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## ABSTRACT

Steelhead trout Oncorhynchus mykiss and chinook salmon $\underline{0}$. tshawytscha fisheries in Idaho are monitored to assess hatchery contribution, distribution, and return rates. Coded wire tags are retrieved from fish harvested by anglers, and harvest rates are calculated by month and river section.

During the fall 1989 and spring 1990 steelhead seasons, 39,687 anglers were interviewed and 7,829 adult steelhead examined, which was $21.5 \%$ of the total steelhead harvest. We retrieved 358 coded wire tags from 66 different tag groups. The total estimated harvest for the 1989-90 season was 46,357 hatchery and 19 wild-natural fish. The total estimated harvest of steelhead reared by the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) was 6,258, and an additional 3,244 returned to hatcheries and off-site release locations. In the Salmon River, LSRCP fish supported about 65\% of the hatchery harvest.

The estimated return of adults from 687,650 smolts released at Sawtooth Hatchery in 1987 was 2,204 (0.32\%). Adults returning in 1987 were significantly reduced by low flows during their downstream migration. Adults returning from 1987 releases at Sawtooth Hatchery were exploited at 75\%.

Anglers caught 369 chinook salmon from the Clearwater River drainage in June 1990. About 95\% of the harvest was from LSRCP-reared fish released into the North Fork Clearwater River by Dworshak National Fish Hatchery.

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## INTRODUCTION

Chinook salmon Oncorhynchus tshawytscha and steelhead trout $\underline{O}$. mykiss 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 LSRCP hatcheries. Contribution to the Idaho fishery is one of the measures of performance of LSRCP fish.

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 1989 and spring 1990 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 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.

The first harvest season for LSRCP chinook salmon was opened in June 1990 in the Clearwater River drainage downstream and adjacent to Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. Harvest was directed on LSRCP-reared adults returning to that facility. The season was open on the North Fork Clearwater River (05) June 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17. On the mainstem Clearwater River (03), only that portion of the river from Big Canyon Creek to the downstream Ahsahka boat ramp was open from June 8-10 and 15-17. However, the June 15-17 fishing dates on Section 03 were subsequently deleted due to a conflict with power boat races. Limits were one per day, two in possession, and three per season (including jacks). All salmon were required to be checked in at checking stations. Fishing hours were 0400 to 2130 Pacific Daylight Time.

## 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.

[^0]Table 1. Steelhead season dates, bag limits ${ }^{1}$ and special restrictio for the Clearwater, Salmon and Snake rivers, 1989-90.

| River and Sections | Fall | Bag | Special |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Season Dates | Limits | Restrictions |  |


| Clearwater River <br> $(03-07)$ | Oct 15-Dec 31 | $2,4,10$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Salmon River <br> $(10-18)$ | Sept 1 - Dec 31 |  | Only steel- <br> head 31" or <br> under with a <br> healed adi- <br> pose fin clip <br> may be kept. |
| Salmon River <br> $(19-20)$ |  |  |  |
| Snake River <br> $(01)$ |  |  |  |


| River and Sections | Spring <br> Season Dates | Bag <br> Limits | Special <br> Restrictions |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Clearwater River $(03-07)$ | Jan 1 - Apr 30 | 3, 6, 20 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salmon River $(10-14)$ | Jan 1 - Mar 31 | 2, 4, 10 | Only steelhead 31" or under with a healed adipose fin clip may be kept. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Salmon River } \\ & (15-17) \end{aligned}$ | Jan 1 - Apr 30 |  |  |
| Salmon River (18) |  |  |  |
| Salmon River (19) |  |  |  |
| Salmon River (20) |  | 3, 6, 20 |  |
| Snake River (01) |  | 2, 4, 20 |  |

1 Limits denote daily, possession, and season totals.

There are three major river systems in Idaho where steelhead are harvested: the Snake, Clearwater, and Salmon rivers (Figure 1, Table 2). All of Idaho's steelhead harvest areas are included in this study, except the upper Snake River (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

## Steelhead

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 sportsmens' 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 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.


Figure 1. Map of steelhead harvest areas in Idaho.

Table 2. 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 Bridqe | 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 Vineqar Creek | 12 |
| Salmon River, Vineqar 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 one day each week and by jet boat three days each week for 15 weeks in the fall and ten weeks in the spring season. Interview from boat ramps for the last six 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, two weekend days per week, for eight weeks in the fall and ten 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 - by roving vehicle two weekdays and two weekend days for ten weeks in the fall and eight weeks in the spring season.

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

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

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.

## Chinook Salmon

We operated two checking stations on all harvest days to inspect all fish caught as required under mandatory regulations. These stations were located at Peck and Ahsahka and were manned by personnel from 0600 through 2230 on each day the fishery was open.

All salmon inspected at the check stations were measured, sexed, and key scales removed from the fish diagonally below the rear of the dorsal fin and above the lateral line. Snouts were excised from all fish with adipose clips for subsequent coded wire tag retrieval.

Scales were mounted in acetate and read on a microfiche. Analysis of the circuli patterns was used to differentiate fish of hatchery origin. All scales were read twice by two different individuals. Scale readers attempted to determine hatchery or natural origin of fish by comparing circuli patterns of harvested fish with scales from known hatchery adults.
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## Data Analysis

Harvest estimates for each river section were obtained from statewide telephone survey results (McArthur 1991). 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 1989-90 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 coded wire tag 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 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 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 Bstrain fish from the East Fork Salmon River returning after three ocean-years.

Unmarked returns to the Yankee Fork were estimated from unmarked returns to Sawtooth. Unmarked returns to Panther Creek were. estimated from marked returns released at Shoup Bridge. Unmarked returns to French Creek, Hammer Creek, and Deer Creek were estimated from marked returns to the Little Salmon River. Exploitation rates of unmarked releases were calculated to be the same as comparison groups.

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

## Steelhead

During the fall 1989 and spring 1990 seasons, we interviewed 39,687 anglers that had harvested 8,347 hatchery and 4 wild fish (Tables 3-17). We physically examined 7,829 hatchery fish for marks and removed 512 snouts from fish with clipped left ventral fins for retrieval of coded wire tags (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 46,376 steelhead, of which an estimated 19 fish were of wild-natural origin and were illegally possessed.

From anglers' creels we recovered 358 coded wire tags. The overall proportion of tags recovered from the number of fish checked for marks was 4.6\% (Table 18). Coded wire tags were recovered from 66 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 66 tag groups that yielded coded wire tags, 34 were from releases in Idaho (Appendices A, B and C).

