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LUKOIL RESTORES BIODIVERSITY IN RUSSIA WATER BODIES

As part of its program of environmental protection, LUKOIL is implementing an ambitious initiative aimed to restore Russia's fish resources. Almost 90 million fry of commercially valuable fishes, including sturgeon, pike, pike perch and sterlet, will be released this year into rivers and water bodies in the areas of the company's operations.

Taking part in the initiative are all of LUKOIL Group's oil and gas producing companies operating in Russia. The fish farms, selected upon competitive bidding, must hold all permits and licenses from the Russian Federal Fishery Agency, and the fish fry must be genetically predisposed to their habitats.

The program of artificial fish planting is especially active in Western Siberia, the Komi Republic, the Perm Territory and the Astrakhan Region. Increased fish stocks in the areas of operations are a key priority in LUKOIL's program for the preservation of biodiversity and protection of local ecosystems.