

## EVALUATION OF THE HATCHERY-WILD COMPOSITION OF IDAHO SALMON AND STEELHEAD HARVEST

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## ABSTRACT

Steelhead trout Oncorhynchus mykiss fisheries in Idaho are monitored to assess hatchery steelhead contribution, distribution, and return rates. Coded wire tags are retrieved from steelhead harvested by anglers, and harvest estimates are made by month and river section.

During the fall 1987 and spring 1988 seasons, 19,312 anglers were interviewed and 2,319 adult steelhead examined, which was $13.3 \%$ of the total estimated harvest. We retrieved 101 coded wire tags from 35 different tag groups. The total estimated harvest for the $1987-88$ season was 17,395 hatchery and 20 wild fish. The total estimated harvest of steelhead reared by the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) was 2,074, and an additional 1,630 returned to hatcheries and other release sites. In the Salmon River, LSRCP fish supported about $30 \%$ of the hatchery harvest.

The total return from 786,186 smolts released at Sawtooth Hatchery in 1985 was 11,898 (1.51\%), of which $84 \%$ were harvested by Idaho fishermen. After two ocean-years, a total of 568 adult steelhead have returned from 270,207 smolts released into the East Fork Salmon River. The return rate after two ocean-years is 0.21\% and the exploitation rate is 73\%.

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## INTRODUCTION

Chinook salmon Oncorhynchus tshawytscha and steelhead trout $\underline{O}$. mykiss are being raised in Idaho hatcheries to mitigate for losses caused by the construction of hydroelectric dams. Adults returning to hatcheries in the Salmon and Clearwater River basins are commingled with each other and with wild stocks. In the Snake River, fish destined for Idaho are also commingled with adults returning to Oregon and Washington streams.

The main purpose of this project is to determine the composition of the anadromous fish harvest in the Idaho fishery and to estimate the adult harvest contribution from juveniles produced in Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) hatcheries. Contribution to the Idaho fishery is one of the measures of performance of LSRCP fish. No harvest was allowed on chinook salmon, so this report pertains only to steelhead.

Harvest management of steelhead in Idaho is directed toward harvest of hatchery fish and protection of wild and naturally produced fish. Currently, wild stocks are below escapement goals, and protection is necessary to perpetuate these fish over the long run. Beginning in 1984, all hatchery-produced steelhead smolts released in Idaho rivers and streams had their adipose fins excised before release so returning adults could be selectively harvested.

In the fall 1987 and spring 1988 seasons, all age groups of hatchery steelhead fish returning to Idaho were marked by fin clips, and regulations stated that "only steelhead with a missing adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept." Consequently, the harvest of any wild steelhead was illegal.

The Clearwater River was open to catch-and-release fishing from September 1 to October 14, 1987. The consumptive season on the Clearwater River opened October 15, with the bag, possession, and season limits set at 2, 4, and 10, respectively, and remained open until March 24 , 1988, when it was closed to ensure adequate spawning escapement. Spawning escapement at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery was reached by April 8; the spring season was reopened and remained open until April 30, 1988.

On the Snake River, the fall season opened on September 1, with bag, possession, and season limits of 3,6 , and 12 , respectively. The spring season limits were 2, 4, and 6 for bag, possession, and season limits, respectively, and continued until April 15.

The fall season on the Salmon River opened September 1, with bag, possession, and season limits of 3,6 , and 12 , respectively. The fall season continued until December 31. On January 1, the spring season opened. Bag, possession, and season limits were originally set at 2, 2, and 4, respectively, with the season ending March 31. A special closure was included from the Watts Bridge upstream to the Highway 75 bridge. On January 26, the regulations were amended to change the closure to catch-and-release only until April 30. Other changes implemented were to extend the season upstream of the Highway 75 bridge
near the East Fork until April 30, and change the bag, possession, and season limits to 1, 2, and 3, respectively, in this section.

The Little Salmon River was not open for steelhead harvest during the fall season, and it was closed to fishing for all species on December 22, 1987 as a result of a toxic chemical spill. Consequently, the spring steelhead season and limits were not allowed to go into effect until February 26 . The bag, possession, and season limits were 2, 3, and 6, respectively, and the season continued until April 30.

Representative groups of steelhead are marked with coded wire tags (CWT) prior to release. Anglers are interviewed in all major harvest areas to recover these tags from the fishery. Information is collected on timing, straying, exploitation, harvest distribution, and relative abundance for wild and hatchery stocks. Total harvested numbers are estimated by a statewide harvest survey, and the harvest contribution is derived from tag recoveries.

## OBJECTIVES

Identify in the Idaho sport fishery the number and proportion of the harvest that is produced by LSRCP hatcheries.

Determine the spawning escapement of LSRCP stocks in Idaho.

## DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA

There are three major river systems in Idaho where steelhead are harvested: the Snake, Clearwater, and Salmon Rivers (Figure 1 and Table 1). All of Idaho's steelhead harvest is included in this study, except the upper Snake (02) and the Boise River (28). These two sections are excluded because no steelhead produced by the LSRCP are harvested there. Steelhead are blocked from reaching the Boise River by the dams on the Snake River, but a portion of the fish returning to Hells Canyon Dam are transplanted and released there to be harvested. These fish are from the Idaho Power Company mitigation program.

