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MEMORANDUM

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TO: ARD-Fisheries Attn: Rich Johnson, Field Supervisor

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: "February" Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2005

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
105	Pahsimeroi	208,237	37,453	5.6	7.863
106	Sawtooth	977,430	137,216	7.1	7.239
107	Clearwater B	195,753	30,721	6.4	7.510

Health of steelhead remains good with an average mortality of 0.35%; Sawtooth group mortalities were 0.066%, Pahsimeroi mortalities were 0.069%, Clearwater mortalities were 2.06%. This increase in Clearwater stock mortality has been a normal pattern for the last several years. Fish health inspections have been performed monthly with no epizootics being diagnosed to date.

The fish sizes are on track with past years and are projected to be in the target size of 4.5 fpp by distribution.

Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
113	Hayspur T-9 Rainbows	102,081	447	228	2.10
114	Hayspur T-9/KT Rainbows	40,714	29	1400	1.15

The Rainbow trout continue to do well in Hatchery 2. Lot 113 was moved to the trout raceways on February 26th and started on 1/16” Rangen’s Inc. extruded pellets. Both of these lots were fed exclusively dry starter diets and have performed as well as previous lots fed semi-moist diets.

OPERATIONS

Randy Schmeller conducted a pre-construction meeting with Wickham Pipeline Construction prior to the commencement of work on the Main Spring to Bickel Ditch pipeline replacement project. Phase 1 of the project started shortly thereafter. This phase includes replacing the pipeline and valves from the pumps at the tailrace of the steelhead raceways over to Bickel Ditch. Although several delays were experienced, the contractor completed this phase in time to provide water to the Oster Lakes Fishing ponds in time for the fishing season opener on March 1.



Pipeline Construction, Phase 1



Pipeline Passes Close by Quarters 5

Hatchery staff reviewed and commented on design plans for the retrofit of the settling ponds and for the installation of an observation deck at the Display Pond/Picnic area.

Bryan Kenworthy, Project Leader, completed review of the South Central Idaho Fire Planning Unit Charter and submitted the line officer approval letter to Fisheries and the Region 1 Fire branch office.

COORDINATION

Bryan Kenworthy, Mark Olson, Assistant Project Leader, and Nate Wiese, Fish Biologist, attended the Salmon River Annual Operating Plan (AOP) at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Region 4 Office in Jerome, ID. This meeting has taken the place of the Hagerman Coordination Meeting.

Bryan Kenworthy represented the Service at several venues regarding negotiations for a settlement of water issues on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

Rich Johnson, Fisheries Line Manager, visited the Hatchery to complete the Project Leader's annual evaluation, meet with the staff and provide a Regional office perspective on the many issues facing Service operations.

Mark Olson traveled to NCTC to participate in the mandatory training for the the web based Fisheries Information System (FIS) training.

Anna Ray, Fisheries Program Assistant, participated in the Grants.gov Web Cast.

Nathan Wiese traveled to NCTC to attend the two week Fisheries Academy Course.

Anna Ray traveled to Portland, OR to attend the Region 1 Administrative Workshop.

OUTREACH

One scheduled tour was conducted for a local home school group tour – 11 people.

187 guests signed the visitor registry.

MAINTENANCE

Vehicles and Equipment

- Remote start/stop wires were run for automated feed delivery systems.
- The 220v automated feed delivery system motor was wired in deck two.
- A new battery was installed in the backhoe.
- A new battery was installed in the curbside generator of 469 fish transport.
- New oxygen valves and lines were installed in 319 fish transport.

Buildings and Grounds

- A hasp and padlock were installed on hydrants and heat pump water building.
- Door bumpers and stops were installed on cable feed bins 2 & 3.
- A water delivery pump for Oster Lakes was repaired.