



**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Pacific Region
Columbia Basin Hatchery Review Team**

Columbia River Basin, Columbia Gorge Province

Little White Salmon, Big White Salmon, and Wind River Watersheds



**Carson, Spring Creek, Little White Salmon, and Willard
National Fish Hatcheries**

Assessments and Recommendations

**Final Report, Appendix E:
Operations and Maintenance Costs Summary**

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Appendix E: Gorge National Fish Hatcheries Operations and Maintenance Costs Summary

FY2007 Operating Budgets

Funding for operation of National Fish Hatcheries (NFHs) in the Columbia River Gorge and associated support costs of the Lower Columbia Fish Health Center (FHC) is derived from several fishery mitigation programs including Mitchell Act funding through National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), John Day Mitigation funding through U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program funding through Bonneville Power Administration, and Priest Rapids/Wanapum Fishery Mitigation through Grant County Public Utility District (PUD). Appropriated funds of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) are also used to cover costs at these facilities.

Gorge Region National Fish Hatchery Funding	Allocation					
	NMFS	COE	BPA	PUD	FWS	Total
Carson NFH	\$562,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,900	\$627,600
Little White Salmon NFH	\$664,500	\$24,400	\$0	\$253,900	\$75,700	\$1,018,500
Willard NFH	\$0	\$0	\$136,000	\$0	\$0	\$136,000
Spring Creek NFH	\$443,600	\$575,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,018,800
Lower Columbia Fish Health Center	\$159,900	\$30,500	\$18,800	\$0	\$403,500	\$612,700
TOTAL FY2007						\$3,413,600

Major Maintenance and Construction Costs

The operating budget for the Gorge NFH facilities presented above includes cyclical maintenance but does not cover all maintenance costs. The following lists the total cost of major maintenance and construction projects for each facility for the past six years FY2001-2006. Most projects were funded through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service utilizing appropriated funds including a special appropriation for repair of storm damage. Major maintenance at Spring Creek NFH was funded through a mix of John Day Mitigation (COE) and Mitchell Act (NMFS) funding.

Major Maintenance and Construction Projects Costs: FY2000-2006

Carson NFH:	\$ 1,757,100
Little White Salmon NFH:	\$ 5,499,500
Willard NFH:	\$ 819,500
<u>Spring Creek NFH:</u>	<u>\$ 712,800</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 7,969,400

An estimated backlog of needed maintenance and renovation is identified utilizing a periodic condition assessment conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and projects identified by individual facility managers.

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Estimated Major Maintenance and Construction Backlog: FY2007-FY2016¹

Carson NFH:	\$ 8,849,600
Little White Salmon NFH:	\$ 847,400
Willard NFH:	\$ 9,207,300
Spring Creek NFH:	\$ 3,147,100
TOTAL:	\$ 22,051,400

Monitoring and Evaluation Costs FY 2007

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) projects are conducted at the Gorge NFHs to determine their effectiveness and to evaluate options for program modifications. These activities are conducted by the Columbia River Fisheries Program Office (CRFPO) and the Abernathy Fish Technology Center (AFTC). Both are field offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Funding for M&E in FY2007 was distributed as follows.

	NMFS	COE	BPA	Total
CRFPO	\$158,100	\$159,900	\$18,500	\$336,500
AFTC	\$68,800	\$5,700	\$0	\$74,500

In FY2007 approximately \$1,669,840 was spent on marking, adult recovery and reporting to assess contribution and survival of coho, fall Chinook, spring Chinook and winter steelhead reared at the four Gorge NFHs. Costs do not include ocean and in-river fisheries CWT recovery and processing costs of FWS tag codes incurred by the States that are reimbursed by the FWS. Reimbursement is primarily to the State of Oregon. FY2008 costs are expected to increase by 3.5%.

Gorge Region National Fish Hatchery Marking, Monitoring & Evaluation	Total
Carson NFH	\$149,170
Little White Salmon/Willard NFH	\$698,499
Spring Creek NFH	\$822,171
TOTAL FY2007	\$1,669,840

¹These projects are subject to funding availability. Estimates derived from the RAX proposed construction project list for the Gorge facilities for 2007-2016.

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