

Monthly Progress Report

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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report for November 2008

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)
GR/07 - Conventional	159 (parr)	150	0	1	150	100%	42	Yes
GR/07- Conventional (LG)	150(parr)	150	0	0	150	100%	26	Yes

- The staff has continued daily feeding, photo period adjustments and tank maintenance. Chad developed feed schedules, and projected growth rates taking into account new inventory data.
- Members of research and CTUIR were here on the 10th for captive fish inventory and PIT tagging. The process went very smoothly with just one mortality.
- There are plans to make another attempt at locating wild Chinook parr on the Upper Grande Ronde in the future.

Summer Steelhead Smolts

- There are currently no smolts on site.

Wallowa Hatchery Steelhead Adults

- There are currently no adults on site.

72T07 Rainbow Trout

The production goal for these fish is 40,000 fish at 3/lb to be released into Wallowa County lakes and ponds from April through August 2009; However, it is likely that we will not receive enough fish to reach this goal.

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	19782 (parr)	19709	0	73	40,000		9.2	yes
72 T 07 RBT (Trophy)	319 (1/2 pound)	314	0	1	none		1.5	yes

- 19782 fish were received from Irrigon hatchery on November 5th. These fish were ponded into ponds 4 and 5 so they may be grown at different feed rates. A second shipment of trout is slated for December 11th.

Big Canyon

Summer Steelhead Smolts

- There are currently no smolts on site.

Steelhead Adults

- There are currently no adults on site.

Little Sheep

Summer Steelhead Smolts

- There are currently no smolts on site.

Steelhead Adults

- There are currently no adults on site.

Fish Health

- All fish on station appear to be in good health and are exhibiting healthy appetites and activity levels.

Fish Distributions

- 19782 (72T07) RBT were received from Irrigon hatchery on November 5th.

Maintenance

Wallowa

- Trout preparation continued this month. The feed room was retro-fitted to meet new demands. Pond screen brushes were constructed as well as new pond

brooms. New flush gates were built and installed in ponds 7 and 8. The alarm system underwent minor upgrade and major repair.

- Chad constructed new aluminum screens for our show pond.
- A feed rack was constructed for the feed cart.
- The rope handrail between ponds 4 and 5 was replaced.
- We are trying to resuscitate the old fish pump. New tires were placed on the unit and we managed to get the motor to fire. There were a number of problems identified and we will be addressing these in the coming month.
- Part of the fence around residence #2 was replaced after siding. A new gate will be constructed in early December. The back porch and covered shelter was returned to its original state as well. Upgrades to the new shed were completed after a dog vs. skunk encounter revealed critter related changes required for the out building.
- A chain handrail at the Clear Creek intake was repaired.
- All vehicles had their snow tires installed this month.
- A cover was constructed for an old exposed circuit box in the Captive building.

Big Canyon

- Upgrades have begun to the spawning shelter. We are constructing a fish lift to address a future increase in adult returns to this facility in conjunction with the use of the SI-2 fish stunner and an anesthetic tank. The current configuration of the adult trap is not user friendly for anesthetization.

Little Sheep

- There are no activities to report at this time.

NPDES Waste Discharge Permit Monitoring

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

Public Outreach

- Tourist season has definitely ended around here, but the facility remains a popular attraction for local children and nature enthusiasts, especially with the bucks running around the sanctuary.

Miscellaneous

- The intake has continued to consume a little more staff time as leaf season is underway and the debris are now water logged and by-passing the spillways and heading straight to the intake grizzly.
- R & C Fire Extinguisher Services were here this month for annual extinguisher inspections.
- Tony's heating completed annual inspections on all facility, housing and satellite facility heating and cooling units.
- 2,288 ponds of feed were received from Bio-Oregon this month.

Personnel Status

- Ron attended training in Portland on the 17th.
- Jeremy attended the TOT meeting in La Grande on the 3rd.
- Ron has been attempting to fill our captive vacancy but we are having trouble recruiting seasonal employees to apply for the position. Interviews are planned for mid-December.