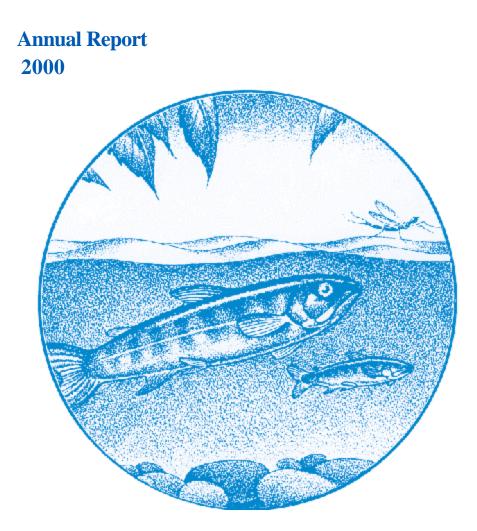
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## ABSTRACT

This report details the smolt performance of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead from the Imnaha River to the Snake River and Columbia River dams during migration year 2000. Flow conditions in the Imnaha River and Snake River were appreciably lower during May and June in 2000, compared to historic levels at gauging stations, but flow conditions in the Imnaha and Snake River were above average during April. Overall, water conditions for the entire Columbia River were characterized by the Fish Passage Center as below normal levels. Spill occurred continuously at Lower Granite Dam (LGR), Little Goose Dam (LGO), and Lower Monumental Dam (LMO) from April 5, April 10, and April 4, respectively, to June 20, and encompassed the periods of migration of Imnaha River juvenile chinook salmon and steelhead, with a few exceptions. Outflow in the tailraces of LGR, LGO, and LMO decreased in May and June while temperatures increased.

Chinook salmon and steelhead were captured using rotary screw traps at river kilometer (rkm) 74 and 7 during the fall from October 20 to November 24, 1999, and during the spring period from February 26 to June 15, 2000, at rkm 7. Spring trapping information was reported weekly to the Fish Passage Center's Smolt Monitoring Program. A portion of these fish were tagged weekly with passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags and were detected migrating past interrogation sites at Snake River and Columbia River dams. Survival of PIT tagged fish was estimated with the Survival Using Proportional Hazards model (SURPH model).

Estimated survival of fall tagged natural chinook (with  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals in parenthesis) from the upper Imnaha (rkm 74) to LGR was 29.6% ( $\pm$  2.8). Natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall in the lower Imnaha River at rkm 7, which over wintered in the Snake River, had an estimated survival of 36.8% ( $\pm$  2.9%) to LGR. Spring tagged natural chinook salmon from the lower site had an estimated survival of 84.8% ( $\pm$  2.6%) to LGR. The season wide survival of spring tagged natural chinook salmon smolts from release in the Imnaha River to McNary Dam (MCN) was 67.9% ( $\pm$  6.3%).

Post release survival of hatchery chinook salmon smolts, from release at the Imnaha River acclimation facility to the lower Imnaha River trap, was estimated at 94.7% ( $\pm$  4.7%). Hatchery chinook salmon, PIT tagged and released at the lower Imnaha River trap, had an estimated survival of 75.0% ( $\pm$  4.2%) to LGR. Estimated survival of hatchery chinook salmon smolts from the Imnaha River to McNary Dam (MCN) was 54.1% ( $\pm$  9.7%).

Natural steelhead smolts had an estimated survival of 84.4% ( $\pm$  2.7%) to LGR and a survival estimate of 49.9% ( $\pm$ 12.2%) from the lower Imnaha River trap to MCN. The estimated survival of hatchery steelhead smolts to LGR was 85.8 ( $\pm$  2.4) and the survival from release to MCN was 40.2% ( $\pm$ 12.5%).

Survival estimates from the trap to LMO for 2000 for natural and hatchery chinook salmon were 73.2% and 54.9%, respectively, and were less than survival estimates obtained in 1998 and 1999. Natural and hatchery steelhead survival estimates to LMO were 50.9% and 57.8%, respectively, and were the lowest since 1997. The earlier migrating natural and hatchery chinook salmon had better survival rates to LMO than the later migrating natural and hatchery steelhead in 2000. No distinct trends in improved smolt survival, from the lower Imnaha River to LGR, was evident in the survival data from 1993 to 2000.

Natural juvenile chinook salmon that over wintered in the Snake River, and were PIT tagged in the lower Imnaha River in the fall of 1999, exhibited a 90% arrival timing at LGR that was 18 days earlier than spring tagged smolts. The 90% arrival time of this group at MCN on May 4, 25 days earlier than natural chinook salmon tagged in the spring. The 90% arrival timing at LGR for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the upper site was May 10. Natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the lower site had a 90% arrival time at LGR of April 23, and natural chinook salmon tagged in the spring at the lower site had a 90% arrival time of May 11 at LGR Median arrival times for spring tagged natural chinook salmon at LGR, LGO, and LMO occurred on April 22, April 23, and April 25, respectively. These median arrival times were earlier than previous observations of median arrival made since 1993.

Hatchery chinook salmon smolt 90% arrival timing at LGR occurred on May 13. Median arrival at LGR occurred on May 3. Hatchery chinook salmon were observed at LGR, LGO, LMO, and MCN earlier than in past years (1992 to 1999), but 90% arrival was within the range of past observations with the exception of MCN where the 90% arrival timing occurred on May 27. This was three days later than past observations made from 1992 to 1999.

The 90% arrival timing of natural and hatchery steelhead smolts at LGR occurred on May 25. Median arrival timing of natural steelhead at LGR occurred on May 8. Natural steelhead median and 90% arrival timing were within the past range of observations made from 1993 to 1999 at LGR, LGO, LMO, and MCN. Median arrival timing of hatchery steelhead at LGR occurred on May 16 and was within the range of past observations of median arrival timing made from 1993 to 2000. Median arrival at LGO on May 22 and LMO on May 25 for hatchery steelhead were earlier than past observations.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes the results of the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan Hatchery Evaluation Studies (LSRCP) and the Imnaha Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) for the 2000 smolt migration from the Imnaha River, Oregon. These studies were designed and closely coordinated to provide information about juvenile natural and hatchery chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) biological characteristics, behavior and emigrant timing, survival, arrival timing and travel time to the Snake River dams and McNary Dam on the Columbia River. Data collected from these studies are shared with the Fish Passage Center (FPC). These data are essential to quantify smolt survival rates under the current passage conditions and to evaluate the future recovery strategies that seek to optimize smolt survival through the hydroelectric system. Information shared with the FPC assists with in-season shaping of flow and spill management requests in the Snake River reservoirs. The Bonneville Power Administration and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contracted the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) to monitor emigration timing and tag 21,200 emigrating natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead smolts from the Imnaha River during the spring emigration period (March 1 - June 15) with passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags.

The completion of trapping in the spring of 2000 marked the ninth year of emigration studies on the Imnaha River and the seventh year of participating in the FPC smolt monitoring program. Monitoring and evaluation objectives were to:

- 1. Determine spring emigration timing of chinook salmon and steelhead smolts collected at the Imnaha River trap.
- 2. Evaluate effects of flow, temperature and other environmental factors on emigration timing.
- 3. Monitor the daily catch and biological characteristics of juvenile chinook salmon and steelhead smolts collected at the Imnaha River screw trap.
- 4. Determine emigration timing, travel time, and in-river survival of PIT tagged hatchery chinook salmon smolts released at the Imnaha River acclimation facility to the Imnaha River Trap.
- 5. Determine arrival timing, travel time and estimated survival of PIT tagged natural and hatchery chinook salmon and natural and hatchery steelhead smolts from the Imnaha River to Snake and Columbia river dams.
- 6. Compare emigration characteristics and survival rates of chinook salmon that may utilize the Snake River to overwinter versus overwintering in the Imnaha River.

#### METHODS

## **Study Area Description**

The Imnaha River subbasin is located in northeastern Oregon (Figure 1) and encompasses an area of approximately 2,538 square kilometers. The mainstem Imnaha River flows in a northerly direction for 129 km from its headwaters in the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area to its confluence with the Snake River (James 1984; Kucera 1989). The river drains the eastern escarpment of the Wallowa mountains and part of an adjacent plateau located between the Wallowa River drainage to the west and Hells Canyon of the Snake River to the east (Kucera 1989). Elevations in the watershed vary from 3,048 m at the headwaters to about 260 m in lower elevations (Kucera 1989). There are diversions for irrigation upstream from the gauging site in the headwaters of the tributary Big Sheep Creek (rkm 32) and Little Sheep Creek. The waters diverted from Big Sheep and Little Sheep creeks are diverted to the Wallowa River Basin (Anonymous *a* 2000). Trapping sites are located at rkm 7 (lower site) and rkm 74 (upper site).

The 70 year (1929 - 1998) mean annual discharge of the Imnaha River is 515 cfs (14.6 cms) at Imnaha, Oregon, USGS gauge 13292000. The minimum discharge, 16 cfs (0.5 cms) was observed November 22, 1931. The maximum river discharge, 20,200 cfs (572.0 cms) was observed January 1, 1997 (Anonymous *a* 2000). Maximum river discharge generally occurs from April to June with minimum flows from August to February (Kucera 1989).

#### **Equipment Description**

Floating rotary screw traps manufactured by E.G. Solutions Inc., Corvallis, Oregon, were used to capture emigrating salmonid smolts (Figure 2). Similar traps have been used to capture migrating salmonid species in New York and Alaska (Kennen et al. 1994; Thedinga et al. 1994). When conditions permitted, two of these traps were fished in tandem. During hatchery releases, trap efficiency trials, high flows or periods of damage to one trap, a single trap was fished. The screw traps used in the spring and fall at the lower site consisted of a non-standard 2.1 m diameter trapping cone supported by a metal A-frame and two six meter pontoons that provided flotation. Fish entering the trapping cones move through to a custom oversize livebox (1.68 m wide x 1.25 m long x 0.55 m deep). The live box was fitted with a removable baffle to dissipate water velocity during high flows. A smaller trap, with a 0.762 m diameter cone, was used at the upper site in the fall.

Water temperature information for this study was collected using a thermograph; placed 150 m upstream from the screw trap. Discharge information was provided by the U.S. Geological Survey, USGS gauge 13292000 at Imnaha, Oregon. Water discharge and temperature information was provided by the USGS for the Anatone stream gauge, 13334300. Measurements of outflow, spill, and temperature at Lower Granite Dam (LGR), Little Goose Dam (LGO), Lower Monumental Dam (LMN) and McNary Dam (MCN), were obtained online from DART at http://www.cqs.washington.edu/dart.

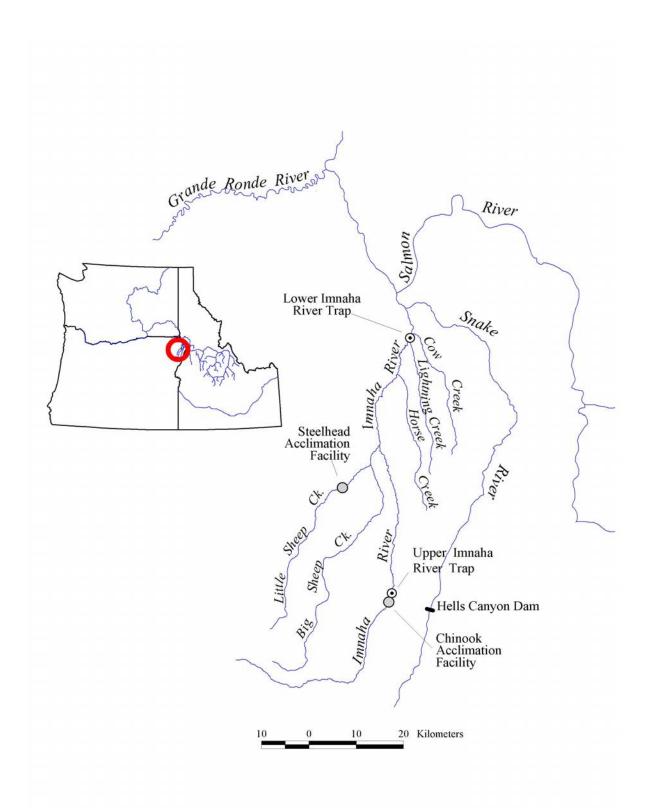


Figure 1. Map of the Imnaha River study area.

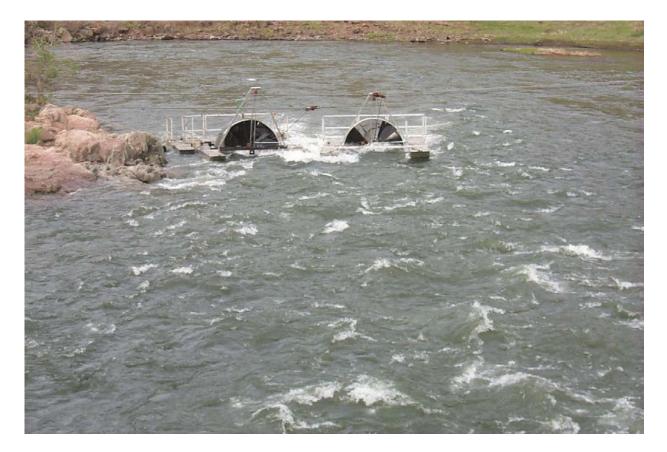


Figure 2. The Lower Imnaha trap site with two rotary screw traps operating. Trap A is on the left and trap B is on the right.

# **Trap Operations**

The trap was operated for 23 days at the upper site during the fall of 1999, from October 20 to November 24. The upper Imnaha River trap was located at rkm 74 (~ 400 m downstream of the Imnaha River acclimation facility). The trap was operated to collect juvenile chinook salmon for a survival estimate of presmolt survival to LGR. The upper trap operated for two to six days per week over a six week period, and fished for a total of 489.0 hours during the fall season averaging 81 hours per week.

The lower trap was located 6.6 kilometers from the confluence to the Snake River. During the fall it was fished from October 20 to November 11. The lower trap was operated two to four days per week over the four week period, and fished for a total of 249.5 hours during the fall season averaging 62 hours per week fished. Spring emigrant trapping operations began February 26 and lasted until June 15, 2000. A total of 95 days were sampled. The longest consecutive number of days sampled was 63 days, from February 26 to April 29. A second trap (Trap B) was operated in tandem for a total of 22 days between April 16 and June 15. The longest duration Trap B was operated for was four days from April 16 to April 19, and again from June 12 to June 15.

Trap position at the lower site was adjusted by manipulating a cable suspension system which allowed upstream/downstream movement of the trap. This allowed the trap to be backed slightly out of the main current and fished during high flows. Trap position at the lower site varied from 1 m (position 1) to 4 m (position 4), upstream or downstream. Ultimately, the daily position of the trap was determined by positioning the trap in the furthest upstream position where water velocities and debris would not cause the trap to sink. The position was recorded daily. The live box of the screw trap was checked at 0800 every morning and several times throughout each night and day. Non-target piscivorus fish and large numbers of other non-target fish were removed from the live box first. Non-target piscivorus fish were scanned for PIT tags and then released 30-50 meters downstream. Fish were processed as they were removed from the trap.

Daily processing procedures were similar to those used by Ashe et al. (1995) and were as follows: 1) Fish were anaesthetized in a MS-222 bath (3 mL MS-222 stock solution (100 g/L) per 19 L of water) buffered with Propolyaqua (PRO-NOVAQUA), 2) Each fish was examined for existing marks (e.g. fin clips), and PIT tag insertion scars, 3) Chinook salmon, steelhead and large piscivorus fish were scanned with a PIT tag scanner, 4) 100 to 300 hatchery chinook salmon smolts were targeted for use in daily trap efficiency trials, 5) A specified number of each species was selected for PIT tag insertion, 6) All other fish were enumerated and released 30-50 m downstream from the trap after recovering from the anaesthetic, and 7) All fish mortality was recorded.

## **PIT Tagging**

Fish selected for passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging were examined for previous PIT tags, descaling and general health. They were measured (FL-mm) and weighed (0.1 g). All chinook salmon selected for tagging were greater than 65 mm. Fish were PIT tagged using hand injector units following the methods described by Prentice et al. (1986, 1990) and Matthews et al. (1990, 1992). Hypodermic injector units and PIT tags were sterilized after each use in ethanol for at least 10 minutes prior to tagging and allowed to dry. Tagging was discontinued when water temperatures exceeded 15° C. Steelhead smolts were held until fully recovered and then released as a group. Chinook salmon smolts were held in perforated aquatic containers for a minimum of 12 hours and released after dark. Mortality due to tagging was recorded.

#### **Trap Efficiencies**

Efficiency trials for hatchery salmon were conducted during the spring. The first 300 hatchery chinook salmon were targeted for trap efficiency trials. Marked fish were measured

(fork length) to the nearest mm and weighed to the nearest 0.1 g. Fish selected for trap efficiency trials were marked with PIT tags or by clipping the distal portion of the fins. The following fin clips were used on a daily basis, Sunday through Saturday respectively: 1) upper and lower caudal, 2) upper caudal, 3) lower caudal, 4) left pelvic, 5) right pelvic, 6) left pectoral, and 7) right pectoral. Fish marked for trap efficiency trials were held in perforated plastic garbage cans in the river during daytime hours (approximately 12 h) and then transported upstream approximately one km to one of two release sites during evening hours. Fish were released after dark on the day they were marked. Trap efficiency was determined by E = R/M; where E is estimated trap efficiency, R is number of marked fish recaptured, and M is number of fish marked and released.