Coded wire tags were also recovered from 11 Oregon tag groups, 15 Washington tag groups, and 5 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) groups marked at Lower Granite Dam. One of the Oregon tag groups was released at Little Sheep Creek and ten from Wallowa Hatchery. Three of the Washington tag groups were released in the Grand Ronde River, eight groups at Lyons Ferry Hatchery, two from the Touchet River, and two from the Tucannon River (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 1989-90 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 1989-90 from the LSRCP program, which includes harvest by Idaho anglers, hatchery returns, and off-site escapement, was 9,502. Contribution to Idaho's total hatchery steelhead harvest (except Sections 02 and 28) in 1989-90 was 20.5\%. In the Salmon River, LSRCP-reared fish supported about 65\% of the estimated harvest.

Adult steelhead returning to Sawtooth Hatchery and the Yankee Fork were exploited at 76-84\%. East Fork Salmon River returns were exploited at 63-75\%. In the Little Salmon River, and for off-site releases at Deer Creek, French Creek, and Hammer Creek, exploitation is not quantified, but is assumed to be near 50\% (Table 20).

## Chinook Salmon

We interviewed 743 anglers and checked in 369 chinook salmon at the mandatory check stations. Only 46 of the anglers were checked at Peck; 701 at Ahsahka. Anglers averaged 11 hours per fish caught, but not all unsuccessful anglers stopped at the check stations.

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Table 3. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from lower Snake River (01), September 1989-March 1990.

| Dates | No. | Total Hours Fished | Steelhead Kept Hatcherv | Steelhead Released |  |  |  | Hours/ | Fish |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Antlers |  |  | Wild | Hatcherv | Wild | Total |  |  |
| September | 218 | 953 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 29 | 33 | 62 |
| October | 1,117 | 4,804 | 144 | 0 | 4 | 29 | 177 | 27 | 84 |
| November | 1,264 | 5,790 | 184 | 0 | 14 | 60 | 258 | 22 | 77 |
| December | 754 | 2,700 | 94 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 125 | 22 | 77 |
| Fall total | 3,353 | 14,247 | 440 | 0 | 20 | 129 | 589 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 | 78 |
| January | 145 | 520 | 22 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 44 | 12 | 75 |
| February | 76 | 249 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 79 |
| March | 4 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 50 |
| Spring total | 225 | 781 | 35 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 65 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 75 |
| Total | 3,578 | 15,028 | 475 | 0 | 34 | 145 | 654 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 23 | 78 |

Table 4. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from lower Clearwater River (03) and North Fork Clearwater River (05), October 1989-April 1990.

| Dates | No. Anglers | Total Hours Fished | Steelhead <br> Kept <br> Hatchery | Steelhead Released |  |  | Total | Hours/ <br> Fish | Percent Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Wild | Hatchery | Wild |  |  |  |
| October | 3,048 | 12,818 | 677 | 0 | 96 | 163 | 936 | 14 | 83 |
| November | 4,633 | 18,611 | 1,122 | 0 | 30 | 144 | 1,296 | 14 | 89 |
| December | 2,840 | 10,881 | 661 | 0 | 38 | 84 | 783 | 14 | 89 |
| Fall total | 10,521 | 42,310 | 2,460 | 0 | 164 | 391 | 3,015 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 87 |
| January | 2,175 | 9,546 | 787 | 0 | 78 | 99 | 964 | 10 | 90 |
| February | 2,495 | 11,330 | 462 | 0 | 32 | 78 | 572 | 20 | 86 |
| March | 3,164 | 15,601 | 638 | 0 | 61 | 73 | 772 | 20 | 91 |
| April | 317 | 1,638 | 62 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 65 | 25 | 97 |
| Spring total | 8,151 | 38,115 | 1,949 | 0 | 172 | 252 | 2,373 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | 89 |
| Total | 18,672 | 80,425 | 4,409 | 0 | 336 | 643 | 5,388 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 | 88 |

Table 5. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from upper Clearwater River (04) and Middle Fork (06), October 1989-April 1990.

| Dates | No. <br> Analers | Total Hours Fished | $\qquad$ | Steelhead Released |  |  | Total | Hours/ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Fish } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Wild | Hatcherv | Wild |  |  |  |
| October | 191 | 765 | 26 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 40 | 19 | 68 |
| November | 315 | 1,469 | 208 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 224 | 7 | 97 |
| December | 44 | 164 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 80 |
| Fall total | 550 | 2,398 | 242 | 0 | 10 | 22 | 274 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9 | 92 |
| January | 55 | 131 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 87 |
| February | 352 | 1,018 | 31 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 48 | 21 | 77 |
| March | 554 | 2,518 | 94 | 0 | 15 | 45 | 154 | 16 | 71 |
| April | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spring total | 963 | 3,671 | 137 | 0 | 22 | 58 | 217 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17 | 73 |
| Total | 1,513 | 6,069 | 379 | 0 | 32 | 80 | 491 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 84 |

Table 6. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from South Fork Clearwater River (07), November 1989-April 1990.

| Dates | No. <br> Ancalers | Total Hours Fished | $\begin{gathered} \text { Steelhead } \\ \text { Kept } \end{gathered}$ | Wild | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Stee } \\ \text { Rele } \\ \text { Hatch } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { elhe } \\ & \text { lease } \\ & \text { hery } \end{aligned}$ | ad d Wild | Total | Hours/ Percent Fish Hatchery |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fall total | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 |
| January | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| February | 43 | 102 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 34 | 33 |
| March | 388 | 1,490 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 45 | 33 | 87 |
| April | 262 | 981 | 36 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 55 | 18 | 82 |
| Spring total | 695 | 2,575 | 76 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 103 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 | 83 |
| Total | 697 | 2,576 | 76 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 103 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 | 83 |

Table 7. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 10, September 1989-March 1990.

| Dates | No. <br> Antlers | Total Hours Fished | Steelhead Kept Hatcherv | Wild | Steelhe Release Hatcherv | ad <br> d Wild | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hours/ } \\ & \text { Fish } \end{aligned}$ | Percent Hatcherv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| October | 329 | 1,430 | 51 | 0 | 15 | 38 | 104 | 14 | 63 |
| November | 190 | 620 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 43 | 14 | 65 |
| December | 7 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 100 |
| Fall total | 528 | 2,078 | 78 | 0 | 17 | 53 | 148 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 64 |
| February | 32 | 88 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 6 | 75 |
| March | 14 | 67 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 50 |
| Spring total | 46 | 155 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 22 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 68 |
| Total | 574 | 2,233 | 87 | 0 | 23 | 60 | 170 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 | 65 |

Table 8. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 11, September 1989-March 1990.

