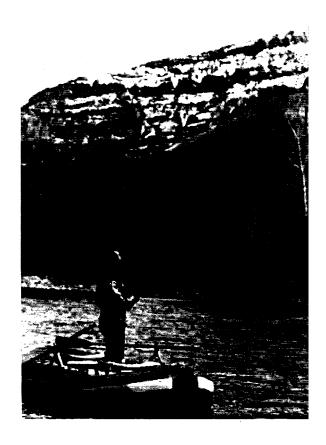




# EVALUATION OF THE HATCHERY-WILD COMPOSITION OF IDAHO SALMON AND STEELHEAD HARVEST

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#### ABSTRACT

Steelhead trout <u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u> 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 1988 and spring 1989 seasons, 21,578 anglers were interviewed and 3,094 adult steelhead examined, which was 13.8% of the total estimated harvest. We retrieved 124 coded wire tags from 31 different tag groups. The total estimated harvest for the 1988-1989 season was 22,409 hatchery and 48 wild/natural fish. The total estimated harvest of steelhead reared by the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) was 5,900, and an additional 1,506 returned to hatcheries and other release sites. In the Salmon River, LSRCP fish supported about 60% of the hatchery harvest.

The estimated return of adults from 699,715 smolts released at Sawtooth Hatchery in 1986 was 6,208 (0.89%). Adults returning in 1987 were significantly reduced by low flows during the upstream migration. Adults returning from releases at Sawtooth Hatchery were exploited at 80%.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Chinook salmon <u>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</u> and steelhead trout <u>O. mykiss</u> are 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 commingle with each other and with wild stocks. In the Snake River, fish destined for Idaho also commingle 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 1988 and spring 1989 seasons, all age groups of hatchery steelhead 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 (unmarked) steelhead was illegal. Table 1 lists the fall and spring regulations.

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

Table 1. Steelhead season dates, bag limits<sup>a</sup> and special restrictions for the Clearwater, Salmon and Snake rivers, 1988-89.

River (sections)	Fall Season Dates		-		
Clearwater River (03 - 07)	Oct 15 - Dec 31	2, 4, 6			
Salmon River (10, 11, and 20)	Sept 1 - Dec 31				
Salmon River (12 - 19)			Only steel- head 31" or under with a healed adi- pose fin clip may be kept.		
Snake River (01)		2, 4, 10			

River (sections)	Spring Season Dates		Special Restrictions
Clearwater River (03 - 07)	Jan 1 - Apr 30	2, 4, 10	
Salmon River (10 - 14)	Jan 1 - Mar 31		Only steel- head 31" or
Salmon River (15 - 17)	Jan 1 - Apr 30		under with a healed adi- pose fin clip
Salmon River (18)		2, 4, 6	may be kept.
Salmon River (19)	-1   		
Salmon River (20)		2, 4, 10	
Snake River (01)			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{a}}\mathrm{Limits}$  denote daily, possession and season totals.

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#### 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 2). All of Idaho's steelhead harvest areas are included in this study, except the upper Snake (Section 02) and the Boise River (Section 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 dams on the Snake River. However, a portion of the fish returning to Hells Canyon Dam are transplanted and released there for harvest through Idaho Power Company's mitigation program.

#### **METHODS**

#### Creel Survey

Angler interviews were conducted at check stations and from jet boats and roving vehicles. Angler interview schedules and intensity were designed to observe maximum numbers of harvested fish. Techniques were tailored to sportsman 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 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 the number of anglers and 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. Observed fish are inspected for tags and fin clips. Snouts are removed from all fish with abnormalities of their left ventral fins for CWT 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 10 weekends during the fall and 6 weekends during the spring season.

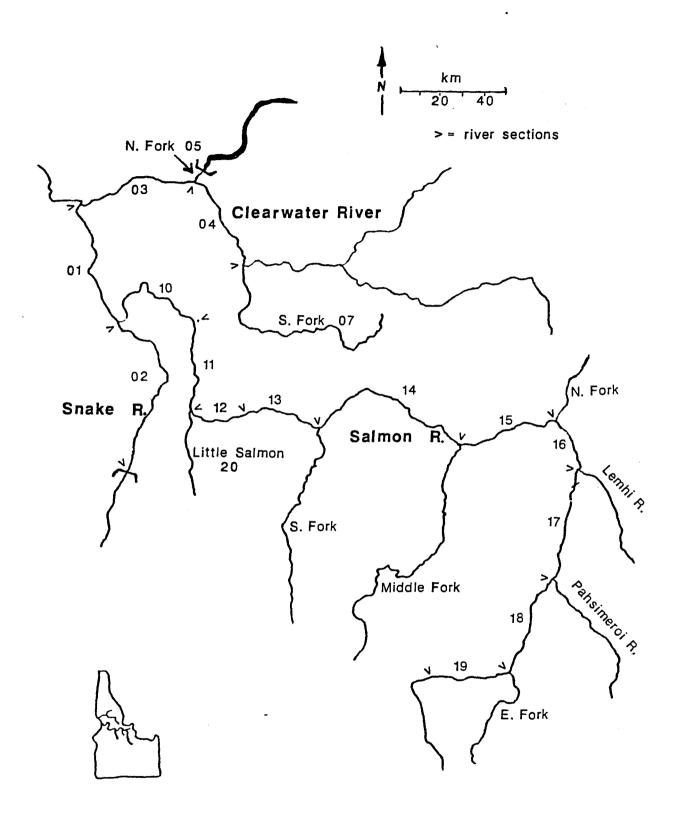


Figure 1. Map of the steelhead harvest area in Idaho.

Table 2. River location codes for Idaho's anadromous fisheries.