# **Biological Characteristics**

Length frequency distributions were created and condition factors calculated for each fish species and origin. Length frequencies were calculated by separating fish into 10 mm classes. Condition factors were calculated using Fulton's condition factor :  $(W/L^3) \times 10^5$  (Bagenal and Tesch 1978). Natural steelhead less than 120 mm were assumed not to be smolts and therefore were not used in length, weight and condition factor calculations and were reported to the FPC as rainbow trout. Adult steelhead, and large steelhead that had the metamorphic characteristics of resident rainbow, were not reported as juvenile steelhead or used in length, weight and condition factor calculating averages or condition factors because they were not considered accurate due to the limitations of the balances used.

All statistics that compared fish captured and tagged during the spring were performed with STATGRAPHICS PLUS version 2 software (1995). A student t-test was used to test for significant differences in fork length between various groups of fish (i.e. natural versus hatchery steelhead smolts, previously PIT tagged hatchery chinook salmon smolts versus those not previously PIT tagged, hatchery chinook salmon marked and released for trap efficiency versus trap efficiency recaptures). Differences were considered significant at p < 0.05. When the assumption of normality or the standard skewness was violated, the t-test was abandoned in favor of the Wilcoxon rank sum test statistic (Ott 1984). Differences were considered significant at p < 0.05.

# Survival Estimation

Survival probabilities were estimated by the Cormack, Jolly, and Seber (1964, 1965, and 1965, respectively, as cited in Smith et al. 1994) methodology with the Survival Using Proportional Hazards (SURPH) model (Smith et. al., 1994). The data files for season wide and weekly release groups were created using the program CAPTHIST (Westhagen 1997). Data for input into CAPTHIST was obtained directly from PTAGIS.

Post release survival from the acclimation facility to the lower Imnaha River trap did not include 672 PIT tagged hatchery chinook salmon interrogated in Trap B because Trap B did not operate consistently. Hatchery chinook released from the acclimation facility were treated as a single group. Season-wide and weekly release groups of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead were also treated as single release groups. Only weekly release groups of 200 or more fish were analyzed for survival on a weekly basis. The assumptions for the methodology can be found in Smith et al. 1994 and Burnham et al. 1987. When tagging chinook salmon in the fall, we assumed that fish did not migrate past LGR before PIT tag interrogation facilities became operational.

# Arrival and Travel Timing to Trap Site and Lower Snake River Dams

Arrival timing to Lower Granite Dam (LGR), Little Goose Dam (LGO), Lower Monumental Dam (LMO), and McNary Dam (MCN) were determined for natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead smolts. Detections and arrival timing at each dam for this report period are based on first-time observations of individual tag codes at each dam. Arrival timing estimates do not include subsequent detections of fish that were captured in the Snake River trap, held in sample rooms or raceways, had negative travel times or single coil detections. Release groups of at least 30 fish were pooled weekly to determine travel time to LGR. Travel time estimates to LGR do not include fish captured in the Snake River trap.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# **River Discharge and Water Temperature**

#### Imnaha River

The daily average discharge in the Imnaha River for March, May, and June, of 2000, were below the 71 year average from 1928 to 1999 (Figure 3). Monthly discharge for February was 22 cfs higher than the monthly average from 1928 to 1999, and April was 301 cfs higher than the average from 1928 to 1999. But overall, the monthly average discharge from February through June was 403 cfs less than the 71 year average (1928 to 1999). The daily average flow from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 is presented in Appendix A for the months of February, March, April, May, and June.

During the fall 1999 trapping period Imnaha River mean discharge ranged from 159 cfs (4.5 cms) on October 23 to 611 cfs (17.3 cms) on October 28. Mean daily water temperature at the lower Imnaha River trap site during the fall trapping period ranged from 4.9/C on November 2 to 9.3/C on October 26. Mean daily water temperature at the upper Imnaha River trap site during the fall trapping period ranged from 0.3/C on November 23 to 5.8/C on November 6. The daily mean discharge in the Imnaha River during the spring ranged from 253 cfs (7.2 cms) on February 22 to 1,855 cfs (55.5 cms) on April 22. The average discharge was 917 cfs (26.0 cms). Water temperature ranged from 3.3 °C on February 20 to 15.3 °C on June 5. Appendix B, Table B1 contains the mean daily discharge and water temperatures for the fall of 1999 at the upper and lower sites and Appendix B, Table B2 contains the mean daily water temperatures for the lower site during the spring of 2000.

# Snake River

The monthly averages for 2000 were also lower than the 40 year monthly average (1958 to 1999) for the months of February, March, May and June for the Snake River near Anatone, Washington (Figure 4, and Appendix A). Snake River discharge ranged from 23,300 cfs (659.8 cms) on February 21 to 68,200 cfs (1,931.2 cms) on April 23. Water temperature ranged from 4.5 °C on February 20 to 16.2 °C on June 17 (Appendix B, Table B2).

The Fish Passage Center characterized the 2000 water year as "below normal" (DeHart 2001). Average outflow, measured from April 2 to September 2 in the tailrace of LGR, LGO, and LMO, ranged from 58 kcfs at LGO to 60 kcfs at LMO (Figure 5). The maximum outflow at these same sites ranged from 108 kcfs at LGO to 112 kcfs at LMO. Maximum outflow occurred April 23 and minimum outflow occurred September 2 at LGR, LGO, and LMO. Minimum outflow ranged from 15.2 at LGR to 15.6 at LGO and LMO. Outflow at McNary Dam tailrace ranged from 82 kcfs on August 27 to 359 kcfs on April 23 and averaged 203 kcfs for a five month period from April 2 to September 2.

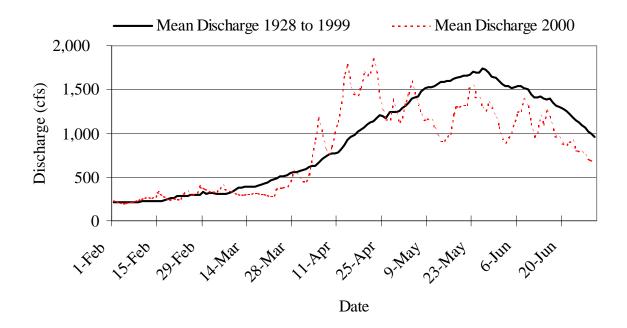


Figure 3. The mean discharge from 1928 to 1999 and the mean discharge for 2000 from February 1 to June 30, for the Imnaha River, USGS gauge 13292000.

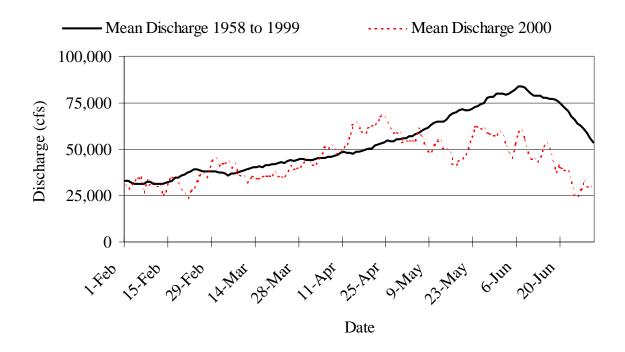


Figure 4. The mean discharge from 1958 to 1999 and the mean discharge for 2000 from February 1 to June 30, for the Snake River, USGS gauge 13334300.

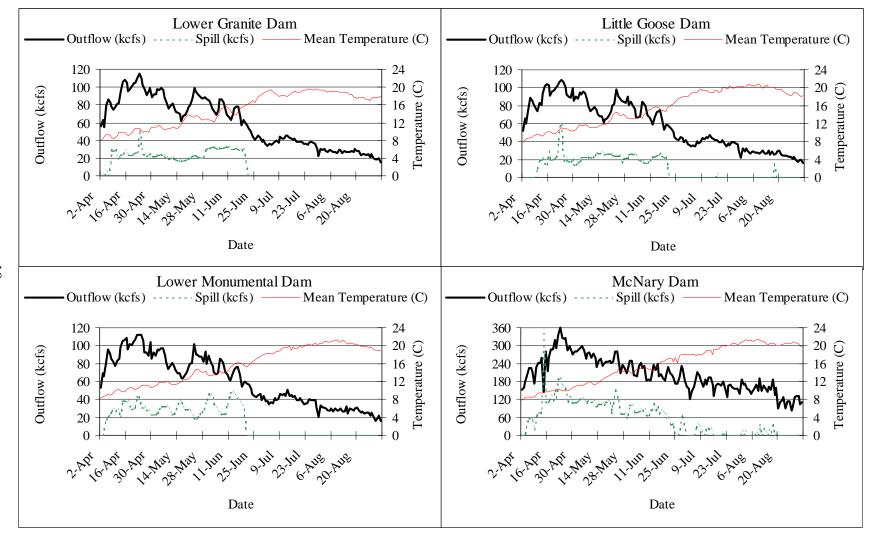


Figure 5. Measurements of outflow, spill, and mean temperature at Lower Granite Dam (top left), Little Goose Dam (top right), Lower Monumental Dam (lower left) and McNary Dam (lower right), from April 2 to September 2, 2000. Data was obtained on line at http://www.cqs.washington.edu/dart.

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Maximum water temperatures recorded in the tailraces of LGR, LGO and LMO occurred after continuous spill ended on June 20. The maximum water temperature at LGR was 19.7 °C and occurred on July 25. Tailrace temperatures averaged 14.9 °C from April 2 to September 2 at LGR. At LGO, the maximum water temperature recorded in the tailrace was 20.8 °C on August 3 and tailrace temperatures averaged 15.4 °C from April 2 to September 2. LMO recorded a maximum tailrace temperature on August 8 of 21.1 °C and tailrace temperatures averaged 15.7 °C from April 2 to September 2. MCN had a maximum water temperature of 21.4 °C on August 9 and averaged 15.7 °C from April 2 to September 2. MCN had a maximum water temperatures from April 2 to September 2 were all recorded on April 2 and were as follows: LGR - 8.2 °C, LGO - 7.8 °C, LMO - 8.2 °C, and MCN - 7.8 °C. River discharge and temperature are presented because these conditions vary annually and affect migrating salmonid smolts (Berggren and Filardo 1993).

## Hatchery Releases

All liberations of hatchery reared fish into the Imnaha River occurred during the spring. A total of 507, 929 hatchery reared chinook salmon and steelhead were released into the Imnaha River during the 2000 migration year (Table 1). A total of 179,716 hatchery chinook salmon were volitionally released beginning March 22 and were forced out of the ponds at the Imnaha Acclimation Facility on April 16, 17, and 18. PIT tags were used to mark 20,821 hatchery chinook salmon ( 11.6%). All hatchery chinook salmon were marked with coded wire tags.

Hatchery steelhead were released in three groups. The largest group, 161,582 steelhead, were force released out of the Little Sheep Creek Facility acclimation pond on April 12. All hatchery steelhead released on April 12 had adipose fin clips and coded wire tags. A portion (32.4%) were marked with left ventral clips, in addition to the adipose fin clip and coded wire tags. Only 512 hatchery steelhead (< 1%) released April 12 were marked with PIT tags. The next release of hatchery steelhead occurred from April 18 to April 20 into the lower portion of Big Sheep Creek. A total of 100,007 fish were released directly into the creek. All fish released into Big Sheep Creek had adipose fin clips. None of the hatchery steelhead released April 18 to April 20 had PIT tags. The final release of steelhead occurred May 10 from the Little Sheep Creek Acclimation Facility. A total of 66,624 adipose clipped steelhead were released in the third group. Less than one percent (n = 246) of the May 10 release group of hatchery steelhead were PIT tagged.

#### Juvenile Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Catch

## Annual Catch

A total of 2,228 natural chinook salmon juveniles were captured at the upper Imnaha River trap from October 20 to November 24, 1999 (Table 2). The highest daily catch of natural chinook at the upper study site was 471 fish on October 29 (Appendix C, Table C1). A total of

| Species           | Numbers<br>Released | Release<br>Dates | Tags/Marks  | Release Site       |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Chinook<br>Salmon | 179,716             | March 22 -       | 172,282 Adipose Fin Clips with 20,821 PIT tags      | Imnaha River       |
| Steelhead         | 161,582             | April 12         | 50,758 Adipose / Left Ventral Clips<br>512 PIT tags | Little Sheep Creek |
| Steelhead         | 100,007             | April 18-20      | Adipose Fin Clips                                   | Big Sheep Creek    |
| Steelhead         | 66,624              | May 10           | 23,575 Adipose Left / Ventral Clips<br>246 PIT tags | Little Sheep Creek |

Table 1. Releases of hatchery reared chinook salmon and steelhead smolts in the Imnaha River Subbasin in 2000. All fish were adipose fin clipped in addition to other marks applied unless otherwise noted (Debbie Eddy, personal communication).

Table 2. The weekly mean discharge (cfs), temperature (C) and catch of natural chinook salmon at the upper and lower Imnaha River, October 20 to November 24, 1999.

| Date   | Mean<br>Discharge<br>(cfs) | Upper Trap Mean<br>Temperature (C) | Lower Trap Mean<br>Temperature (C) | Upper Trap<br>Natural<br>Chinook | Lower Trap<br>Natural<br>Chinook |
|--------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 17-Oct | 160                        |                                    | 8.1                                | 93                               | 119                              |
| 24-Oct | 221                        | 4.8                                | 8.8                                | 593                              | 1,812                            |
| 31-Oct | 194                        | 3.9                                | 7.0                                | 320                              | 1,018                            |
| 7-Nov  | 206                        | 4.8                                | 8.8                                | 258                              | 447                              |
| 14-Nov |                            | 3.4                                |                                    | 647                              |                                  |
| 21-Nov |                            | 0.8                                |                                    | 317                              |                                  |
| Total  |                            |                                    |                                    | 2,228                            | 3,396                            |

3,396 natural chinook salmon were captured at the lower Imnaha River trap from October 20 to November 11, 1999 (12 days). The highest daily catch of natural chinook salmon at the lower site was 1,709 fish on October 29. The maximum daily catch of natural chinook salmon at both sites occurred the day prior to an increase in the average flow to 403 cfs at the lower study site (rkm 7). Water temperatures averaged 8.5°C on October 29. The spring target catch consisted of 5,165 natural chinook salmon, 20,670 hatchery chinook salmon, 5,041 natural steelhead, and 22,500 hatchery steelhead (Table 3). A summary of daily catch and hours fished is presented in Appendix C, Table C2).

Increases in the daily mean discharge preceded increased catch of natural chinook salmon at the upper and lower trap on October 28 and November 7. Notable points in the spring data occurred on March 29 when the peak catch of 1,236 natural chinook salmon and 5,781 hatchery chinook salmon occurred following the monthly peak discharge of 567 cfs on March 28 (Figure 6). The catch of natural steelhead peaked on May 4 with a catch of 432 fish and the peak catch of 2,113 hatchery steelhead occurred 14 days later. Although no statistically significant correlations existed between the annual catch of steelhead and discharge, the daily catch did fluctuate with daily discharge during the weeks of April 16, April 23, May 14, and May 21 (Figure 7).

|        | Mean      | Mean        | Natural | Hatchery |           |           |
|--------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|        | Discharge | Temperature | Chinook | Chinook  | Natural   | Hatchery  |
| Week   | (cfs)     | (C)         | Salmon  | Salmon   | Steelhead | Steelhead |
| 20-Feb | 299       | 5.2         | 9       |          |           |           |
| 27-Feb | 350       | 6.9         | 80      |          | 1         |           |
| 5-Mar  | 349       | 6.2         | 96      |          |           |           |
| 12-Mar | 307       | 6.7         | 193     |          | 1         |           |
| 19-Mar | 324       | 7.1         | 334     | 1,709    |           |           |
| 26-Mar | 475       | 7.8         | 2,286   | 13,657   | 8         | 1         |
| 2-Apr  | 843       | 8.8         | 624     | 2,870    | 115       | 3         |
| 9-Apr  | 1,330     | 9.3         | 261     | 756      | 109       | 195       |
| 16-Apr | 1,614     | 9.5         | 268     | 959      | 439       | 2,239     |
| 23-Apr | 1,266     | 8.8         | 447     | 453      | 666       | 1,332     |
| 30-Apr | 1,404     | 10.4        | 195     | 168      | 1,376     | 2,079     |
| 7-May  | 1,100     | 8.9         | 78      | 57       | 626       | 2,502     |
| 14-May | 1,156     | 12.5        | 62      | 31       | 1,031     | 5,294     |
| 21-May | 1,434     | 12.2        | 71      | 8        | 429       | 4,143     |
| 28-May | 965       | 10.7        | 60      | 2        | 101       | 978       |
| 4-Jun  | 1,267     | 13.7        | 59      |          | 104       | 2,832     |
| 11-Jun | 1,138     | 13.3        | 42      |          | 35        | 902       |
| Total  |           |             | 5,165   | 20,670   | 5,041     | 22,500    |

Table 3. The weekly mean discharge (cfs), temperature (C) and catch of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead in the lower Imnaha River from February 26 to June 15, 2000.