|  | Dates | No. Anqlers | Total Hours Fished | Steelhead <br> Kept <br> Hatchery | Wild | Steelhead Released Hatchery | d <br> Wild | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hours/ } \\ & \text { Fish } \end{aligned}$ | Percent Hatcherv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September | 5 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 100 |
|  | October | 648 | 2,542 | 68 | 0 | 26 | 47 | 141 | 18 | 67 |
|  | November | 729 | 2,959 | 133 | 0 | 15 | 104 | 252 | 12 | 59 |
|  | December | 85 | 357 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 16 | 64 |
|  | Fall total | 1,467 | 5,886 | 214 | 0 | 43 | 159 | 416 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 62 |
| $\square$ | January | 25 | 82 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 57 |
|  | February | 112 | 363 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 19 | 19 | 58 |
|  | March | 90 | 231 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 20 | 12 | 60 |
|  | Spring total | 227 | 676 | 21 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 46 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 | 59 |
|  | Total | 1,694 | 6,562 | 235 | 0 | 49 | 178 | 462 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 61 |

Table 9. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 12, October 1989-March 1990.

|  | Dates | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ \text { Anglers } \end{gathered}$ | Total <br> Hours <br> Fished | $\begin{gathered} \text { Steelhead } \\ \text { Kept } \\ \hline \text { Hatchery } \end{gathered}$ | Wild | Steelhead <br> Released <br> Hatchery | d <br> d <br> Wild | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hours/ } \\ & \text { Fish } \end{aligned}$ | Percent Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | October | 395 | 3,452 | 101 | 0 | 17 | 92 | 210 | 16 | 56 |
|  | November | 570 | 3,879 | 97 | 0 | 22 | 81 | 200 | 19 | 60 |
|  | December | 90 | 503 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 30 | 76 |
|  | Fall total | 1,055 | 7,834 | 209 | 0 | 41 | 177 | 427 |  |  |
| の | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18 | 59 |
|  | January | 15 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 50 |
|  | February | 130 | 471 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 28 | 65 |
|  | March | 329 | 1,474 | 24 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 50 | 29 | 58 |
|  | Spring total | 474 | 1,977 | 35 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 69 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29 | 59 |
|  | Total | 1,529 | 9,811 | 244 | 0 | 47 | 205 | 496 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 | 59 |

Table 10. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 13, October 1989-March 1990.

|  | Dates | No. <br> Anglers | Total Hours Fished | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Steelhead } \\ \text { Kept } \end{array} \\ \text { Hatchery } \end{gathered}$ | Wild | Steelhe Release Hatchery | ad <br> d <br> Wild | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hours/ } \\ & \text { Fish } \end{aligned}$ | Percent Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | October | 287 | 2,254 | 56 | 0 | 8 | 99 | 163 | 14 | 39 |
|  | November | 120 | 1,942 | 48 | 0 | 10 | 59 | 117 | 17 | 50 |
|  | Fall total | 407 | 4,196 | 104 | 0 | 18 | 158 | 280 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15 | 44 |
|  | March | 93 | 1,809 | 22 | 0 | 23 | 91 | 136 | 13 | 33 |
|  | Spring total | 93 | 1,809 | 22 | 0 | 23 | 91 | 136 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 | 33 |
| $\backsim$ | Total | 500 | 6,005 | 126 | 0 | 41 | 249 | 416 |  |  |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 | 40 |

Table 11. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 14 , September 1989-April 1990 .


Table 12. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 15, September 1989-April 1990.

| Dates | No. Anqlers | Total <br> Hours <br> Fished | Steelhead Kept |  | Steelhead Released |  | Total | Hours/Percent Fish Hatchery |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild |  |  |  |
| September | 48 | 224 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 23 |
| October | 1,600 | 17,729 | 319 | 0 | 53 | 331 | 703 | 25 | 53 |
| November | 1,259 | 15,318 | 363 | 1 | 79 | 203 | 646 | 24 | 68 |
| Fall total | 2,907 | 33,271 | 685 | 1 | 132 | 544 | 1,362 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 | 60 |
| January | 26 | 91 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 23 | 100 |
| February | 374 | 2,553 | 67 | 0 | 23 | 34 | 124 | 21 | 73 |
| March | 2,106 | 20,186 | 529 | 1 | 232 | 228 | 990 | 20 | 77 |
| April | 137 | 799 | 50 | 0 | 15 | 27 | 92 | 9 | 71 |
| Spring total | 2,643 | 23,629 | 650 | 1 | 270 | 289 | 1,210 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 | 76 |
| Total | 5,550 | 56,900 | 1,335 | 2 | 402 | 833 | 2,572 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22 | 68 |

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Table 13. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 16, October 1989April 1990.

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| Dates | No. <br> Anglers | Total Hours Fished | Steelhead Kept |  | Steelhead Released |  | Total | Hours/ <br> Fish | Percent Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild |  |  |  |
| October | 377 | 1,342 | 36 | 0 | 11 | 34 | 81 | 17 | 58 |
| November | 299 | 1,041 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 47 | 22 | 53 |
| Fall total | 676 | 2,383 | 61 | 0 | 11 | 56 | 128 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19 | 56 |
| February | 107 | 457 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 29 | 16 | 79 |
| March | 700 | 2,801 | 63 | 1 | 9 | 40 | 113 | 25 | 64 |
| April | 67 | 327 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 27 | 75 |
| Spring total | 874 | 3,585 | 90 | 1 | 14 | 49 | 154 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 23 | 68 |
| Total | 1,550 | 5,968 | 151 | 1 | 25 | 105 | 282 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 21 | 62 |

Table 14. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 17, October 1989April 1990.


Table 15. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 18, March-April 1990 .

| Dates | No. Anglers | Total <br> Hours <br> Fished | Steelhead Kept |  | Steelhead Released |  | Total | Hours/ <br> Fish | Percent Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hatchery | Wild | Hatchery | Wild |  |  |  |
| March | 174 | 767 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 45 | 71 |
| April | 161 | 1,063 | 14 | 0 | 17 | 12 | 43 | 25 | 72 |
| Spring total | 335 | 1,830 | 23 | 0 | 20 | 17 | 60 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31 | 72 |

Table 16. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 19, March-April 1990 .

| Dates | No. <br> Anglers | Total Hours Fished | Steelhe Kep | Wild | Steelhead Released Hatchery | d <br> d <br> Wild | Total | Hours/ <br> Fish | Percent Hatchery |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March | 101 | 299 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 30 | 80 |
| April | 484 | 2,500 | 38 | 0 | 24 | 54 | 116 | 22 | 53 |
| Spring total | 585 | 2,799 | 44 | 0 | 26 | 56 | 126 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22 | 56 |

Table 17. Steelhead fishery interview data (unexpanded) from Salmon River Section 20, January-April 1990.

