

MAGIC VALLEY HATCHERY

Monthly Narrative Report

May 2010

Rick Lowell

BROODYEAR 2010 PRODUCTION

A total of 1,697,776 eyed eggs have been received as of May 31. Current inventory of combined eggs, sac fry, and feeding fry is approximately 941,568 Dworshak stock, 581,300 Pahsimeroi Stock, and 90,019 USB Stock. One lot of Sawtooth eggs are scheduled to be received during early June.

FISH HEALTH

All stocks of eyed steelhead eggs and first feeding fry appear to be in very good condition. We have not observed any mortality beyond “normal” levels.

SUMMARY

Hatchery personnel completed the following projects and activities during May:

- Submitted the IDF&G FY-2012 budget and the LSRCF FY 2011 budget.
- Disinfected all Fish Hauling Tankers.
- Pressure washed traveling bridge.
- Tom Tighe attended the bi-annual Physical Fitness assessment.
- Rick and Tom attended Non-enforcement personnel training.
- Tom Tighe assisted with several trout in the classroom fishing days at Hagerman State Hatchery, Raptor training, stocking the south fork of the Boise River, and assisted with the public fish fry and seminars at the regional office.
- Rick participated in a conference call with LSRCF, USFWS, and private consulting personnel to discuss hatchery water recirculation.
- Started new Bio-Aide Caleb Gerdes.
- Eric Sharp started back as a full time Bio-Aide for the summer.
- Jeff Walker went to Clearwater Hatchery to assist with egg picking and transporting eggs back to Magic Valley.
- Gave tour to a group of 16 Sam’s Club members.
- Curtis Clean Sweep began re-sealing the asphalt areas around the hatchery.
- Submitted a hatchery intake water sample to National Testing Labs for a comprehensive water chemistry analysis.
- Hatchery flows were reduced to the minimum flow of 6.49 cfs.
- Painted Residence A Basement.

- Began research on replacing the raceway intake valve stems.
- Contacted local vendor regarding fabricating new traveling bridge wheels.

UPCOMING PROJECTS/EVENTS

- Continue with miscellaneous landscaping.
- Start our second summer bio-aide Brant Bingham.
- Rick and Tom are scheduled to attend the Hatchery Manager's meeting at Orofino June 16 – 18.
- Pressure wash and disinfect outside raceways to prepare for Brood Year 2010.
- Receive all Sawtooth A eggs.
- Rick and Wade are scheduled for time off.

NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL OBSERVATIONS

We have not observed Mudsnailes in any of the hatchery rearing containers for the entire Brood Year.

