

CLEARWATER FISH HATCHERY

MONTHLY NARRATIVE

APRIL 2009

BY08 STEELHEAD

All Steelhead were released by month's end. Fish health was excellent. Water temperatures climbed to 47°F.

25,354 - Newsome Creek	@ 4.81 fpp
25,354 - Mill Creek	@ 4.81fpp
263,999 - Red House Hole	@ 4.69 fpp
73,287 - Upper Crooked River	@ 4.41fpp
50,520 - Lolo Creek	@4.81 fpp
265,589 - Peasley Creek	@4.73 fpp
131,803 - Red River	@ 4.69 fpp

SATELLITES

Due to high spring runoff, the Crooked River weir panels were pulled on April 21. The panels were put back in when the water receded on April 26. The first Steelhead was trapped on April 28.

BY08 SPRING CHINOOK

At month's end, 2,803,301 Chinook were on hand, including 1,519,753 South Fork stock Chinook @172 fpp and 1,283,548 Powell stock Chinook @ 163 fpp.

Marking on the first Chinook groups will begin May 4. This is done to make vat space available for Steelhead ponding.

Fish health remains excellent, and water temperatures climbed from 40°F to 48°F during the month.

BY09 STEELHEAD

There are two egg takes of Steelhead on hand for Clearwater's production. At present, there are 920,175 fry on hand. Ponding will begin on May 8.

Three egg takes of Steelhead are on hand in Isolation incubation. Eggs from 240 females were put in incubation for the Magic Valley Steelhead production. The first eggs will be shipped on May 4.

MISC

*10 Man prison crew pressure washed Steelhead and Chinook raceways

*Maintenance crew began construction of mezzanine storage area over feed freezer. They have built and installed overhead trolley system using salvaged iron from the Steelhead Bridge weight reduction.

*Maintenance crew completed truck disinfection steam cleaner assembly, building construction, and storage cabinet.

*Annual inspection and repair to Steelhead and Chinook raceways was conducted by our three fish culturists.

*Annual pipeline shut down and emergency valve exercise.

*Annual inspection of Hydroplant distribution chambers for pipeline erosion. Primary chamber almost zero sediment. Secondary chamber, this is the first year to completely clean out all of construction debris. So next year will be first actual monitoring.