| Jates | No. <br> Anglers | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tota } \\ & \text { Hour } \\ & \text { Fishe } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Steelhea } \\ \text { Kept } \\ \text { Hatchery } \end{gathered}$ | Wild | Steelhe <br> Release Hatchery | $\mathrm{ad}$ ed Wild | Total | Hours/ Percent Fish Hatchery |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 7 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 100 |
| February | 16 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 100 |
| March | 390 | 1,428 | 127 | 0 | 37 | 5 | 169 | 8 | 97 |
| April | 382 | 1,767 | 215 | 0 | 95 | 15 | 325 | 5 | 95 |
| Spring total | 795 | 3,235 | 345 | 0 | 135 | 20 | 500 |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 96 |

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Table 18. Proportion of estimated harvest by river section that was examined for marks, 1989-90.

| River Section | No. Fish Checked | Estimated Harvest ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Sample <br> Rate \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | 455 | 3,636 | 12.5 |
| 03 \& 05 | 4,384 | 25,208 | 17.4 |
| 04 \& 06 | 217 | 2,438 | 8.9 |
| 07 | 75 | 307 | 24.4 |
| 10 | 76 | 1,552 | 4.9 |
| 11 | 182 | 1,511 | 12.0 |
| 12 | 235 | 477 | 49.3 |
| 13 | 116 | 504 | 23.0 |
| 14 | 348 | 1,630 | 21.3 |
| 15 | 1,220 | 4,833 | 25.2 |
| 16 | 129 | 1,266 | 10.2 |
| 17 | 33 | 616 | 5.4 |
| 18 | 19 | 269 | 7.1 |
| 19 | 43 | 430 | 10.0 |
| 20 | 297 | 1,720 | 17.3 |
| Total | 7,829 | 46,397 |  |
| Average |  |  | 16.9 |

Table 19. Estimated number of hatchery steelhead harvested in the lower Snake, Clearwater and Salmon rivers during the 1989-90 seasons.

| River | Fall Season - 1989 |  |  | Spring Season - 1990 |  |  | Total Harvest ${ }^{1}$ Fro No. Hatchery m |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Estimated | Percent | No. Hatchery | Estimated | Percent | No. Hatchery |  |
| Section | Harvest ${ }^{1}$ | Hatcherv | Fish | Harvest | Hatchery | Fish | Fish |
| Snake 01 | 3,172 | 100 | 3,172 | 464 | 100 | 464 | 3,636 |
| Clearwater River |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 04 \& 05 | 14,823 | 100 | 14,823 | 10,385 | 100 | 10,385 | 25,208 |
| $04 \& 06$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,079 \\ 51 \end{array}$ | 100 $-{ }^{2}$ | 1,079 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,359 \\ 256 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,359 \\ 256 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,438 \\ 307 \end{array}$ |
| Clearwater |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average |  | 100 |  |  | 100 |  |  |
| Salmon River |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 1,232 | 100 | 1,232 | 320 | 100 | 320 | 1,552 |
| 11 | 1,231 | 100 | 1,231 | 280 | 100 | 280 | 1,511 |
| 12 | 277 | 100 | 277 | 200 | 100 | 200 | 477 |
| 13 | 288 | 100 | 288 | 216 | 100 | 216 | 504 |
| 14 | 1,198 | 99.6 | 1,193 | 432 | 100 | 432 | 1,625 |
| 15 | 2,947 | 99.9 | 2,944 | 1,886 | 99.8 | 1,882 | 4,826 |
| 16 | 2, 451 | 100 | 451 | 815 | 98.9 | 806 | 1,257 |
| 17 | 184 | 100 | 184 | 432 | 100 | 432 | 616 |
| 18 | 21 | 2 | 21 | 248 | 100 | 248 | 269 |
| 19 | 62 | 2 | 62 | 368 | 100 | 368 | 430 |
| 20 | 82 | 2 | 82 | 1,638 | 100 | 1,638 | 1,720 |
| Salmon Total | 7,973 |  | 7,965 | 6,835 |  | 6,822 | 14,787 |
| Average |  | 99.9 |  |  | 99.8 |  |  |
| 1989-90 Total | 27,098 |  | 27,09 | 19,299 |  | 19,286 | 46,376 |

statewide surveys.
${ }^{2}$ Assumed to be of hatchery origin.

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Table 20. Summary of 1989-90 harvest estimates and hatchery returns of steelhead produced by LSRCP hatcheries.

| Release | Strain and | No. of Fish |  | Hatchery |  | Estimated | Number of Fish |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Hatchery Return | Tota1 |
| Year | Ocean-Age | Re7eased | Release Site | Rearing | Marks |  |  |  |
| 1988 | A-I | 51,919 | Sawtooth | HNFH ${ }^{1}$ | CWT 10/29/39 |  | 34 | 11 | 45 |
| 1988 | A-I | 1,263,371 | Sawtooth | HNFH | None | 2,660 | 840 | 3,500 |
| 1988 | A-I | 176,000 | Yankee Fork | MVSH ${ }^{2}$ | None | 371 | $117{ }^{3}$ | 488 |
| 1988 | A-I | 162,800 | Panther Creek | MVSH | None | 116 | $126^{3}$ | 237 |
| 1988 | A-I | 100,000 | French Creek | MVSH | None | 126 |  | 252 |
| 1988 | A-I | 87,200 | Hammer Creek | MVSH | None | 110 | $66^{3}$ | 220 |
| 1988 | A-I | 52,300 | Little Salmon River | MVSH | CWT 10/40/49 | 66 | ${ }^{6}{ }^{3}$ | 132 |
| 1988 | A-I | 649,000 | Little Salmon River | MVSH | None | 819 |  | 1,638 |
| 1988 | A-I | 50,055 | slate Creek | HNFH | CWT 10/40/50 | 37 | 373 | 74 |
| 1988 | A-I | -667 | slate Creek | HNFH | None | 1 | $1{ }^{3}$ | 2 |
| 1988 | A-I | 346,100 | slate Creek | MVSH | None | 256 | $256{ }^{3}$ | 512 |
|  | Subtota 1 | 2,939,412 |  |  |  | 4,596 | 2,504 | 7,100 |
| 1987 | A-II | 662,700 | Sawtooth | HNFH | None | 630 | 120 | 750 |
| 1987 | A-II | 24,950 | Sawtooth | HNFH | CWT 10/29/48 | 21 | 4 | 25 |
| 1987 | A-II | 248,875 | Little Salmon River | HNFH | None | 89 | $89^{3}$ | 178 |
| 1987 | A-II | 50,250 | Little Salmon River | HNFH | CWT 10/29/25 | 18 |  | 36 |
| 1987 | A-II | 13,801 | Deer Creek | HNFH | None | 5 |  | 10 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1988 \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | Subtotal | 986,775 |  |  |  | 763 | 236 | 999 |
|  | B-I | 251,832 | EF Salmon River | HNFH | None | 210 | 70 | 280 |
|  | B-I | 51,732 | EF Salmon River | HNFH | CWT 10/29/38 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
|  | Subtota 1 | 303,564 |  |  |  | 216 | 72 | 288 |
| 1987 | B-II | 40,500 | slate Creek | HNFH | CWT 10/29/26 | 61 | $61{ }^{3}$ 14 | 122 |
| 1987 | B-II | 9,250 | Slate Creek | HNFH | None | 14 |  | 28 |
| 1987 | B-II | 24,150 | EF Salmon River | HNFH | CWT 10/29/49 | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| 1987 | B-II | 460,950 | EF Salmon River | HNFH | None | 596 | 350 | 946 |
|  | Subtotal | 534,850 |  |  |  | 683 | 432 | 1,115 |
| 1986 | B-III | 499,991 | EF Salmon River | HNFH | None | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1986 | B-III | 25,325 | EF Salmon River | HNFH | CWT 10/28/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Subtota 1 | 525,316 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |

