

**FY2013 Performance Report for
the Cooperative Agreement
between the US Fish and Wildlife Service
and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game**

**Recipient: Idaho Department of Fish and Game
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Reporting Period: October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013**

Part 1- Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon

Work Element 1- Evaluation of Hatchery Production Programs

Tasks:

1. Summarize and report the Chinook salmon adult return data by age class for all LSRCP hatchery facilities operated by IDFG. This information will be submitted to the LSRCP office by December 31 (90 days after the end of the current contract), via the LSRCP generated Excel spreadsheet templates. Data will include:

- a. Yearly summary of Chinook salmon trapping and disposition data for each hatchery facility.

This task was completed and the data is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013

- b. Harvest estimates from recreational fisheries conducted by IDFG in the Clearwater River, Salmon River and South Fork Salmon River for the current contract year.

This task was completed and a summary of the number of fish harvested in each fishery (summarized by jack and adult) will be included in the 2013 Calendar Year Report. Age and stock composition of the harvest has not been completed because we are going to incorporate information gained from PBT samples collected. These samples are scheduled to be processed during the winter of 2013/2014. Results of the age composition analysis will be included in the 2013 Calendar Year Report and the LSRCP Excel spreadsheet.

- c. Harvest estimates from non-tribal commercial and recreational, and tribal fisheries conducted downstream of Idaho for the fisheries that occurred two years prior to the current contract year. Data will include escapement estimates from

fish recovered at hatchery traps and spawning ground surveys in areas downstream of Idaho

This task was completed and the data through return year 2011 is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013.

- d. Yearly summary of estimated escapement by release group and age at Lower Granite Dam based on PIT tag detections.

This task was completed and the escapement estimates are provided in the in-season PIT tag estimation spreadsheets that are posted on the following website (<https://collaboration.idfg.idaho.gov/InSeason%20Run%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>). Results will also be reported in the 2013 Calendar Year Report.

2. Work with hatchery staffs to facilitate the summarization and reporting of Chinook salmon spawning and rearing data for all LSRCP hatchery facilities operated by IDFG for the current contract year. This information will be submitted to LSRCP office by December 31 (90 days after the end of the current contract), via the LSRCP generated Excel spreadsheet templates. Data will include:

- a. Release location, lifestage and number of juveniles released in the current contract year including the number of marks and tags, and size of the fish.

This task was completed and the data is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013 and will be included in the 2013 Calendar Year Report

- b. The estimated survival rate of juvenile Chinook salmon from each release site to Lower Granite Dam.

This task was completed and the data is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013 and will be included in the 2013 Calendar Year Report

- c. Spawning and early rearing data including: prespawn mortality, number of males and females spawned by origin, fecundity, number culled, estimated green egg take, and green-egg to eyed-egg survival rates.

This task was completed and the data is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013

3. Submit Brood Year 2006 Completion Report to LSRCP office by October 1. This report will include lifestage specific survival components of the specified brood year from adult

spawning through the return of all recruits. Specific information provided in this report will include:

- a. Spawning and broodstock management protocols of parent group including prespawn mortality and fecundity.
- b. On station survival (green-egg to juvenile release).
- c. Summary of marking and tagging.
- d. Number of juveniles released by life stage and location including size of fish released
- e. Estimated survival from release sites to Lower Granite Dam.
- f. Cohort reconstruction (returning progeny across three return years).
 1. Harvest in Ocean, Columbia River, Snake River, and terminal fisheries
 2. Returns to hatcheries (including dispositions)
 3. Estimated number of strays
 4. Estimated number of dropouts and unintended escapement.
- g. Estimated smolt-to-adult survival rates and progeny: parent ratios

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Work Element 2- Pre-season and In-season Chinook salmon fisheries management

Tasks:

1. Hatchery Evaluation staff will assist in the development of preseason run forecasts of hatchery-origin Snake River Chinook salmon back to the Columbia River mouth.

