

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY DECEMBER 20



On December 20, 1930, Congressman Frank L. Bowman announced that a federal fish hatchery would be located at Leetown in Jefferson County.

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Investigate the Document: (William Conley Papers, Ar1735, No. 71)

1. How much money did Congress authorize for fish hatcheries in West Virginia?
2. Where does the letter, to Governor Conley, suggest the fish hatchery will be located?

Think Critically: West Virginia is home to over 20,000 miles of streams and over one-hundred fishing lakes. 1.) What is a fish hatchery? 2.) How does fishing and outdoor recreation impact tourism in West Virginia? 3.) Identify each of following popular fishing spots in West Virginia.

- a. **Jennings Randolph Lake:** Located in _____ County in the middle of the North Branch of the Potomac. (Hint: The county seat is Keyser)
- b. _____ **Lake** is a 13-mile reservoir on the river of the same name in Monongalia County, West Virginia near Morgantown.
- c. _____ **River** flows through the southern West Virginia wilderness near Pipestem Resort State Park.
- d. The largest lake in West Virginia, located in Nicholas County--

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April 19, 1930

Honorable Guy D. Goff
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Goff:

I have just been advised by telegram that Congress has passed a bill authorizing the government to spend \$75,000.00 for fish hatcheries in Maryland or West Virginia.

I hope that you will use every reasonable effort to secure the location of the hatchery in West Virginia, and if there is anything that I can do in reason to help bring about that result I shall be very glad to do so.

May I suggest that you organize the Congressmen from West Virginia as an active working force to secure the location of the hatchery in this State.

Sincerely yours,

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April 21, 1930

Hon. William G. Conley
Executive Chambers
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Governor:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th inst. relative to the appropriation of \$75,000 for fish hatcheries in Maryland or West Virginia. I have already discussed this matter with the Bureau of Fisheries, which as you know is located in the Department of Commerce, and I am inclined to believe from my conversation that the Bureau intends to locate this hatchery in the northern section of our State. You may be assured I will keep in touch with this matter and do everything within my power to bring about the desired results.

With warmest personal regards, I beg to remain

Very cordially yours,

