



## **COLUMBIA RIVER HATCHERY REVIEW TEAM Progress Report - July 6, 2009**

**The Team has completed its report and recommendations for programs at National Fish Hatcheries (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. This is an important milestone in the hatchery review process as the Team has now completed all of its recommendations for programs at NFHs in Pacific Region.**

**The Team is now concentrating on reviews of Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) 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 was initiated in the spring of 2008. This review includes programs conducted at Clearwater Fish Hatchery (FH), Sawtooth FH, McCall FH, and Magic Valley FH. A stakeholders meeting was held in Boise, ID on 28 April and the public comment period for this draft report and recommendations has now closed. The draft report and recommendations are available on the Service website. The Team is currently developing responses to comments and expects to complete this report later this summer.**

**The Team initiated its review of LSRCP hatchery programs in SE Washington in February of this year. This review includes programs at Lyons Ferry FH and Tucannon FH operated by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Team expects to have its draft report and recommendations for these programs completed by early September with a stakeholders meeting tentatively scheduled for Walla Walla, WA on 10 September.**

**The Team has also began its review of LSRCP hatchery programs in NE Oregon in May of this year. This review includes programs at Irrigon, Wallowa, and Lookingglass fish hatcheries operated by Oregon department of Fish and Wildlife. The Team expects to have its draft report and recommendations for these programs completed by the end of the year.**

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