Preliminary run reconstruction data for all hatchery returns through 2013 was summarized and submitted to the IDFG Fisheries Bureau to help facilitate development of run forecasts for 2014. As mentioned previously, the age specific return information will be updated utilizing the information resulting from the PBT analysis later this winter.

2. Hatchery Evaluation staff will maintain and update daily in-season estimates of adult Chinook salmon at Bonneville, McNary, Ice Harbor and Lower Granite dam. This will help to facilitate weekly inter-agency and tribal teleconferences that are used to manage harvest share, and broodstock management for all hatchery programs in Idaho. In-season escapement estimates will be updated daily (Monday-Friday) during the Chinook migration and posted to a website that is accessible to all interested parties.

In-season spreadsheets were updated daily (Mon-Fri) during the spring/summer Chinook adult migration in 2013. Daily updates were posted to the website and summarized by evaluation staff at each of the weekly teleconference calls.

Work Element 3- Juvenile Mark, tag and release planning and associated data management

Tasks:

1. Organize and convene an annual inter-agency and tribal mark/tag committee meeting in October to facilitate coordination of marking and tagging activities that will occur the following year (May-August).

We were unable to coordinate a mark meeting in 2013. All necessary marking coordination has and will occur via phone and email for the 2014 tagging and releases. Because of the close coordination that has occurred over the last several years between the hatchery, marking, and evaluation staffs, we do not anticipate any significant issues for fish marking in 2014.

2. Coordinate and submit mark and tag plans for LSRCF Chinook salmon hatcheries operated by IDFG. Mark plans will be distributed to hatchery staffs and the PSMFC marking crew by the end of May of the current contract year for marking that will occur in the following contract year.

Mark and tag plans were developed and distributed to hatchery and marking staffs. A summary of all marking and tagging that was completed in 2013 is summarized in the DRAFT 2013 Idaho Anadromous Fish Marking Program Report written by PSMFC and is available from IDFG.

3. Work with LSRCF hatchery staff to develop loading plans that ensure representation of tags (PIT and CW) across family groups and rearing containers and to track family units as part of Parental Based Tagging.

M&E staff worked cooperatively with hatchery staffs to develop representative CWT and PIT loading and tagging plans. All plans were distributed to the marking crew and hatchery staffs.

4. Enter, validate, and maintain all marking, tagging and release data in the IDFG database.

All 2013 marking and tagging data were entered into the IDFG database and are available on request.

5. Manage, validate, and upload, all PIT tag files to the PTAGIS regional database for Chinook salmon released in the current contract year.

All PIT tag files for migration year 2013 were validated and uploaded to the PTAGIS database.

6. Submit juvenile release information to the Fish Passage Center in-season as fish are released from all LSRCP hatchery facilities operated by IDFG.

Hatchery release data was updated and sent to the FPC throughout 2013 as anadromous fish were released.

Work Element 4- Operation of Coded Wire Tag Laboratory

Tasks:

1. Assemble and distribute snout sample bags to all LSRCP hatcheries, to harvest monitoring staff, and to IDFG research staff that will be conducting spawning ground surveys.

This task was completed.

2. Coordinate the delivery of all snouts collected in the current contract year to the CWT laboratory in Nampa.

This task was completed.

3. Excise CW tags, read, enter and validate all CWT information into the IDFG database.

This task was completed.

4. Upload all CWT recovery information, including sample rate, into the RMIS database. This data upload will occur on or before December 31 and will include CWTs recovered in Idaho fisheries, spawning ground surveys and hatchery traps during the spring, summer, fall of the current year.

All recoveries collected in 2013 will be submitted to the Regional Mark Processing Center (RMPC) prior to January 31, 2014. We have initiated the process with RMIS staff to upload the Catch Sample data. Since this data has not previously been updated by IDFG, we will be using the application program developed by RMPC staff. We are currently working with RMPC staff to migrate the historic data to the RMPC Access application. None of the catch sample data has been uploaded yet but we are working with RMPC staff to accomplish this task.

