



## **COLUMBIA RIVER HATCHERY REVIEW TEAM Progress Report - July, 2008**

**The Team is completing its review of programs at NFHs in the lower Snake River area of Idaho (Dworshak NFH, Kooskia NFH, and Hagerman NFH). These programs consist primarily of spring Chinook and summer steelhead mitigation programs in the Clearwater River basin. The Team expects to release its draft recommendations and conduct stakeholder meetings in September.**

**The Team has committed to a schedule for completing reviews of Lower Snake River Compensation Plan hatchery programs conducted at federally owned facilities that are operated by state cooperators in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The first phase of these reviews including facilities operated by Idaho Department of Fish and Game is now underway and is expected to be completed early in 2009. This review includes programs conducted at Clearwater Fish Hatchery (FH), Sawtooth FH, McCall FH, and Magic Valley FH. This review will be followed by reviews of facilities operated by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in late 2008 and 2009.**

**The Fish and Wildlife Service has also committed to a similar review process for NFHs located on the Olympic Peninsula of western Washington. A second team has been formed for this review and their work is underway.**

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