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COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: AQUACULTURE

Code No.: NRT2090                      Semester: IV

Program: FISH & WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN

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Total Credits: 3                      Prerequisite(s):

Length of Course: 3 hrs/week X 16 weeks

Total Credit Hours: 48

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course concentrates on the methods and equipment used in the culture of cold-water fish such as trout and salmon. Hatchery requirements including water quality and quantity, egg sources, collection and incubation, and early and late rearing facilities are studied. Hatchery operation and record keeping, fish nutrition and feeding, management for fish health and brood stock management are also discussed. The classroom environment is supplemented with videos and on site visits to area hatcheries. Students will prepare a technical report on a specific problem associated with hatchery fish production, stocking or survival.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

**1. Beneficially apply his/her aquaculture knowledge in the location and design of aquaculture facilities.**

*Potential Elements of the Performance:*

- describe the importance of aquaculture and the species raised in Canada and Ontario
- describe water quality requirements for cold water hatchery location
- describe treatment methods for problems with incoming water supply and for water supply reuse
- describe requirements and methods for treatment of hatchery effluent
- describe the general layout of hatchery buildings
- describe layout of egg incubation facilities and type and layout of rearing facilities
- describe the use of cages to rear cold water fish

*This learning outcome will constitute 15% of the course's grade.*

**2. Apply his/her knowledge in the correct operation of coldwater aquaculture facilities.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe the significance of the length-weight relationship
- diagram the relationship between growth and water temperature

- discuss the concept of carrying capacity in rearing facilities
- explain methods of doing inventories of eggs and fish
- explain proper methods of grading fish, handling and harvesting
- describe the necessary procedures in management of the rearing unit including cleaning and disinfection.
- explain general record-keeping procedures and the need for them.

*This learning outcome will constitute 15% of the course's grade*

**3. Discuss the various aspects of brood stock management.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe the acquisition and care of broodstock
- describe methods of selective breeding of broodstock
- describe procedures used for artificial spawning/insemination
- describe methods of controlling spawning time in broodstock

*This learning outcome will constitute 10% of the course's grade.*

**4. Describe the stages of egg development and implications for handling and care.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe the stages in egg development
- explain factors which affect egg development
- describe egg enumeration and sorting methods
- describe methods of egg disinfection
- describe the transportation of eggs
- describe the advantages of major types of incubators

*This learning outcome will constitute 10% of the course's grade.*

**5. Describe the important nutritional requirements of fish, feed sources types and feeding protocol.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe factors influencing nutritional requirements of fish
- state the important nutritional requirements of fish
- describe feed sources
- describe proper feed handling and storage
- describe proper feeding protocol

*This learning outcome will constitute 20% of the course's grade*

**6. Recognize signs and symptoms of common fish diseases/parasites in cold water hatcheries and determine the prescription for control.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe the major disease organisms of hatchery fish associated symptoms and treatment with each.
- explain the relationship between stress with disease
- explain methods of equipment and hatchery decontamination
- describe the preparation and treatment of diseased specimens for analysis

*This learning outcome will constitute 20% of the course's grade.*

**7. Employ appropriate equipment, timing and handling methods in the transportation of hatchery fish to be stocked.**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe types of transportation equipment
- explain water quality requirements
- describe the proper loading, handling and stocking of fish
- describe the use of anesthetics to control stress
- describe the proper timing of stocking procedures

*This learning outcome will constitute 10% of the course's grade.*

**III. TOPICS:**

1. Importance and species raised and location, design and layout of cold water aquaculture facilities.
2. Operation of aquaculture facilities.
3. Broodstock development, care and spawning.
4. Egg development and care.
5. Nutrition and feeding of fish
6. Parasites/diseases and their symptoms and treatment
7. Handling and movement of hatchery fish

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

**Castledine, A.J. 1987. Aquaculture in Ontario. Toronto, Queen's Printer for Ontario. 80 pp.**

Traditional lecture/discussion in a classroom setting for each topic will be supplemented with slides and videos. Reference texts are available on reserve in the library. Two or three field trips to view aquaculture facilities in the region will be provided.

Students will do short technical reports on each of the tours and will do one page summaries of each video presentation.

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM**

<b>Unit Tests (3)</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>(based on lectures, field trips, videos)</b>	
<b>Field Trip Reports</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>(must attend to submit report)</b>	
<b>Summaries of videos</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Technical Report*</b>	<b>(10%)</b>
	<b>100%</b>

\* Note: Technical report is optional for those students who want to reduce the value of their term tests to 65% from 75%. Report format and topics will be made available early

in the semester

Assignments and report values will be reduced at a rate of 10% per day for late submissions for a period of 5 days after the due date. After 5 days lab assignment/report value will be zero.

All assignments must be submitted regardless of lateness to pass the course. Field trips and/or tests missed without documented health or personal reasons will be valued at zero.

**Method of Assessment (Grading Method) The following letter grade will be assigned:**

A+	Consistently outstanding	(90% - 100%)
A	Outstanding achievement	(80% - 89%)
B	Consistently above average achievement	(70% - 79%)
C	Satisfactory or acceptable achievement in all areas subject to assessment	(60% - 69%)
R	Repeat -- The student has not achieved he objectives of the course and the course must be repeated.	(Less than 60%)
CR	Credit exemption	
X	A temporary grade, limited to situations with extenuating circumstances, giving a student additional time to complete course requirements.	

## **VI. SPECIAL NOTES:**

### Special Needs

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. Physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with the instructor and/or contact the Special Needs Office, Room E1204, Ext. 493, 717 or 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.

### Plagiarism

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in the “Statement of Students Rights and Responsibilities”.

Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course, as

may be decided by the professor.

In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

### Advanced Standing

Students who have completed an equivalent post-secondary course should bring relevant documents to the Coordinator, Natural Resources Programs.

### Retention of Course Outlines

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in gaining advanced standing at other post-secondary institutions.

Substitute course information is available at the Registrar's Office.

## **VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Please contact the Prior Learning Assessment Office (E2203) for further information.

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NOTE: Most of the above references are found in the library - in the stacks, in reference or on reserve at the front under your instructor's name and the course number. Other faculty may also have some office copies if required.