5. Return all non-Idaho Coded Wire tags recovered to the tagging agency as per the PSMFC tag coordinators agreement.

This task was completed

Work Element 5- Harvest monitoring for Chinook salmon recreational fisheries conducted in Idaho

IDFG staff is responsible for all recreational harvest monitoring and for the development spring/summer Chinook salmon catch estimates in the Clearwater River drainage, and sections of mainstem Salmon River and South Fork Salmon River.

Tasks

1. Work with Idaho state fish managers to implement spring/summer Chinook salmon harvest monitoring programs in Idaho where applicable.
2. Conduct harvest surveys for all recreational Chinook salmon fisheries in Idaho.
3. Maintain electronic records of all harvest data.

Recreational fisheries were conducted in sections of the Clearwater, Salmon, and South Fork Salmon rivers in 2013. Harvest monitoring staffs conducted angler creel surveys for all Chinook fisheries and provided harvest estimates. A summary of the estimated number of fish harvested (by jack and adult) will be included in the 2013 Chinook Calendar Year report.

Work Element 6 – Electronic Database Systems

M&E staff will continue to collaborate with the PSMFC database development team, IDFG Information Systems Bureau staff, Fisheries Bureau staff, and Hatchery O&M staff in a guidance role for the development of a comprehensive relational database to house IDFG LSRCP hatchery information. Data elements will include the accounting of LSRCP hatchery production facilities over the complete life cycle of program fish.

Major tasks of M&E staff relative to development of the database will be to assemble, organize, validate and enter the historic data from all LSRCP hatchery facilities operated by IDFG

Tasks:

1. Participate in hatchery database committee meetings and help steer the database development process.

A representative from the M&E staff is on the Hatchery Database Technical Advisory Committee and attended all committee meetings.

2. Complete validation process for all historical spawning and final disposition data.

The validation process for the historic spawning and disposition data has been completed and is ready to be uploaded to the current database. As per the Steering committee prioritization, PSMFC staff time will not be devoted to develop an uploading

tool in the near term. Once the upload tool is available we will be ready to import the data

3. Begin the data entry and validation for all historic hatchery incubation and rearing data.

Until the development team at PSMFC is ready to work on this module we are going to postpone this task.

Part 2- Summer Steelhead

Work Element 1- Evaluation of Hatchery Production Programs

Tasks:

1. Summarize and report the steelhead adult return data by age class for all LSRCP hatchery facilities operated by IDFG. This information will be submitted to the LSRCP office by December 31 (90 days after the end of the current contract), via the LSRCP generated Excel spreadsheet templates. Data will include:

- a. Yearly summary of steelhead trapping and disposition data for each hatchery facility.

This task was completed and the data is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013.

- b. Harvest estimates from recreational fisheries conducted by IDFG in the Snake River, Clearwater River, Little Salmon River, and Salmon River for the current contract year.

This task was completed and a summary of the number of fish harvested during the Fall of 2012 and Spring 2013 in each fishery will be included in the 2013 Calendar Year Report. Age and stock composition of the harvest has not been completed because we are going to incorporate information gained from PBT samples collected. These samples are scheduled to be processed during the winter of 2013/2014. Results of the age composition analysis will be included in the 2013 Calendar Year Report and the LSRCP Excel spreadsheet.

- c. Harvest estimates from non-tribal commercial and recreational, and tribal fisheries conducted downstream of Idaho for the fisheries that occurred two years prior to the current contract year. Data will include escapement estimates from fish recovered at hatchery traps and spawning ground surveys in areas downstream of Idaho

Due to a recent turnover in the Steelhead evaluation biologist position, this task has not been completed as of 12/31/13. We are currently working through this dataset and anticipate this task will be completed during the month of January 2014. We will update the spreadsheet and resubmit it to the LSRCP office when it is complete.

- d. Yearly summary of estimated escapement by release group and age at Lower Granite Dam based on PIT tag detections.

