BROODYEAR 2009 PRODUCTION

A total of 1,880,428 eyed eggs have been received for Brood Year 2009. Current inventory of fingerlings after marking is approximately 888,651 Dworshak stock, 536,897 Pahsimeroi Stock, 97,521 USB Stock, and 121,06 Sawtooth Stock. Our combined average size is 57.8 fish per pound. Feed conversion to date is approximately 0.65.

As a result of very good early rearing survival (93.1%), approximately 100,000 surplus steelhead fingerlings will be available for stocking into Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir in early September.

FISH HEALTH

Dworshak B fingerlings in raceways W8-W10B and E1-5 exhibited elevated mortality. Fish pathology inspections revealed bacterial related infections. A Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) was issued from Phil Mamer to treat with AquaFlor. The three remaining stocks on station appear to be doing well.

SUMMARY

Hatchery personnel completed the following projects and activities during August:

- Nampa Research personnel performed CWT retention checks.
- Pressure washed all bridge feeders.
- Worked on the remodeling of Residence “D” basement Bathroom.
- Replaced Residence “A” front door threshold.
- After several months of delays, LSRCP replaced the hatchery heat pump/irrigation system pumps. Our new pumps are variable frequency drive (VFD) and are superior to the old system.
- A local electrical contractor trouble shot an electrical problem with the receptacles servicing the MATTS trailers.
- Provided personnel to assist with spawning Chinook salmon at Rapid River and McCall Hatcheries.
- Provided personnel to assist Hagerman State Hatchery with stocking catchable rainbow in the South Fork Boise River.
- Continued to coordinate Fish Transport Tanker repairs and perform tanker inspections.
- Received a “real property” appraisal from USFWS personnel.
UPCOMING PROJECTS/EVENTS

- Continue with miscellaneous landscaping.
- Complete fish marking.
- Stock Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir with surplus steelhead fingerlings.
- Provide personnel to assist at the Twin Falls County Fair.

NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL OBSERVATIONS

We have not observed Mudsnailes in any of the hatchery rearing containers.