Location	
river section	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	0.5
Middle Fork Clearwater River	06
South Fork Clearwater River	07
Selway River	0.8
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, 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

Lower Clearwater River and North Fork (03 and 05) - by roving vehicle 1 day each week and by jet boat 3 days each week for 15 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring season. Interview from boat ramps for the last 6 weeks of the spring season.

Upper Clearwater, Middle Fork, and South Fork Clearwater River (04, 06, and 07) - by roving vehicle on the Upper and Middle Fork Clearwater in the fall and on all three rivers in the spring, 2 weekend days per week, for 8 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring.

#### Salmon River

Section 10 - by jet boat 6 weekends in the fall and 5 weekends in the spring season.

Section 11 - by roving vehicle 2 weekdays and 2 weekend days for 10 weeks in the fall and 8 weeks in the spring season.

Sections 12 and 13 - by a check station at the old lumber mill site near Riggins for 10 weekends in the fall and 8 weekends in the spring season.

Sections 14 and 15 - by a check station near North Fork for 10 weekends in the fall and 8 weekends in the spring season.

Section 16 - by roving vehicle for 6 weekends in the fall and 6 weekends in the spring season.

Section 17 - by roving vehicle for 6 weekends in the fall and 6 weekends in the spring season.

Section 18 - by roving vehicle for 6 weekends in the spring season.

Section 19 - by roving vehicle for 6 weekends in the spring season.

Section 20 - by roving vehicle for 6 weekends in the spring season.

### Data Analysis

Harvest estimates for each river section were obtained from statewide telephone survey results (McArthur 1990). Estimated harvest reported from Section 03 in September was shifted to Section 01. The statewide harvest survey erroneously reported harvest in Section 03 during September when this river section was only open to catch-and-release. By definition, the mouth of the Clearwater River upstream to Memorial Bridge was included in Section 01 in the 1988-1990 steelhead regulations and was open for steelhead harvest. Section 03 remained catch-and-release until the consumptive season opened October 15.

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 angler interviews, hatchery-wild proportions were recorded 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 estimates of reported hatchery fish harvest are the summation of monthly estimates. Hatchery 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 were available. These methods were applied during winter when fish movement was minimal and the proportion of hatchery fish in the harvest was constant. Harvest estimates of various CWT groups were calculated by dividing the number of tags recovered by the sampling rate expressed as a decimal and then rounded to whole numbers. Tag group harvest rates were calculated by dividing the estimated harvest of the group by the release group size. Harvest estimates for unmarked groups were calculated using harvest rates from representative mark groups or companion groups.

Hatchery returns were classified by strain (A or B) and ocean-age using length frequencies of previous known-age CWT 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 returned to a release site, the estimates of harvest and hatchery returns were calculated on the total of the unmarked fish and assumed to apply equally to each group. Due to very small numbers, no attempt was made to estimate returns of unmarked B strain fish from the East Fork Salmon River returning after three ocean-years.

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 or contribution to natural reproduction.

# RESULTS

During the fall 1988 and spring 1989 seasons, we interviewed 21,578 anglers that had harvested 3,213 hatchery and 5 wild fish (Tables 3-17). We physically examined 3,094 hatchery fish for marks and removed 139 snouts from fish with clipped left ventral fins for retrieval of CWTs (Table 18).

The composition of the hatchery steelhead harvest by river section and season is compiled in Table 19. All river sections are included except 02 and 28 (Table 2). Total harvest for river sections listed was 22,457 steelhead, of which an estimated 48 fish were of wild/natural origin and were illegally possessed.

Table 3. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from lower Snake River (01), October 1988-March 1989.

	<del></del>	Total			Steel				
Dates	No. angler	hour fishe	Steelhea Hatchery		relea Hatcher		 Total	Hours/ fish	Percent hatche
October	625	2,366	45	0	5	8	58	41	86
November	286	1,153	105	1	7	8	121	10	93
December	370	1,626	84	0	3	19	106	15	82
Fall Sum.	1,281	5,145	234	1	15	35	285		
Average								18	87
January	73	182	0	0	0	6	6	30	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	23	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Sum.	96	251	0	0	0	6	6		
Average								42	0
Total	1,377	5,396	234	1	15	41	291		
Average								19	86

Table 4. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from lower Clearwater River (03) and North Fork (05), October 1988-April 1989.

		Total			Steelhe				
	No.	hours	Steelhead	kept	release			Hours/	Percent
<u>Dates</u>	anglers	fished	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	1,034	3,638	139	0	8	27	174	21	84
November	982	4,234	133	0	7	27	167	25	84
December	790	2,961	102	1	3	16	122	24	86
Fall Sum.	2,806	10,833	374	1	18	70	463		
Average								23	85
January	936	2,258	152	0	8	30	190	12	84
February	1,139	4,706	150	0	15	24	189	25	87
March	2,804	13,538	564	0	47	31	642	21	95
April	1,184	7,153	275	0	26	3	304	24	99
Spring Sum.	6,063	27 <b>,</b> 655	1,141	0	96	88	1,325		
Average								21	93
Total	8,869	38,488	1,515	1	114	158	1,788		
Average								22	91

Table 5. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from upper Clearwater River (04) and middle Fork (06), October 1988-April 1989.

		Total							
	No.	hours	Steelhead		releas			Hours/	Percent
Dates	anglers	fished	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	99	300	13	1	14	15	43	7	63
November	248	1,027	29	0	4	18	51	20	65
December	8	14	0	0	0	1	1	14	0
Fall Sum.	355	1,341	42	1	18	34	95		
Average								14	63
March	205	644	28	0	0	10	38	17	74
April	35	111	7	0	1	0	8	14	88
Spring Sum.	240	755	35	0	1	10	46		
Average								16	78
Total	595	2,096	77	1	19	44	141		
Average								15	68

Table 6. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from South Fork Clearwater River (07), March-April 1989.

