



Sustainability and Environmental Policy

Clear Springs Foods, Inc. is a resource-based, vertically integrated food company dedicated to the production of high quality, wholesome aquacultured products. We are committed to sustainable resource use and environmental protection. Clear Springs maintains control over each phase of the growth cycle and processing of its Rainbow Trout and operates under a comprehensive program designed to minimize our environmental "footprint". This objective is supported by a state-of-the-art Research and Development laboratory and internal company policies that reflect our long history of environmental stewardship and good corporate citizenship in our local communities of Southern Idaho.

High quality water is critical to ensure product wholesomeness. Every minute, more than one million gallons of oxygen-rich spring water gushes out of the walls of southern Idaho's Snake River Canyon. Clear Springs is a non-consumptive user of these spring waters--it takes less than one hour for the water to flow through the concrete raceways on Clear Springs' six farm facilities and into the Snake River. To ensure purity, our technicians check this water quality on a regular basis. Each raceway has a 20-foot quiescent zone to settle fish waste solids from the water so they can be removed and used by local farmers to fertilize field crops. All of Clear Springs' farm facilities monitor effluent water quality to ensure it is even better than stringent EPA requirements.

Clear Springs has pioneered the development of trout feed that is low polluting and environmentally sustainable. Rainbow Trout diets are manufactured in our own feed mill, and all incoming ingredients are tested to ensure safety and quality. The feed contains no artificial coloring. Our company seeks to optimize fish food utilization for environmental as well as economic reasons. Trout require a high protein diet and this requires the use of fish meal, a renewable but limited natural resource, in our diet formulas. Fish meal production is sustainable due to federal government regulation of fish capture that ensures sustainability.

After a thorough review of our operations in Idaho, the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program recognized Rainbow Trout as a species farmed in an environmentally responsible way and listed it as a "Best Choice" for consumers.