



## LOWER SNAKE RIVER COMPENSATION PLAN

# FISH FOR THE FUTURE



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CLEARWATER RIVER STEELHEAD

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN LSRCP

MARCH 2023

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## COORDINATOR'S CORNER

It's March, so I think Spring is around the corner, but with the winter of 2023, I'm not so sure. If you've checked SnoTel maps this year, you've seen colors that haven't been common for a lot of years. Should be a great year for Spring run-off....if Spring temps ever get here.

Many of you have had a chance to meet Tanya Wiley, LSRCP Budget Analyst, in the field. We've gotten Tanya out to quite a few facilities to meet you and understand your operations. Despite the weather (She just moved from Hawaii), Tanya and her husband are thrilled to be here. She was at the DMV this month and got a personalized license plate: Hana Pa'a which is slang in Hawaiian for "fish on" or "hooked up". Tanya has been amazed by all the effort that goes into "Fish for the Future" - she's absolutely right and thank you for all you do out there!

Speaking of someone new, this month's employee spotlight is Joseph Snapp with the Shoshone Bannock Tribes. Joseph sent pics of all summer adventures, but more recently he's been snow machining the back-country and checking on egg boxes. Keep up the great work Joseph!

I did get a chance to spend some time up at Dworshak and Clearwater Fish Hatcheries this month and got an early morning on the North Fork bridge for a steelhead. What an incredible year for B-run steelhead fishing. The fish concentrated with the low South Fork flows and made for some incredible opportunities.

Don't forget to make your reservations at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel in Lewiston for April 25-27th for the LSRCP Annual Meeting. We've got a good agenda lining up and we're excited to see many of you there.

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

-Nate



TANYA'S NEW IDAHO PLATES - FISH ON!

Hana Pa'a

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Yep, we're  
hooked-up  
in Hawaiian!

