



LOWER SNAKE RIVER COMPENSATION PLAN

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN LSRCP

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

In part thanks to this "Coordinator's Corner", I get asked sometimes if I actually work? Well, when you do something you love, you don't really work a day of your life...sort of. You probably see the photos on this page of outdoor adventures from our family weekends. The halls of the LSRCP office are cool, but they are still an office. We like to work hard and play harder at LSRCP!

On that note I caught my first Lahontan Cutthroat this month and took some kids beaver trapping on the Snake River. Both great times outdoors. Myself and some of the LSRCP staff were also out and about at Tucannon, Lyons Ferry, Dworshak, and Clearwater hatcheries. I will say, I've been jealous watching (while working) the current steelhead fishing in the Clearwater river - it's tremendous this year!

I do think it's important to enjoy both your career and passions. Finding your own personal balance ensures you bring your best to your work teammates everyday. All of us have "those days", and taking time to re-charge our batteries to say is important to bringing our best to the people we work with. We can all strive to do better there, and I challenge each of you to keep it up.

I had a great time learning more about Ethan Brandt, ODFW Fish Biologist, this month and Chris Starr's bout with COVID is laughable now that it's over. You'll see his "top 10+" things he did while quarantined in this issue. Spring is just around the corner and we've had a pretty great winter so far.

So, stay safe, have fun, and Thanks for being Fish for the Future!

-Nate

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SALMON AND STEELHEAD DAYS

SALMON AND STEELHEAD DAYS - CIRCA 2019

Where Did Salmon and Steelhead Days Go?

Many of you volunteered with Salmon and Steelhead Days over the decades and were hopefully wondering what happened since COVID. For those of you not in the know, here's some background:

Salmon and Steelhead Days (SSD) was founded in 1997 to expose 5th graders to anadromous fish, Tribal cultures, and conservation in the Treasure Valley (Boise). Salmon and Steelhead Days sought to ensure future generation don't lose sight of the trade-offs we've made. The event annually reached 2500 students and ran consecutively for over 20-years until the COVID pandemic. After the pandemic, SSD failed to re-launch because our volunteer pool had dwindled and the MK Nature Center outdoor space changed with the building of the new IDFG Headquarters building.

LSRCP has been in discussions with the Nature Center staff, IDFG, and SSD's board to find a new strategy. Recently, the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has offered to partner this event within the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program. We expect this will take a few years to re-launch, but we're excited to see how Salmon and Steelhead Days can be re-imagined and hope many of you will return to help when it does!





BABA??

DAYTON DAM PRE-BID MEETING

What the Heck is BABA? - Build American Buy America

If you're into reading Cooperative Agreements, you may have noticed a change this year to include "Build American Buy America" (BABA) Act provisions. Basically, BABA requires use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials for Infrastructure. For the most part, this only applies to building infrastructure projects, but here's the language and guidance:

As required by Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58), on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. Recipients must include the requirements in this section all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program. None of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States. This means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States,
2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States. This means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States, and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation, and
3. all construction materials are manufactured in the United States. This means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

This Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the LSRCP staff and we'll do the best to come up with a; plan forward on your specific needs.



GARY SPEAKING TO STAKEHOLDERS

HAGERMAN ON FIRE!

Controlled Burns at Hagerman NFH

Hagerman staff took advantage of the partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge staff to get some needed brush piles burned during February. All went according to plan and now there is a little less brush clogging the Hatchery. If you have fuel reduction or burning needs on your facility (USFWS owned) we can tap into our Fire Management Officers. Your first stop is likely Chris Starr and a description of the project to Lucas Stringfield, Fire Management Officer out of Chubbuck, ID:

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Idaho Fire Zone / Department of Interior Region 9

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HAGERMAN UP IN SMOKE!



ANOTHER PILE IN THE BOOKS!

