

# MONTHLY NARRATIVE CLEARWATER FISH HATCHERY DECEMBER 2008

## **BY08 STEELHEAD**

A total of 836,617 Steelhead at 6.7 fpp were on hand at month's end. The total mortality for the month was 268 fish.

Water temperatures dropped to 44.9°F. Fish health remains excellent and the fish are continuing to grow on schedule.

## **BY07 CHINOOK**

A total of 2,146,291 Chinook salmon were on hand at month's end. A total of 404K at 21.8 fpp were on hand for Powell FTS, 334K at 20.7 fpp for Powell presmolt/FTS study fish, 1,108K at 22.5 fpp for the South Fork of the Clearwater and 300K at 20.6 fpp for the Selway FTS releases. Total mortality for the month was 145 fish.

Water temperatures dropped to 42.7°F by month's end. Fish health remains excellent and the fish are continuing to grow on schedule.

## **BY08 CHINOOK**

A total of 2,845,198 Chinook sac-fry were on hand at the end of December. This includes 1,538,500 South Fork Stock and 1,306,698 Powell stock.

Chinook ponding began right at the end of the month.

Water temperatures in early rearing/incubation have fluctuated between 43.5°F and 45°F during the month.

A water test was conducted during the month to determine exactly how much water we could evacuate from the building during the peak of production.

## MISC

The permanent staff worked on a number of projects during the month including but not limited to:

- ◆ Raising more Chinook at Clearwater
- ◆ Putting Steelhead production under one bridge
- ◆ Changes to BMP
- ◆ AOP tables
- ◆ Annual NPDES report and N.O.I. changes
- ◆ Continued construction of Truck disinfection station
- ◆ Moving snow
- ◆ Writing and editing operations manuals for satellite facilities
- ◆ Jerry reviewed eleven applications and resumes and hired two Bio-Aides

This picture was taken on Monday January 5, 2009 at the Clearwater Hatchery. There are two fish and game employees in this picture!!

