

Clearwater Hatchery
Monthly Narrative
August 2007

Production

BY-06 Chinook

Full Term Smolt

A total of 1,860 Chinook were on hand for the full term smolt program. This includes 416k at 63 fpp for Powell, 1,134k at 63 fpp for the Crooked River/Red River releases and 309k at 79 fpp for the Selway program.

The Selway FTS are currently on an Erythromycin medicated feeding and remainder of the Chinook has finished with their medicated feedings.

Fish health has been excellent, mortality has been low. Water temperatures through the month have been maintained between 53-55°F.

Pre-Smolt/Surplus

A total of 384k at 19.9 fpp was on hand at Powell for a pre-smolt release. Brian Leth is planning to PIT tag this group on September 18. Volitional releases will begin on September 20 through September 27, when the remaining fish will be forced out of the pond.

A total of 122k at 27.7 fpp is on hand at Clearwater for a pre-smolt release at Red River. The plan is to transport to Red River on September 17-18 for acclimation and release.

A total of 132k at 56 fpp was on hand for the Nez Perce tribal hatchery. These fish will be transferred on September 10 by the Nez Perce tribe.

Fish health remains excellent on these fish, with very low mortalities for the month.

BY 07 Steelhead

At month's end, a total of 823k at 41 fpp was on hand. The growth on the Steelhead has caught up to the fish in size of the past few years, and is feeding very well. Mortality has dropped significantly, and fish health remains excellent.

Water temperatures in the Steelhead bank have been maintained between 55-57° throughout the month.