

CLEARWATER FISH HATCHERY
MONTHLY NARRATIVE FOR
JANUARY 2009

BY07 CHINOOK

At month's end, 2,146,158 Chinook averaging 20 fpp were on hand. This includes 404K for the Powell FTS release, 334K for the Powell presmolt FTS study group release, 1,108K for the South Fork (Crooked and Red River) releases, and 300K for the Selway River releases.

They are still on schedule to be approximately 17 fpp by release. Fish health remains excellent and mortality remains very low. Water temperatures stayed constant at about 42° F throughout the month.

BY08 STEELHEAD

At month's end, 836,112 steelhead averaging 6.1 fpp were on hand. The fish grew from 6.7 fpp to 6.1 fpp during the month. They are on schedule to be approximately 4.9 fpp by release. Fish health remains excellent and mortality remains very low. Water temperatures stayed constant at about 42° F throughout the month.

MISC

*The crew has started going through pumps, nets, screens etc in preparation for fish hauling in March and April.

*The crew extended the steelhead raceways to the 200' foot mark.

*The crew worked on cleaning, repairing and disinfecting egg trays in incubation. As the remainder of the Chinook go to pond, this project will continue so that incubation is ready for Steelhead eggs in March.

*All fish transportation trucks have been DOT inspected for 2009.

*The water level alarms on the Chinook bank raceways 11A and 11B were repaired this month.

BY08 CHINOOK

A total of 2,825,244 Chinook fry were on hand and on feed at month's end. This includes 1,530,884 South Fork stock and 1,294,360 Powell stock.

Chinook ponding was completed at the end of the month. Water temperatures in early rearing dropped from 43.5°F to 41.2°F during the month.

All Chinook were started on a mix of Bio-vita-Bio-Diet Grower size 0 feed. So far the fish are feeding well have not yet observed a drop out problem from "pin-heading".

MISC

*Jerry, Brad, and Cassie attended the Clearwater Basin Pre- AOP planning meeting.

*Jerry attended Annual Anadromous meeting in Boise.

*Jerry, Cassie and Brad attended the Nez Perce Tribal Symposium in Orofino.