## METHODS

## Creel Survey

Angler interviews were conducted at check stations and from jet boats and roving vehicles. Techniques were tailored to sportsmen access and harvest methods. For example, on the Clearwater River, a major portion of the fall and winter harvest is taken by boat fishermen, so survey efforts concentrate on interviewing boat anglers. In late spring, the density of boats in a small area

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Figure 1. Map of the steelhead harvest area and River Location Codes in Idaho.

Table 1. River location codes for Idaho's anadromous fisheries.

| River section | Location code |
| :---: | :---: |
| Snake River, below Salmon River | 01 |
| Snake River, above Salmon River | 02 |
| Clearwater River, below Orofino Bridge | 03 |
| Clearwater River, above Orofino Bridge | 04 |
| North Fork Clearwater River | 05 |
| Middle Fork Clearwater River | 06 |
| South Fork Clearwater River | 07 |
| Selway River | 08 |
| Lochsa River | 09 |
| Salmon River, below Whitebird Creek | 10 |
| Salmon River, Whitebird Creek to Little Salmon | 11 |
| Salmon River, Little Salmon to Vinegar Creek | 12 |
| Salmon River, Vinegar Creek to South Fork | 13 |
| Salmon River, South Fork to Middle Fork | 14 |
| Salmon River, Middle Fork to North Fork | 15 |
| Salmon River, North Fork to Lemhi River | 16 |
| Salmon River, Lemhi River to Pahsimeroi River | 17 |
| Salmon River, P Pahsimeroi River to East Fork | 18 |
| Salmon River, above East Fork | 19 |
| Little Salmon River | 20 |
| South Fork Salmon River | 21 |
| Middle Fork Salmon River | 22 |
| North Fork Salmon River | 23 |
| Lemhi River | 24 |
| Pahsimeroi River | 25 |
| East Fork Salmon River | 26 |
| Snake River, Oxbow | 27 |
| Boise River | 28 |

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is so high it is prohibitive to sample anglers on the water; therefore, survey efforts are divided between major boat ramps. In the roadless area of the Salmon River, almost all of the angler access is by boat, but most of the fishing effort is from shore. Anglers are contacted by census clerks in jet boats or at check stations located at major egress points.

During angler interviews, data are collected on number of hours fished, number of fish kept or released, wild or hatchery origin of fish kept or released, total length of fish kept, and date and river section where fish were caught. Each fish observed is inspected for tags and fin clips. Snouts are removed from any fish with an abnormality of the left ventral fin for coded wire tag retrieval, except when anglers desire to keep their fish intact.

Water conditions during the fall season are usually conducive to harvest and the interview schedule can be followed. During the spring season, high turbid flows can reduce harvest to near zero. Anglers are not interviewed during periods of very low harvest.

## Interview Schedule

Lower Snake River (01) - by jet boat with Washington Department of Wildlife personnel and at boat ramps on alternating weekends for ten weekends during the fall and six weekends during the spring season.

Lower Clearwater River and North Fork (03 and 05) - by roving vehicle one day each week and by jet boat three days each week for 15 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring season. Interview from boat ramps for the last six weeks of the spring season.

Upper Clearwater River and South Fork Clearwater River (04 and 07) - by roving vehicle on the Upper Clearwater in the fall and on both rivers in the spring, for two weekends and two weekdays per week, for eight weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring.

Salmon River

Section 10 - by jet boat six weekends in the fall and five weekends in the spring season.

Section 11 - interview by roving vehicle ten weekends in the fall and eight weekends in the spring season.

Section 12 - by a check station at the old lumber mill near Riggins for ten weekends in the fall and eight weekends in the spring season.

Section 13 - by jet boat between Vinegar Creek and the South Fork on six weekends in the fall and five weekends in the spring.

Section 14 - by jet boat for six weekends in the fall and five weekends in the spring season.

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Section 15 - by a check station at North Fork for ten weekends in the fall and eight weekends in the spring season.

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Section 16 - by roving vehicle for six weekends in the fall and six
weekends in the spring season.
Section 17 - by roving vehicle for six weekends in the fall and six
weekends in the spring season.
Section 18 - by roving vehicle for six weekends in the spring season.
Section 19 - by roving vehicle for six weekends in the spring season.
Section 20 - by roving vehicle for six weekends in the spring season.
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## Data Analysis

Harvest estimates for each river section were obtained from statewide telephone survey results (McArthur 1989).

The number of fish checked for marks from each river section, divided by the harvest estimate, yields the sampling rate for each river section by month. Harvested fish that were not seen during the interviews were not included when expressing the proportion of the estimated harvest that was marked.

During field interviews, hatchery-wild proportions were reported for fish kept and for total catch, including released fish when their origin could be determined. The harvest of hatchery fish is the product of the hatchery proportion observed in anglers' creels and the estimated harvest from statewide surveys by month. Seasonal numbers of hatchery fish reported are the summation of monthly statistics. Harvest estimates for months when harvest was low and no fish were checked were calculated using the hatchery proportion calculated from the last month that data was available. These methods were applied during winter when fish movement was minimal and the proportion of hatchery fish was constant. Harvest estimates of fish marked with coded wire tags were calculated by dividing the number of tags recovered by the sampling rate expressed as a decimal and then rounded to whole numbers. Harvest estimates for unmarked groups were made from representative mark groups or companion groups.