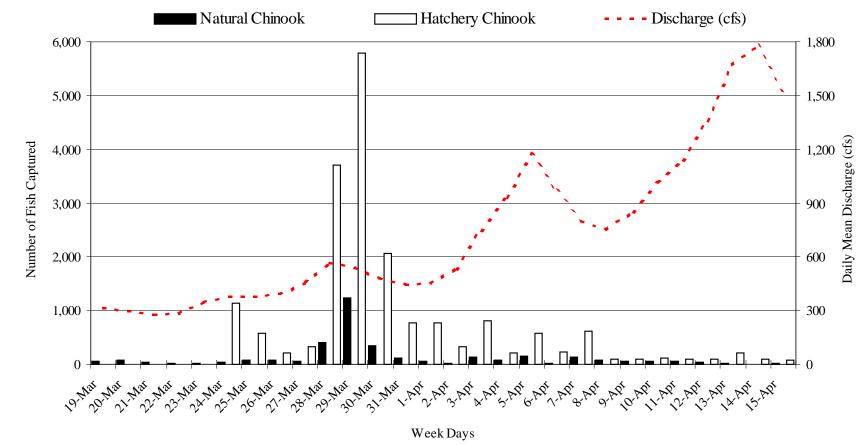


Figure 6. The daily catch of natural and hatchery chinook salmon between March 19 to April 15, 2000 at the Imnaha River screw trap and the mean daily discharge at Imnaha, Oregon (USGS Gauge 13292000). A volitional release for hatchery chinook salmon was initiated on March 22 and ended on April 18, 2000.

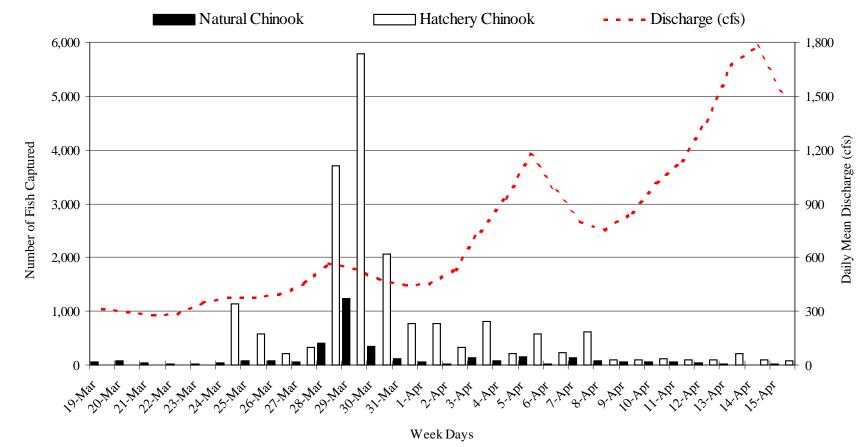


Figure 7. The daily catch of natural and hatchery steelhead between April 9 and June 15, 2000 at the Imnaha River screw trap and the mean daily discharge at Imnaha, Oregon (USGS Gauge 13292000).

# PIT Tagging

Personnel at the upper and lower traps PIT tagged and released a total of 21,720 juvenile salmonids into the Imnaha River for migration year 2000 (Table 4). The fall trapping and tagging effort totaled 1,973 PIT tagged natural chinook salmon at the lower Imnaha site and 1,989 natural chinook salmon PIT tagged at the upper Imnaha site. The spring smolt PIT tagging effort at the lower site totaled 4,368 natural chinook salmon, 2,817 hatchery chinook salmon, 4,728 natural steelhead, and 5,846 hatchery steelhead (Table 4). Natural chinook were tagged throughout the spring study period with weekly release groups ranging in size from 41 fish during the week of June 11 to 1,632 fish released during the week of March 26.

Hatchery chinook salmon were tagged over a seven week period, from March 19 to May 6. Weekly PIT tag release groups of hatchery chinook salmon during the seven week period from March 19 to April 23 ranged in size from 822 fish during the week of March 26 to one fish during the week of April 30. Weekly PIT tag release groups for natural steelhead ranged from 8 fish during the week of March 26 to 1,178 fish during the week of April 30. A total of 12 weekly release groups of natural steelhead were produced during the spring of 2000. Nine weekly PIT tag release groups of hatchery steelhead were produced. Release groups of PIT tagged hatchery steelhead ranged in size from one fish during the week of March 26 to 1,044 fish during the week of April 30.

#### Recaptures of Previously PIT Tagged Fish

The upper and lower emigrant traps had recapture rates of previously PIT-tagged natural chinook salmon of less than 2% during the fall. Thirty natural chinook salmon were recaptured at the upper Imnaha River trap and twenty-five at the lower Imnaha study site. Twenty-one of the natural chinook salmon intercepted at the upper site had been previously PIT tagged by ODFW (Appendix C, Table C3). Twenty-one of the natural chinook salmon captured at the lower Imnaha study site were tagged as part of this investigation at the upper study site.

During the spring we recaptured 2,041 hatchery chinook salmon, 43 natural chinook salmon, and 42 hatchery steelhead at the lower Imnaha River trap. The fish had been tagged prior to the start of trapping on February 25, 2000. PIT tagged recaptured hatchery chinook salmon ranged from 100 mm to 182 mm in fork length and averaged 130 mm in fork length (Table 5). The volitional release in 2000 was the second time a volitional release was attempted in the Imnaha River for chinook salmon. Hatchery chinook salmon appeared to have moved inmass rather than in a gradual prolonged pattern observed in 1999 (Cleary et al. 2002) (Figure 8). Ninety percent of hatchery chinook salmon recaptures occurred 22 days after the start of the volitional release. In comparison, 90% of the recaptured PIT tagged hatchery chinook salmon in 1999 were observed 38 days after the start of the volitional release. The 2000 migration was still more gradual than the 1998 forced release of hatchery chinook salmon where 90% of all PIT

| Week Released             | Natural Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Upper Trap - Fall of 1999 |                           |                            |                      |                       |
| 17-Oct                    | 92                        |                            |                      |                       |
| 24-Oct                    | 406                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 31-Oct                    | 315                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 7-Nov                     | 256                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 14-Nov                    | 631                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 21-Nov                    | 289                       |                            |                      |                       |
| Lower Trap - Fall         | of 1999                   |                            |                      |                       |
| 17-Oct                    | 119                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 24-Oct                    | 918                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 31-Oct                    | 502                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 7-Nov                     | 434                       |                            |                      |                       |
| Lower Trap - Sprin        | ng of 2000                |                            |                      |                       |
| 27-Feb                    | 79                        |                            |                      |                       |
| 5-Mar                     | 93                        |                            |                      |                       |
| 12-Mar                    | 190                       |                            |                      |                       |
| 19-Mar                    | 324                       | 594                        |                      |                       |
| 26-Mar                    | 1,632                     | 822                        | 8                    | 1                     |
| 2-Apr                     | 594                       | 593                        | 118                  | 4                     |
| 9-Apr                     | 246                       | 369                        | 87                   | 97                    |
| 16-Apr                    | 243                       | 409                        | 419                  | 1,002                 |
| 23-Apr                    | 434                       | 29                         | 662                  | 999                   |
| 30-Apr                    | 186                       | 1                          | 1,178                | 1,044                 |
| 7-May                     | 68                        |                            | 621                  | 1,007                 |
| 14-May                    | 55                        |                            | 1,020                | 963                   |
| 21-May                    | 65                        |                            | 426                  | 729                   |
| 28-May                    | 59                        |                            | 99                   |                       |
| 4-Jun                     | 58                        |                            | 59                   |                       |
| 11-Jun                    | 41                        |                            | 31                   |                       |
| Total                     | 8,329                     | 2,817                      | 4,728                | 5,846                 |

Table 4. Weekly numbers of PIT tagged fish released from the upper and lower Imnaha River screw traps, October 20 to November 24, 1999 and February 26 to June 15, 2000.

| Statistic          | Hatchery Chinook Salmon | Natural Chinook Salmon | Hatchery Steelhead |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Sample Size        | 1,149                   | 42                     | 38                 |
| Average Length     | 130                     | 109                    | 219                |
| Standard Deviation | 8.2                     | 9.4                    | 17.4               |
| Range              | 100 - 182               | 86 - 127               | 172 - 251          |
| Sample Size        | 998                     | 40                     | 30                 |
| Average Weight     | 26.0                    | 14.6                   | 96.7               |
| Standard Deviation | 5.52                    | 3.73                   | 22.92              |
| Range              | 10.0 - 72.9             | 6.5 - 22.2             | 53.7 -141.3        |
| Sample Size        | 992                     | 40                     | 30                 |
| Average Condition  | 1.17                    | 1.10                   | 0.89               |
| Factor             |                         |                        |                    |
| Standard Deviation | 0.08                    | 0.09                   | 0.06               |
| Range              | 0.84 - 1.43             | 0.94 - 1.28            | 0.75 - 1.04        |

Table 5. Averages and ranges for fork lengths (mm), weights (g), and condition factors (K) for PIT tag recaptures of hatchery chinook salmon, natural chinook salmon, and hatchery steelhead observed at the lower Imnaha River trap from February 25 to June 13.

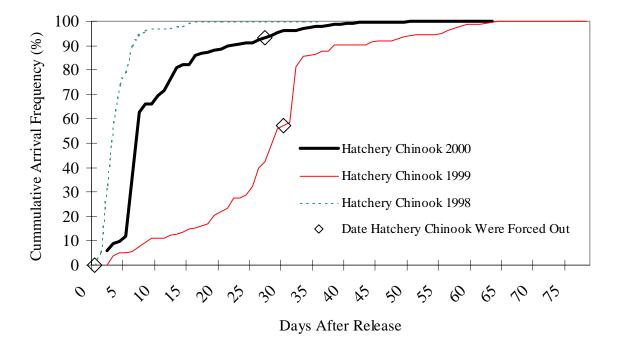


Figure 8. The arrival frequency of previously PIT tagged hatchery chinook salmon smolts released from the acclimation facility and captured in the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring of 1998, 1999, and 2000. The release strategy in 1998 was a forced release and the release strategies in 1999 and 2000 were volitional releases.

tag recaptures occurred eight days after they were forced out of the ponds (Cleary et al. 2000). Hatchery chinook salmon may have been acclimated long enough for the physiological processes of smoltification to trigger a mass movement and allowed the hatchery chinook salmon to take advantage of higher than average flows in April. Hatchery chinook salmon arrived at LGR five days earlier than previous observations made from 1992 to 1999 (Ashe et al. 1995, Blenden et al. 1996, Blenden et al. 1997, Blenden et al. 1998, Cleary et al. 2000, Cleary et al. 2002). The survival rate to Lower Granite Dam was slightly higher than 1999.

## **Biological Characteristics**

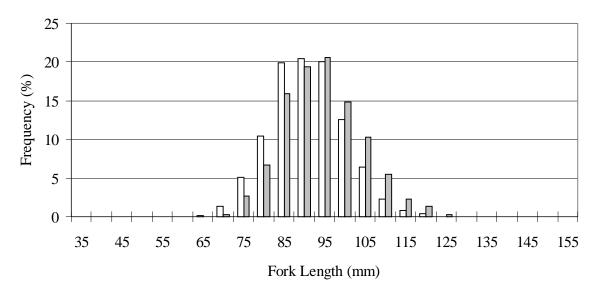
# Chinook Salmon

The mean fork lengths of natural chinook salmon sampled at the lower site during the fall of 1999 were significantly larger and more varied than those at the upper site (P<0.01). However, we do not consider the 3 mm difference to be biologically significant (Figure 9). Natural chinook salmon caught in the fall of 1999 at the upper Imnaha River trap averaged 89 mm in fork length, 7.7g in weight with a condition factor of 1.04. Natural chinook salmon captured in the fall of 1999 at the lower Imnaha River trap averaged 92 mm in fork length (n=1,960) with a mean weight of 8.6 g, and average condition factor of 1.04 (Table 6).

Natural chinook salmon captured during the spring averaged 110 mm in fork length, 14.1 g, with a condition factor of 1.05 (Table 7). Median fork lengths for natural and hatchery chinook salmon were compared because fork length distributions had standard skewness values outside of the normal  $\pm 2$  range. Median fork lengths for natural chinook salmon (109 mm) were significantly smaller (p < 0.05) than median fork lengths for hatchery chinook salmon (131 mm). Hatchery chinook salmon averaged 132 mm in fork length and weighed an average of 26.7 g, with a condition factor of 1.14. Weekly fork lengths, weights, and condition factors are presented in Table 8.

#### Steelhead

Median fork lengths for natural and hatchery steelhead were compared because fork length distributions had standard skewness values outside of the normal  $\pm 2$  range. The median fork length for natural steelhead captured was 182 mm (Table 6). Hatchery steelhead had a statistically significantly larger median fork length of 223 mm (p < 0.05). Mean fork lengths for natural and hatchery steelhead were 184 mm and 224 mm, respectively. Mean weight for natural steelhead was 62 g. Hatchery steelhead weighed an average of 106.8 g. Although statistically smaller, natural steelhead had a mean condition factor (0.95) similar to their hatchery cohorts (0.93). Differences in the fork lengths of natural and hatchery produced fish are visible in length frequency distributions (Figure 10 and 11).



 $\Box$  Upper Site (n = 2,012)  $\Box$  Lower Site (n = 1,960)

Figure 9. Length frequency of natural chinook salmon trapped in the upper and lower Imnaha River traps from October 21 to November 24, 1999.

| Statistic          | Upper Trap  | Lower Trap  |  |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Sample Size        | 2,032       | 1,960       |  |
| Mean Fork Length   | 89          | 92          |  |
| Range              | 61 - 150    | 30 - 150    |  |
| Standard Deviation | 9.1         | 9.8         |  |
| Sample Size        | 1,912       | 1,759       |  |
| Mean Weight        | 7.7         | 8.6         |  |
| Range              | 4.0 - 30.3  | 4.0 - 22.2  |  |
| Standard Deviation | 2.38        | 2.71        |  |
| Sample Size        | 1899        | 1744        |  |
| Mean K             | 1.04        | 1.04        |  |
| Range              | 0.64 - 1.48 | 0.72 - 1.35 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 0.08        | 0.09        |  |

Table 6. Mean lengths, weights, and condition factors of natural chinook salmon captured from October 21,1999 to November 24, 1999 at the upper and lower sites on the Imnaha River.

|                           | Chino       | <u>ok Salmon</u> | <u>Steelhead</u> |              |  |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--|
| Statistic                 | Natural     | Hatchery         | Natural          | Hatchery     |  |
| Mean Fork Length (mm)     | 110         | 132              | 184              | 224          |  |
| Sample Size               | 4,330       | 2,399            | 4,668            | 5,751        |  |
| Range                     | 69 - 150    | 101 - 219        | 120 - 272        | 126 - 303    |  |
| Standard Deviation        | 9.5         | 9.6              | 21.0             | 18.4         |  |
| Mean Weight (g)           | 14.1        | 26.7             | 62               | 106.8        |  |
| Sample Size               | 4,065       | 1,989            | 4,287            | 4,262        |  |
| Range                     | 4.1 - 35.3  | 10.8 - 94.1      | 17.0 - 196.9     | 21.9 - 226.3 |  |
| Standard Deviation        | 3.83        | 6.8              | 22.16            | 27.07        |  |
| Mean Condition Factor (K) | 1.05        | 1.15             | 0.95             | 0.93         |  |
| Sample Size               | 4,042       | 1,976            | 4,244            | 4,227        |  |
| Range                     | 0.71 - 1.69 | 0.63 - 1.69      | 0.74 - 1.24      | 0.70 - 1.34  |  |
| Standard Deviation        | 0.08        | 0.07             | 0.06             | 0.07         |  |

Table 7. A summary of the biological characteristics of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead from the Imnaha River trap from February 26 to June 15, 2000.

Table 8. Weekly mean fork lengths and condition factors (K) for natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead captured at the Imnaha River trap during the spring of 2000. All weekly groups represent 30 or more fish.

|        | Natural Chinook |         | Hatchery Chinook |         | Natural Steelhead |           | Hatchery Steelhead |           |
|--------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
|        | Average         |         | Average          |         | Average           |           | Average            |           |
|        | Length          | Average | Length           | Average | Length            |           | Length             |           |
| Week   | (mm)            | K       | (mm)             | K       | (mm)              | Average K | (mm)               | Average K |
| 27-Feb | 106             | 0.97    |                  |         |                   |           |                    |           |
| 5-Mar  | 109             | 0.98    |                  |         |                   |           |                    |           |
| 12-Mar | 115             | 1.00    |                  |         |                   |           |                    |           |
| 19-Mar | 113             | 1.04    | 132              | 1.15    |                   |           |                    |           |
| 26-Mar | 110             | 1.05    | 131              | 1.17    |                   |           |                    |           |
| 2-Apr  | 110             | 1.07    | 131              | 1.16    | 192               | 0.97      |                    |           |
| 9-Apr  | 110             | 1.05    | 133              | 1.13    | 186               | 0.98      | 224                | 1.00      |
| 16-Apr | 109             | 1.08    | 133              | 1.13    | 193               | 0.97      | 219                | 0.98      |
| 23-Apr | 108             | 1.03    |                  |         | 183               | 0.94      | 222                | 0.93      |
| 30-Apr | 107             | 1.02    |                  |         | 184               | 0.95      | 229                | 0.92      |
| 7-May  | 106             | 1.04    |                  |         | 184               | 0.96      | 226                | 0.92      |
| 14-May | 108             | 1.02    |                  |         | 181               | 0.92      | 225                | 0.88      |
| 21-May | 104             |         |                  |         | 183               | 0.98      | 221                |           |
| 28-May | 102             | 1.10    |                  |         | 181               | 1.01      |                    |           |
| 4-Jun  | 106             | 1.10    |                  |         | 178               | 1.02      |                    |           |
| 11-Jun | 101             | 1.10    |                  |         | 186               | 1.00      |                    |           |

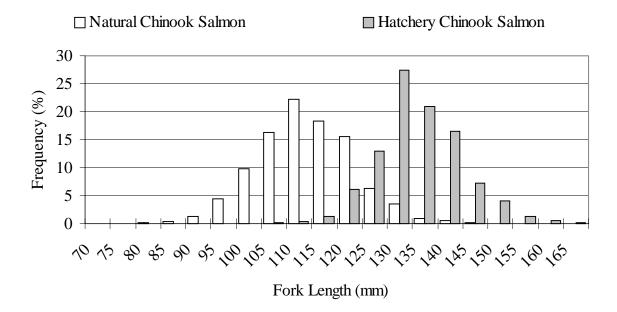


Figure 10. Length frequency distribution of natural and hatchery chinook salmon captured in the lower Imnaha River trap, from February 26 to June 15, 2000.

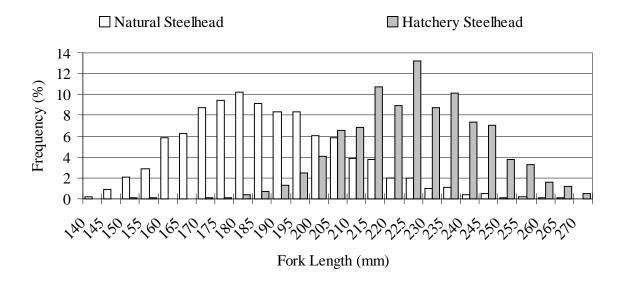


Figure 11. Length frequency distribution of natural and hatchery steelhead captured in the lower Imnaha River trap, from February 26 to June 15, 2000.

## Survival of PIT Tagged Smolts

#### Hatchery Chinook Salmon Post Release Survival

The post release survival of PIT tagged hatchery chinook released from the acclimation facility to the lower trap was 94.7% (95% C.I.  $\pm$  4.7%). Post release survival of hatchery chinook salmon smolts, in the 66 km stream reach from the acclimation facility to the lower trap site, has been estimated since 1994 (Figure 12). Smolt release practices were changed from acclimation or direct stream releases, to volitional releases in 1999. Although smolts are released volitionally, the Imnaha River chinook salmon acclimation facility was not designed or constructed for volitional releases. Smolts are volitionally released by removing the screen at the end of a raceway that is designed as a holding pond for adult fish. Water in the raceway spills over the top of dam boards placed at the end of the raceway and down into the adult fish ladder. Smolts must swim over the top of the dam boards, down the adult fish ladder, and into the Imnaha River, to move out of the concrete acclimation facility. Estimated smolt survival in the 67 rkm stream reach has ranged from 88.4% to 95% from 1995 to 1998 when smolt acclimation and forced release methods were utilized. Estimated post release survival of volitionally released smolts ranged from 93.7% to 94.7% in 1999 and 2000. No clear improvement in post release survival has been observed between forced release and volitional released smolts within the Imnaha River; although volitional release survival estimates have been consistent at 93.7% to 94.7%.

The 2000 Cormack Jolly-Seber survival estimate would imply that 170,191 (95% C.I.  $\pm$  8,447) hatchery chinook salmon passed by the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring of 2000. We used SURPH to estimate the population of hatchery chinook migrating past the Imnaha River trap instead of the Bootstrap method used in Ashe et al. (1995) because SURPH has produced more accurate and reasonable results since 1995.

Trap efficiencies and the percentage of PIT tags interrogated vary annually (Figure 13). Trap efficiencies have ranged from 11.6 % in 1996 to 45.9% in 1997 while PIT tag interrogations have ranged from 4.5% in 1999 (Cleary et al. 2002) to 19.6% in 1997 (Blenden et al. 1998). Annual variation in trap efficiency estimates may be due to annual flow and temperature conditions, and operation of the trap. PIT tag interrogation have an additional variable of mortality in the 67 rkm reach between the acclimation facility and the lower trap. Although we attempt to be consistent each year, mechanical breakdowns have rendered the trap inoperable for periods of time each spring. During inoperable time periods we can not quantify the number of migrating chinook salmon or accurately estimate migrating populations using the Bootstrap method. However, observations of unobserved PIT tagged hatchery chinook salmon at Snake and Columbia river interrogation sites allow us to accurately estimate post release survival to the trap using SURPH. Bootstrap estimates and trap efficiencies for 1994 to 2000 are presented and discussed in Appendix D.

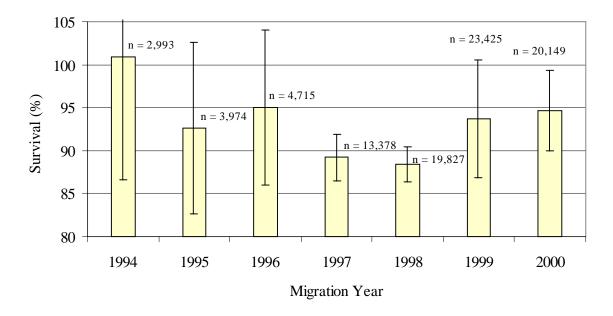


Figure 12. Annual survival of hatchery chinook salmon from the Imnaha River acclimation facility to the lower Imnaha River trap from 1994 to 2000. The size of annual PIT tag release groups are shown above for each year and error bars indicate the 95% C.I..

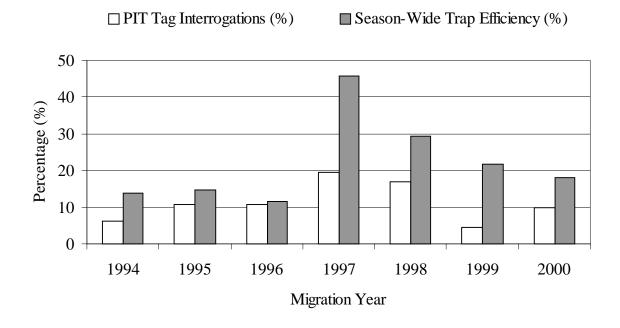


Figure 13. The percentage of hatchery chinook salmon PIT tags interrogated each year and the annual season-wide trap efficiency estimated from mark-recapture experiments at the lower Imnaha River trap from 1994 to 2000.

#### Estimated Season-Wide Smolt Survival

The season-wide survival of pre-smolt chinook salmon PIT tagged in the fall at the upper trap to LGR was 29.6% with 95% confidence intervals of  $\pm 2.8\%$  (Figure 14). Fish tagged during the same period at the lower trap had a higher season-wide survival to LGR of 36.8% with a  $\pm 2.9\%$  95% confidence interval. Survival estimates of fall tagged chinook salmon from the upper trap to LGR have ranged from 22.4% (1994) to 45.9% (1998) for migration years 1994 to 2000. The lower trap survival estimates for fall tagged fish have ranged from 25.6% (1995) to 60.4% (1998) from migration years 1994 to 2000 (Cleary et. al 2000, and Cleary et. al 2002).

The lowest survival estimate for fish released at the upper trap to LGR was 22.4% and occurred in migration year 1994 and the highest survival estimate to LGR was 45.9% and occurred in migration year 1998. No sampling occurred at the upper site in migration year 1995 or 1997. The lower trap operated each fall from 1993 to 1999. The lowest survival estimate (25.6%) for natural chinook salmon pre-smolts tagged in the fall at the lower trap occurred in migration year 1995 and the highest survival estimate (60.4%) to LGR occurred in migration year 1998. Survival between the upper and lower site had differed from 5.9% in migration year 1996 to 16.9% in migration year 1999. Survival between the upper and lower trap in 2000 differed by 7.2%.

The season-wide release of 4,368 natural chinook salmon during the spring at the lower trap resulted in a survival estimate of 84.8% at LGR (95% C.I.  $\pm$  2.6%). The same release group had an estimated survival of 73.2% from the trap to LMO and 67.9% from the trap to MCN (Table 9). The 2,817 hatchery chinook salmon that were released at the trap during the spring had lower survival estimates at LGR (75.0%), LMO (54.9%), and MCN (54.1%). Natural steelhead were estimated to have a survival estimate of 84.4% ( $\pm$  2.7 95% C.I.) from the trap to LGR. The season-wide estimate for natural steelhead was not noticeably different from the 85.8% ( $\pm$  2.4 95% C.I.) survival estimate for hatchery steelhead.

Season-wide survival from the trap to LGR fell within the range of past season-wide estimates for natural chinook salmon, hatchery chinook salmon, and natural steelhead. Natural chinook salmon survival estimates since 1993 have ranged from 76.2% in 1994 to 90.9% in 1995 (Figure 15). Since 1994 survival estimates from the lower trap to LGR for hatchery chinook salmon have ranged from 67.1% ( $\pm$  10.2%) in 1994 to 80.4% in 1997 (Figure 16).

Natural steelhead survival estimates have ranged from 83.7% in 1995 to 90.1% in 1997 (Figure 17). Hatchery steelhead survival from the trap to LGR increased for the fifth consecutive year. The lowest season-wide survival estimate from the trap to LGR for hatchery steelhead was 64.6% and it occurred in 1996 (Figure 18).

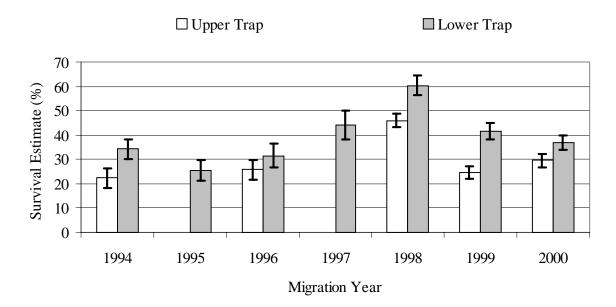


Figure 14. The annual survival of natural chinook salmon, PIT tagged in the fall and released at the upper and lower Imnaha River traps, to Lower Granite Dam, from 1993 to 1999, with 95% confidence intervals.

Table 9. Estimated survival probabilities for season-wide PIT tag release groups of natural and hatchery chinook salmon smolts released from the lower Imnaha River trap from February 26 to June 15, 2000 with 95% confidence intervals in parentheses. Abbreviations: LGR -Lower Granite Dam, LGO - Little Goose Dam, LMO - Lower Monumental Dam, MCN -McNary Dam.

| Release Number<br>Group Released | Trap to<br>LGR (%)     | LGR to<br>LGO (%) | LGO to<br>LMO (%) | LMO to<br>MCN (%) | Trap to<br>LMO (%) | Trap to<br>MCN (%) |  |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Natural Chinook Sa               | Natural Chinook Salmon |                   |                   |                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| 4,368                            | 84.8 (2.6)             | 92.4 (3.7)        | 93.4 (6.1)        | 92.7 (10.0)       | 73.2 (4.3)         | 67.9 (6.3)         |  |  |
| Hatchery Chinook                 | Salmon                 |                   |                   |                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| 2,817                            | 75.0 (4.2)             | 81.5 (6.9)        | 89.8 (13.3)       | 98.6 (22.0)       | 54.9 (7.5)         | 54.1 (9.7)         |  |  |
| Natural Steelhead                |                        |                   |                   |                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| 4,728                            | 84.4 (2.7)             | 71.6 (4.7)        | 84.2 (8.8)        | 98.1 (25.4)       | 50.9 (4.7)         | 49.9 (12.2)        |  |  |
| Hatchery Steelhead               |                        |                   |                   |                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| 5,846                            | 85.8 (2.4)             | 79.4 (7.3)        | 84.8 (13.7)       | 69.7 (23.5)       | 57.8 (7.8)         | 40.2 (12.5)        |  |  |

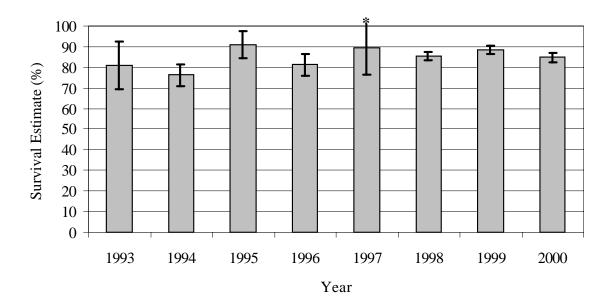


Figure 15. Season-wide survival estimates for natural chinook salmon released from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam, from 1993 to 2000. Error bars indicate 95% confidence limits. The asterisk indicates upper confidence limit exceeds 100%.

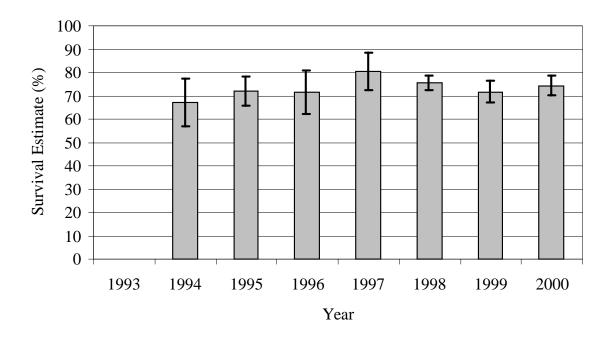


Figure 16. Season-wide survival estimates for hatchery chinook salmon released from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam, from 1994 to 2000. Error bars indicate 95% confidence limits.

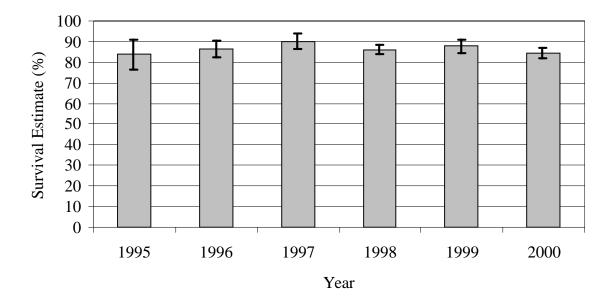


Figure 17. Season-wide survival estimates for natural steelhead released from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam, from 1995 to 2000. Error bars indicate 95% confidence limits.

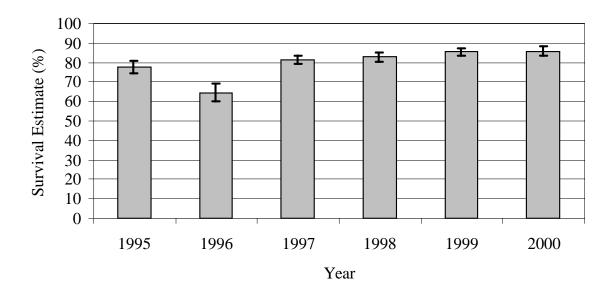


Figure 18. Season-wide survival estimates for hatchery steelhead released from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam, from 1995 to 2000. Error bars indicate 95% confidence limits.

Estimated season-wide survival of natural chinook salmon from the trap to LMO for fish released in the spring has ranged from a low of 73.2% in 2000 to a high of 78.3% in 1999 (Table 10). The lowest survival estimate (54.9%) for hatchery chinook salmon from release to LMO was also noted in 2000. The lowest survival estimates for natural and hatchery steelhead from 1997 to 2000 was 50.9% for natural steelhead and 57.8% for hatchery steelhead. Both low estimates for steelhead occurred in 2000. The highest estimates of season-wide survival from the trap to LMO for natural and hatchery steelhead was 75.1% for natural steelhead (1999), and 73.9% for hatchery steelhead (1999).

| Table 10. Season-wide estimates of survival from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower   |
|---|
| Monumental Dam from 1997 to 2000. Ninety-five percent confidence intervals are shown in |
| parentheses.  |

| Migration<br>Year |            | Hatchery Chinook<br>Salmon Survival<br>(%) | Natural Steelhead<br>Survival<br>(%) | Hatchery Steelhead<br>Survival<br>(%) |
|-------------------|------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1997              |            |  | 73.0 (12.0)                          | 64.0 (6.5)                            |
| 1998              | 75.3 (4.7) | 64.5 (6.7)                                 | 67.0 (5.7)                           | 63.2 (4.9)                            |
| 1999              | 78.3 (2.4) | 61.1 (5.9)                                 | 75.1 (4.6)                           | 73.9 (3.3)                            |
| 2000              | 73.2 (4.3) | 54.9 (7.5)                                 | 50.9 (4.7)                           | 57.8 (7.8)                            |

#### Estimated Weekly Smolt Survival

Estimated survival of natural chinook salmon weekly PIT tag release groups from the Imnaha River lower trap to LGR ranged from 78.9% to 89.2% from the week of March 19 to the week of April 23 (Table 11). No trend was apparent in survival over the six week period that natural chinook salmon smolts were released. The estimated season wide survival for natural chinook smolts to LGR of 84.8% (Table 9), fell within the range and confidence intervals of the weekly release groups survival estimates. Hatchery chinook salmon weekly survival ranged from 64.1% to 83.8% from the week of March 19 to the week of April 16. Weekly estimates slightly increased from the week of March 10 to the week of April 9 but confidence intervals overlapped from week to week. The confidence intervals around the season wide estimate for hatchery chinook salmon presented in Table 11 encompassed all the range of weekly survival estimates for hatchery chinook salmon.

Survival for release groups of natural steelhead from the week of April 16 to the week of May 21 ranged from 95.0% during the week of April 16 to 72.9% during the week of May 7. The survival estimates to LGR for natural steelhead released during the weeks of April 16 and May 7 were outside of the season wide 95% confidence limits of 81.7% to 87.1% for natural steelhead. Weekly release groups of hatchery steelhead had estimated survivals ranging from

81.1% from the week of May 14 to 92.6% for the week of May 21. Confidence intervals for season wide and weekly estimates overlapped for all weekly release groups of hatchery steelhead.

Table 11. Estimated survival probabilities for weekly PIT tagged release groups of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead smolts released from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam from February 26 to June 15, 2000 with 95% confidence limits in parentheses.

| Species and Rearing   | Week of Release | Number Released | Trap to LGR<br>(95% C.I.) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| C                     |                 |                 | (95% C.I.)                |
| Natural Chinook Salmo | <u>n</u>        |                 |                           |
|                       | 19-Mar          | 324             | 78.9 (8.1)                |
|                       | 26-Mar          | 1,632           | 88.0 (4.0)                |
|                       | 2-Apr           | 594             | 86.7 (5.4)                |
|                       | 9-Apr           | 246             | 80.1 (8.7)                |
|                       | 16-Apr          | 243             | 89.2 (11.9)               |
|                       | 23-Apr          | 434             | 84.5 (8.6)                |
| Hatchery Chinook Salm | lon             |                 |                           |
|                       | 19-Mar          | 594             | 64.1 (7.4)                |
|                       | 26-Mar          | 451             | 71.9 (7.7)                |
|                       | 2-Apr           | 593             | 78.8 (9.0)                |
|                       | 9-Apr           | 369             | 83.8 (13.7)               |
|                       | 16-Apr          | 409             | 78.4 (10.5)               |
| Natural Steelhead     |                 |                 |                           |
|                       | 16-Apr          | 419             | 95.0 (5.8)                |
|                       | 23-Apr          | 662             | 87.6 (5.0)                |
|                       | 30-Apr          | 1,178           | 87.4 (5.2)                |
|                       | 7-May           | 621             | 72.9 (8.6)                |
|                       | 14-May          | 1,020           | 90.1 (7.7)                |
|                       | 21-May          | 426             | 80.4 (11.5)               |
| Hatchery Steelhead    |                 |                 |                           |
|                       | 16-Apr          | 1,002           | 84.7 (4.9)                |
|                       | 23-Apr          | 999             | 83.2 (5.7)                |
|                       | 30-Apr          | 1,044           | 83.5 (5.4)                |
|                       | 7-May           | 1,007           | 88.1 (6.8)                |
|                       | 14-May          | 963             | 81.1 (6.0)                |
|                       | 21-May          | 729             | 92.6 (7.8)                |

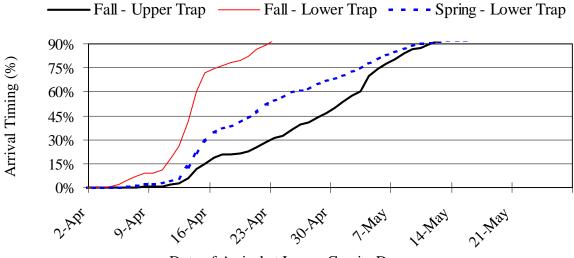
## **Arrival Timing at Dams**

### Natural and Hatchery Chinook Salmon Arrival Timing

Natural chinook salmon were analyzed as three separate groups; fish tagged in the fall at the upper site, fish tagged in the fall at the lower site, and fish tagged in the spring at the lower site. It is assumed that fish tagged in the fall at the lower trap overwinter in the Snake River. It is unknown when the fish tagged in the fall at the lower site begin migrating towards LGR. The arrival timing data suggest this group arrives earlier than fish from the upper site or fish tagged in the spring at the lower site. The range of arrival times, median arrival dates, and 90% arrival dates for natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead, from 1992 to 2000 are presented in Appendix E.

Comparison of the three natural chinook salmon PIT tag groups indicated that natural chinook salmon from the lower trap exhibited earlier arrival timing at LGR (Figure 19) and other dams. This group of fish arrived at LGR on April 4. This was two days later than natural chinook salmon tagged in the spring, but four days earlier than the April 8 arrival of natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the upper site. Natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the lower site had a median arrival time of April 14. This was 17 days earlier than fish tagged in the fall at the upper site (May 1) and 8 days earlier than fish from the lower site (April 22). The 90% arrival timing for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the spring for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the spring for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the spring for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the spring for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the spring have earlier than fish from the lower site occurred on April 23, 17 days and 18 days earlier than the natural chinook salmon fall upper tag group, and spring lower tag group, respectively.

The range of arrival dates for natural chinook salmon tagged and released in the fall at the upper site at LGO, LMO, and MCN fell within the range of past observations made in 1994, 1996, and from 1998 to 2000. Natural chinook salmon arrival timing for fall release groups from the lower site at LGO, LMO, and MCN also fell withing the range of past observations made from 1994 to 2000. Median arrival timing for fish tagged and released in the fall at the upper site has ranged from April 24 to May 1 at LGR, April 28 to May 4 at LGO, April 27 to May 7 at LMO, and April 30 to May 17 at MCN. Median arrival timing for fish tagged in the fall at the lower site has ranged from April 13 to April 21 at LGR, April 17 to April 26 at LGO, April 19 to April 29 at LMO, and April 21 to May 8 at MCN. Median arrival timing for the fall upper and lower release groups fell within the range of past observations at LGR, LGO, LMO and MCN. The 90% arrival dates for natural chinook tagged in the fall at the upper and lower sites also fell within the range of past observations with the exception of the arrival of natural chinook salmon from the upper trap at LGO. This 90% arrival date (May 11) was four days earlier than previous observations. The range of 90% arrival timing from 1994, 1996, and 1998 to 2000 for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the upper site is as follows: May 9 to May 17 at LGR, May 11 to May 19 at LGO, May 19 to May 24 at LMO, and May 18 to May 25 at MCN. The range of 90% arrival timing from 1994 to 200 for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the lower site is as follows: April 21 to April 25 at LGR, April 24 to May 2 at LGO, April 25 to May 9 at LMO, and April 28 to May 18 at MCN.



Date of Arrival at Lower Granite Dam

Figure 19. The arrival timing of PIT tagged natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the upper and lower sites, and tagged in the spring at the lower site at Lower Granite Dam for the 2000 migration year.

Natural chinook salmon tagged in the spring at the lower site first arrived at LGR on April 2 and the last observation was made on August 8, 2000. The median and 90% arrival dates for spring emigrating smolts at LGR was April 22 and May 11, respectively. Median arrival dates at LGR for Imnaha River natural chinook salmon have ranged from April 22 to May 4 from 1993 to 2000. The 90% arrival timing at LGR has ranged over a 16 day period from May 6 to May 22 over the same time period. Arrival timing at LGO occurred from April 11 to July 14, 2000, with median and 90% arrival dates of April 23 to May 7 (1993 to 2000). Arrival timing of Imnaha River chinook salmon smolts at LMO ranged from April 13 to July 12 in the 2000 migration year. The median arrival date at LMO occurred from April 25 to May 10 from 1993 to 2000 and the 90% arrival of the PIT tagged smolts arrived between May 11 and June 4 (1993 to 2000). Arrival timing at MCN in 2000 occurred between April 18 and July 4, with median and 90% arrival timing on May 7 and May 29, respectively.

Hatchery chinook salmon first arrived at LGR on April 7 and were last observed on May 24. This first observation of a hatchery chinook salmon was the earliest this study had observed since 1992. Prior to 2000, arrival timing for hatchery chinook salmon at LGR ranged from April 12 (1992) to June 6 (1992). The median time of arrival for hatchery chinook salmon in 2000 was May 3 and was within the range of past observations of April 21 (1992) to May 12 (1993) from 1993 to 1999. The 90% arrival timing occurred on May 13. Observations of 90% arrival timing at LGR made from 1993 to 2000 have ranged from May 6 (1992) to May 16 (1996).

A hatchery chinook salmon was observed at LGO on April 14, two days earlier than past observations. The last observation of a chinook salmon at LGO occurred on May 24. First arrivals of hatchery chinook salmon at LGO occurred from April 16 (1999) to April 28 (1994) from 1992 to 1999. Median and 90% arrival timing occurred on May 3 and May 13. The range of median arrival dates at LGO from 1992 to 2000 ranged from April 27 to May 14 and the range of 90% arrival dates at LGO from 1992 to 2000 ranged from May 5 (1992) to May 23 (1995). At LMO the first arrival on April 19 was the earliest observed since 1992. Hatchery chinook salmon were last observed on May 26. Arrival timing from 1992 to 1999 ranged from April 23 (1996) to June 10 (1995). Early arrival timing was also observed at MCN where an April 24 arrival was the earliest observed since 1992. Arrival timing at MCN from 1992 to 1999 had ranged from April 27 (1992) to June 9 (1995). Earlier arrival at LMO did equate to earlier median arrival timing on May 5; the earliest median arrival timing observed at LMO for hatchery chinook salmon since 1992. The 90% arrival timing at LMO occurred on May 22 and was within the range of 90% arrival timing from 1993 to 1999 of May 15 (1998) to May 26 (1995). Prior to 2000, median arrival ranged from May 8 (1998) to May 26 (1995). The early arrival of a hatchery chinook salmon at MCN did not equate to early median arrival. Median arrival at MCN was observed on May 13. Median arrival at MCN from 1992 to 2000 has ranged from May 8 (1992) to May 21 (1994). The 90% arrival timing on May 27 at MCN occurred three days later than observations of 90% arrival timing made from 1992 to 1999. The earliest observation of 90% arrival timing at MCN occurred on May 17 (1992).

The earlier median arrival timing of natural and hatchery chinook salmon at LMO accompanied season-wide survival estimates from the trap to LMO of 73.2 (95% C.I. of  $\pm$  4.3%) for natural chinook salmon and 54.9% (95% C.I. of  $\pm$  7.5%) for hatchery chinook salmon (Table 10). Confidence intervals for these estimates are within the range of past estimates obtained in 1998 and 1999.

## Natural and Hatchery Steelhead Arrival Timing

The first arrival of natural steelhead at LGR occurred on April 6 and the last arrival occurred on August 3. The range of observations from 1993 to 2000 has been from April 2 (1998) to August 20 (1994). Median and 90% arrival dates, of May 8 and May 25 respectively, for natural steelhead at LGR also fell within the range of past observations from 1993 to 2000 of May 2 (1995) to May 26 (1993) for median arrival timing, and May 9 (1995) to June 8 (1993) for 90% arrival timing at LGR. The range of arrival for the 2000 migration at LGO occurred from April 11 to June 26. Median and 90% arrival at LGO occurred on May 8 and May 29 respectively. Historically, the past ranges of arrival times from 1993 to 2000 have been observed: range of arrivals from April 8 (1999) to July 29 (1994), median arrival from May 7 (1995) to May 24 (1993), and 90% arrival from May 12 (1995) to June 7 (1993). At LMO the earliest and latest arrival since 1993 of a natural steelhead from the Imnaha River was observed on April 12 and August 12. Prior to the 2000 migration year, the range of arrival dates for natural steelhead at LMO was April 16 (1998) to August 8 (1994). The median arrival time of May 14, and the 90% arrival time of May 30 was within the range of past median arrival

observations of May 9 (1995) to May 30 (1993) and past 90% arrival observations of May 14 (1995) to July 10 (1994). An earlier than usual natural steelhead arrival at MCN was observed on April 15, two days earlier than previous observations made since 1993. The last observation of a natural steelhead at MCN occurred on June 16, 9 days earlier than the latest observation made in 1994. The median arrival timing of natural steelhead at MCN on May 24 was within past observations of median arrival timing of May 7 (1998) to May 25 (1993, 1999). Ninety percent arrival timing at MCN was also within the past range of observations of 90% arrival timing at MCN of May 17 (1995) to June 9 (1994).

Arrivals of PIT tagged hatchery steelhead occurred earlier than previously observed with hatchery steelhead being observed during the following times at the following dams: LGR - April 8 to July 24, LGO - April 13 to July 22, LMO - April 16 to August 18. The range of arrivals from 1993 to 1999 occurred from April 18 (1999) to August 21 (1994) at LGR, April 20 (1999) to August 23 (1997) at LGO, and April 21 (1999) to August 24 (1994) at LMO. At MCN, 2000 migration year arrivals of hatchery steelhead from May 3 to July 30 fit into the past range of arrival observations (1993 to 1999) from April 23 (1997) to August 12 (1997). The median arrival time of May 16 at LGR was within the range of past observations from 1993 to 1999 of May 15 (1998) to May 31 (1995). Median arrival timing at LGO (May 22) and LMO (May 25) were earlier than the range of past median observations of May 25 (1994, 1996, 1999) to June 3 (1995) at LGO, and May 26 (1993, 1998, 1999) to June 18 (1994) at LMO. But at MCN the median arrival on July 2 was the latest observed since 1993. The past range of observed 90% arrival timing at MCN from 1993 to 1999 for hatchery steelhead has been from May 19 (1993) to June 17 (1994). The 90% arrival timing at LGR, LGO, and LMO occurred on May 25, July 1, and July 3. The 90% arrival timing range at these sites from 1993 to 2000 is as follows: May 26 (1998) to July 15 (1994) at LGR, May 30 (1998) to July 17 (1994) at LGO, and June 3 (1998) to July 21 (1994) at LMO. The 90% hatchery steelhead arrival timing at MCN on July 17 was the latest 90% arrival time observed since 1993. The past range of 90% arrival times of hatchery steelhead at MCN was from May 30 (1993) to July 10 (1994).

Natural steelhead arrived earlier than usual at LMO and MCN and their survival from the trap to LMO (50.9%  $\pm 4.7\%$ ) was outside of the range of past estimates obtained for 1997 to 2000 (Table 10). Hatchery steelhead had earlier median arrival timing at LGR, LGO, and MCN and their survival from the trap to LMO was low (57.8%  $\pm 7.8\%$ ), but still within the confidence intervals obtained for 1997 and 1998 (Table 10).

#### Smolt Arrival Frequencies and Spill at Dams

The arrival timing range, median arrival, and 90% arrival timing at LGR, LGO, LMO, and MCN was presented in the previous section and in Appendix E, but the arrival of smolts at dams has not been discussed in relation to the spill that occurred at LGR, LGO, LMO, and MCN. Continuous spill began at LGR, LGO, and LMO on April 5, April 10, and April 4, respectively, and ended June 20 at all Snake River dams. The spill at MCN began on April 4 and lasted until June 24. Spill at LGR, LGO, LMO, and MCN encompassed the entire period of observations of Imnaha River PIT tagged fish with a few exceptions. Daily arrival frequencies of less than 1% occurred for spring tagged natural chinook salmon at LGR after June 20. Daily arrival frequencies of less than 1% for natural steelhead occurred at LGO and LMO after June 20. And daily arrival frequencies of 1% occurred at LMO on June 27 and 28.

Fall tagged natural chinook salmon from the upper trap had a May 10 90% arrival time at LGR that occurred during a spill of 20.1 kcfs (Figure 20). The 90% arrival time that occurred at LGO on May 11 coincided with a spill of 24.3 kcfs (Figure 21). Daily arrival frequencies never exceeded 6% and our sample size (n = 128) may not be sufficient to accurately represent daily arrival frequency, but we decided to include this data to allow readers to compare the arrival of natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the upper site and lower site, and during the spring at the lower site. Natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the lower site had a 90% arrival time at LGR of April 23 during a spill of 49.7 kcfs and the largest movement (19%) occurred on April 14 during a spill of 25.0 kcfs (Figure 22). The 90% arrival at LGO for natural chinook salmon tagged in the fall at the lower site occurred during a spill of 30.7 kcfs on April 24 (Figure 23).

Natural chinook salmon tagged in the spring at the lower site had the same 90% arrival time at LGR and LGO (May 11). The spill at LGR was 20.4 kcfs and the spill at LGO was 24.3 kcfs (Figures 24 and 25). The 90% arrival time at LMO occurred one day later during a spill of 24.2 kcfs (Figure 26). At MCN, the 90% arrival timing didn't occur until May 29 but it was accompanied by a spill of 60.5 kcfs (Figure 27).

Detections of hatchery chinook salmon were only sufficient to estimate daily arrival frequencies at LGR and LGO. The first arrival of a hatchery chinook salmon at LGR in 2000 (and the earliest since 1992) happened on April 7 during a spill of 15.1 kcfs. Daily arrival frequencies greater than 1% at LGR occurred intermittently from April 11 during a spill of 20.1 kcfs to May 22 during spill of 22.0 kcfs. A spill of 18.6 kcfs occurred on May 13 when 90% of hatchery chinook salmon arrived at LGR (Figure 28). At LGO the first Imnaha River hatchery chinook salmon arrived on April 14 during a spill of 16.1 kcfs and 90% arrived during a spill of 27.4 kcfs on May 13 (Figure 29).

There were sufficient detections of natural and hatchery steelhead at LGR, LGO, and LMO to estimate daily arrival frequencies. Daily arrival frequencies for natural steelhead ranged from 0% to 2% at LGR during the month of April (Figure 30). Ninety percent arrival at LGR occurred on May 25 during a spill of 21.6 kcfs and on May 29 at LGO during a spill of 22.2 kcfs (Figure 31). A larger spill of 38.8 kcfs on May 30 at LMO coincided with the 90% arrival of

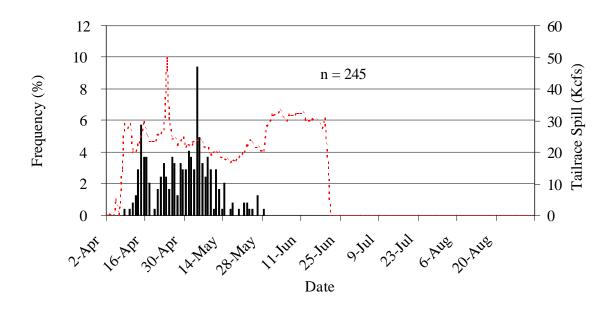


Figure 20. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the upper Imnaha River trap during the fall, at Lower Granite Dam in 2000.

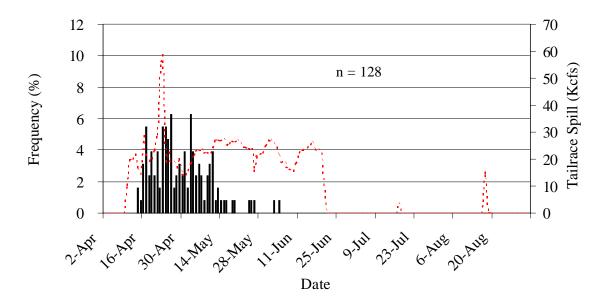


Figure 21. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the upper Imnaha River trap during the fall, at Little Goose Dam in 2000.

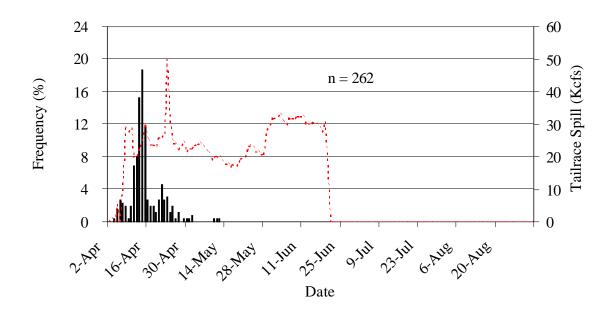


Figure 22. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the fall, at Lower Granite Dam in 2000.

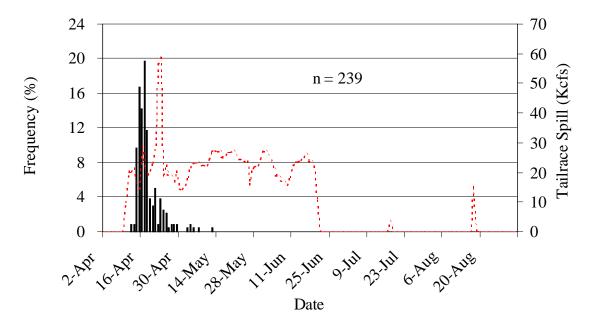


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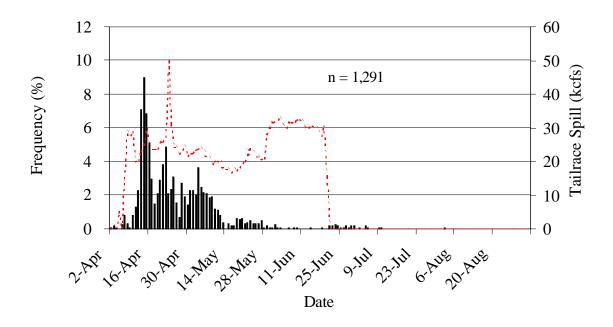


Figure 24. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Granite Dam in 2000.

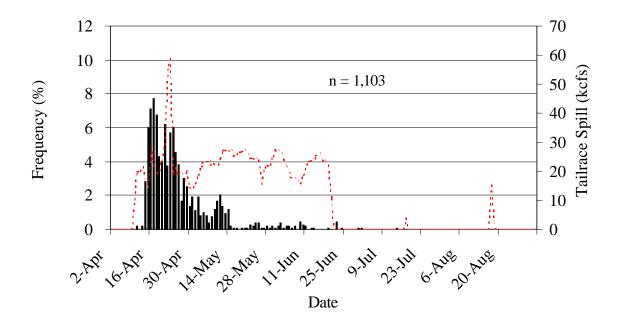


Figure 25. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Little Goose Dam in 2000.

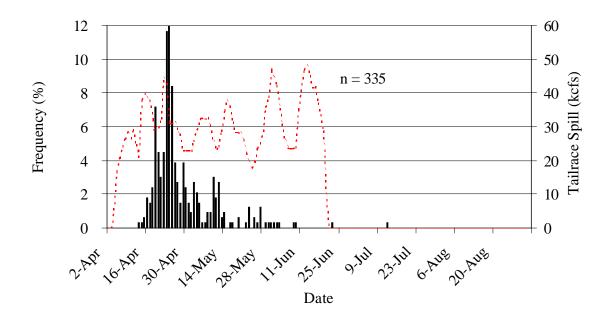


Figure 26. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Monumental Dam in 2000.

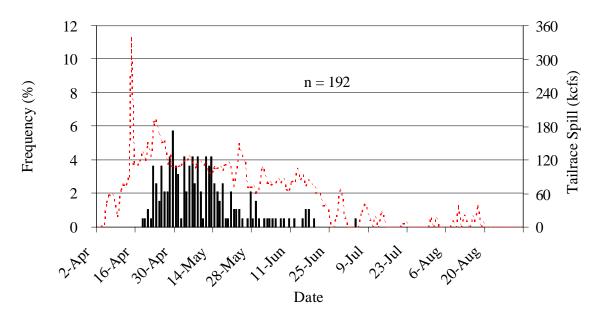


Figure 27. The daily arrival frequency of natural chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at McNary Dam in 2000.

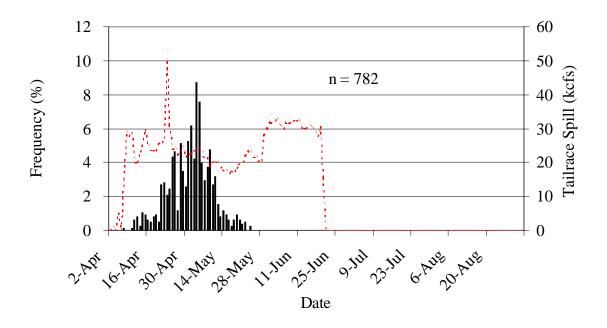


Figure 28. The daily arrival frequency of hatchery chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Granite Dam in 2000.

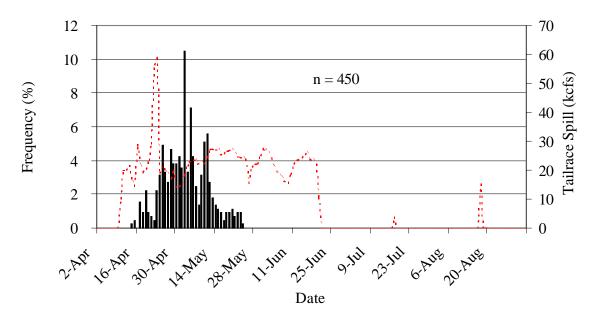


Figure 29. The daily arrival frequency of hatchery chinook salmon, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Little Goose Dam in 2000.

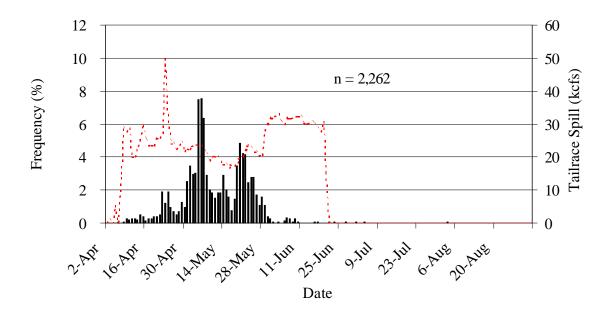


Figure 30. The daily arrival frequency of natural steelhead, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Granite Dam in 2000.

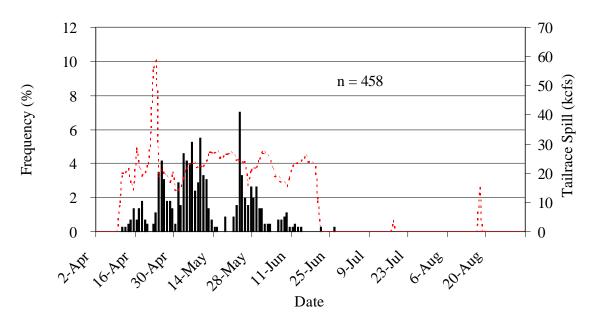


Figure 31. The daily arrival frequency of natural steelhead, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Little Goose Dam in 2000.

natural steelhead (Figure 32). The first arrival of an Imnaha River natural steelhead at LMO during a spill of 24.4 kcfs on April 12. The last observation of an Imnaha River natural steelhead at LMO occurred on August 12 when no spill was occurring. As stated in the previous section, this was the latest observation of a natural steelhead from the Imnaha River at LMO since 1992.

Hatchery steelhead daily arrival frequencies at LGR ranged from 0% to 8% during the period of spill and did not increase above 2% until May 5 with a spill of 24.0 kcfs (Figure 33). The first, and earliest arrival since 1992, of an Imnaha River hatchery chinook salmon at LGR occurred on April 8 during a spill of 29.0 kcfs and the 90% arrival timing at LGR occurred on May 25 during a spill of 21.6 kfcs. Downstream at LGO, a spill of 21.4 kcfs occurred on April 13 when the first Imnaha River hatchery steelhead arrived (Figure 34). The earlier median arrival time at LGO on May 22 accompanied a spill of 24.5 kcfs and the 90% arrival time coincided with a spill of 27.1% on July 1. Further downstream at LMO, a spill of 38.5 kcfs occurred when the first hatchery steelhead was detected. The median arrival time on May 25 coincided with a spill of 19.6 kcfs and the July 3 90% arrival time occurred during a spill of 35.1 kcfs (Figure 35).

The arrival data for natural and hatchery chinook salmon shows that the majority of the movement past LGR occurred during the month of April and the first week of May, respectively. These fish had the benefit of the higher than average flows in the Snake River in April, and spill at Snake River dams. The majority of natural and hatchery chinook salmon (~ 90%) were past LMO before tailrace temperatures increased to 12 °C and above. The earlier arrival timing of natural and hatchery chinook salmon, as compared to natural and hatchery steelhead, may be a factor in the difference in the survival estimates from the trap to LMO as presented in Table 9.

Spill occurring continuously during the majority of April and all of May at LGR, LGO, and LMO tailraces and remained relatively constant. Outflow remained above 60 kcfs for most of April and May, as shown in Figure 5. Tailrace temperatures at LGR, LGO, and LMO all increased above 12 °C after May 18. There is substantial evidence that increased flow will increase travel time (Raymond 1979, Berggren and Filardo 1993). A faster travel time would decrease exposure to predators.

## Travel Time to Lower Granite Dam

The arrival data in Appendix E shows the following numbers of spring tagged fish were detected at LGR for the first time: 1,291 natural chinook salmon, 782 hatchery chinook salmon, 2,262 natural steelhead, and 3,249 hatchery steelhead. Natural chinook salmon PIT tagged from February 26 to June 15, 2000, had weekly mean travel times to LGR ranging from 10 days to 30 days. Weekly mean travel times for hatchery chinook salmon ranged from 13 to 31 days. Natural steelhead weekly mean travel times ranged from 4 to10 days and hatchery steelhead weekly mean travel times ranged from 5 to 19 days (Appendix F).

Weekly mean travel times for natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead all showed a decreasing trend from the weeks of March 12 to May 27. Weekly mean travel times for natural chinook salmon and steelhead were less than weekly mean travel times for hatchery

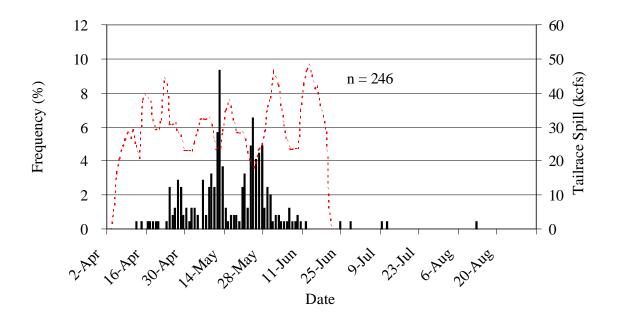


Figure 32. The daily arrival frequency of natural steelhead, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Monumental Dam in 2000.

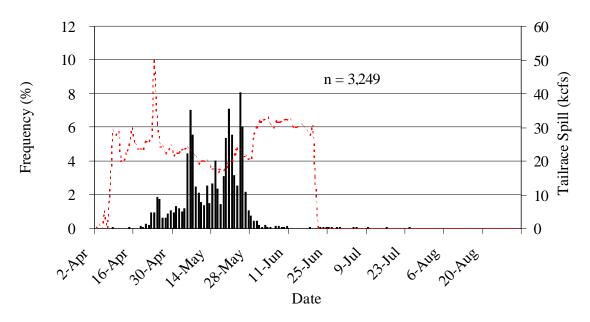


Figure 33. The daily arrival frequency of hatchery steelhead, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Granite Dam in 2000.

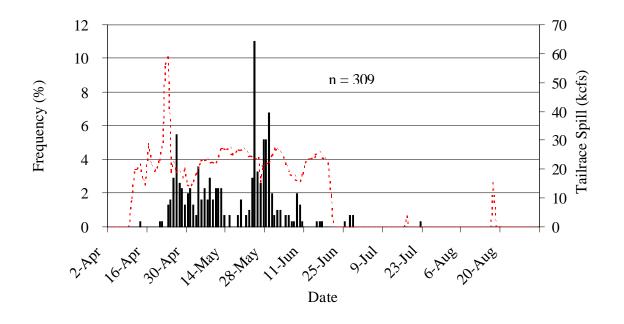


Figure 34. The daily arrival frequency of hatchery steelhead, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Little Goose Dam in 2000.

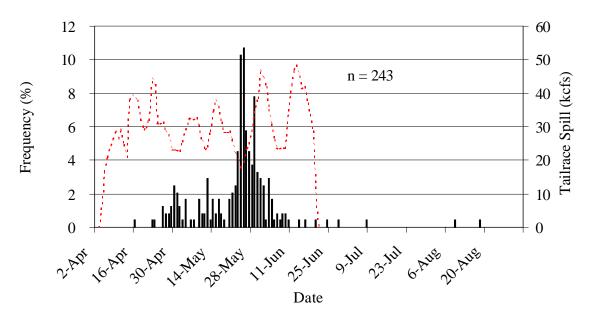


Figure 35. The daily arrival frequency of hatchery steelhead, tagged at the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring, at Lower Monumental Dam in 2000.

chinook salmon and steelhead. Due to the large variation and non-normal distributions in weekly travel times of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead, medians were compared to test for significant differences (Table 12). The median travel times of hatchery chinook salmon were significantly larger (p < 0.05) than the median travel times of natural chinook salmon for groups released during the week of May 19 to the week of April 16. The median travel times of hatchery steelhead were also significantly larger (p < 0.05) than their natural cohorts for fish released during the weeks of April 9 to May 14. However, the 0.9 day difference during the week of April 30 and the 0.5 day difference during the week of May 14 is not biologically significant.

Weekly travel time results are consistent with Berggren and Filardo (1993) and were most likely affected by the degree of smoltification and river discharge. An increase in the day time hours and water temperatures would have aided the physiological process of smoltification (Hoar 1976, 1988, and Wedemeyer et al. 1980). Berggren and Filardo (1993) used water temperature, date of entry into an index reach, race, and prior travel time, as indirect variables of smoltification. These variables explained 74% of the variation in travel time for yearling chinook salmon and 90% of the variation in travel time for steelhead, from LGR to MCN and from the mouth of the Methow River to MCN.

## **Mortality**

Mortalities during the fall only affected the 2,228 and 3,396 natural chinook salmon captured at the upper and lower trap respectively. Six mortalities occurred at the upper study site: three due to trapping and three due to tagging. Four mortalities occurred at the lower study site; three due to trapping and one due to handling mortality. The total mortality during the fall was 0.27% at the upper trap and 0.12% at the lower trap.

Natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead mortalities during the spring accounted for less than one percent of the catch for any one species and rearing type. A total of 33 natural chinook salmon mortalities occurred; 10 due to handling (0.19%), 11 due to trapping (0.21%), and 12 due to PIT tagging (0.23%). Trapping caused 118 hatchery chinook salmon mortalities (0.57%), while only 29 were caused by handling (0.14%) and two more resulted from PIT tagging (0.01%). Trapping was also the leading cause of mortality for natural and hatchery steelhead and resulted in 27 natural steelhead deaths (0.54%) and 94 hatchery steelhead deaths (0.42%). Handling and PIT tagging of natural steelhead caused only four and one mortality, or 0.08% and 0.02% respectively. Five hatchery steelhead mortalities occurred as a result of handling (0.02%) and PIT tagging caused no mortalities for hatchery steelhead. Daily mortalities are presented in Appendix G.

