

Monthly Progress Report

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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report for August 2009

Fish Culture

Wallowa

Captive Spring Chinook Parr

Current captive parr program summarized below. No stated goal for loss or survival rate.

Stock/Cohort	Number Collected (life stage)	Number On Hand	Cumulative Transfers and liberations	Mortality Current Month	Production Goal	% of Goal	Size	Meeting Goal? (Yes or No)
80Z08	162(alevin)	159	0	0	150	106%	76	Yes
80Z08	153 (parr)	153	0	0	150	102%	129	Yes

- The staff has continued daily feeding, photo period adjustments and tank maintenance.
- 150 wild-bred juvenile Chinook were collected from the Upper Grande Ronde on the 28th.

Lostine River Spring Chinook

The Nez Perce Tribe has been transferring excess CHS jacks from the Lostine River to the hatchery. Once a week the fish are worked and buried.

Imnaha River Spring Chinook

Hatchery jacks in excess of program needs have been transferred to Wallowa Hatchery from the Imnaha acclimation facility throughout the month. These fish all have coded wire tags. Once a week the fish are worked and buried.

72T07 Rainbow Trout, 72T08 Rainbow Trout

Current RBT programs summarized below. No stated goal for loss or survival rate.

Stock/Cohort	Number received (life stage)	Number On Hand	Cumulative Transfers and liberations	Mortality Current Month	Production Goal	% of Goal	Size	Meeting Goal? (Yes or No)
72 T 07 RBT	3300 (legal)	3249	0	42	3000	108%	1.8	Yes
72 T 08	500	282	0	12	-	-	35	Completed

- The trophy trout are in excellent health and continue to grow steadily.
- Whirling disease test trout are growing quickly.

Fish health

- The whirling disease test trout came down with Ich (*Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*) near the end of the month. Their survival is unlikely due to the serious levels of infection they have been subjected to.
- Minor traces of Ich have been detected in the trophy trout, but an outbreak is unlikely in the foreseeable future.

Fish Distributions

- 256 CHS jacks (stock 200) were received from the Lostine Weir and have since been buried.
- 1 CHS adult and 16 CHS jacks (stock 29) were received from the Imnaha Weir and have since been buried.

Maintenance

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- Concrete repairs have been completed on several pond walls.
- Lawn maintenance, weed spraying, and other landscaping activities were performed throughout the month.
- Hand rails on the Spring Creek bridge are being sanded and repainted.
- The grinder room in the old hatchery building is being repainted.
- Painters were contracted to paint the eaves on the main building at the hatchery as well as Big Canyon.

Big Canyon

- No activities this month.

Little Sheep

- No activities this month.

NPDES Waste Discharge Permit Monitoring

- August was not a sampling month of highest production. Water, flow, and pH samples were collected as required.
- The daily chemical use log was updated onto our monthly chemical use log as required.

Public Outreach

- The hatchery continues to be a popular spot to visit while vacationing in Wallowa County.
- A daycare group from La Grande took a tour of the hatchery.
- 30 trophy trout were donated to a school for dissection.

Miscellaneous

- Ron, Jeremy, and Chad attended the regional meeting in Pendleton.

Personnel Status

- We were fully staffed this month.
- Travis and Sue finished out their seasons.
- Ben Beberness was our host for the month.
- Jeremy spent the majority of the month working at the Imnaha Acclimation Facility.