[^1]More than $87 \%$ of the fish checked were caught from the North Fork Clearwater River. We checked 323 fish that were caught from the North Fork (05) and only 46 from the lower Clearwater (03). An additional 51 fish were caught and released.

The sex composition of harvested chinook salmon was 185 females and 184 males, of which only 2 were jacks. Anglers were releasing jacks in favor of larger adults.

We recovered 42 coded wire tags from 47 snouts removed (Table 21). All of these tags were from fish released into the North Fork Clearwater River (Appendix E).

Both scale readers identified scales from 336 of 369 fish (91\%) as being hatchery origin both times they read the scales. The remaining 33 scales (9\%) were not consistently identified as hatchery fish; however, 3 were hatchery fish that had coded wire tags. Based on 336 of the scales being consistently identified as hatchery fish and 3 containing coded wire tags, we concluded at least $92 \%$ (339 of 369) of the harvest was hatchery origin. The origin of the remaining 8\% was unknown.

## DISCUSSION

Adult steelhead returning up the Snake River in 1989-90 negotiated McNary Reservoir with much better success than the previous two low flow years. Only $5.1 \%$ of the adults counted past McNary Dam were unaccounted for at Ice Harbor and Priest Rapids dams (Table 22). The proportion of fish accounted for was substantially better than in 1987 and 1988 (Ball 1989; 1990).

## Harvest of Sawtooth Hatchery Releases

Returns of steelhead released from Sawtooth Hatchery in 1987 are now complete. From a total release of 687,650 smolts, we calculated a return of 1,429 adults after one ocean-year and a return of 775 after two ocean-years. The total return was 2,204 ( $0.32 \%$ ), and $75.3 \%$ were harvested (Ball 1989) (Table 20). The low rate of return was primarily a function of very low flows during the outmigration year and also poor upstream river conditions in 1988 (Ball 1990).

Adult returns from 1988 smolt releases have returned after their first ocean-year. From 1,315,290 smolts released, 3,545 (0.27\%) returned to the fishery and Sawtooth Hatchery (Table 20). These returns were also impacted by flow conditions during outmigration and adult return years (Ball 1990).

The exploitation rate of adults from steelhead released at Sawtooth Hatchery has equaled or approached $80 \%$ during the last four return years (Ball 1988; 1989; 1990). This is the highest exploitation rate measured in Idaho and is equal to the state's goal for hatchery steelhead. The harvest primarily occurs in 385 miles of the Salmon River, but a portion also occurs in the Snake River.

Table 21. Spring chinook salmon coded wire tag recoveries from the Clearwater River, June 1990.

| Data code | Recovery <br> Site and (River Section) | No. of Tags Recovered |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 05/17/51 | Lower Clearwater (03) | 1 |
| 05/17/51 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 2 |
| 10/28/13 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 3 |
| 10/28/14 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 3 |
| 10/29/34 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 1 |
| 10/40/55 | Lower Clearwater (03) | 1 |
| 10/40/55 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 3 |
| 10/40/56 | Lower Clearwater (03) | 1 |
| 10/40/56 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 9 |
| 10/40/57 | Lower Clearwater (03) | 2 |
| 10/40/57 | North Fork Clearwater (05) | 6 |
|  | Total | 42 |

Table 22. Difference between the number of steelhead passing McNary Dam that can be accounted for upriver at Ice Harbor and Priest Rapids dams, 1983-89a.

| No. of Fish (000's) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | McNary <br> Dam | Ice <br> Harbor <br> Dam | Priest Rapids Dam | Ice Harbor + Priest Rapids Total | Difference |
| 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 | $60.3 \quad 1^{4} 0.5$ |
| 1988 | 151.8 | 99.7 | 10.2 | 109.9 | 41.9 (27.6\% |
| 1989 | 170.5 | 151.1 | 10.7 | 161.8 | $8.7,15.1 \%$ |

a Totals from Corps of Engineers annual fish passage reports.

## Harvest of East Fork Salmon River Releases

Adult returns of 525,316 smolts released in 1986 are now complete. We estimated that 748 returned ( $0.14 \%$ ) after two ocean-years and none returned after three ocean-years. The overall return rate was affected by the low stream flows during outmigration and return.

In 1987, 485,100 smolts were released into the East Fork. There were 88 returning adults after one ocean-year and 965 after two ocean-years. Total return is 1,053 ( $0.22 \%$ ), and this group was severely impacted by poor flows during outmigration.

There were 303,564 smolts released into the East Fork in 1988, and an estimated 288 returned after one ocean-year (Table 20).

## Harvest of Slate Creek Releases

The first marked releases in Slate Creek were stocked in 1987. Of the total release of 49,750 B-strain fish, 40,500 were marked with coded wire tags (Appendix B). No tagged fish were recovered after one ocean-year, but we estimated 150 ( $0.30 \%$ ) adults returned after two ocean-years. The exploitation rate was estimated to be similar (i.e. 50\%) to the Little Salmon River.

## Harvest of Deer Creek, French Creek, and Hammer Creek Releases

Off-site releases (smolt releases into the river or in tributaries without means or attempts to collect spawning adults) is a technique employed to distribute the harvest and put more hatchery fish into anglers' creels. Lower Salmon River harvest areas are corridors for all fish destined upriver, but are unable to sustain a viable fishery after upriver fish have passed. Deer Creek and Hammer Creek are near the upstream boundary of Section 10, and French Creek is near the upstream boundary of Section 12 (Figure 1, Table 2). All of these release sites have roadside access and should be viable harvest areas if fish released at these sites return and mill around in that vicinity.

Off-site releases need to be evaluated to ascertain return rates, contribution to the sport fishery, and distribution over time. Evaluation of off-site releases at Shoup Bridge and North Fork is in progress. However, a coded wire tag group in one of the downriver off-site release groups would improve our efforts to evaluate all off-site releases.

## Sources of Error

The primary sources of error involved in the harvest estimates were discussed by Ball (1986), and the quality control of adipose clipping was discussed by Ball (1989).