Hatchery returns were classified by strain ( $A$ or $B$ ) and ocean-age using lengths of previous known-age coded wire tag returns. Marked returns to hatchery racks were subtracted from total returns by strain and ocean-age. Total harvest of unmarked groups was assumed to parallel the performance of unmarked hatchery rack returns. Where more than one unmarked group was returning to a release site, the estimates of harvest and hatchery return were calculated on the total of the unmarked fish and assumed to apply equally to each group. No return estimates were attempted for the unmarked groups returning to Allison Creek or Slate Creek.

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Exploitation rates are the harvest estimates divided by the sum of the harvest estimates and the number of fish that returned to the hatchery. No attempts were made to include mortality from causes other than angler harvest.

## RESULTS

During the fall 1987 and spring 1988 seasons, we contacted 19,312 anglers that had harvested 2,489 hatchery and 9 wild fish (Tables 2-15). We physically examined 2,319 hatchery fish for marks and removed 142 snouts from fin-clipped fish for retrieval of coded wire tags (Table 16). Of the total harvest estimate from both seasons that was reported by McArthur (1989), we inspected 13.3\% (Table 16).

The hatchery steelhead harvest composition by river section and season is compiled in Table 17. All river sections are included except 02 and 28 (Table 1). Total harvest for river sections listed was 17,415 steelhead, of which only 20 ( $0.1 \%$ ) were of wild/natural origin and were illegally possessed.

From the anglers catch, we recovered 101 coded wire tags. The proportion of tags recovered from the number of fish checked for marks was 4.4\%. Coded wire tags were recovered from 35 tag groups. The number of tags recovered, the estimated harvest by month and river section, and the total estimated harvest for the fall and spring seasons are listed in Appendix A. Of the 35 tag groups that yielded coded wire tags, 19 were from releases in Idaho (Appendices A, B and C).

Coded wire tags were also recovered from ten Washington releases: 4 from the Grand Ronde River, 2 from the Tucannon River, and 4 from Lyons Ferry Hatchery; five Oregon releases: 1 from the Imnaha River (Little Sheep Creek), 4 from Wallowa Hatchery, and 1 National Marine Fisheries Service transported release at Bonneville Dam (Appendix D).

Estimates of total returns of LSRCP-reared fish are summarized in Table 18. All Idaho returns from the LSRCP program that returned in 1987-88 were from releases in the Salmon River drainage. However, they were also recovered from the fishery in the Snake and Clearwater rivers. The total estimated return of adult steelhead to Idaho in 1987-88 from the LSRCP program, which includes harvest by Idaho anglers, hatchery returns, and off-site escapement was 3,704. Contribution to Idaho's total hatchery steelhead harvest (except Sections 02 and 28) in 1987-88 was 11.9\%. In the Salmon River, LSRCP-reared fish supported about 30 e of the estimated hatchery harvest.

Adult steelhead returning to Sawtooth Hatchery and East Fork Salmon River trap were exploited at $53 \%$ and $73 \%$, respectively, based on coded wire tag recoveries. In the Little Salmon River, exploitation is not quantified, but is estimated at 50\% (Table 18).

Table 2. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from lower Snake River (01), October 1987-March 1988.


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Table 3. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from lower Clearwater River (03) and North Fork (05), October 1987-April 1988.


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Table 4. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from upper Clearwater River (04) and Middle Fork (06), December 1987-April 1988.

| Dates | Total |  |  |  | Steelhead released |  |  | \% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | hours | Steelhead | kept |  |  |  | Hours/ | Hatchery |
|  | anglers | fished | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild | Total | fish | total catch) |
| December | 15 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fall <br> subtotal | 15 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 |
| February | 93 | 308 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 34 | 44 |
| March | 272 | 974 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 34 | 29 | 59 |
| April | 24 | 87 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 60 |
| Spring subtotal | 389 | 1,369 | 21 | 0 | 6 | 21 | 48 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29 | 56 |
| Total | 404 | 1,415 | 21 | 0 | 6 | 21 | 48 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29 | 56 |

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Table 5. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from South Fork Clearwater River (07), March-April 1988.


Table 6. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 10, October 1987-March 1988.

| Dates | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ \text { anglers } \end{gathered}$ | Total <br> hours <br> fished | Steelhead <br> Hatchery | $\begin{aligned} & \text { kept } \\ & \hline \text { Wild } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Steelhead } \\ \text { Hatchery } \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\text { released }}{\text { Wild }}$ | Total | Hours/ <br> fish | Hatchery (total catch) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| October | 284 | 2,470 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 147 | 17 | 41 |
| November | 137 | 832 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 27 | 31 | 63 |
| Fall <br> subtotal | 421 | 3,302 | 77 | 0 | 1 | 96 | 174 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19 | 45 |
| February | 30 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 0 |
| March | 12 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 0 |
| Spring subtotal | 42 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 36 | 0 |
| Total | 463 | 3,411 | 77 | 0 | 1 | 99 | 177 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19 | 44 |

Table 7. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 11 , October 1987-March 1988.

| Dates | No. anglers | Total |  |  |  |  |  | \% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | hours | Steelhead |  | Steelhead r | released | Total | Hours/ | Hatchery |
|  |  | fished | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild |  |  | Fish (Total |
| October | 356 | 2,405 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 70 | 34 | 33 |
| November | 444 | 2,392 | 36 | 1 | 0 | 49 | 86 | 28 | 42 |
| Fall <br> subtotal | 800 | 4,797 | 59 | 1 | 0 | 96 | 156 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31 | 38 |
| February | 140 | 325 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 24 | 14 | 54 |
| March | 120 | 342 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 24 |
| Spring subtotal | 260 | 667 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 45 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 | 40 |
| Total | 1,060 | 5,464 | 76 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 201 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27 | 38 |