CHRIS STARR LSRCP



CHRIS BUNDLED UP AT LYONS FERRY MARMES SITE

10 Things I did while on the COVID-19

February marked some cold weather settling in the Basin and COVID seeming to run back through the community. LSRCP wasn't immune and both Chris Starr, Rod Engle, and Greg Burak got ensnared (along with parts of their families). Chris documented his life with COVID in February 2023 and now everyone is back to normal.....well as normal as LSRCP staff are! The 10+ list from Chris:

- Watched 2.5 Spiderman movies
- Weighed myself twice... before and after I ate soup (p.s. - chicken noodle)
- Clipped my nails
- Watched a 2 hour documentary on Jefferson Davis
- Hooked up the Wii, before I figured out I needed batteries for the controllers (once I found the controllers)
- Started watching NASCAR, again... and I kinda liked it
- Read a book... well it was more like a short story... No, I finished reading a book... that I started reading the first time I got the Covid
- Learned how to sell things and make money on the internet (only \$29.95 on Amazon)... now, hmmm, what to sell??? Perhaps tutorials??
- Did face time with my grandson... and learned what he sees when he runs circles and circles around the kitchen table
- Cleaned out 927 emails from my (personal email)
- Watched too many YouTube videos of people watching music videos
- Binge watched 1 complete season of New "Fantasy Island" (RIP Mr. Rouke)
- Tried parting my hair differently... nope, still living in the 80's.
- Learned how to send pictures on my texting (ps - videos are next)
- Sorted old VCR tapes, let's hope the VCR works?? Do I have to unplug the Wii to make the VCR work??
- Started a jigsaw puzzle
- Compiled a list of things I did with the COVID... it will continue to get longer as I have at least 3 more days of quarantine.
- Chris Starr

ETHAN BRANDT ODFW

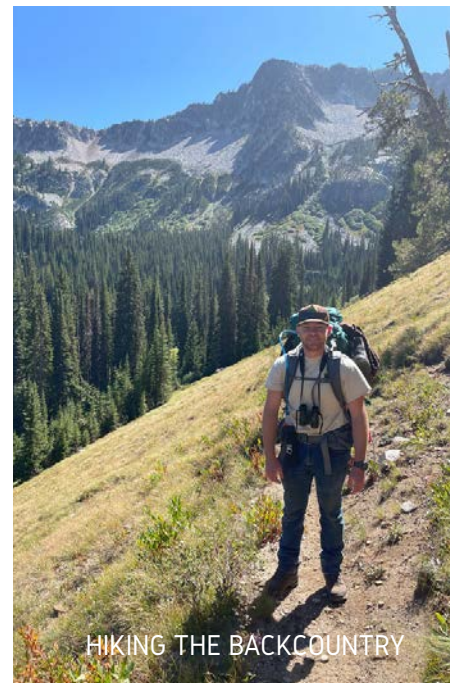


Ethan Brandt, ODFW Fishery Biologist

Ethan grew up in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from The Master's University in California. Although Ethan did venture outside the fisheries world for a short-term job as a coffee Barista while living in California, the lure of working for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) was hard to resist. His work experience with IDFG has included helping wildlife biologists on the Couer d'Alene River Wildlife Management Area and several seasonal positions as a fisheries technician. Thanks to his IDFG mentors, Ethan found a passion for fisheries research and went to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he earned his master's degree in Fisheries Science in 2021. If your curious, Ethan's masters work focused on estimating relative abundance of juvenile centrarchids and Yellow Perch in northern Wisconsin lakes and he has several peer reviewed publications from his research.

As luck would have it, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) was recruiting for an Assistant Project Leader in the East Region Fish Research (ERFR) Program at the same time Ethan was finishing up his master's degree. Demonstrating the patience and exuberant positive attitude he is well known for, Ethan persevered through the agonizingly slow hiring process and joined the ODFW ERFR team on January 11, 2021 where he is tasked with helping to evaluate the performance of the LSRCP funded spring/summer Chinook salmon programs in Eastern Oregon. Ethan has a knack for writing efficient R-scripts and data management and he is always the first person in the office to volunteer to help with any task, even if it's reconciling the monthly mileage logs.

Much like our retiring colleague Mike Flesher, Ethan can always be found with his signature baseball cap, a smile, and an abundance of positive energy and ideas. His favorite part of Fish for the Future is collaborating with his colleagues in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington who work so hard to ensure the success of the hatchery programs. To date, besides getting married, earning his master's degree, and buying a house, one of Ethan's most memorable accomplishments has been his contribution to helping prepare for the December 2022 ISRP Review in Boise. All of us, especially his supervisor, are extremely thankful for the time and dedication he has shown to the LSRCP program.



-Joseph Feldhaus