		Total			Steelh	.ead			
Dates	No. anqlers	hours fished	<u>Steelhead</u> Hatchery		releas Hatchery		Total	Hours/ fish	Percent hatchery
March	111	413	27	0	4	3	34	12	91
April	289	1,138	63	0	4	2	69	16	97
Spring Sum.	400	1,551	90	0	8	5	103		
Average								15	95

Table 7. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 10, October 1988-March 1989.

		Total			Steel	head			
	No.	hours	S Steelhead kept released					Hours/	Percent
Dates	anglers	fished	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	y Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	231	855	34	0	2	25	61	14	59
November	125	568	16	0	0	12	28	20	57
Fall Sum.	356	1,423	50	0	2	37	89		
Average								16	58
March	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Sum.	3	11	0	0	0	0	0		
Average								0	0
Total	359	1,434	50	0	2	37	89		
Average								16	58

Table 8. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 11, October 1988-April 1989.

		Total			Steelhe	ead			
	No.	hours	Steelhead	kept	release	ed		Hours/	Percent
Dates	anglers	fished	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	408	1,499	21	0	0	10	31	48	68
November	327	1,138	25	0	2	29	56	20	48
Fall Sum.	735	2,637	46	0	2	39	87		
Average								30	55
February	28	69	2	0	0	3	5	14	40
March	173	411	6	0	0	2	8	51	75
April	15	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Sum.	216	533	8	0	0	5	13		
Average								41	62
Total	951	3,170	54	0	2	44	100		
Average								32	56

Table 9. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 12, October 1988-April 1989.

	No.	Total hours		Hours/	Percent				
Dates	anglers	fished	Steelhead Hatchery	Wild	releas Hatchery		Total	fish	hatchery
October	233	1,724	37	0	1	21	59	29	64
November	243	1,974	24	0	3	16	43	46	63
Fall Sum.	476	3,698	61	0	4	37	102		
Average								36	64
February	30	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	520	2,485	7	0	3	22	32	78	31
April	44	234	1	0	0	7	8	29	13
Spring Sum.	594	2,874	8	0	3	29	40		
Average	72	28							
Total	1,070	6 <b>,</b> 572	69	0	7	66	142		
Average								46	54

Table 10. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 13, October 1988-April 1989.

		Total			Steelh	ead			
Dates	No. anglers	hours fished	Steelhead Hatchery		releas Hatchery		 Total	Hours/ fish	Percent hatchery
October	97	1,589	26	0	0	45	71	22	37
November	82	1,306	23	0	2	23	48	27	52
Fall Sum.	179	2,895	49	0	2	68	119		
Average								24	43
March	9	206	2	0	0	26	28	7	7
April	8	76	0	0	0	1	1	76	0
Spring Sum.	17	282	2	0	0	27	29		
Average								10	7
Total	196	3,177	51	0	2	95	148		
Average								21	36

Table 11. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 14, October 1988-April 1989.

		Total			Steelhe	ead			
	No.	hours	Steelhead		releas			Hours/	Percent
Dates	anqlers	fished	Hatchery	Wild.	Hatchery	Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	186	2,931	61	0	13	149	223	13	33
November	233	4,143	59	0	42	147	248	17	41
Fall Sum.	419	7,074	120	0	55	296	471		
Average								15	37
February	2	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	158	2 <b>,</b> 776	28	0	19	111	158	18	30
April	47	745	2	0	1	24	27	28	11
Spring Sum.	207	3,549	30	0	20	135	185		
Average								19	27
Total	626	10,623	150	0	75	431	656		
Average								16	34

Table 12. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 15, October 1988-April 1989.

	No.	Total hours	Steelhead	l kont	Steelh releas			Hours/	Percent
Dates	anglers	fished	Hatchery		Hatchery		Total	fish	hatchery
October	1,313	12,420	291	0	64	290	645	19	55
November	1,008	10,551	189	0	62	124	375	28	67
Fall Sum.	2,321	22 <b>,</b> 971	480	0	126	414	1,020		
Average								23	59
February	24	176	1	0	0	0	1	176	100
March	1,062	9,645	165	1	73	109	348	28	68
April	471	4,147	47	0	47	53	147	28	64
Spring Sum.	1,557	13,968	213	1	120	162	496		
Average								28	67
Total	3,878	36 <b>,</b> 939	693	1	246	576	1,516		
Average								24	62

Table 13. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 16, October 1988-April 1989.

		Total			Steelhe	ead			
	No.	hours	Steelhead	kept	relea	sed		Hours/	Percent
Dates	anglers	fished	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	186	771	22	0	2	13	37	21	65
November	236	827	25	0	2	16	43	19	63
Fall Sum.	422	1,598	47	0	4	29	80		
Average								20	64
March	232	919	13	0	3	13	29	32	55
April	53	159	3	0	0	4	7	23	43
Spring Sum.	285	1,078	16	0	3	17	36		
Average								30	53
Total	707	2,676	63	0	7	46	116		
Average								23	60

Table 14. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 17, October 1988-April 1989.

	No.	Total hours	Steelhead	kent	Steelhe releas			Hours/	Percent
Dates	anglers	fished		Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Total	fish	hatchery
October	7	12	1	0	0	0	1	12	100
November	19	50	1	0	0	1	2	25	50
Fall Sum.	26	62	2	0	0	1	3		
Average								21	67
March	842	3,114	47	0	9	12	68	46	82
April	183	997	7	0	2	4	13	77	69
Spring Sum.	1,025	4,111	54	0	11	16	81		
Average								51	80
Total	1,051	4,173	56	0	11	17	84		
Average								50	80

Table 15. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 18, March-April 1989.

		Total			Steelh	ead			
Dates	No. anglers	hours fished	Steelhead Hatchery		releas Hatchery		Total	Hours/ fish	Percent hatchery,
March	137	426	4	0	0	3	7	61	57
April	254	852	6	0	16	4	26	33	85
Spring Sum.	391	1,278	10	0	16	7	33		
Average								39	79

Table 16. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 19, March-April 1989.

		Total			Steelhe	ead				
Dates	No. anglers	hours fished	<u>Steelhead</u> Hatchery	l kept Wild	releas Hatchery	ed Wild	 Total	Hours/ fish	Percent hatchery	
March	31	63	2	0	0	0	2	32	100	
April	761	3,000	67	1	20	40	128	23	68	
Spring Sum.	792	3,063	69	1	20	40	130			
Average								24	68	

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Table 17. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 20, February-April 1989.

		Total		Stee	lhead			
Dates	No. anglers	hours fished	<u>Steelhead kep</u> Hatchery Wild		eased ry Wild	 Total	Hours/ fish	Percent hatchery
February	2	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0
March	110	259	5 0	0	0	5	52	100
April	204	633	27 0	5	4	36	18	89
Spring Sum.	316	893	32 0	5	4	41		
Average							22	90

Table 18. Proportion of estimated harvest by river section that was examined for marks, 1988-89.

	No. fish	Estimated	Sample
River section	checked	harvest <sup>a</sup>	rate %
01	284	2,148	13.6
03 & 05	1,475	9,594	15.4
04 & 06	52	1,075	4.8
07	86	693	12.4
10	43	798	5.4
11	48	688	7.0
12	67	556	12.1
13	48	174	27.6
14	132	1,172	11.3
15	644	3,061	21.0
16	57	632	9.2
17	49	810	6.0
18	9	320	2.8
19	68	512	13.3
20	32	224	14.3
Total	3,094	22,457	
Average			13.8

aData from telephone survey (McArthur 1990).

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Table 19. Estimated number of hatchery steelhead harvested in the lower Snake, Clearwater and Salmon rivers during the 1988-89 seasons.

	Fall	l season -	1988	Sprin	ng season -	- 1989	Total
River	Estimated	%	No. hatchery	Estimated	૾ૢ	No. hatchery	No. hatcher
section	harvest°	hatchery	y fish	harvest	hatchery	fish	fish
Snake 01	1,807	99.6	1,800	341	b	341	2,141
Clearwater R.							
03 & 05	5,477	99.7	5,461	4,117	100	4,117	9,578
04 & 06	588	97.7	574	487	100	487	1,061
07	0		0	693	100	693	693
Clearwater Total	6,065		6 <b>,</b> 035	5 <b>,</b> 297		5 <b>,</b> 297	11,332
Average		99.5			100		
Salmon River							
10	508	100	508	290	N D	290	798
11	543	100	543	145	100	145	688
12	443	100	443	113	100	113	556
13	153	100	153	21	100	21	174
14	852	100	852	320	100	320	1,172
15	2,286	100	2,286	775	99.5	771	3 <b>,</b> 057
16	290	100	290	342	100	342	632
17	45	100	45	765	100	765	810
18	0		0	320	100	320	320
19	27	b	27	485	98.6	478	505
20	27	b	27	197	100	197	224
Salmon Total	5,174		5,174	3,773		3,762	8,936
Average		100			99.7		
1988-89 Total	13,046		13,009	9,411		9,400	22,409

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>From statewide surveys.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Assumed to be of hatchery origin.

From anglers' creels, we recovered 124 CWTs. The overall proportion of tags recovered from the number of fish checked for marks was 13.8% (Table 18). CWTs were recovered from 31 mark groups. The number of tags recovered, the estimated harvest of tag code groups by month and river section, and the total estimated harvest of tag code groups for the fall and spring seasons are listed in Appendix A. Of the 31 tag groups that yielded CWTs, 19 were from releases in Idaho (Appendices A, B and C).

CWTs were also recovered from seven Oregon tag groups and five Washington tag groups. One of the Oregon tag groups was released at Little Sheep Creek and six from Wallowa Hatchery. Three of the Washington tag groups were released in the Grand Ronde River and two groups at Lyons Ferry Hatchery (Appendices A and D).

Estimates of total returns of LSRCP-reared fish are summarized in Table 20. All Idaho returns from the LSRCP program that returned in 1988-1989 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 1988-1989 from the LSRCP program, which includes harvest by Idaho anglers, hatchery returns and off-site escapement was 7,406. Contribution to Idaho's total hatchery steelhead harvest (except Sections 02 and 28) in 1988-1989 was 26.3%. In the Salmon River, LSRCP-reared fish supported about 60% of the estimated harvest.

Adult steelhead returning to Sawtooth Hatchery and East Fork Salmon River trap were exploited at 86% and 40%, respectively. In the Little Salmon River, exploitation is not quantified, but is assumed to be near 50% (Table 20).

Included in the Salmon River CWT recoveries is a fish that apparently reared an additional year in fresh water before migrating. This fish was tagged with 10/26/32 and released into the Little Salmon River in 1985 (Appendix A).

#### DISCUSSION

Steelhead returning in 1988-1989 after one ocean-year of life were adversely affected by abnormally low flows during outmigration in 1987 (Koski et al. 1988). These fish were then impacted again by low streamflows in the Snake River during their upstream migration as adults in 1988.

Snake River flows at the onset of the adult migration were 54% of the 1961-1985 average (Koski et al. 1989). The ability of steelhead to negotiate McNary Reservoir appears to be a function of flow as well as temperature in the river system. No attempt was made here to quantify the effects of the these environmental parameters. However, unusually high losses in the river system need to be recognized when evaluating 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. In 1988, 41,900 fewer fish were counted **at** the two upstream facilities than were

Table 20. Summary of 1988-89 harvest estimates and hatchery returns of steelhead produced by LSRCP hatcheries.

