

Monthly Progress Report

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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report for September 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%	51.1	Yes
80Z08	153 (parr)	152	0	1	150	101%	60.7	Yes

- The staff has continued daily feeding, photo period adjustments and tank maintenance.
- The new fish have acclimated well to their new surroundings and have taken well to hand feeding. The majority of the newest fish looks and acts extremely healthy.

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. On September 15th, a number of jacks were returned to the Lostine River in accordance to the AOP.

Imnaha River Spring Chinook

There were no new fish received from the Imnaha acclimation facility this month. All fish on have were worked up by research for data and tag recovery.

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)	3234	0	15	3000	108%	1.5	Yes
72 T 08	500	0	0	283	-	-	35	Completed

- The trophy trout are in excellent health and continue to grow steadily. They have been transferred to pond 6 where they will remain until liberations.
- The remainder of the “whirling disease test fish” were euthanized due to the unhealthy condition of the fish. It was determined that out-planting the 240 parr would not further agency goals.

Fish health

- The whirling disease test trout came down with Ich (*Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*) near the end of the month. Due to high levels of infection, these fish were euthanized.
- Minor traces of Ich have been detected in the trophy trout, but an outbreak is unlikely in the foreseeable future. Loss has been low.
- There was 1 mortality in the captive 80Z08 parr group. The remainder of the fish appears healthy.

Fish Distributions

- 45 CHS jacks (stock 200) were received from the Lostine Weir. 96 on hand and new fish were released in the Lostine River on the 15th.
- All Imnaha fish on hand have been worked up and buried.

Maintenance

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- Lawn maintenance activities were performed throughout the month.
- Hand rails on the Spring Creek bridge are being sanded and repainted.
- Painting of the grinder room was completed by our hosts.
- Ponds 5 and 6 were fit with new flush gates and hinged grip strut walkway for easy board access.
- Pat painted the fascia on the hatchery office.
- The crew replaced the Wallowa intake line at ponds 6-8 with a larger pipe and new fittings.
- More concrete repair on the old trout ponds.

Big Canyon

- We had cattle visiting the facility this month, and they really enjoyed it. Chad and Ron did some fence mending.

Little Sheep

- No activities this month.

NPDES Waste Discharge Permit Monitoring

- September was 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

- Visitors continue to frequent the show ponds and facility. The beginning of migratory bird season has increased our wildlife area use. Our hosts have maintained the trails into this area.

Miscellaneous

- We picked up our new 8" fish pump from Magic Valley Heli-Arc in Twin Falls Idaho. R & E funds were obtained for the majority of this purchase.
- LSRCP purchased a Kabota RTV for the hatchery.
- Ron attended a region hatchery managers meeting.
- Ron traveled to Salem for a hatchery signage meeting.
- Chad represented the hatchery at a HRT review.

Personnel Status

- We were fully staffed this month.
- Ben Beberness, our August host left at the beginning of the month. He did a good job.
- Ellen and Thomas Morris hosted September and did an excellent job.
- Jeremy spent the majority of the month working at the Imnaha Acclimation Facility.
- Patrick Naas completed his 9 month seasonal position. We wish him luck in his future endeavors.