# FALL CHINOOK SPRING MEETING

MARMES PUMP STATION LYONS FERRY FISH HATCHERY

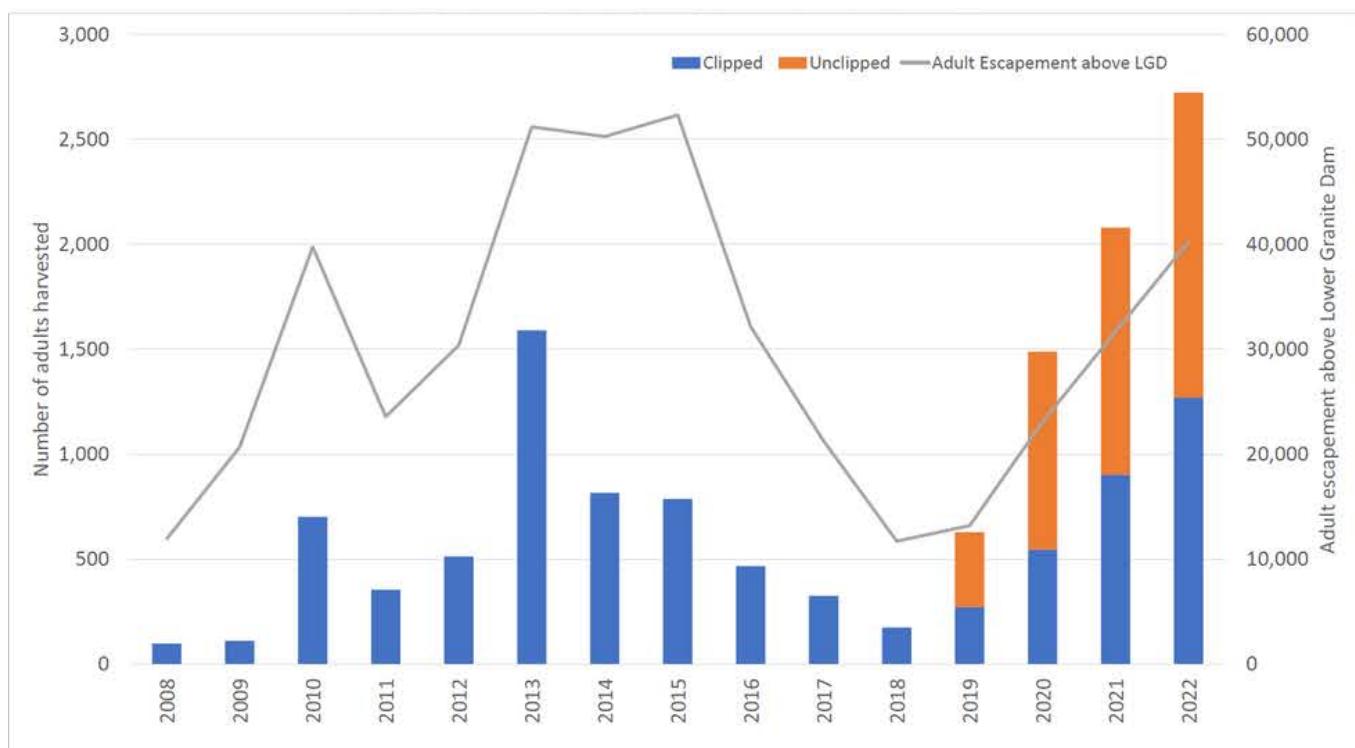
## Fall Chinook Spring Meeting

Unless its an aquatic invasive species, its usually really nice to see some upward trending graphics in this business. For those of you involved with the fall Chinook programs, the last few years have been trending that way.

Along with returns, both Tribal and sport anglers are becoming more effective at catching fall Chinook (Don Whitney's graphic below).

Fantastic to see all the efforts paying off and another great job this year of putting together a Spring kick-off meeting.

FALL CHINOOK RETURNS AND IDFG HARVEST - DON WHITNEY, IDFG



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# WINTER??

RED RIVER RELEASE SITE - MARCH 2023 - IDFG PHOTO

## 2023 Winter

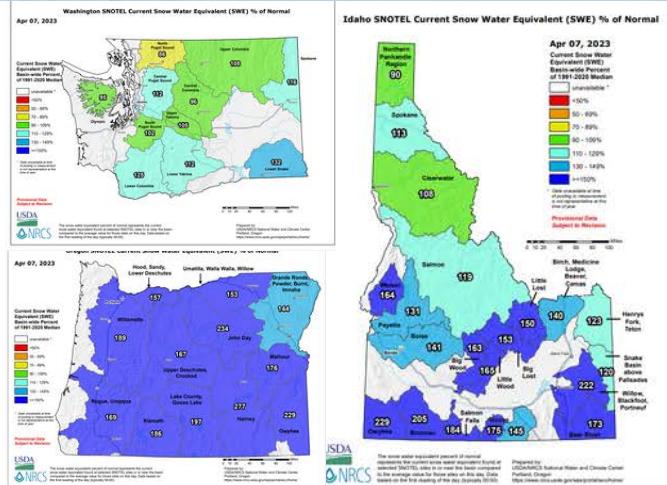
By most accounts, it's been an abnormal winter. But then again, when "normal" is average, you're almost always abnormal. In the Treasure Valley, Boise set a record for consecutive days below 60 F with 153 beating the old record set in 1899!

Staff have been battling winter conditions in many drainages. The Red River, Selway, and Powell (Lochsa) release locations in the Clearwater were all delayed. Meanwhile, in the Salmon basin, Galena Summit has some downright impressive snow.

The Snotel reports looked great all month. Lot's of blue and green shading out there. Fingers crossed this turns into the run-off needed to flush smolts out this Spring - so far the snow has been holding on longer than average!



HWY 75 OVER GALENA - MARCH 2023 - ITD PHOTO



# CLEARWATER BASIN



## Clearwater Basin

We've been getting Tanya Wiley, Budget Analyst, out to see some of the facilities and meet the staff she supports. We had a great time up in the Clearwater Basin. Jeremy Sommer, Nez Perce Tribe Dworshak Hatchery Manager, had time to do a behind the scenes tour.

On that tour, we went out onto the Dworshak trap and watch several hundred B-run steelhead milling around. With the cold Spring, it appeared that many fish hung around the North Fork area, and the sport and Tribal anglers took full advantage of them.

Both Dworshak and Clearwater hatcheries are always busy with staff, spawning, hauling, and rearing fish. Hat's off to the great work going up there and it's fantastic to see our stakeholders out enjoying the resource right in the backyard's of those facilities!



CLEARWATER HATCHERY



# JOSEPH SNAPP SBT

## **Joseph Snapp, SBT Fishery Biologist**

### **How long have you worked for Shoshone Bannock Tribes?**

Been Full time for Five years. Worked two seasons as a temp while completing my undergrad at the University of Idaho.

### **Where are you from?**

I am from Blackfoot, Idaho and am currently residing in Pocatello Idaho. I recently purchased some land in Fort Hall that I am planning on developing.

### **What's your Biggest Accomplishment**

Have enjoyed working for the tribes and working to bring fish back to areas devastated by mining. However, I Think my biggest accomplishment is yet to come.



### **Favorite part of Fish for the Future?**

Favorite Part about fish for the future is how it brings a diverse group of people together in support of a common goal. Too protect not just our fisheries, but our rivers as well.



### **Noteworthy quote**

V's Up

### **About Me**

I am a passionate foodie and spend most of my time after work cooking for family and friends. On my days off I enjoy skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer.