Northeastern Wisconsin Great Lakes Sport Fishermen
Trout & Salmon Rearing Pond
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

The Northeastern Wisconsin Great Lakes Sport Fishermen organization has been working cooperatively with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wild Rose Fish Hatchery, and the City of Manitowoc Lincoln Park Zoo in the operation of the Lincoln Park Rearing Pond since 1985.

Over that period of time over 6,000,000 trout and salmon have been reared at the Manitowoc County site and released into Lake Michigan. Trout and salmon are typically received from the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery at a very young age and nurtured with tender loving care by Northeastern Wisconsin Great Lakes Sport Fishing volunteers until they are large enough to be released. The larger the fish are at the time of their release the better chance they will survive to be mature fish.
Netting fish for release

Scooping Salmon For Release
Brown Trout ready for release

Rearing pond in background and storage building in foreground
Installing drain tile and protective barriers around Rearing Pond to keep rain runoff from contaminating pond and to keep predators out.