This task was completed and the escapement estimates are provided in the in-season PIT tag estimation spreadsheets that are posted on the following website

(<https://collaboration.idfg.idaho.gov/InSeason%20Run%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>). These results will also be reported in the 2013 Calendar Year Report.

2. Work with hatchery staffs to facilitate the summarization and reporting of steelhead spawning and rearing data for all LSRCP hatchery facilities operated by IDFG for the current contract year. This information will be submitted to LSRCP office by December 31 (30 days after the end of the current contract), via the LSRCP generated Excel spreadsheet templates. Data will include:
 - a. Release location, lifestage and number of juveniles released in the current contract year including the number of marks and tags, and size of the fish.
 - b. The estimated survival rate of juvenile steelhead from each release site to Lower Granite Dam.
 - c. Spawning and early rearing data including: prespawn mortality, number of males and females spawned by origin, fecundity, number culled, estimated green egg take, and green-egg to eyed-egg survival rates.

This task was completed and the data is reported in the Excel template that was submitted to the LSRCP office on December 31, 2013.

3. Submit Brood Year 2006 Completion Report to LSRCP office by October 1. This report will include lifestage specific survival components of the specified brood year from adult spawning through the return of all recruits. Specific information provided in this report will include:
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 - m. Cohort reconstruction (returning progeny across three return years).
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Work Element 2- Pre-season and In-season fisheries management

Task:

1. Hatchery Evaluation staff will maintain and update in-season estimates of adult steelhead at Bonneville, McNary, Ice Harbor and Lower Granite dam that are based on the detections of PIT tagged fish. This will help to facilitate inter-agency and tribal teleconferences that are used to manage harvest share, and broodstock management for all hatchery programs in Idaho.

In-season PIT tag spreadsheets were updated weekly during the summer/fall steelhead adult migration in 2013. Updates were posted to the website and summarized by evaluation staff at each of the weekly teleconference calls.

Work Element 3- Juvenile Mark, tag and release planning and associated data management

Tasks:

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2. Coordinate and submit mark and tag plans for LSRCF steelhead hatcheries operated by IDFG and Hagerman National Fish Hatchery. Mark plans will be distributed to hatchery staffs and the PSMFC marking crew around the end of May of the current contract year for marking that will occur in the following contract year.

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5. Manage, validate, and upload, all PIT tag files to the PTAGIS regional database for steelhead released in the current contract year.

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Work Element 5- Harvest monitoring for steelhead recreational fisheries conducted in Idaho

IDFG staff funded by LSRCP is responsible for all recreational harvest monitoring in the Clearwater River drainage, Snake River, and Salmon River,

Tasks

1. Conduct harvest surveys for all recreational steelhead fisheries in Idaho.
2. Maintain electronic records of all harvest data.
3. Finalize recommendations for time and area sampling protocols to estimate catch contribution of steelhead in Idaho. This work will be completed through a subcontract administered by IDFG.

The Idaho Statewide steelhead harvest survey for the fall of 2012 and the spring of 2013 has been completed. A summary of harvest by major river section in the Salmon, Clearwater, and Snake rivers for each of the fall and spring fisheries is provided below. Once the PBT analysis from the fishery sample is complete, the Excel spreadsheet template will be updated for the estimated catch from each stock and cohort. Results will also be provided in the 2013 Calendar Year Report

Idaho Statewide Seelhead Harvest Estimate for the Fall of 2012 and the Spring of 2013.

River	River Section	Fall 2012 Harvest	Spring 2013 Harvest	Total
Snake River	1	2,300	239	2,539
	2	1,088	333	1,421
Clearwater River	3-4	9,745	3,286	13,031
	5	504	392	896
	7	188	1,548	1,736
	10-12	4,954	1,678	6,632
Salmon River	13-17	5,508	4,435	9,943
	18-19	123	2,165	2,288
	20	443	1,620	2,063
				40,549

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