

MONTHLY NARRATIVE
CLEARWATER HATCHERY
DECEMBER 2007

BY06 CHINOOK

At month's end, a total of 1,859,067 Chinook were on hand. Total mortality for the month was 83 fish. A total of 416K at 21.6 fpp were on hand for Powell, 1,133.5K at 23.5 fpp were on hand for the South Fork releases, and 309K at 22.0 fpp were on hand for the Lower Selway River releases.

Water temperatures dropped to 42.5°F by month's end. Fish health remains excellent and fish continue to grow on schedule.

BY07 STEELHEAD

At month's end a total of 820,768 Steelhead averaging 6.7 fpp were on hand. The total mortality for the month was 177 fish.

Water temperatures slowly dropped during the month to 44.5°F. Fish health remains excellent and fish continue to grow on schedule.

OTHER PROJECTS

- *The interior walls in early rearing were repainted
- *Cold storage was cleaned and organized
- *Crew started going thru nets, boots, raingear, etc in preparation for fish hauling in March
- *Crews began cleaning egg trays in regular incubation.

BY07 Chinook

At month's end, lots 1, 2, and 3 of both Powell and the South Fork stock were ponded and on feed. A total of 381,078 are on feed. Nine of the ten vats on feed are on Bio-Oregon Bio-Vita feed. All of these vats are eating very well and are being fed every half hour. One vat is part of our feed study group and is being fed straight Rangen soft-moist. These fish also seem to be feeding very well and are being fed every half hour.

Water temperatures dropped from 45°F to 42°F during the month.

All fry remaining to be ponded, will be ponded by late January.

OTHER

*Jerry McGehee, Cassie Sundquist, and Brad George worked many hours on the new NPDES permitting documents.

*Ernie and crew cleaned and painted the main shop walls. They also began installing a new sheet metal ceiling to enclose the exposed rafters and add insulation.

*We had a great Christmas Award/Recognition banquet with Alder smoked Prime Rib Roast (wished you all could have been there).

*Working on Annual inventory.