming season is a special one, and until next time ”tight lines” for everyone.



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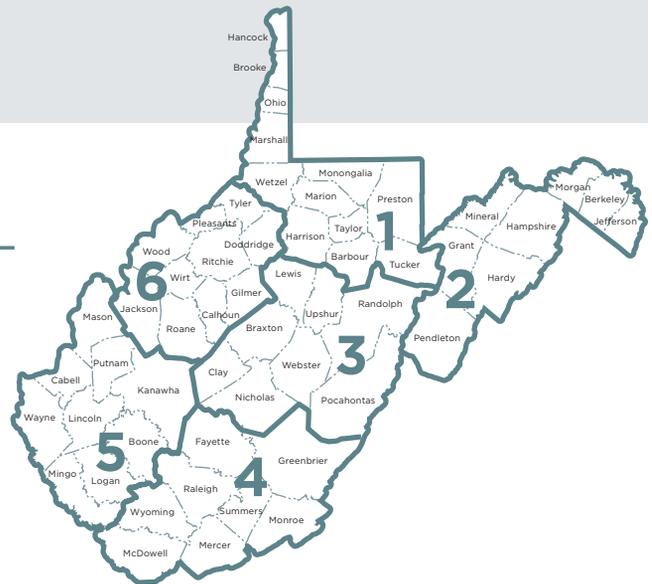
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