

Monthly Progress Report

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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report for October 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)	154	0	0	150	104%	56	Yes
GR/07- Conventional (LG)	150(parr)	150	0	0	150	100%	30	Yes

- The staff has continued daily feeding and tank maintenance. Jeremy developed feed schedules, and projected growth rates.
- The newly arrived parr have adapted to their new homes but are still pretty spooky. We have eliminated the krill and Cyclopeeze from their diet as they are now eating Skretting 2.0 feed pellets. Now acclimated, they are slowly being weaned down to a maintenance diet.
- 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

- 20,000 trout are slated to arrive from Irrigon hatchery in two groups in November.

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 excellent health and are exhibiting healthy appetites and activity levels.

Fish Distributions

- There were no fish distributions this month.

Maintenance

Wallowa

- Siding on residence #2 was finally completed this month.
- Alpine Services was here for annual chimney maintenance.
- The adult trap, channel, holding ponds, fish ladder and boards were all pressure washed.
- The facility had a good hard scrubbing during its' fall cleaning.
- The floor drains in the captive room were all scrubbed down and flushed.
- Jeremy purchased a large log and retro-fitted it with fittings to replace a 'sinker' debris log from the Little Sheep facility.
- A lot of time was spent readying ponds for trout production. The ponds were cleaned, boarded, screens repaired, new flush gates installed, and its walkway

was modified. Chad returned the feeders and alarms to working condition. The old feed room was cleaned out and set up for storing feed. New mort pickers were constructed as well.

- Fall leaf removal was completed and the lawns got a last manicure for the year.

Big Canyon

- One of the intake screens was removed and repaired by the Enterprise screen shop. The screen was then returned to Big Canyon later in the month.

Little Sheep

- The 'sinker' debris log was replaced with a 'floaters' with the help of Chuck Simpson and his boom truck.

NPDES Waste Discharge Permit Monitoring

- October 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.
- Ron completed the DMR for the September reporting quarter.

Public Outreach

- Jeremy has filled the spring and summer hosting schedule for 2009. We have 1 returning host and 3 new ones.
- The show pond and nature sanctuary continue to be popular local attractions.

Miscellaneous

- A quarterly safety inspection was completed.
- The intake has begun to consume a little more staff time as leaf season has begun.
- South Fork Ready mix delivered two loads of washed river rock to be used to fill in sunken areas on our rock covered upper spring.
- A bunch of time was spent tying up some paperwork loose ends this month.

Personnel Status

- Staffing was low this month due to vacations. Most of the month there was only one or two employees on station. October is one of our slowest months and with hunting seasons underway, is the traditional vacation month for this hatchery.
- Ron attended procurement training on the 14th and 15th.

- Jeremy and Chad attended the regional quarterly meeting in La Grande on the 23rd.
- Chad participated in Lookingglass hatchery technician interviews on the 28th.