Table 12. A summary of average and median annual and weekly travel times of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead released from the lower Imnaha screw trap, February 26 to June 15, 2000, at Lower Granite Dam (LGR). Weeks with less than 30 interrogations at Lower Granite Dam were not presented. Wilcoxon rank sum statistical test values represent a comparison of median natural and hatchery smolt travel times.

|                | Week<br>Released | Number Interrogated |          | Average Trav | vel Time (days) | Median Trave | el Time (days) | <b>XX</b> 7°1       |              |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Species        |                  | Natural             | Hatchery | Natural      | Hatchery        | Natural      | Hatchery       | Wilcoxon<br>W Value | p < 0.05     |
| Chinook Salmon | 3/12             | 46                  |          | 30           |                 | 29.1         |                | NA                  | NA           |
| CHIHOOK Samion | 3/12             | 40<br>75            | 131      | 24           | 31              | 29.1         | 31.1           | 2,155               | $1.07^{-11}$ |
|                | 3/26             | 450                 | 211      | 19           | 30              | 17.7         | 31.8           | 8,156               | 0.0          |
|                | 4/2              | 206                 | 173      | 16           | 27              | 15.4         | 28.3           | 4,463               | 0.0          |
|                | 4/9              | 81                  | 113      | 10           | 22              | 13.2         | 23.3           | 1,445               | 0.0          |
|                | 4/16             | 100                 | 143      | 13           | 20              | 12.5         | 20.1           | 2,955               | 0.0          |
|                | 4/23             | 105                 |          | 10           |                 | 9.7          |                | NA                  | NA           |
| Steelhead      | 4/2              | 52                  |          | 10           |                 | 6.7          |                |                     |              |
|                | 4/9              | 42                  | 48       | 8            | 19              | 4.8          | 20.2           | 433                 | 0.0          |
|                | 4/16             | 210                 | 531      | 7            | 16              | 5.4          | 12.8           | 33,127              | 0.0          |
|                | 4/23             | 374                 | 548      | 6            | 16              | 4.7          | 12.4           | 29,252              | 0.0          |
|                | 4/30             | 629                 | 609      | 5            | 7               | 3.9          | 4.8            | 143,854             | 0.0          |
|                | 5/7              | 264                 | 550      | 6            | 8               | 5.0          | 7.1            | 46,636              | 0.0          |
|                | 5/14             | 473                 | 520      | 5            | 6               | 4.4          | 4.9            | 92,233              | 4.85-12      |
|                | 5/21             | 190                 | 441      | 4            | 3               | 3.4          | 2.7            | 58,781              | 1.0          |

<sup>1</sup> PIT Tagged and released between February 26 and June 12, 2000

### **Incidental Catch**

The incidental catch during the fall and spring total 2,516 fish. It was comprised of five families of fishes: Salmonidae, Centrarchidae, Catostomidae, Cyprinidae, and Cottidae (Appendix H). The catch of Salmonidae consisted of 404 juvenile rainbow trout/steelhead, 36 adult natural and hatchery steelhead, 328 mountain whitefish (*Prosopium williamsoni*), and 62 bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*). Only one Centrarchidae was captured, a smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieui*). A total of 739 bridgelip suckers (*Catostomus columbianus*), 175 largescale suckers (*Catostomus macrocheilus*), and 5 unidentified sucker species represented the family Catostomidae. The catch of Cyprinidae was as follows: 595 longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*), 56 redsided shiner (*Richardsonius balteatus*), 33 northern pike minnow (*Ptychocheilus oregonensis*), 26 chislemouth (*Acrocheilus alutaceus*), and 4 speckled dace (*Rhinichthys osculus*). A total of 52 *Cottus* species (sculpins) of the family Cottidae were captured during the spring study period.

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# **APPENDIX A**

## IMNAHA AND SNAKE RIVER DISCHARGE

| monun of re | 2            | Bauge 13292000 | Snake River Gauge 13334300 |            |  |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|--|
|             | Mean Daily   | Mean Daily     | Mean Daily                 | Mean Daily |  |
|             | Discharge    | Discharge      | Discharge                  | Discharge  |  |
| Date        | 1928 to 1999 | 2000           | 1958 to 1999               | 2000       |  |
| 1-Feb       | 214          | 231            | 33,032                     | 30,100     |  |
| 2-Feb       | 217          | 222            | 32,744                     | 28,300     |  |
| 3-Feb       | 219          | 211            | 32,015                     | 30,900     |  |
| 4-Feb       | 210          | 202            | 31,432                     | 32,900     |  |
| 5-Feb       | 208          | 205            | 31,190                     | 34,700     |  |
| 6-Feb       | 211          | 209            | 31,234                     | 34,700     |  |
| 7-Feb       | 214          | 215            | 31,507                     | 26,800     |  |
| 8-Feb       | 217          | 226            | 32,200                     | 32,700     |  |
| 9-Feb       | 218          | 242            | 32,366                     | 31,000     |  |
| 10-Feb      | 220          | 251            | 31,349                     | 31,600     |  |
| 11-Feb      | 224          | 262            | 31,263                     | 30,100     |  |
| 12-Feb      | 226          | 267            | 31,254                     | 30,200     |  |
| 13-Feb      | 229          | 263            | 31,346                     | 25,300     |  |
| 14-Feb      | 228          | 275            | 31,739                     | 27,500     |  |
| 15-Feb      | 227          | 331            | 32,249                     | 33,700     |  |
| 16-Feb      | 229          | 308            | 33,080                     | 35,300     |  |
| 17-Feb      | 237          | 281            | 34,493                     | 34,800     |  |
| 18-Feb      | 244          | 255            | 34,702                     | 31,500     |  |
| 19-Feb      | 256          | 242            | 35,493                     | 28,200     |  |
| 20-Feb      | 266          | 258            | 36,156                     | 25,700     |  |
| 21-Feb      | 281          | 254            | 37,688                     | 23,300     |  |
| 22-Feb      | 280          | 253            | 37,880                     | 27,200     |  |
| 23-Feb      | 278          | 309            | 39,305                     | 28,800     |  |
| 24-Feb      | 285          | 337            | 38,907                     | 32,200     |  |
| 25-Feb      | 302          | 295            | 38,444                     | 36,000     |  |
| 26-Feb      | 302          | 299            | 37,922                     | 36,600     |  |
| 27-Feb      | 292          | 325            | 37,727                     | 34,600     |  |
| 28-Feb      | 295          | 390            | 37,880                     | 40,000     |  |
| 29-Feb      | 333          | 381            | 38,230                     | 43,500     |  |
| Monthly     |              |                |                            |            |  |
| Average     | 247          | 269            | 34,304                     | 31,662     |  |
|             |              |                |                            |            |  |

Appendix A. Table A1. The mean daily discharge for the Imnaha River gauge 13292000 and the mean daily discharge for the Snake River gauge 13334300, from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 for the month of February.

|         | Imnaha River Gauge 13292000 |            | Snake River Gauge 13334300 |            |  |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--|
|         | Mean Daily                  | Mean Daily | Mean Daily                 | Mean Daily |  |
|         | Discharge                   | Discharge  | Discharge                  | Discharge  |  |
| Date    | 1928 to 1999                | 2000       | 1958 to 1999               | 2000       |  |
| 1-Mar   | 312                         | 361        | 38,024                     | 44,700     |  |
| 2-Mar   | 319                         | 339        | 37,159                     | 40,700     |  |
| 3-Mar   | 315                         | 326        | 37,402                     | 42,200     |  |
| 4-Mar   | 306                         | 326        | 36,998                     | 42,300     |  |
| 5-Mar   | 306                         | 365        | 35,629                     | 42,900     |  |
| 6-Mar   | 307                         | 398        | 36,768                     | 39,700     |  |
| 7-Mar   | 311                         | 369        | 37,066                     | 41,900     |  |
| 8-Mar   | 320                         | 344        | 37,441                     | 37,400     |  |
| 9-Mar   | 326                         | 341        | 38,098                     | 36,100     |  |
| 10-Mar  | 356                         | 315        | 38,610                     | 35,000     |  |
| 11-Mar  | 383                         | 309        | 38,876                     | 31,800     |  |
| 12-Mar  | 376                         | 295        | 39,756                     | 34,200     |  |
| 13-Mar  | 386                         | 297        | 39,966                     | 35,800     |  |
| 14-Mar  | 389                         | 304        | 40,222                     | 34,900     |  |
| 15-Mar  | 386                         | 312        | 40,661                     | 34,200     |  |
| 16-Mar  | 394                         | 320        | 40,176                     | 35,200     |  |
| 17-Mar  | 407                         | 319        | 41,415                     | 35,500     |  |
| 18-Mar  | 416                         | 305        | 41,615                     | 35,500     |  |
| 19-Mar  | 425                         | 310        | 42,007                     | 36,000     |  |
| 20-Mar  | 440                         | 292        | 42,127                     | 37,600     |  |
| 21-Mar  | 461                         | 280        | 42,556                     | 35,900     |  |
| 22-Mar  | 468                         | 283        | 42,834                     | 35,000     |  |
| 23-Mar  | 485                         | 350        | 42,471                     | 35,000     |  |
| 24-Mar  | 505                         | 374        | 43,576                     | 38,100     |  |
| 25-Mar  | 505                         | 378        | 43,883                     | 40,700     |  |
| 26-Mar  | 520                         | 391        | 43,656                     | 39,200     |  |
| 27-Mar  | 539                         | 450        | 44,100                     | 39,600     |  |
| 28-Mar  | 554                         | 567        | 44,902                     | 40,300     |  |
| 29-Mar  | 556                         | 538        | 44,707                     | 42,200     |  |
| 30-Mar  | 566                         | 482        | 44,107                     | 44,600     |  |
| 31-Mar  | 578                         | 447        | 44,159                     | 42,900     |  |
| Monthly |                             |            |                            |            |  |
| Average | 417                         | 358        | 40,676                     | 38,294     |  |
| -       |                             |            |                            |            |  |

Appendix A. Table A2. The mean daily discharge for the Imnaha River gauge 13292000 and the mean daily discharge for the Snake River gauge 13334300, from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 for the month of March.

|         |              | Gauge 13292000 | Snake River Ga | auge 13334300 |
|---------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|         | Mean Daily   | Mean Daily     | Mean Daily     | Mean Daily    |
|         | Discharge    | Discharge      | Discharge      | Discharge     |
| Date    | 1928 to 1999 | 2000           | 1958 to 1999   | 2000          |
| 1-Apr   | 595          | 454            | 44,273         | 41,200        |
| 2-Apr   | 613          | 534            | 44,898         | 42,000        |
| 3-Apr   | 624          | 749            | 45,332         | 44,500        |
| 4-Apr   | 628          | 937            | 45,132         | 47,600        |
| 5-Apr   | 658          | 1,170          | 45,271         | 51,400        |
| 6-Apr   | 705          | 967            | 45,727         | 50,500        |
| 7-Apr   | 736          | 799            | 45,863         | 51,700        |
| 8-Apr   | 753          | 754            | 46,122         | 49,600        |
| 9-Apr   | 764          | 852            | 47,015         | 47,600        |
| 10-Apr  | 772          | 1,010          | 48,132         | 48,700        |
| 11-Apr  | 781          | 1,140          | 48,676         | 50,700        |
| 12-Apr  | 819          | 1,350          | 47,885         | 52,300        |
| 13-Apr  | 866          | 1,680          | 48,100         | 57,900        |
| 14-Apr  | 922          | 1,770          | 47,749         | 63,200        |
| 15-Apr  | 954          | 1,510          | 48,337         | 64,500        |
| 16-Apr  | 977          | 1,450          | 48,461         | 61,300        |
| 17-Apr  | 1,013        | 1,430          | 49,322         | 59,600        |
| 18-Apr  | 1,046        | 1,530          | 49,893         | 58,800        |
| 19-Apr  | 1,070        | 1,690          | 50,380         | 61,300        |
| 20-Apr  | 1,106        | 1,660          | 50,444         | 62,500        |
| 21-Apr  | 1,121        | 1,690          | 52,085         | 63,400        |
| 22-Apr  | 1,134        | 1,850          | 52,485         | 65,600        |
| 23-Apr  | 1,168        | 1,690          | 52,873         | 68,200        |
| 24-Apr  | 1,212        | 1,410          | 53,698         | 67,200        |
| 25-Apr  | 1,193        | 1,260          | 54,612         | 64,100        |
| 26-Apr  | 1,170        | 1,160          | 54,068         | 61,000        |
| 27-Apr  | 1,238        | 1,160          | 53,927         | 58,500        |
| 28-Apr  | 1,247        | 1,390          | 55,115         | 59,100        |
| 29-Apr  | 1,246        | 1,220          | 55,237         | 58,800        |
| 30-Apr  | 1,259        | 1,130          | 55,754         | 53,400        |
| Monthly |              |                |                |               |
| Average | 946          | 1,247          | 49,562         | 56,207        |
|         |              |                |                |               |

Appendix A. Table A3. The mean daily discharge for the Imnaha River gauge 13292000 and the mean daily discharge for the Snake River gauge 13334300, from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 for the month of April.

| scharge     1       2000     19       1,180     1,360       1,460     1 | •   | Aean Daily<br>Discharge<br>2000<br>54,900   |
|---|---|---|
| 2000 19<br>1,180<br>1,360<br>1,460                                      | 958 to 1999<br>55,995   | 2000<br>54,900  |
| 1,180<br>1,360<br>1,460   | 55,995  | 54,900  |
| 1,360<br>1,460  |   |   |
| 1,460   | 56,856  |   |
|   |   | 54,800  |
| 1 =00   | 57,134  | 54,600  |
| 1,580   |   | 55,000  |
| 1,450   | 58,588  | 61,100  |
| 1,320   | 59,632  | 56,400  |
| 1,210   | 60,907  | 51,800  |
| 1,150   | 61,646  | 49,300  |
| 1,170   | 63,137  | 48,600  |
| 1,150   | 64,415  | 52,100  |
| 1,050   | 64,680  | 54,800  |
| 975   | 64,673  | 54,200  |
| 915   | 64,790  | 51,100  |
| 914   | 66,095  | 49,800  |
| 954   | 67,888  | 48,100  |
| 1,000   | 69,176  | 42,300  |
| 1,220   | 69,885  | 41,500  |
| 1,310   | 70,939  | 43,500  |
| 1,300   | 71,663  | 44,900  |
| 1,320   | 71,159  | 46,900  |
| 1,330   | 71,095  | 50,100  |
| 1,510   | 71,690  | 56,400  |
| 1,540   | 72,485  | 62,200  |
| 1,420   | 72,976  | 62,400  |
| 1,400   | 74,093  | 61,600  |
| 1,290   | 75,051  | 60,800  |
| 1,250   | 77,380  | 59,400  |
| 1,350   | 78,041  | 58,900  |
| 1,290   | 78,312  | 57,600  |
| 1,170   | 80,124  | 57,300  |
| 1,070   | 80,044  | 59,100  |
|   |   |   |
| 1,245   | 68,015  | 53,597  |
|   | $\begin{array}{c} 1,580\\ 1,450\\ 1,320\\ 1,210\\ 1,150\\ 1,170\\ 1,150\\ 1,050\\ 975\\ 915\\ 914\\ 954\\ 1,000\\ 1,220\\ 1,310\\ 1,300\\ 1,320\\ 1,310\\ 1,300\\ 1,320\\ 1,330\\ 1,510\\ 1,540\\ 1,420\\ 1,420\\ 1,400\\ 1,290\\ 1,250\\ 1,350\\ 1,290\\ 1,170\\ 1,070\end{array}$ | 1,580 $57,912$ $1,450$ $58,588$ $1,320$ $59,632$ $1,210$ $60,907$ $1,150$ $61,646$ $1,170$ $63,137$ $1,150$ $64,415$ $1,050$ $64,680$ $975$ $64,673$ $915$ $64,790$ $914$ $66,095$ $954$ $67,888$ $1,000$ $69,176$ $1,220$ $69,885$ $1,310$ $70,939$ $1,300$ $71,663$ $1,320$ $71,159$ $1,330$ $71,095$ $1,510$ $71,690$ $1,540$ $72,485$ $1,420$ $72,976$ $1,400$ $74,093$ $1,290$ $75,051$ $1,250$ $77,380$ $1,350$ $78,041$ $1,290$ $78,312$ $1,170$ $80,124$ $1,070$ $80,044$ |

Appendix A. Table A4. The mean daily discharge for the Imnaha River gauge 13292000 and the mean daily discharge for the Snake River gauge 13334300, from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 for the month of May.

| month of Ju | Imnaha River G | auge 13292000 | Snake River Ga | auge 13334300 |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|             | Mean Daily     | Mean Daily    | Mean Daily     | Mean Daily    |
|             | Discharge      | Discharge     | Discharge      | Discharge     |
| Date        | 1928 to 1999   | 2000          | 1958 to 1999   | 2000          |
| 1-Jun       | 1,567          | 937           | 79,883         | 57,100        |
| 2-Jun       | 1,544          | 890           | 79,498         | 51,400        |
| 3-Jun       | 1,543          | 943           | 79,863         | 47,500        |
| 4-Jun       | 1,516          | 1,010         | 80,800         | 45,200        |
| 5-Jun       | 1,523          | 1,140         | 82,324         | 53,000        |
| 6-Jun       | 1,540          | 1,240         | 84,000         | 59,400        |
| 7-Jun       | 1,538          | 1,260         | 83,712         | 60,000        |
| 8-Jun       | 1,517          | 1,390         | 83,020         | 54,800        |
| 9-Jun       | 1,498          | 1,300         | 81,717         | 47,900        |
| 10-Jun      | 1,446          | 1,100         | 80,149         | 44,900        |
| 11-Jun      | 1,408          | 961           | 78,829         | 44,600        |
| 12-Jun      | 1,411          | 1,010         | 78,663         | 43,200        |
| 13-Jun      | 1,414          | 1,200         | 78,717         | 45,800        |
| 14-Jun      | 1,392          | 1,100         | 77,807         | 51,400        |
| 15-Jun      | 1,386          | 1,260         | 77,420         | 53,100        |
| 16-Jun      | 1,397          | 1,180         | 77,193         | 50,100        |
| 17-Jun      | 1,355          | 1,040         | 77,190         | 43,200        |
| 18-Jun      | 1,319          | 967           | 76,456         | 37,600        |
| 19-Jun      | 1,304          | 946           | 75,341         | 40,900        |
| 20-Jun      | 1,284          | 886           | 73,993         | 40,200        |
| 21-Jun      | 1,253          | 869           | 72,120         | 39,000        |
| 22-Jun      | 1,224          | 905           | 70,193         | 38,200        |
| 23-Jun      | 1,184          | 910           | 67,676         | 31,900        |
| 24-Jun      | 1,148          | 809           | 65,844         | 25,600        |
| 25-Jun      | 1,120          | 809           | 63,790         | 24,600        |
| 26-Jun      | 1,093          | 780           | 62,346         | 27,700        |
| 27-Jun      | 1,059          | 741           | 60,866         | 32,500        |
| 28-Jun      | 1,016          | 714           | 58,573         | 30,300        |
| 29-Jun      | 990            | 696           | 55,993         | 29,600        |
| 30-Jun      | 955            | 678           | 53,529         | 27,900        |
| Monthly     |                | 0.00          |                |               |
| Average     | 1,331          | 989           | 73,917         | 42,620        |

Appendix A. Table A5. The mean daily discharge for the Imnaha River gauge 13292000 and the mean daily discharge for the Snake River gauge 13334300, from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 for the month of June.