	Strain	No. of Fish				Estimated	Fish	
Release	and		Hatchery			Hatchery		
<u>Year</u>	Ocean-Age	Released	Release Site	Rearing	Marks	Harvest	Returnª	Total
1987	A-I	24,950	Sawtooth	HNFH <sup>b</sup>	CWT 10/29/48	2 4	10	3 4
1987	A-I	662,700	Sawtooth	HNFH	None	985	410	1,395
1987	A-I	50,250	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/29/25	5	5	10
1987	A-I	248,875	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	None	25	25	50
	Subtotal	986 <b>,</b> 775				1,039	450	1,489
1986	A-II	39,125	Sawtooth	HNFH	CWT 10/28/44	166	18	184
198	A-II	9,450	Sawtooth	HNFH	CWT 10/28/01	11	2	13
1986	A-II	651,140	Sawtooth	HNFH	None	4,248	480	4,728
1986	A-II	8,650	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/05	13	13	26
1986	A-II	35 <b>,</b> 475	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/42	15	15	30
1986	A-II	258,178	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	None	164	164	328
	Subtotal	1,002,01				4,617	692	5,309
1987	B-I	24,150	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/29/49			
1987	B-I	460,950	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	None	35	53	88
1987	B-I	40,500	Slate Creek	HNFH	CWT 10/29/26			
1987	B-I	9,250	Slate Creek	HNFH	None			
	Subtotal	534,850				35	53	88
1986	B-II	25,325	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/20	6	9	15
1986	B-II	499,991	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	None	200	300	500
	Subtotal	525,316				206	309	515

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Table 20. Continued.

Strain						Estimated Number of Fish Hatchery		
Release	and Ocean-Age	No. of Fish Released	Hatchery					
Year			Release Site	Rearing	Marks	Harvest	Returnª	Total
1985	B-III	127,607	E. <sup>Fk.</sup> Salmon R.	HNFH	None			
1985	B-III	39,375	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/26/31			
1985	B-III	35,225	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/26/36			
1985	B-III	17,425	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/55			
1985	B-III	16,950	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/03	3		3
1985	B-III	8,100	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/02			
1985	B-III	25,525	E. Fk. Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/54		2	2
	Subtotal	270,207				3	2	5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Includes off-site escapement. <sup>b</sup>HNFH = Hagerman National Fish Hatchery.

counted at McNary Dam (Table 21). This was the second highest number in the last six years and represents 27.6% of the total number of steelhead past McNary Dam. Although less than in 1987, the numbers are still significantly higher than the 1985-1986 average of 13.5% (Ball 1990). If the 13.5% average of 1985-1986 is used as an indication of what could realistically have been "expected" in 1988, we would "expect" to be able to account for all but 13.5% of 151,800 steelhead, i.e. 20,500 fish. Since losses were 41,900, and 90.7% of the fish accounted for passed Ice Harbor Dam, I estimate the loss of Snake River fish to be (21,400 X 0.907) 19,400 fish.

Although CWTs are a valuable tool in identifying harvest composition, they cannot be used to quantify the losses of LSRCP-raised fish that occurred in 1987 and 1988. It is reasonable to assume that an important portion of the adult fish lost in the 1987 and 1988 upriver migrations 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 like those that 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).

#### <u>Harvest of Sawtooth Hatchery Releases</u>

Returns of steelhead released from Sawtooth Hatchery in 1986 are now complete. From a total release of 699,715 smolts, adult returns of 1,283 (.18%) were one-ocean and 4,925 came back after two ocean-years for a total return of 6,208 (0.89%). The unusually low proportion of one-ocean fish was a reflection of in-river losses due to low flows during the adult migration in 1987 (Ball 1990). The total return rate was approximately two-thirds the rate of return observed from the 1985 release (i.e. 1.51%), and was also substantially reduced due to low stream flows.

In 1987, a total of 687,650 smolts were released at Sawtooth Hatchery, and after one ocean-year, an estimated 1,429 (0.21%) adults were either caught or returned to the hatchery (Table 20). This group of fish was also affected by low flow conditions in the river system during outmigration and as returning adults.

The overall exploitation rate of 80% on Sawtooth releases was comparable to what has been measured in all previous years, except 1987-1988 when it was lower (Ball 1988, 1989, 1990). These fish support the highest exploitation rate measured for Idaho's steelhead.

Table 21. Difference between the number of steelhead passing McNary Dam that can be accounted for upriver at Ice Harbor and Priest Rapids dams, 1983-88ª.

		No. of Fi	sh (000's)		
		Ice	Priest	Ice Harbor +	
	McNary	Harbor	Rapids	Priest Rapids	
<u>Year</u>	Dam	Dam	Dam	Total	<u>Difference</u>
1983	125.2	88.5	31.1	119.6	5.6 (4.5%)
1984	135.5	94.0	26.0	120.0	15.5 (11.4%
1985	188.2	128.8	34.5	163.3	24.9 (13.2% )
1986	193.5	144.3	22.4	166.7	26.8 (13.9%
1987	148.8	74.5	14.0	88.5	60.3 (40.5%
1988	151.8	99.7	10.2	109.9	41.9 (27.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Totals from COE annual fish passage reports.

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#### Harvest of East Fork Salmon River Releases

Adult returns of 270,207 smolts released into the East Fork in 1985 are now complete. The estimated total return was 573 fish (0.21%), of which 74% were harvested (Table 20). This was the first group of fish released from the East Fork with comprehensive mark groups, but unfortunately the returns were reduced by low flows in the river system.

From 525,316 smolts released into the East Fork in 1986, an estimated 748 (0.14%) have returned after two ocean-years. Exploitation of these fish has been reduced to 50% with restrictive regulations. However, the overall return rate has been affected by the low stream flows.