Table 8. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 12 , October 1987-March 1988.

| $\stackrel{\ominus}{\sim}$ | February | 154 | 533 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 67 | 38 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March | 93 | 294 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 33 | 56 |
|  | Spring subtotal | 247 | 827 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 17 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 49 | 47 |
|  | Total | 1,503 | 9,330 | 164 | 2 | 9 | 134 | 309 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30 | 56 |

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Table 9. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 13, October 1987-March 1988.

| Dates | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { anglers } \end{aligned}$ | Total hours fished | Steelhead kept <br> Hatchery Wild |  | Steelhead released |  | Total | Hours/ | Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Hatchery | Wild |  |  | fish (total |
| October | 72 | 878 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 55 | 16 | 38 |
| November | 81 | 1,040 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 60 | 17 | 33 |
| Fall <br> subtotal | 153 | 1,918 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 115 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17 | 36 |
| February | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| March | 15 | 144 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 9 |
| Spring <br> subtotal | 16 | 145 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 11 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 | 9 |
| Total | 169 | 2,063 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 126 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | 33 |

Table 10. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 14, September 1987-March 1988.

| Dates | Total |  |  |  | Steelhead Released |  | Total | Hours/ <br> Fish | $\%$Hatchery(Total Catch) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { anqlers } \end{aligned}$ | hours <br> fished | Steelhead Kept |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild |  |  |  |
| September | 15 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 23 | 0 |
| October | 125 | 2,104 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 149 | 14 | 17 |
| November | 239 | 4,762 | 66 | 0 | 3 | 146 | 215 | 22 | 32 |
| Fall <br> subtotal | 379 | 7,025 | 91 | 0 | 3 | 277 | 371 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19 | 25 |
| February | 36 | 353 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 38 | 9 | 37 |
| March | 201 | 3,093 | 47 | 0 | 10 | 111 | 168 | 18 | 34 |
| Spring subtotal | 237 | 3,446 | 58 | 0 | 13 | 135 | 206 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17 | 34 |
| Total | 616 | 10,471 | 149 | 0 | 16 | 412 | 577 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18 | 29 |

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Table 11. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 15 , September 1987-March 1988.


Table 12. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 16 , October 1987-March 1988.

| $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{6}$ | February | 151 | 612 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 25 | 24 | 36 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March | 332 | 1,008 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 32 | 32 | 38 |
|  | Spring subtotal | 483 | 1,620 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 36 | 57 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28 | 37 |
|  | Total | 645 | 2,322 | 33 | 0 | 4 | 51 | 88 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 | 42 |

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Table 13. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 17, February-March 1988.

| Dates | No. anqlers | Total |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Hours/ } \\ \text { fish } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | hours <br> fished | Steelhead kept |  | Steelhead | released |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild | Total |  |  |
| February | 106 | 296 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 74 | 25 |
| March | 456 | 1,856 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 71 | 85 |
| Spring subtotal | 562 | 2,152 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 30 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 72 | 77 |

Table 14. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 19, March-April 1988.

|  | No. | Total hours | Steelhead | kept | Steelhead r | released |  | Hours/ | \% <br> Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dates | analers | fished | Hatcherv | Wild | Hatcherv | Wild | Total |  | fish (total |
| March | 122 | 398 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 28 | 57 |
| April | 375 | 1,808 | 32 | 0 | 38 | 71 | 141 | 13 | 50 |
| Spring subtotal | 497 | 2,206 | 38 | 0 | 40 | 77 | 155 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 50 |

Table 15. Steelhead fishery interview data (unxpanded) from Salmon River Section 20, February-April 1988.

| Dates | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { anglers } \end{aligned}$ | Total hours fished | Steelhead <br> Hatchery | $\begin{aligned} & \text { kept } \\ & \text { Wild } \end{aligned}$ | Steelhead r Hatchery | $\begin{gathered} \text { released } \\ \text { Wild } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Hours/ } \\ \text { fish } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Hatchery (total catch) |
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| February | 26 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| March | 250 | 608 | 45 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 64 | 10 | 73 |
| April | 215 | 651 | 40 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 58 | 11 | 81 |
| Spring subtotal | 491 | 1,301 | 85 | 0 | 9 | 28 | 122 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 | 77 |

Table 16. Proportion of estimated harvest by river section that was examined for marks.

| River | Section | No. Fish Checked | Estimated Harvest ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Sample <br> Rate \% |
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|  | 01 | 207 | 1,666 | 12.4 |
| 03 | \& 05 | 856 | 7,450 | 11.5 |
| 04 | \& 06 | 15 | 1,084 | 1.4 |
|  | 07 | 17 | 232 | 7.3 |
|  | 10 | 63 | 682 | 9.2 |
|  | 11 | 74 | 1,036 | 7.1 |
|  | 12 | 161 | 695 | 23.2 |
|  | 13 | 36 | 366 | 9.8 |
|  | 14 | 142 | 661 | 21.5 |
|  | 15 | 578 | 2,021 | 28.6 |
|  | 16 | 30 | 479 | 6.3 |
|  | 17 | 22 | 328 | 6.7 |
|  | 18 | _- ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 127 | -- |
|  | 19 | 33 | 150 | 22.0 |
|  | 20 | 85 | 439 | 19.4 |
| Total |  | 2,319 | 17,415 |  |

Average
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a}Data from telephone survey (McArthur 1989).
'batch and release during spring 1988 fishery.
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Table 17. Estimated number of hatchery steelhead harvested in the lower Snake, Clearwater, and Salmon Rivers during the 1987-88 seasons.

aFrom statewide surveys.
${ }^{\text {b Assumed }}$ to be of hatchery origin.

Table 18. Summary of 1987-88 harvest estimates and hatchery returns of steethead produced by LSRCP hatcheries.

a Includes off-site escapement.
QHNFH = Hagerman National Fish Hatchery.
GVSH = Magic Valley Steelhead Hatchery.

Included in the Salmon River coded wire tag recoveries are two fish that apparently reared for an additional year after release. These fish were released in 1984 from the Pahsimeroi Hatchery and tagged with 10/27/45 and 10/27/46 (Appendix A).

## DISCUSSION

Adult steelhead migrating upstream in 1987 were adversely affected by unusually low streamflow in the Snake River during the fall migration (Koski et al. 1988). No attempt is made here to explain the quantitative effects of these environmental parameters. However, the fish losses in McNary Reservoir were too significant to ignore when discussing return rates.

After passing McNary Dam, the majority of adult steelhead either pass Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia River or Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River. However, in 1987, 60,300 fewer fish were counted at the two upstream facilities than were counted at McNary Dam (Table 19). This was the highest number in the past five years and represents $40.5 \%$ of the number of steelhead past McNary. This contrasts with $13.2 \%$ in 1985 and $13.9 \%$ in 1986 . If 1985 and 1986 are averaged and used as an indication of what could realistically have been "expected" in 1987, we would "expect" to account for all but $13.5 \%$ of 148,800 steelhead; i.e. 20,200 fish. In other words, losses over and above the 1985-86 average were 40,100 fish, and since $84 \%$ of the fish accounted for passed Ice Harbor, we could reasonably "expect" the same proportion of the unaccounted fish $(0.84 \times 40,100=33,700)$ to be Snake River fish. If the previous four years were used to estimate the 1987 expected numbers, the unaccountable numbers would be even higher.

Although coded wire tags are a valuable tool in identifying harvest composition, they cannot be used to quantify the losses of LSRCP-raised fish that occurred in 1987. It s reasonable to assume that an important portion of the fish lost in 1987 were produced by the LSRCP hatcheries in Idaho and Washington. Although the numbers cannot be quantified, any conclusions about returns should include qualification of these significant losses.

Passive Integrated Transponders (PIT tags) have been proposed as a tool to quantify the numbers of LSRCP steelhead reaching Lower Granite Dam (Ball 1989). When adult detection equipment is installed at other dams, such as Bonneville and McNary, losses such as occurred in 1987 can be quantified. PIT tags have distinct advantages over conventional methodology in yielding results from individuals without handling the fish (Prentice et al. 1987).

Harvest of Sawtooth Hatchery Releases

Returns of steelhead released from Sawtooth Hatchery in 1985 are now complete. From a total release of 786,186 smolts, an estimated 11,898 adults were either harvested by Idaho fishermen or returned to their release sites.

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Table 19. Difference between the number of steelhead passing McNary Dam that can be accounted for upriver at Ice Harbor and Priest Rapids dams, 1983-87.

|  | No. of Fish (000's) |  |  |  |  |
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| Year | McNary <br> Dam | Ice <br> Harbor <br> Dam | Priest <br> Rapids <br> Dam | Ice Harbor + <br> Priest Rapids <br> Total | Difference |
| 1983 | 125.2 | 88.5 | 31.1 | 119.6 | 5.6 |
| 1984 | 135.5 | 94.0 | 26.0 | 120.0 | 15.5 |
| 1985 | 188.2 | 128.8 | 34.5 | 163.3 | 24.9 |
| 1986 | 193.5 | 144.3 | 22.4 | 166.7 | 26.8 |
| 1987 | 148.8 | 74.5 | 14.0 | 88.5 | 60.3 |

The total return rate for this group is $1.51 \%$ and $95 \%$ returned after one oceanyear. The proportion returning after one ocean-year is unusually high because of the losses downriver that severely reduced the two-ocean component. Without these downstream losses, the 1987 release would likely have returned about $2 \%$ of the released numbers to Idaho as adults.

In 1986, a total of 699,715 smolts were released at Sawtooth Hatchery, and after one ocean-year, an estimated 1,283 (0.18\%) adults were either caught by Idaho fishermen or returned to Sawtooth Hatchery (Table 18). As previously stated, this group was also severely reduced by downstream losses.

The exploitation rate during 1987-88 was lower than has been measured in previous years for both age groups. One ocean-year returns were harvested at $52.3 \%$ and two ocean-year returns at $55.6 \%$. This compares with exploitation rates of $80 \%$ or greater the previous two years (Ball 1988, 1989). In the spring of 1988, no harvest was allowed in Section 18 of the Salmon River, which may have reduced the overall exploitation of fish returning to Sawtooth Hatchery. Another possible explanation is spatial distribution of steelhead during the fishery with less time spent in the river sections with high harvest rates.

## Harvest of East Fork Salmon River Releases

Returns of 393,452 smolts released in 1984 were 1,550 after two oceanyears (Ball 1989). No additional recoveries were made in the fishery or at the hatchery after the third ocean-year. The return rate was $0.39 \%$ of which $74 \%$ were harvested by Idaho fishermen.

In 1985, there were 270,207 smolts released from the East Fork, of which 142,600 were marked with coded wire tags. This was the first comprehensive mark group (s) from the East Fork. After two ocean-years, a total of 470 fish returned and 343 (73\%) were harvested. Unfortunately, this return group was also affected by losses during upstream migration. Total return to date after two ocean-years was 568 ( $0.21 \%$ ), of which 74\% were harvested by Idaho fishermen (Table 18, Ball 1989) .

From 525,316 smolts released into the East Fork in 1986, 233 were harvested by Idaho fishermen or returned to the adult collection facility (Table 18). The exploitation rate was $73 \%$. This group was also reduced by losses during upstream migration.

## Harvest of Little Salmon River Releases

In 1984, 96, 425 A-strain fish and 95, 624 B-strain fish were marked and released in the Little Salmon River to compare their performance. Through two ocean-years, the A-strain group returned nine times as many adults as the Bstrain group (Ball 1989). No additional recoveries of B-strain fish were observed in 1987-88, so the returns reported last year are complete (Ball 1989).

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A total of 308,103 smolts were released in 1986 and all were A-strain (Appendix B). Estimated returns were 790 after one ocean-year and 298 after two ocean-years (Table 18, Ball 1989). The total return of 1,288 fish ( $0.42 \%$ ) includes an off-site escapement estimate of $50 \%$ for both years. Of the number harvested, $10 \%$ were from the Snake River, $52 \%$ from the Salmon River downstream of the Little Salmon River, 28\% from the Salmon River upstream of the Little Salmon River, and 10\% from the Little Salmon River (Appendix A and Ball 1989).

Returns after one ocean-year of 302,303 smolts released in 1986 are 860 , of which 430 were harvested and an equal amount escaped past the fishery (Table 18). The return after one ocean-year is $0.28 \%$, which is very similar to the return rate of $0.26 \%$ observed for the 1985 release.

## Sources of Error

The primary sources of error involved in the harvest estimates were discussed by Ball (1986). The quality control of adipose fin clipping has also been discussed (Ball 1989). Adults returning to hatchery racks in 1988 were inspected to ascertain the proportion of the hatchery fish that did not have adipose fin clips. From the Salmon River hatcheries (which includes the LSRCP releases), only 13 of 2,121 fish checked ( $0.6 \%$ ) had intact adipose fins. Considering the large number of fish clipped, the quality control is very good and should not be a significant cause of error. However, the adult return should be sampled each year to insure that the quality control is maintained at an acceptable level.

Left ventral fin clips, which are used to identify the presence of coded wire tags, regenerate but usually leave the fin deformed. Since there is a high proportion of hatchery fish with deformed ventral fins, we attempt to take the snouts from all fish with deformed left ventral fins. Although we take additional snouts with these methods, we don't believe we miss many snouts. In 1987-88 we recovered coded wire tags from $71 \%$ of the snouts we removed.

## Straying

Adult steelhead returning to Idaho rivers in the fall are several months away from spawning and commonly wander into streams other than where they, were released. It's not unusual for these wandering fish to spend time in several rivers that are not their natal drainage. Adults observed or harvested during the wandering phase should not be considered strays.

In 1988, there were 230 coded wire tags recovered from adults that returned to hatchery racks in Idaho. From National Marine Fisheries Service research studies, there were 37 tag recoveries from 10 tag codes at the hatchery racks. These fish were tagged at Lower Granite Dam and released in the Snake River below Little Goose Dam or transported to the Columbia River at Beacon Rock or below

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Bonneville Dam (Johnson and Longwill, 1988). Only one of these tag codes (CWT 23/18/11) was recovered in the Idaho fishery (Appendix A).

From the 180 coded wire tag recoveries that were from Idaho marked groups, only six fish (3.3\%) returned to sites other than where they were released. Three fish (CWT 05/17/29) released in the South Fork Clearwater River were collected at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery; one fish released in the East Fork Salmon River (CWT 10/28/02) was collected at the Pahsimeroi Hatchery and another (CWT 10/28/54) at Dworshak; and one fish released at Sawtooth Hatchery (CWT $10 / 28 / 16$ ) was recovered at the East Fork Salmon River trap. Because of the close proximity of Dworshak Hatchery to the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River, it's not uncommon for fish released into the South Fork to be collected at Dworshak Hatchery (Ball, 1986). With the exception of these South Fork Clearwater fish, the three other fish are only $1.7 \%$ of the hatchery returns.

There were 13 hatchery recoveries of fish carrying coded wire tags from the LSRCP in Washington. All of these fish returned to Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. From releases in the Tucannon River in Washington, there was one tag recovery from CWT 62/16/30, two from CWT 63/32/14, and two from CWT 63/33/51. From releases at Lyons Ferry Hatchery, there were two from CWT 62/16/45, two from CWT 63/33/03, and four from CWT 63/33/04.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Sample the adult returns at each hatchery rack to ascertain the quality control of adipose clips.

Continue to include coded wire tags in each major smolt release that are representative in size, time of release, and fish health.

Install an adult steelhead counting weir on the Little Salmon River or Slate Creek to evaluate adult returns and spawning escapement of Lower Salmon River smolt releases.

