



# Dworshak

## National Fishery Complex

### Station Facts

- Established in 1969
- Owned and built by the US Army Corps of Engineers and managed by the Service and Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries
- 52 employees
- Complex includes: Dworshak Fish Hatchery, Idaho Fish Health Center, Idaho Fisheries Resource Office, and Kooskia National Fish Hatchery
- Annually produces 2.1 million steelhead trout, 1.05 million Chinook, and 320,000 coho
- In Idaho's Congressional District 1

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**Directions:**

Three miles west of Orofino, Idaho on State Highway 7



### Who We Are

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) is comprised of a network of 71 National Fish Hatcheries which propagate imperiled species for restoration and recovery programs, provide emergency refugia for species whose habitat is threatened, provide fish to benefit Tribes, and mitigate for federal water projects.

### How We Help

Dworshak mitigates for steelhead habitat lost due to the construction of Dworshak Dam and reservoir, and Chinook salmon habitat lost due to the construction of four dams on the lower Snake River. The Service works closely with Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries to restore coho salmon to the Clearwater River and its tributaries. Dworshak NFH helps to continue the return of salmon and steelhead from the Pacific Ocean to the Clearwater River.

### Connecting People with Nature

Dworshak's Information and Education program strives to foster public awareness of fish and wildlife resources through guided hatchery tours, school programs such as Hatchery in the Classroom, public information displays, and youth fishing days.



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### Q & A: Dworshak

**Q:** Why was Dworshak National Fish Hatchery Built?

**A:** The hatchery was built to supplement wild steelhead and salmon runs by releasing salmon and steelhead smolts annually.

**Q:** What is co-management at Dworshak?

**A:** Production programs at the hatchery are co-managed between the USFWS and the Nez Perce Tribe through the Snake River Basin Adjudication Agreement.

**Q:** How are hatchery programs funded at Dworshak?

**A:** Funding for Dworshak originates from revenues derived from hydropower generation and is administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and the US Fish and Wildlife Service through the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan.



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Sorting adult Chinook salmon for spawning