In 1987, 485,100 smolts were released in the East Fork. After one oceanyear, an estimated 88 adults (0.02%) have returned to Idaho (Table 20).

#### <u>Harvest of Little Salmon River Releases</u>

Returns of 302,303 smolts released in 1986 have returned an estimated 1,244 adults (0.41%) after two ocean-years (Table 20). Escapement is unquantified, but is estimated at 50%; equal to exploitation. About 21% of the harvest was taken from the Little Salmon River in the spring (Appendix A).

In 1987, 299,125 smolts were released into the Little Salmon River, and only 60 adults (0.02%) returned after one ocean-year. This group of fish was adversely affected by abnormally low stream flows during juvenile outmigration and adult return.

### Harvest of Slate Creek Releases

The first marked fish were released into Slate Creek in 1987. Of the total release of 49,750 B strain fish, 40,500 were marked with CWTs (Appendix B). No tag recoveries were found after one ocean-year.

### 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 12 of 1,739 fish checked (0.12%) 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 CWTs, 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 1988-1989, we recovered CWTs from 89% 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 is 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 1989, there were 371 CWTs recovered from hatchery racks in Idaho. Six tags, representing three National Marine Fisheries Service tag code groups, were recovered 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 below Bonneville Dam (Johnson and Longwill 1988). None of these tag codes were recovered in the Idaho fishery.

From the 360 CWT recoveries that were from Idaho marked groups, only 39 fish (10.8%) returned to sites other than where they were released. Thirty-eight fish (CWT 05/17/29, CWT 10/29/40, and CWT 10/29/41) released in the South Fork Clearwater River were collected at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. One fish released in Panther Creek (CWT 10/28/18) was collected at the Pahsimeroi Hatchery. Because of the close proximity of Dworshak Hatchery to the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River, it is 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 one remaining fish is only 0.3% of the hatchery returns.

There were five hatchery recoveries of fish carrying CWTs from the LSRCP program in Oregon and Washington. At Dworshak Hatchery, there were recoveries of one fish from each of four tag groups: CWT 63/32/02, CWT 63/39/03, CWT 63/38/45 all released in the Tucannon River in Washington, and CWT 63/38/37 released at Lyons Ferry. One fish from Oregon released in Little Sheep Creek was recovered at Oxbow Hatchery (CWT 07/37/61).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Sample the adult returns at each hatchery rack to ascertain the quality control of adipose clips.
- 2) Continue to include CWTs in each major smolt release group that are representative in size, time of release, and fish health.
- 3) Install an adult steelhead counting weir on the Little Salmon River to evaluate adult returns and spawning escapement of lower Salmon River smolt releases.
- 4) Estimate the number of steelhead that are rearing an additional year before emigration.
- 5) Analyze scales from adult returns to the East Fork Salmon River trap for size distribution at each ocean-age.
- 6) Develop techniques for estimating angler response bias to queries on the number and origin of fish released.

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## APPENDICES

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Appendix A. Coded wire tag recoveries and fin clips identified September 1988 - April 1989; harvest estimates by month and river section; and total harvest estimates for the 1988-89 season.

TAG CODE - 05/17/29	RELEASE SITE - South Fork Clearwater R. NUMBER REL	EASED - 49,675
September No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv	October November December No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv	:.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	1 0.165 6 1 0.094 11 1 0.043 23	5
River Section Tags Rat	February March April No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est e Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv	. Tags Harv.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	2 0.167 12 4 0.309 13	2 11 8 59
Total estimated harvest		70 Dworshak = 35

TAG CODE - 05/17/53	RELEASE SITE - Cl	earwater R.	NUMBER RELEASED - 24,275		
September No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv.					
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18		1 0.043 23			
January No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv.	February No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	March No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	April No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	1988-89 Total No. Est. Tags Harv.	
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	1 0.167 6	1 0.309 3		3 32	
03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	1 0.167 6	1 0.309 3		3 32	

TAG CODE - 0	)5/17/54	1		RELE	ASE SITE	- clea	rwate	r R.			NUMBER R	ELEAS	ED - 24	4,000
River Sectio	No. Sa	ample Rate	Septem Est. Harv.	nber No Tags	October D. Sample Rate Har	e Est.	N Rate	Novembe No. Sam Harv	r iple i Tags	Est. N s Rate	December o. Sample	Est.		
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Total e	estimate	ed har	vest									C	worsha	102 k = 70

TAG CODE - 05/18/36 RELEASE SITE - Clearwater R. NUMBER RELEASED - 19,675 November September October November December
No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.
River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 04/06 January February March April 1988-89 Total No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 1 0.391 3 1 3 04/06 Total estimated harvest Dworshak = 7

TAG CODE - 07/37	7/61 REL	EASE SITE - Little	Sheep Creek	NUMBER RELEASED - 27,162
-				December No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20			1 0.197 5	
No. River Section Ta	Sample Est.	No. Sample Est. I	No. Sample Est.	April 1988-89 Total No. Sample Est. No. Est. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Harv.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19				1 5
	mated harvest			Oxbow return =

TAG CODE -	07/37/63	3	RELE	EASE SITE -	wallo	va Hatchery		NUMBER RELI	EASED - 2	26,908
-						November o. Sample Est. ags Rate Harv.				
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20				1 0.165	5					
River	No. S Section	January ample Est. Tags Rate	No. Harv.	February Sample Est. Tags Rate	. No Harv.	March . Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	No. Tags	April Sample Est Rate Harv	1988-89 . No. . Tags	Total Est. Harv.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19									1	. 6
Total	estimate	d harvest								6