Left ventral fin clips, which are used to identify the presence of coded wire tags, regenerate but leave the fin deformed. Since there is a high

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proportion of hatchery fish with deformed fins from their life in the hatchery, we attempt to take snouts from all fish with deformed left ventral fins. Although we take additional snouts with these methods, we should not be missing very many coded wire tags. Spot checks at hatcheries with portable coded wire tag detectors confirm that our methods are detecting greater than 98\% of the coded wire tags.

## Chinook Salmon

The chinook salmon season on the Clearwater River was the first since 1974, and the first attempt to selectively harvest one hatchery stock while minimizing harvest of other stocks. It appears that few individuals from stocks other than Dworshak National Fish Hatchery were harvested during the early June 1990 fishery. The high catch rate in the North Fork Clearwater River shows that they can be successfully harvested there in a limited space. However, flows in the North Fork Clearwater, where most harvest occurred, were relatively low. Higher flows may significantly reduce fishing success.

Scale pattern analysis is a useful technique in assessing hatchery origin in most fish after they are caught. However, if selective hatchery harvest is a long-term goal, a method of marking hatchery chinook salmon externally needs to be implemented. Any mark used should be readily recognizable by the anglers, and if a selective harvest program is implemented, mortality of released fish should be assessed.

## Straying

## Steelhead

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 one or more rivers that are not their natal drainage. Adults observed or harvested during the wandering phase should not be considered strays. The majority of them would eventually return to their natal stream, hatchery, or release site.

In 1990, there were 669 coded wire tags recovered from hatchery steelhead at hatchery racks in Idaho. Smolts are marked by NMFS personnel during outmigration and are from throughout the Snake River drainage. However, 55 (96.5\%) of the 57 adults with NMFS coded wire tags were recovered at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. One tag was recovered at Sawtooth Fish Hatchery and one tag at Pahsimeroi Fish Hatchery. These adult recoveries indicate that the majority of the fish that are being handled and marked by NMFS are from the Clearwater drainage.

Of particular interest to the LSRCP program were the 16 recoveries of Lyons Ferry steelhead with coded wire tags that were recovered at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. These fish were strays from Washington releases in the Tucannon and Touchet rivers and from Lyons Ferry Hatchery. Recoveries of Tucannon River releases were tag codes 63/49/41 (1); 63/49/44 (3); 63/38/44 (1); and 63/39/03 (1). From the Touchet River releases, recoveries were from tag code 63/49/47

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(3). There was one fish from each of seven tag codes released at Lyons Ferry Hatchery; 63/37/03, 63/39/13, 63/39/14, 63/50/13, 63/50/14, 63/50/16, and 63/50/19.

From the remaining 596 recoveries of coded wire tags from Idaho mark groups, 114 were released either at Kooskia National Fish Hatchery or in the South Fork Clearwater River drainage and were recovered at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. In the pure sense, these fish could be considered strays from their release sites. In reality, they were trapped because of the very close proximity of the adult trap to the main Clearwater River (Ball 1986).

If the remaining 482 fish are considered to be a good indicator of straying, then they were very successful in returning to their respective release sites. Only three fish ( $0.6 \%$ ) were recovered elsewhere. Two fish were from offsite releases: one fish released in Panther Creek (10/29/52) and one released at Shoup Bridge on the Salmon River returned to the Pahsimeroi Hatchery. Only a single fish (0.2\%) released from a hatchery rack (Sawtooth) returned to another hatchery rack (Pahsimeroi). Therefore, depending on if off-site releases are included (except when released in the upper Clearwater River drainage), the true straying rate of Idaho hatchery steelhead is 0.2 to $0.6 \%$. This agrees very closely with straying rates observed since 1985 (Ball 1986; 1988; 1989; 1990). Furthermore, there is very little variation between years and no change over time in the years we have been calculating straying rates.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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 counting weir on the Little Salmon River to evaluate adult returns and improve accuracy of adult return estimates of Lower Salmon River releases.

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

Evaluate rate of return, contribution to the sport fishery, and distribution of adults returning from off-site releases.
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APENDICES

Appendix A. Coded wire tag recoveries and fin clips identified September 1989-April 1990; harvest estimates by month and river section; and total harvest estimates for the 1989-90 season.


Appendix A. Continued.

| TAG CODE - 05/17/13 | RELEASE SITE - Clearwater River |  | NUMBER RELEASED - 15,424 |  |
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| September No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. | October No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. | November No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. | December <br> No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. |  |
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| Total estimated harvest |  |  |  | 10 |

Appendix A. Continued.

| TAG CODE - 05/17/14 | RELEASE SITE - Clearwater River |  | NUMBER RELEASED - 12,948 |  |
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| September <br> No. Sample Est. <br> River Section Tags Rate Harv. | October <br> No. Sample Est. <br> Rate Harv. Tags | November <br> No. Sample Est. Harv. Tags Rate | December <br> No. Sample Est. rv. |  |
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| January | February | March | April | 1989-90 Total |
| No. Sample Est. | No. Sample Est. | No. Sample Est. | No. Sample Est. | No. Est |
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| Total estimated harvest |  |  |  | 4 |

Appendix A. Continued.
TAG CODE - 05/17/29
RELEASE SITE - S. Fork Clearwater R. NUMBER RELEASED - 49,675



Appendix A. Continued.
TAG CODE - 05/17/54 RELEASE SITE - Clearwater River NUMBER RELEASED -24,000
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.
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1989-90 Total No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.
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TAG CODE - 05/18/46 RELEASE SITE - Clearwater River NUMBER RELEASED - 14,333


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.

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| January | February | March | April | 1989-90 Tot |
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| TAG CODE - 05/18/53 | RELEASE SITE - Clearwater River |  |
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| No. Sample Est River Section Tags Rate Harv | ---September October $\quad$ November No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. | December |
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| ```January \\ No. Sample Est. \\ River Section Tags Rate Harv.``` | February $\quad$ March No. Sample Est. Noril Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1989-90 Total } \\ \text { No. Est. } \\ \text { Tags Harv. } \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 01 \\ 03 / 05 \\ 04 / 06 \\ 07 \\ 10 \\ 11 \\ 12 \\ 13 \\ 14 \\ 15 \\ 16 \\ 17 \\ 18 \\ 19 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 \end{array}$ |
| Total estimated harvest |  | 12 |

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| January No. Sample Est. River Section Tags Rate Harv. | February No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. | March <br> No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. | April <br> No. Sample Est. Tags Rate Harv. | 1989-90 <br> No. <br> Tags | Total Est. Harv. |
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TAG CODE - 07/40/31 RELEASE SITE - Wallowa Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 25,436
No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.

