

Application & Selection Criteria

1. All applications for membership in the Cooperative Nursery Program shall be directed to the Brian McHail, Cooperative Nursery Unit, Bureau of Hatcheries, 1735 Shiloh Road, State College, PA 16801. (814) 353-2225.
2. Organized groups will be considered as Sponsors. A group can be considered organized if they have a charter, affiliation, by-laws, and/or hierarchy of officers; school groups can be included in this consideration.
3. Cooperative Nursery Sponsors may establish partnerships with other clubs which support the Cooperative Nursery operations via funds or other considerations and receive fish for stocking in waters and/or for events of the partners. Agreements must be established between the Sponsor and the partner(s) to ensure that all parties comply with this Cooperative Nursery policy.
4. Prior to consideration for approval, a proposed site will need to undergo a one- year evaluation to determine if appropriate water quality and quantity are present to properly raise fish throughout the year. If no prior performance evaluation is available, a survey will be conducted by appointed Fish and Boat Commission staff.
5. Water supply standards must be continuously met:
 - i. pH within range for 6.0 to 8.5 standard units inclusive.
 - ii. Minimum dissolved oxygen of 6.0 part per million (ppm).
 - iii. Minimum flow at all times of 40 gallons per minute.
 - iv. Maximum temperature for trout of 65° F.
6. The Sponsor/applicant will provide a statement of their understanding of the responsibilities of Sponsors, the intended use of the fish raised and the terms and conditions of continued membership in the program.
7. The Cooperative Nursery Unit Leader will include a review of the application and site monitoring evaluation by staff of the appropriate Bureau of Law Enforcement Region and the Division of Fisheries Management.
8. The Cooperative Nursery Unit Leader will provide to the Chief of Fish Production Services the Unit's documented recommendation for approval or disapproval of a Sponsor applicant.