

IRRIGON ACTIVITY

OCTOBER 1, 1991 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

INTRODUCTION NARRATIVE

OPERATIONS:

Irrigon Steelhead Hatchery has been part of the Lower Snake River Compensation Program (LSRCP) since 1985. The annual production goal is the rearing of 1.68 million summer steelhead for release into the Grande Ronde and Imnaha River systems.

The 1991 brood year production was completed on May 1, 1992, with the release of 278,206 (2991) Imnaha and 1,656,762 (5691) Grande Ronde stock steelhead. All smolts released had an adipose fin removed. In addition, 100,000 Imnaha stock and 150,000 Grande Ronde stock were coded-wire tagged and identified with a left ventral fin clip.

In May, 1992, the Hatchery received 506,400 (2992) Imnaha and 1,920,900 (5692) Grande Ronde eyed steelhead eggs, (2,427,300 total) to start the 1992 brood year. The resulting fingerlings, 409,706 Imnaha and 1,681,592 Grande Ronde, (2,091,298 total), on hand on September 30, indicated a 6.78% mortality. Additional non-LSRCP fish raised included 39,006 rainbow legals, 509,827 (9191) upriver stock fall chinook O's, 294,490 (7591) Carson Spring chinook O's, and 47,073 (5092) Hood River winter steelhead.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:

Maintenance work completed during this reporting period included annual repairs to pumps and impellers in both Rainey wells, replacement of buss bar/conductors at pump station #1, pulled and repaired large radiator on diesel generator at pump station #2, and installed a new heat pump in residence #1. All equipment was repaired and maintained as needed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

During reporting period, bid was not let for cleanup contract. We operated two new wells without electrical backup.

PERSONNEL:

Personnel changes during the year were as follows: Jim Grieve started work on November 1, 1991 as Fish and Wildlife Tech-1. Mike Pearsall (seasonal fish Tech-1) was hired as Maintenance Tech-1 seasonal at Umatilla Hatchery in August 1992. Terry Blessing was hired as a seasonal Tech-1.

PRESENT PERSONNEL ARE:

Ray Hill	Fish and Wildlife Manager-3
Jack Hurst	Fish and Wildlife Manager-1
Bob Gallup	Trades/Maintenance Coordinator
Wade Bergeson	Fish and Wildlife Tech-2
Mike Posey	Fish and Wildlife Tech-1
Dave Sheldon	Fish and Wildlife Tech-1
Jim Grieve	Fish and Wildlife Tech-1
Ron Rehn	Fish and Wildlife Tech-1
Nanette Gallup	Office Specialist-1
Terry Blessing	Seasonal Fish and Wildlife Tech-1