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| January | February | March | April | 1989-90 Total |
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| No. Sample Est. | No. Sample Est. | No. Sample Est. | No. Sample Est. | No. Est. |

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Appendix A. Continued.
TAG CODE - 07/40/32 RELEASE SITE - Wallowa Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 25,425
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No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.

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TAG CODE - 07/41/25 RELEASE SITE - Wallowa Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 46,571


| January | February | March | April | No. Sample Est. |
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TAG CODE - 07/41/28 RELEASE SITE - Wallowa Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 50,385


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TAG CODE - 10/29/25 RELEASE SITE - Little Salmon River NUMBER RELEASED - 50,250


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TAG CODE - 10/29/29 RELEASE SITE - Clearwater River NUMBER RELEASED - 8,020

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River Section Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv. Tags Rate Harv.


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TAG CODE - 10/29/38 RELEASE SITE - East Fork Salmon River NUMBER RELEASED - 51,725


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TAG CODE - 10/29/41 RELEASE SITE - Crooked River NUMBER RELEASED - 24,025


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Appendix A. Continued.
TAG CODE - 10/29/52 RELEASE SITE - Panther Creek NUMBER RELEASED - 40,750

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TAG CODE - 10/40/49
RELEASE SITE - Little Salmon River
NUMBER RELEASED - 52,300


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TAG CODE - 23/19/43 RELEASE SITE - Lower Granite Dam NUMBER RELEASED - 3,869

No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.
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Appendix A. Continued.
TAG CODE - 23/19/45 RELEASE SITE - Lower Granite Dam NUMBER RELEASED - 4, 168
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| 03/05 | 10.146 | 7 | 10.232 | 4 | 3 | 17 |
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| Total estimated harvest |  |  |  |  |  | 28 |

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TAG CODE - 63/37/03 RELEASE SITE - Lyons Ferry Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 25,355



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TAG CODE - 63/39/13
RELEASE SITE - Lyons Ferry Hatchery
NUMBER RELEASED - 25,348
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No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est. No. Sample Est.
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TAG CODE - 63/49/44 RELEASE SITE - Tucannon River NUMBER RELEASED - 20,000
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.
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TAG CODE - 63/50/14 RELEASE SITE - Lyons Ferry Hatchery NUMBER RELEASED - 25,162

November October 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.

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Appendix B. Steelhead groups returning to the Salmon River, 1989-90.

| Strain | n Acre | No. of Fish | Release Site | Hatchery <br> Rearing | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | I | 51,919 | Sawtooth | HNFH ${ }^{1}$ | CWT 10/29/39 |
| A | I | 1,143,826 | Sawtooth | HNFH | None |
| A | I | 176,000 | Yankee Fork | MVSH ${ }^{2}$ | None |
| A | I | 630,800 | Pahsimeroi | NSPR ${ }^{3}$ | None |
| A | I | 35,000 | Pahsimeroi | NSPR | CWT 10/29/55 |
| A | I | 28,700 | Shoup Bridge | NSPR | CWT 10/28/19 |
| A | I | 65,600 | Shoup Bridge | NSPR | None |
| A | I | 9,200 | Shoup Bridge | NSPR | CWT 10/29/27 |
| A | I | 147,500 | Shoup Bridge | MVSH | None |
| A | I | 253,100 | North Fork | MVSH | None |
| A | I | 102,800 | Panther Creek | NSPR | None |
| A | I | 162,800 | Panther Creek | MVSH | None |
| A | I | 100,000 | French Creek | MVSH | None |
| A | I | 87,200 | Hammer Creek | MVSH | None |
| A | I | 649,000 | Little Salmon R. | MVSH | None |
| A | I | 52,300 | Little Salmon R. | MVSH | CWT 10/40/49 |
| A | I | 667 | Slate Creek | HNFH | None |
| A | I | 50,055 | Slate Creek | HNFH | CWT 10/40/50 |
| A | I | 346,100 | Slate Creek | MVSH | None |
|  | Total | 4,092,567 |  |  |  |
| A | II | 248,875 | Little Salmon R. | HNFH | None |
| A | II | 50,250 | Little Salmon R. | HNFH | CWT 10/29/25 |
| A | II | 13,801 | Deer Creek | HNFH | None |
| A | II | 662,700 | Sawtooth | HNFH | None |

Appendix B. Continued.

| Strain | Age | No. of Fish | Release Site | Hatchery Rearina | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | II | 24,950 | Sawtooth | HNFH | CWT 10/29/48 |
| A | II | 677,375 | Pahsimeroi | NSPR | None |
| A | II | 25,200 | Pahsimeroi | NSPR | CWT 10/29/50 |
| A | II | 9,625 | Pahsimeroi | NSPR | CWT 10/29/60 |
| A | I I | 40,750 | Panther Creek | NSPR | CWT 10/29/52 |
| A | I I | 258,950 | Panther Creek | NSPR | None |
|  | Total | 2,012,476 |  |  |  |
| B | I | 251,832 | East Fork | HNFH | None |
| B | I | 51,732 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/29/38 |
|  | Total | 303,564 |  |  |  |
| B | II | 40,500 | Slate Creek | HNFH | CWT 10/29/26 |
| B | II | 9,250 | Slate Creek | HNFH | None |
| B | II | 24,150 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/29/49 |
| B | II | 460,950 | East Fork | HNFH | None |
|  | Total | 534,850 |  |  |  |
| B | III | 25,325 | East Fork | HNFH | CWT 10/28/20 |
| B | III | 499,991 | East Fork | HNFH | None |
|  | Total | 525,316 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { HNFH } \\ & { }^{2} \mathrm{MVSH} \\ & { }^{3} \mathrm{NSPR} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { Hage } \\ & =\text { Magic } \\ & =\text { Niag } \end{aligned}$ | nan National Valley Steelh a Springs Fish | ```ish Hatchery. ead Hatchery. h Hatchery.``` |  |  |

Appendix C. Steelhead groups returning to the Clearwater River, 1989-90.