TAG CODE - (	07/38/01	RELEASE SITE - Wa	llowa Hatchery	NUMBER RELEASED -	26,316
				December No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18				1 0.192 5	
River Section	January No. Sample Est. on Tags Rate Harv	February No. Sample Est. . Tags Rate Harv.	March No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	April 1988-8 No. Sample Est. No. Tags Rate Harv. Tag	9 Total Est. Is Harv.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18					3 15
Total	estimated harvest				15

TAG CODE - 07/	/40/25 F	RELEASE SITE - Wallo	wa Hatchery	NUMBER RELEA	ASED -25,374
	September No. Sample Est.	October No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	November No. Sample Est.	December No. Sample	Est.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20			1 0.197 5	1 0.192 5	
River Section	January No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. T	February No. Sample Est. No ags Rate Harv. Tags	March . Sample Est. No Rate Harv. Ta	April o. Sample Est. ags Rate Harv.	1988-89 Total No. Est. Tags Harv.
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19					2 10
Total est	imated harvest				10

TAG CODE - 07/41/25			RELEASE SITE - Wal	lowa Hatchery	NUMBER RELE	NUMBER RELEASED - 46,571			
River Sectio	Sep No. : on Tags <b>R</b>	otember Sample Est. Bate Harv.	October No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	November No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	December No. Sample E Tags Rate Har	st. 'V.			
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River Section	Jan No. Sam on Tags R	nuary ple Est. ate Harv.	February No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	March No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	April No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	1988-89 Total No. Est. Tags Harv.			
01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20						2 10			
Total e	estimated	l harvest				10			

TAG CODE -	07/41	/26	RELEASE SITE -	Wallowa	a Hatchery		NUMBER RELE	EASED - 5	0,019
			October No. Sample Est.						
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TAG CODE - 07,	/41/28	RELEASE SITE - Wal	lowa Hatchery	NUMBER RELE	ASED - 50,385
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TAG CODE - 10/26/32 RELEASE SITE - Little Salmon R. NUMBER RELEASED - 39,175 **------**September October November December
No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 01 03/05 04/06 January February March April 1988-89 Total No. Sample Est. No. Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 04/06 1 0.325 3 1 3

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TAG CODE - 10/	28/01	RELEASE SITE - Sav	vtooth 	NUMBER RELEASED - 9,450		
River Section	September No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	October No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	November No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv.	December No. Sample Est Tags Rate Harv		
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Total es	timated harvest				11 Sawtooth = 2	

TAG CODE - 10/28/03 RELEASE SITE - East Fork Salmon R. NUMBER RELEASED - 16,950 TAG CODE - 10/28/03 RELEASE SITE - East Fork Salmon R. September October November December
No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.
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TAG CODE - 10,	/28/05	RELEASE SITE - Li	ittle Salmon R.	NUMBER RELE	ASED - 8,650
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TAG CODE - 10	0/28/16	RELEASE SITE -	Pahsimeroi	NUMBER RELE	ASED - 17,200
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TAG CODE - 10/28/17	RELEASE	SITE - Pah	simeroi	NUMBER RELEA	NUMBER RELEASED - 17,775		
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Total estimated h	narvest				31 Pahsimeroi=15		

	RELEASE SITE - Little Salmon R. NUMBER RELEA	SED - 35,475
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Total estimated harvest		15

TAG CODE - 10,	/28/17 R	ELEASE SITE - Pahsi	meroi	NUMBER RELEASED - 17,775		
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Total es	stimated harvest				31 Pahsimeroi=15	

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TAG CODE - 10/28/18
                                  RELEASE SITE - Panther Creek
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TAG CODE - 10/28/20 RELEASE SITE - East Fork Salmon R. NUMBER RELEASED - 25,325 September October November December No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 04/06 13 1 0.156 6 January February March April 1988-89 Total No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 04/06 Total estimated harvest East Fork = 9

TAG CODE - 10/28/42	RELEASE SITE - Little Salmon R.	NUMBER RELEASED - 35,475
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Total estimated harvest		15

TAG CODE - 10/28/44 RELEASE SITE - Sawtooth NUMBER RELEASED - 39,125 —------September October November December
No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 1 0.294 3 7 0.143 49 No. Sample Est. No. Est. Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 3 0.296 10 11 62

Total estimated harvest 166
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TAG CODE - 10/28/56 RELEASE SITE - Clearwater R. NUMBER RELEASED - 23,350 October November No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 1 0.192 5 3 0.043 70 1 0.080 13 01 03/05 04/06 07 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 January February March April 1988-89 Total No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 01 5 1 0.197 5 12 0.309 39 5 0.391 13 22 140 03/05 04/06 07 1 0.076 13 1 13 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

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Total estimated harvest

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TAG CODE - 10/29/25 RELEASE SITE - Little Salmon R. NUMBER RELEASED - 50,250
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TAG CODE - 10/29/48 RELEASE SITE - Sawtooth NUMBER RELEASED - 24,950 September October November December No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 04/06 1 0.103 10 2 0.143 14 January February March April 1988-89 Total No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. 03/05 04/06 07 12 15 Total estimated harvest Sawtooth return = 10

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TAG CODE - 10/29/60
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TAG CODE -	63/33/49	RELEASE SITE - Gra	and Ronde R.	NUMBER RELE	ASED - 19,991
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TAG CODE - 63/38/43
                                          RELEASE SITE - Grand Ronde R.
                                                                                                        NUMBER RELEASED - 20,118
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TAG CODE - 63/39/15 RELEASE SITE - Lyons Ferry Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 25,308
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Appendix B. Steelhead groups returning to the Salmon River, 1988-89.