Estimate the number of steelhead that are rearing an additional year before emigration.

Analyze scales from adult returns to the East Fork Salmon River trap for size distribution at each ocean-age.

Develop techniques for estimating angler response bias to queries on the number and origin of fish released.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A. Coded wire tag recoveries and fin olifs identified September 1987- April 190日; Fiarvest estimat by month and river section; and total harvest estimates for the 19g7-8g season.


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| 04/06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 0.426 | 5 |  |  |  | 2 | 5 |
| 15 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.385 | 3 |  |  |  | 3 | g |



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| TAG CIDE - 10, | B/42 |  | PELEFSE SiITE - Little Salmon R. |  |  |  |  | NUMBER RELEASED - 35,475 |  |  |  |  |
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| 01 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 193/05 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 104/06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 11 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.074 | 14 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 |  |  | 1 | D. 63982 | 1 | 0.245 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 ( 13.638 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| River Sertion | No. Tags | Sample Est. Rate Harv. | No. Tags | Sample Est. Rate Harv. | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sample } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | Est. <br> Harv. | No. T.ags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sample } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | Est. Harv. | Mo. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Est. } \\ & \text { Harv. } \end{aligned}$ |
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| $103 / 05$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 104/06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 21 |
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| 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.260 | 4 | 1 | D. 151 | 7 | 2 | 11 |
| Total estimated harwest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | , |  |  | 52 |

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RELEASE SITE - East Fork Salmon R.
NUTHER RELEASED - 25,525


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| River Section | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { January } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | No. Tags | February Sample Est. Rate Harv. | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & \text { Sample } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | Est. <br> Hare. | No Taqs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & \text { Sample } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | Est. Harv. | $\frac{1997-89}{\mathrm{Hog}} \begin{gathered} \text { Tags } \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{\text { Est. }} \begin{aligned} & \text { Harv. } \end{aligned}$ |
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| $04 / 06$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total est | i mat | d harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |

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Rppendix, F. Continued.

| TAG CODE - $\mathrm{E}_{2}$ | 6/28 |  | RELEASE SITE - Grand Ronde R. |  |  |  |  | MUIUEER RELEASE[I - 40,201 |  |  |  |  |
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| River Section | No. <br> Tiags | September Sample Est. Rate Harv. | No. Tags | Dctaber <br> Sample Est. <br> Rate Harv. | No. Tays | November Sample Est. Rate Hary. |  | December Sample Est. Rate Harv. |  |  |  |  |
| 01 $03 / 05$ $04 / 05$ 07 10 11 12 17 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 |  |  |  |  |  | - |  | 1 | 0.183 | 5 |  |  |
| River Section | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tanuary } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | No. $\frac{\text { February }}{\text { Sample Est. }}$Tags Rate Harv. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. Sarch } \\ & \text { Tags Rate } \end{aligned}$ |  | Est. <br> Harv. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \frac{\text { April }}{\text { Sample }} \\ & \text { Tags Rate } \end{aligned}$ |  | Est. <br> Hary. | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1987-89}{\text { Notal }} \frac{\text { Tot. }}{\text { Est. }} \\ & \text { Tags Harv. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 01 \\ & 03 / 05 \\ & 04 / 06 \\ & 07 \\ & 10 \\ & 11 \\ & 12 \\ & 13 \\ & 14 \\ & 15 \\ & 16 \\ & 17 \\ & 18 \\ & 19 \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |
| Total estimated harwest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |

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| River Section | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { January } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | No. Tags | February <br> Sample Est. <br> Rate Harv. | No. Tags | $\frac{\text { Marich }}{\text { Sampile }} \begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \end{gathered}$ | Est. Harv. | Ho. Tags | $\frac{\text { April }}{\text { Sample }} \text { Rate }$ | Est. <br> Harv. | $\frac{1997-\mathrm{Bg}}{\text { ro. }} \text { Tags }$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{\text { Est. }}$ Harv. |
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| 04/06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Total es | imate | d harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  | , |  |  | 14 |



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| 134,06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| River Section | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jaruary } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | Mo. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fetirisary } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | No. T.ags | $\frac{\text { March }}{\text { Sample }} \begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \end{gathered}$ | Est. <br> Harv. | No. Tags | $\begin{gathered} \frac{\text { Qpril }}{\text { Sample }} \\ \text { Rate } \end{gathered}$ | Est. <br> Harv. | $\frac{\frac{1987-89}{\mathrm{Ho}}}{\text { Tags }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text { Total }}{\text { Est. }} \\ & \text { Harv. } \end{aligned}$ |
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| 04,06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| River Section | Mo. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | October <br> Sample Est. <br> Rate Har\%. |  | Novembe Sample Rate |  | er <br> Est. <br> Harv. | No . T.ags | December Sample Est. Fate Har'v. |  |  |
| 01 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 03/05 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.063 | 16 |  |  |  |  |
| 04,06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| River Section | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { January } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | No. Tags | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & \text { Sample Est. } \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | No. Tags | $\frac{\text { March }}{\text { Sample }} \begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \end{gathered}$ | Est. <br> Hary. | Mo. T.aqs | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text { Bpril }}{\text { Gample Est. }} \\ & \text { Rate Harv. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \frac{1987-89}{M o .} \\ T \operatorname{ag} \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{\text { Est. }}$ Harv. |
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| Total es | timated | d harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 |