Appendix C. Continued.

| Strain | Aqe | No. of Fish | Release Site | Hatchery <br> Rearing | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B | II | 18,825 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 10/29/31 |
| B | II | 20,625 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 10/29/32 |
| B | II | 19,050 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 10/29/33 |
| B | I I | 1,128,425 | Clearwater River | DNFH | None |
| B | II | 26,125 | Crooked River | DNFH | CWT 10/29/40 |
| B | II | 24,025 | Crooked River | DNFH | CWT 10/29/41 |
| B | II | 150,025 | Crooked River | DNFH | None |
| B | II | 202,857 | Newsome Creek | DNFH | None |
| B | II | 298,070 | South Fork | DNFH | None |
|  | Total | 2,105,779 |  |  |  |
| B | III | 165,483 | Clear Creek | DNFH | None |
| B | III | 24,275 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 05/17/53 |
| B | III | 24,000 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 05/17/54 |
| B | III | 23,350 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 10/28/56 |
| B | I I I | 1,178,071 | Clearwater River | DNFH | None |
| B | I I I | 204,662 | Eldorado Creek | DNFH | None |
| B | I I I | 49,675 | South Fork | DNFH | CWT 05/17/29 |
| B | I I I | 1,306,516 | South Fork | DNFH | None |
|  | Total | 2,976,032 |  |  |  |

[^2]Appendix D. Miscellaneous coded wire tag steelhead groups that were recovered by Idaho anglers in 1989-90.

| Strain | Age | No. of Fish | Release Site | Agency | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | I | 26,986 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW ${ }^{1}$ | CWT 07/40/27 |
| A | I | 27,442 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/40/28 |
| A | I | 27,110 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/40/29 |
| A | I | 25,436 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/40/31 |
| A | I | 25,425 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/40/32 |
| A | I | 27,545 | Little Sheep Creek | ODFW | CWT 07/40/34 |
| A | I | 19,960 | Tucannon River | WDW ${ }^{2}$ | CWT 63/49/41 |
| A | I | 20,000 | Tucannon River | WDW | CWT 63/49/44 |
| A | I | 19,563 | Touchet River | WDW | CWT 63/49/49 |
| A | I | 24,947 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/50/13 |
| A | I | 25,162 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/50/14 |
| A | I | 25,190 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/50/16 |
| A | I | 24,797 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/50/19 |
| A | I | 19,952 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/50/28 |
| A | II | 25,374 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/40/25 |
| A | I I | 26,136 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/40/26 |
| A | I I | 46,571 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/41/25 |
| A | I I | 50,019 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/41/26 |
| A | II | 50,385 | Wallowa Hatchery | ODFW | CWT 07/41/28 |
| A | II | 39,950 | Hells Canyon | IDFG ${ }^{3}$ | CWT 10/29/54 |
| A | I I | 25,355 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/37/03 |
| A | II | 19,986 | Grande Ronde River | WDW | CWT 63/38/40 |
| A | II | 19,882 | Grande Ronde River | WDW | CWT 63/38/41 |

Appendix D. Continued.

| Strain | Age | No. of Fish | Release Site | Agency | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | II | 19,998 | Grande Ronde River | WDW | CWT 63/38/42 |
| A | II | 25,348 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/39/13 |
| A | II | 25,281 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/39/14 |
| A | II | 25,308 | Lyons Ferry Hatchery | WDW | CWT 63/39/15 |
| B | II | 3,869 | Lower Granite Dam | NMF ${ }^{4}$ | CWT 23/19/43 |
| B | II | 3,829 | Lower Granite Dam | NMFS | CWT 23/19/44 |
| B | II | 4,168 | Lower Granite Dam | NMFS | CWT 23/19/45 |
| B | I I | 4,298 | Lower Granite Dam | NMFS | CWT 23/19/47 |
| B | II | 4,275 | Lower Granite Dam | NMFS | CWT 23/19/48 |
| ```1}ODFW = Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2 WDW = Washington Department of Wildlife. \mp@subsup{}{}{3}IDFG = Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "``` |  |  |  |  |  |
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Appendix E. Spring chinook salmon groups returning to the Clearwater River, 1990.

| Acre | No. of Fish | Release Site | Hatchery <br> Rearinr | Marks |
| :---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $3+$ | 199,690 | Crooked River | DNFH ${ }^{1}$ | None |
| $3+$ | 209,950 | Eldorado Creek | KNFH $^{2}$ | None |
| $3+$ | 384,235 | Clear Creek | KNFH | None |
| $3+$ | 63,555 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 05/40/13 |
| $3+$ | 66,380 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 05/40/14 |
| $3+$ | 66,947 | Clearwater River | DNFH | CWT 05/40/15 |
| $3+$ | 61,613 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 05/40/16 |
| $3+$ | 66,107 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 05/40/17 |
| $3+$ | 67,946 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 05/40/18 |
| $3+$ | $1,066,834$ | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | None |
| $3+$ | 54,371 | Red River | Red R. ${ }^{3}$ | CWT 10/40/02 |
| $3+$ | 236,825 | Red River | Red R. | None |
| $3+$ | 137,929 | Powell | DNFH | None |
| $3+$ | 21,609 | Powell | DNFH | CWT 05/19/42 |
| $3+$ | 21,148 | Powell | DNFH | CWT 05/19/43 |
| $3+$ | 19,953 | Powell | DNFH | CWT 05/19/44 |
| $3+$ | 102,660 | Powell |  | KNFH |

Appendix E. Continued.

| Aqe | No. of Fish | Release Site | Hatchery <br> Rearinq | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4+ | 979,989 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | None |
| 4+ | 46,100 | Red River | Red R. | CWT 10/40/01 |
| 4+ | 187,000 | Red River | Red R. | None |
| 4+ | 778,407 | Clear Creek | KNFH | None |
| 4+ | 200,105 | Powell | DNFH | None |
| Subtotal | 2,758,676 |  |  |  |
| 5+ | 9,625 | Powell | Sawtooth ${ }^{4}$ | CWT 10/29/61 |
| 5+ | 39,700 | Powell | Sawtooth | CWT 10/29/56 |
| $5+$ | 643,995 | Powell | Sawtooth | None |
| 5+ | 53,675 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 05/17/51 |
| 5+ | 30,125 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 10/28/13 |
| 5+ | 31,975 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 10/28/14 |
| 5+ | 9,800 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 10/29/30 |
| 5+ | 53,850 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 10/29/34 |
| 5+ | 49,750 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 10/29/36 |
| $5+$ | 10,725 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | CWT 10/29/43 |
| 5+ | 1,470,817 | N. Fork Clearwater R. | DNFH | None |
| 5+ | 30,100 | Red River | Sawtooth | CWT 10/29/57 |
| 5+ | 19,200 | Red River | Sawtooth | CWT 10/29/62 |
| $5+$ | 145,900 | Red River | Sawtooth | None |
| 5+ | 763,900 | Clear Creek | KNFH | None |
| 5+ | 778,800 | Crooked River | Sawtooth | None |
| Subtotal | 4,142,112 |  |  |  |

${ }^{1} \overline{\text { DNFH }}=$ Dworshak National Fish Hatchery.
${ }^{2} \mathrm{KNFH}=$ Kooskia National Fish Hatchery.
${ }^{3}$ Red R. = Red River Rearing Pond.
${ }^{4}$ Sawtooth $=$ Sawtooth Fish Hatchery.

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[^1]:    HNFH $=$ Hagerman National Stee Thead Hatchery
    Includes off-site escapement.

[^2]:    DNFH = Dworshak National Fish Hatchery.