Strain	Ocean age	No. of fish released	Release site	Hatchery rearing	Marks
Α	I	50,250	Little Salmon R.	HNFHa	CWT 10/29/25
А	I	248,875	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	None
Α	I	13,801	Deer Creek	HNFH	None
Α	I	25,200	Pahsimeroi	NSPRb	CWT 10/29/50
Α	I	9,625	Pahsimeroi	NSPR	CWT 10/29/60
Α	I	677,375	Pahsimeroi	NSPR	None
Α	I	40,750	Panther Creek	NSPR	CWT 10/29/52
Α	I	258,950	Panther Creek	NSPR	None
Α	I	24,950	Sawtooth	HNFH	CWT 10/29/48
Α	I	662,650	Sawtooth	HNFH	None
	Subtotal	2,012,426			
Α	II	8,650	Little Salmon R.	HNFHa	CWT 10/28/05
Α	II	35,475	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	CWT 10/28/42
Α	II	258,178	Little Salmon R.	HNFH	None
Α	II	17,200	Pahsimeroi	NSPRb	CWT 10/28/16
Α	II	17,775	Pahsimeroi	NSPR	CWT 10/28/17
Α	II	579,063	Pahsimeroi	NSPR	None
Α	II	27,575	Panther Creek	NSPR	CWT 10/28/18
Α	II	218,745	Panther Creek	NSPR	None
Α	II	9,450	Sawtooth	HNFH	CWT 10/28/01
Α	II	39,125	Sawtooth	HNFH	CWT 10/28/44
Α	II	651,140	Sawtooth	HNFH	None
	Subtotal	1,862,376			
В	I	40,500	Slate Creek	HNFH	CWT 10/29/26
В	I	9,250	Slate Creek	HNFH	None
В	I	24,150	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/29/49
В	I	460,950	East Fork	HNFH	None
	Subtotal	534,850			

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Appendix B. Continued.

Ctnoin	Ocean age	No. of fish released	Dologo sito	Hatchery rearing	Manka
<u>Strain</u>	9-		Release site		Marks
В	II	25,325	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/28/20
В	II	499,991	East Fork	HNFH	None
	Subtotal	525,316			
В	III	39,375	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/26/31
В	III	35,225	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/26/36
В	III	8,100	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/28/02
В	III	16,950	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/28/03
В	III	25,525	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/28/54
В	III	17,425	East Fork	HNFH	CWT 10/28/55
В	III	127,608	East Fork	HNFH	None
	Subtotal	270,208			

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Appendix C. Steelhead groups returning to the Clearwater River, 1988-89.

Strain	Ocean age	No. of fish released	Release site	Hatchery rearing	Marks
В	I	19,675	Clearwater R.	DNFHa	CWT 05/18/36
В	I	40,100	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	I	18,825	Clearwater R.	DNFH	CWT 10/29/31
В	I	252,375	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	I	20,625	Clearwater R.	DNFH	CWT 10/29/32
В	I	356,250	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	I	19,050	Clearwater R.	DNFH	CWT 10/29/33
В	I	479,700	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	I	26,125	Crooked R.	DNFH	CWT 10/29/40
В	I	150,025	Crooked R.	DNFH	None
В	I	24,025	Crooked R.	DNFH	CWT 10/29/41
В	I	41,527	American R.	DNFH	None
В	I	202,857	Newsome Creek	DNFH	None
В	I	298,070	South Fork	DNFH	None
В	I	21,025	Clear Creek	DNFH	CWT 05/18/34
В	I	116,100	Clear Creek	DNFH	None
В	I	19,425	Clear Creek	DNFH	CWT 05/18/35
	Subtotal	2,105,779			
В	II	24,275	Clearwater R.	DNFH	CWT 05/17/53
В	II	338,557	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	II	24,000	Clearwater R.	DNFH	CWT 05/17/54
В	II	722,625	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	II	23,350	Clearwater R.	DNFH	CWT 10/28/56
В	II	116,889	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	II	204,662	Eldorado Creek	DNFH	None
В	II	165,483	Clear Creek	DNFH	None
В	II	49,675	South Fork	DNFH	CWT 05/17/29
В	II	1,306,516	South Fork	DNFH	None
	Subtotal	2,976,032			

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Appendix C. Continued.

Strain	Ocean ape	No. of fish released	Release site	Hatchery rearing	Marks
В	III	1,035,573	Clearwater R.	DNFH	None
В	III	145,206	145,206 Clear Creek		None
В	III	95,286	Newsome Creek	DNFH	None
В	III	42,235	Crooked R.	DNFH	None
В	III	162,111	American R.	DNFH	None
В	III	121,284	Eldorado Creek	DNFH	None
	Subtotal	1,601,695			

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Appendix D. Coded wire tag steelhead groups released by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Washington Department of Wildlife (WDW) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and recovered by Idaho anglers in 1988-89.

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	Ocean	No. of fis			
Strain	aqe	released	Release site	Agency	<u>Marks</u>
А	I	25,374	Wallowa Hatchery	ODFW	CWT 07/40/25
А	I	46,571	Wallowa Hatchery	ODFW	CWT 07/41/25
А	I	50,019	Wallowa Hatchery	ODFW	CWT 07/41/26
А	I	50,385	Wallowa Hatchery	ODFW	CWT 07/41/28
А	I	20,099	Grand Ronde R.	WDW	CWT 63/38/40
А	I	20,164	Grand Ronde R.	WDW	CWT 63/38/43
А	I	20,272	Tucannon R.	WDW	CWT 63/38/45
А	I	20,357	Tucannon R.	WDW	CWT 63/39/03
А	I	25,384	Lyons Ferry Hatchery	WDW	CWT 63/39/15
А	II	27,162	Little Sheep Creek	ODFW	CWT 07/37/61
А	II	28,094	Wallowa Hatchery	ODFW	CWT 07/37/63
А	II	26,316	Wallowa Hatchery	ODFW	CWT 07/38/01
А	II	20,234	Lyons Ferry Hatchery	WDW	CWT 63/33/04
A	II	20,234	Grand Ronde R.	WDW	CWT 63/33/49

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