



## Pequest Trout Hatchery

### *Celebrating 30 years of trout production!*

The Pequest Trout Hatchery is NJ's premier trout production facility. Located in the Pequest Valley, it sits above an aquifer of cold, clean water making it the perfect site for raising trout.

Construction on the hatchery began in 1980 and was completed in 1982. More than one million brook, brown and rainbow trout eggs from hatcheries in West Virginia and Massachusetts were originally used to get things started. Fish were hand selected to serve as broodstock, and this process still continues today.

In the fall, eggs from adult trout are fertilized, and placed in incubators where they remain until hatch. Upon hatching, the sac-fry are moved from the incubators to tanks in the nursery building where they remain for three months. After that, the fingerlings are moved outside to the raceways where they remain for another year.

By mid-March the hatchery trucks are busy stocking more than 600,000 trout in over 200 lakes, streams, and rivers statewide. Pequest also provides anglers with fall and winter stocking programs, as well as a sea run brown trout program.

Learn more about the Pequest Trout Hatchery by visiting our Open House on March 23 and 24, 2013!

# NEW JERSEY TROUT ART CONTEST

- ★ The contest is open to students in grades K - 12.
- ★ Students must choose to draw one of the three types of trout raised at Pequest: brook trout, brown trout or rainbow trout.
- ★ Submitted drawings must be of the fish in its New Jersey habitat.
- ★ Entries must be creative and original and should incorporate correct biological and ecological information about the fish and its habitat.
- ★ Finished artwork must be 8.5 x 11 inches to qualify and can be done in any medium.
- ★ Entries must include the following information on the back of the artwork in order to qualify:
  - Student's Name
  - Students's Home Address
  - Student's Home Telephone Number
  - Student's Grade
  - Student's Teacher's Name
  - School Name
- ★ A winner will be chosen from each grade.
- ★ Winners will receive a rod and reel, a certificate and a youth membership to Trout Unlimited.
- ★ All winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony and luncheon at the Pequest Trout Hatchery on Opening Day of Trout season, April 6, 2013.
- ★ Prior to lunch, winners will be allowed to fish in our Fishing Education Pond which is stocked with trout from the hatchery.
- ★ Artwork will remain on display at the Pequest Trout Hatchery for one year and becomes the property of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. It will not be returned.
- ★ Entries must be received by **Friday, March 1, 2013** to be considered. Entries can be mailed to the following address:



**NJ Trout Art Contest**  
**605 Pequest Rd.**  
**Oxford, NJ 07863**