Appendix B. Steelhead groups returning to the Salmon river, 1987-88.
Ocean
No. of fish
Hatchery


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| Strain | Ocean | No. of fish | Release site | Hatchery <br> rearing. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | II | 23,900 | Panther Creek | NSPP | CWT 10/28/51 |
| A | II | 24,600 | Panther Creek | NSPR | CWT 10/28/52 |
| A | II | 110,942 | Bruno"s Bridge | NSPP | None |
| A | II | 45,800 | Bruno's Bridge | NSPP | CWT 10/25/21 |
| A | 11 | 745,711 | Decker Flat | HNFH | None |
| A | Il | 40,475 | Decker Flat | HNFH | CWT 10/26/30 |
|  | Subtotal | 2,367,470 |  |  |  |
| B |  | 25,325 | East Fork | HNF H | CWT 10/28/20 |
| B | I | 499,991 | East Fork | HNFI-i | None |
|  | Subtotal | 525,316 |  |  |  |
| B | Il | 127,608 | East Fork | HNFH | None |
| B | II | 39,375 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/26/31 |
| B | II | 35,225 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/26/36 |
| B | 11 | 17,425 | East Fork | HNF H | CWT 10/28/55 |
| B | II | 16,950 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/28/03 |
| B | 11 | 8,100 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/28/02 |

## Appendix B. Continued.


a HNFH=Hagerman National Fish Hatchery.
b NSPP=Niagara Springs Fish Hatchery.

Appendix C. Steelhea6 groups returning to the Clearwater River, 1987-88.

| Strain | Ocean age | No. of fish released | Release site | Hatchery <br> Rearing | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B | 1 | 23,350 | Clearwater A. | ONFHa | CWT 10/28/56 |
| B | [ | 24,275 | Clearwater R. | ONFH | CWT 05/17/53 |
| B | [ | 24,000 | Clearwater Q . | ONFH | CWT 05/17/54 |
| B | [ | 1,178,071 | Clearwater A. | DNFH | None |
| B | 1 | 49,675 | South Fork | ONFH | CWT 05/17/29 |
| B | 1 | 1,306,516 | South Fork | DNFH | None |
| B | [ | 204,662 | Eldorado Creek | ONFH | None |
| B |  | 165,483 | Clear Creek | ONFH | None |
|  | Subtotal | 2,976,032 |  |  |  |
| B | 1 [ | 1,035,573 | Clearwater R. | D ~ H | None |
| B | I [ | 145,206 | Clear Creek | ONFH | None |
| B | I [ | 95,286 | Newsome Creek | ONFH | None |
| B | Il | 42,235 | Crooked River | ONFH | None |
| B | 11 | 162,111 | American River | ONFH | None |
| B | 1 [ | 121,284 | Eldorado Creek | DNFH | None |
|  | Subtotal | 1.601 .695 |  |  |  |

Appendix C. Continued.

|  | Str2in | Ocean age | No. of fish released . | Release site | Hatchery rearinq | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | B | [11 | 40,325 | Clearwater P. | DNFH | CWT 10/25/16 |
|  | B | [1I | 37,325 | Clearwater A. | ONFH | CWT 10/25/17 |
|  | B | [I] | 39,525 | Clearwater Q . | ONFH | CWT 05/13/35 |
|  | B | [I] | 1,088,701. | Clearwater ~. | ONFH | None |
|  | B | [11 | 2,363 | Clearwater P. | ONFH | $L^{i}{ }^{\text {d }}$ clip, no CWT |
|  | B | [I] | 506,930 | South Fork | DNFH | None |
| $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\omega}$ | B | [I] | 246,123 | South Fork | ONFH | none |
|  |  | btotal | 1,961,372 |  |  |  |

DNFH=Dworshak National Fish Hatchery

Appendix D. Coded wire tag teelhead groups released by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Service, and recovered by Idaho anglers.

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| H | 1 | 27,162 | Little Shee ${ }^{\text {p }}$ Creek | OOFW | CWT 07/37/61 |
| H | I | 26,908 | Wallowa Hatchery | 00FW | CWT 07/37/62 |
| H | I | 28,094 | Wallowa Hatchery | 00FW | CWT 07/37/69 |
| R | 1 | 26,316 | Wallowa Hatchery | [ OFW | CWT 07/38/U1 |
| H | I | 26,117 | Wallowa Hatchery | OOFW | CWT 07/38/02 |
| R | I | 20,038 | Grand Ronda P. | WOW | CWT 69/33/06 |
| R | I | 20,234 | Grand Ronde P. | WOW | CWT 63/33/49 |
| A | I | 20,244 | Tucannon Q. | WOW | CWT 63/33/50 |
| R | 1 | 20,250 | Tucannon Q. | WOW | CWT 63/33/51 |
| A | I | 20,136 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WOW | CWT 63/38/36 |
| R | I | 20,639 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WOW | CWT 69/38/37 |
| H | I | 20,506 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WOW | CWT 63/38/38 |
| A | 1 I | 41,028 | Grand Ponde P. | WOW | CWT 62/16/27 |
| A | 11 | 40,201 | Grand Ronde P. | HUH | CWT 62/16/28 |
| R | 1 I | 28,191 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WOW | CWT 62/16/44 |
| B | $1 I$ | 7,640 | Columbia Q., Bonneville | NMF S | CWT 23/18/11 |

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