### **APPENDIX B**

### IMNAHA RIVER DISCHARGE, FALL OF 1999, AND IMNAHA AND SNAKE RIVER TEMPERATURES

| <u></u> | <u>Upper Trap</u>    | Lower Trap           |                      |  |  |  |  |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Date    | Mean Temperature (C) | Mean Discharge (cfs) | Mean Temperature (C) |  |  |  |  |
| 21-Oct  |                      | 160                  | 7.8                  |  |  |  |  |
| 22-Oct  |                      | 160                  | 8.2                  |  |  |  |  |
| 23-Oct  |                      | 159                  | 8.2                  |  |  |  |  |
| 24-Oct  |                      | 159                  | 9.3                  |  |  |  |  |
| 25-Oct  |                      | 160                  | 9.1                  |  |  |  |  |
| 26-Oct  |                      | 171                  | 9.3                  |  |  |  |  |
| 27-Oct  | 5.0                  | 182                  | 8.0                  |  |  |  |  |
| 28-Oct  | 5.3                  | 403                  | 8.6                  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-Oct  | 4.6                  | 264                  | 8.5                  |  |  |  |  |
| 30-Oct  | 4.2                  | 211                  | 8.8                  |  |  |  |  |
| 31-Oct  | 3.9                  | 194                  | 9.0                  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-Nov   | 2.3                  | 183                  | 6.2                  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-Nov   | 2.5                  | 179                  | 5.0                  |  |  |  |  |
| 3-Nov   | 3.5                  | 177                  | 5.9                  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-Nov   | 4.5                  | 178                  | 8.1                  |  |  |  |  |
| 5-Nov   | 4.7                  | 179                  | 6.8                  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-Nov   | 5.8                  | 271                  | 7.9                  |  |  |  |  |
| 7-Nov   | 4.8                  | 247                  | 9.0                  |  |  |  |  |
| 8-Nov   | 5.0                  | 199                  | 8.8                  |  |  |  |  |
| 9-Nov   | 4.4                  | 195                  | 8.5                  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-Nov  | 5.0                  | 190                  | 8.9                  |  |  |  |  |
| 11-Nov  | 5.1                  | 201                  | 8.8                  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-Nov  | 4.7                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 13-Nov  | 4.4                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 14-Nov  | 3.7                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 15-Nov  | 3.2                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 16-Nov  | 3.9                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 17-Nov  | 4.2                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 18-Nov  | 3.0                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 19-Nov  | 2.8                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 20-Nov  | 3.0                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 21-Nov  | 1.5                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 22-Nov  | 0.8                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 23-Nov  | 0.3                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 24-Nov  | 0.7                  |                      |                      |  |  |  |  |

Appendix B. Table B1. The daily mean discharge at the lower site (cfs), and temperature (C) at the upper and lower Imnaha River, October 20 to November 24, 1999.

|        | Imnaha River            | Snake River             |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date   | Average Temperature (C) | Average Temperature (C) |
| 20-Feb | 3.3                     | 4.5                     |
| 21-Feb | 6.0                     | 5.2                     |
| 22-Feb | 6.8                     | 5.7                     |
| 23-Feb | 6.6                     | 5.8                     |
| 24-Feb | 4.9                     | 5.5                     |
| 25-Feb | 3.9                     | 5.2                     |
| 26-Feb | 5.2                     | 5.4                     |
| 27-Feb | 6.4                     | 6.0                     |
| 28-Feb | 6.4                     | 6.1                     |
| 29-Feb | 5.7                     | 6.0                     |
| 1-Mar  | 6.8                     | 6.2                     |
| 2-Mar  | 6.9                     | 6.4                     |
| 3-Mar  | 8.1                     | 6.8                     |
| 4-Mar  | 8.1                     | 7.1                     |
| 5-Mar  | 7.6                     | 7.1                     |
| 6-Mar  | 6.2                     | 6.5                     |
| 7-Mar  | 6.3                     | 6.3                     |
| 8-Mar  | 5.5                     | 6.6                     |
| 9-Mar  | 5.1                     | 6.6                     |
| 10-Mar | 6.2                     | 6.7                     |
| 11-Mar | 6.6                     | 7.2                     |
| 12-Mar | 5.5                     | 6.8                     |
| 13-Mar | 7.2                     | 7.2                     |
| 14-Mar | 8.5                     | 7.8                     |
| 15-Mar | 7.7                     | 7.6                     |
| 16-Mar | 6.5                     | 7.2                     |
| 17-Mar | 5.5                     | 6.8                     |
| 18-Mar | 5.7                     | 6.8                     |
| 19-Mar | 6.4                     | 7.0                     |
| 20-Mar | 5.9                     | 6.8                     |
| 21-Mar | 6.5                     | 7.1                     |
| 22-Mar | 8.3                     | 7.9                     |
| 23-Mar | 8.6                     | 8.2                     |

Appendix B. Table B2. The daily mean temperature for the Imnaha and Snake rivers. Temperature for the Snake river was collected at USGS Gauge 13334300. Temperature for the Imnaha River was collected at river kilometer 7.

|        | Imnaha River            | Snake River             |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date   | Average Temperature (C) | Average Temperature (C) |
| 24-Mar | 7.0                     | 7.5                     |
| 25-Mar | 7.1                     | 7.6                     |
| 26-Mar | 8.5                     | 8.0                     |
| 27-Mar | 8.9                     | 8.5                     |
| 28-Mar | 7.8                     | 8.4                     |
| 29-Mar | 6.7                     | 7.8                     |
| 30-Mar | 6.9                     | 7.9                     |
| 31-Mar | 7.4                     | 8.3                     |
| 1-Apr  | 8.5                     | 8.9                     |
| 2-Apr  | 10.3                    | 9.5                     |
| 3-Apr  | 9.8                     | 9.6                     |
| 4-Apr  | 9.9                     | 9.7                     |
| 5-Apr  | 8.0                     | 9.1                     |
| 6-Apr  | 7.1                     | 8.6                     |
| 7-Apr  | 7.9                     | 8.7                     |
| 8-Apr  | 8.7                     | 9.5                     |
| 9-Apr  | 10.1                    | 10.3                    |
| 10-Apr | 9.7                     | 10.7                    |
| 11-Apr | 9.4                     | 10.6                    |
| 12-Apr | 10.4                    | 10.9                    |
| 13-Apr | 9.3                     | 10.9                    |
| 14-Apr | 7.9                     | 10.0                    |
| 15-Apr | 8.2                     | 9.9                     |
| 16-Apr | 8.3                     | 10.1                    |
| 17-Apr | 8.9                     | 10.5                    |
| 18-Apr | 10.0                    | 11.3                    |
| 19-Apr | 10.4                    | 11.6                    |
| 20-Apr | 9.4                     | 11.7                    |
| 21-Apr | 10.1                    | 12.0                    |
| 22-Apr | 9.1                     | 12.0                    |
| 23-Apr | 7.4                     | 10.9                    |
| 24-Apr | 7.8                     | 10.8                    |
| 25-Apr | 8.1                     | 10.8                    |
| 26-Apr | 8.9                     | 10.8                    |
| 27-Apr | 10.2                    | 11.8                    |
| 28-Apr |                         | 12.2                    |

Appendix B. Table B2 Continued.

|        | Imnaha River            | Snake River             |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date   | Average Temperature (C) | Average Temperature (C) |
| 29-Apr |                         | 11.8                    |
| 30-Apr | 10.5                    | 12.0                    |
| 1-May  | 11.4                    | 12.7                    |
| 2-May  | 11.5                    | 13.1                    |
| 3-May  | 10.5                    | 12.6                    |
| 4-May  | 9.5                     | 11.7                    |
| 5-May  | 9.3                     | 11.5                    |
| 6-May  | 9.0                     | 11.4                    |
| 7-May  | 9.6                     | 11.6                    |
| 8-May  | 10.0                    | 12.0                    |
| 9-May  | 10.1                    | 12.1                    |
| 10-May | 8.3                     | 11.6                    |
| 11-May | 7.3                     | 11.2                    |
| 12-May | 8.7                     | 11.4                    |
| 13-May | 10.2                    | 11.8                    |
| 14-May | 11.4                    | 12.6                    |
| 15-May | 12.3                    | 13.5                    |
| 16-May | 12.8                    | 13.9                    |
| 17-May | 12.8                    | 14.3                    |
| 18-May | 12.6                    | 14.0                    |
| 19-May | 12.1                    | 14.0                    |
| 20-May | 12.1                    | 13.6                    |
| 21-May | 13.4                    | 14.1                    |
| 22-May | 13.8                    | 14.5                    |
| 23-May | 12.2                    | 14.2                    |
| 24-May | 11.6                    | 13.5                    |
| 25-May | 11.6                    | 13.3                    |
| 26-May | 12.0                    | 13.1                    |
| 27-May | 11.7                    | 13.4                    |
| 28-May | 12.1                    | 13.3                    |
| 29-May | 12.1                    | 13.2                    |
| 30-May | 10.1                    | 12.8                    |
| 31-May | 8.3                     | 12.0                    |
| 1-Jun  | 10.6                    | 12.3                    |
| 2-Jun  | 13.3                    | 13.7                    |
| 3-Jun  | 14.6                    | 14.4                    |

Appendix B. Table B2 Continued.

|        | Imnaha River            | Snake River             |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date   | Average Temperature (C) | Average Temperature (C) |
| 4-Jun  | 15.1                    | 15.4                    |
| 5-Jun  | 15.3                    | 16.1                    |
| 6-Jun  | 14.4                    | 16.1                    |
| 7-Jun  | 14.7                    | 16.1                    |
| 8-Jun  | 13.1                    | 15.8                    |
| 9-Jun  | 11.1                    | 14.5                    |
| 10-Jun | 10.6                    | 14.1                    |
| 11-Jun | 10.4                    | 13.8                    |
| 12-Jun | 11.3                    | 13.8                    |
| 13-Jun | 12.7                    | 14.2                    |
| 14-Jun | 14.5                    | 15.2                    |
| 15-Jun | 14.6                    | 15.9                    |
| 16-Jun | 13.5                    | 16.0                    |
| 17-Jun | 13.9                    | 16.2                    |

Appendix B. Table B2 Continued.

### **APPENDIX C**

## DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURE, DISCHARGE, AND CATCH OF CHINOOK SALMON AND STEELHEAD

| 21, 1999 |                | ber Trap            |                | Lower Trap      |                 |
|----------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|          | Mean           |                     | Mean Discharge | Mean            |                 |
| Date     | Temperature (c | fs) Natural Chinook | (cfs)          | Temperature (C) | Natural Chinook |
| 21-Oct   |                | 83                  | 160            | 7.8             | 87              |
| 22-Oct   |                | 10                  | 160            | 8.2             | 32              |
| 23-Oct   |                |                     | 159            | 8.2             |                 |
| 24-Oct   |                |                     | 159            | 9.3             |                 |
| 25-Oct   |                |                     | 160            | 9.1             |                 |
| 26-Oct   |                | 2                   | 171            | 9.3             | 5               |
| 27-Oct   | 5.0            | 64                  | 182            | 8.0             | 33              |
| 28-Oct   | 5.3            | 56                  | 403            | 8.6             | 65              |
| 29-Oct   | 4.6            | 471                 | 264            | 8.5             | 1,709           |
| 30-Oct   | 4.2            |                     | 211            | 8.8             |                 |
| 31-Oct   | 3.9            |                     | 194            | 9.0             |                 |
| 1-Nov    | 2.3            |                     | 183            | 6.2             |                 |
| 2-Nov    | 2.5            | 50                  | 179            | 5.0             | 614             |
| 3-Nov    | 3.5            | 153                 | 177            | 5.9             | 404             |
| 4-Nov    | 4.5            | 98                  | 178            | 8.1             |                 |
| 5-Nov    | 4.7            | 19                  | 179            | 6.8             |                 |
| 6-Nov    | 5.8            |                     | 271            | 7.9             |                 |
| 7-Nov    | 4.8            |                     | 247            | 9.0             |                 |
| 8-Nov    | 5.0            | 101                 | 199            | 8.8             | 106             |
| 9-Nov    | 4.4            | 38                  | 195            | 8.5             | 60              |
| 10-Nov   | 5.0            | 53                  | 190            | 8.9             | 147             |
| 11-Nov   | 5.1            | 66                  | 201            | 8.8             | 134             |
| 12-Nov   | 4.7            |                     |                |                 |                 |
| 13-Nov   | 4.4            |                     |                |                 |                 |
| 14-Nov   | 3.7            | 56                  |                |                 |                 |
| 15-Nov   | 3.2            | 75                  |                |                 |                 |
| 16-Nov   | 3.9            | 190                 |                |                 |                 |
| 17-Nov   | 4.2            | 166                 |                |                 |                 |
| 18-Nov   | 3.0            | 106                 |                |                 |                 |
| 19-Nov   | 2.8            | 54                  |                |                 |                 |
| 20-Nov   | 3.0            |                     |                |                 |                 |
| 21-Nov   | 1.5            |                     |                |                 |                 |
| 22-Nov   | 0.8            | 72                  |                |                 |                 |
| 23-Nov   | 0.3            | 93                  |                |                 |                 |
| 24-Nov   | 0.7            | 152                 |                |                 |                 |

Appendix C. Table C1. The daily mean discharge at the lower site (cfs), and temperature (C) and catch of natural chinook salmon at the upper and lower Imnaha River, October 20 to November 24, 1999.

|        |                 |                              | Tra                           | p A                  |                       |                              | Tra                           | ıp B                 |                       |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Date   | Hours<br>Fished | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead |
| Feb 26 | 19.0            | 9                            |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Feb 27 | 25.0            | 5                            |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Feb 28 | 24.0            | 10                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Feb 29 | 24.0            | 14                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 1  | 24.0            | 16                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 2  | 23.0            | 14                           |                               | 1                    |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 3  | 23.5            | 10                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 4  | 24.0            | 11                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 5  | 24.0            | 11                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 6  | 24.0            | 18                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 7  | 23.0            | 24                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 8  | 24.0            | 11                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 9  | 24.5            | 12                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 10 | 24.5            | 13                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 11 | 24.0            | 7                            |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 12 | 23.5            | 6                            |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 13 | 24.0            | 7                            |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 14 | 22.5            | 19                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 15 | 24.0            | 50                           |                               | 1                    |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 16 | 24.0            | 12                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 17 | 24.0            | 27                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |

Appendix C. Table C2. The catch of natural and hatchery chinook salmon and steelhead at the Imnaha River traps, A and B, from February 26 to June 15, 2000. The hours fished represent when trap A, or trap A and B, began fishing to when their live boxes where cleared of all fish (daily samples may exceed 24 hours if sampling continued into the following day).

|        |                 |                              | Tra                           | р A                  |                       |                              | Tra                           | ıp B                 |                       |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Date   | Hours<br>Fished | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead |
| Mar 18 | 25.0            | 72                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 19 | 24.0            | 56                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 20 | 23.0            | 71                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 21 | 24.0            | 33                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 22 | 23.5            | 28                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 23 | 23.5            | 18                           |                               |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 24 | 27.0            | 44                           | 1,131                         |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 25 | 19.5            | 84                           | 578                           |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 26 | 23.5            | 73                           | 216                           |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 27 | 29.0            | 55                           | 335                           |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Mar 28 | 27.0            | 209                          | 1,606                         | 1                    |                       | 189                          | 2,105                         |                      | 1                     |
| Mar 29 | 22.5            | 772                          | 2,734                         | 2                    |                       | 464                          | 3,047                         | 1                    |                       |
| Mar 30 | 22.5            | 169                          | 1,116                         | 2                    |                       | 181                          | 955                           | 1                    |                       |
| Mar 31 | 25.0            | 120                          | 763                           | 1                    |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 1  | 22.5            | 54                           | 780                           |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 2  | 25.0            | 15                           | 324                           |                      |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 3  | 25.5            | 82                           | 358                           |                      |                       | 57                           | 446                           |                      |                       |
| Apr 4  | 20.0            | 84                           | 221                           | 2                    |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 5  | 22.0            | 150                          | 562                           | 55                   | 3                     | 1                            | 9                             |                      |                       |
| Apr 6  | 9.5             | 26                           | 224                           | 18                   |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 7  | 12.0            | 134                          | 625                           | 24                   |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 8  | 22.0            | 75                           | 101                           | 16                   |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |

Appendix C. Table C2. Continued.

|        |                 |                              | Tra                           | ap A                 |                       |                              | Tra                           | р B                  |                       |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Date   | Hours<br>Fished | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead |
| Apr 9  | 15.8            | 53                           | 96                            | 7                    |                       |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 10 | 13.8            | 35                           | 24                            | 8                    |                       | 26                           | 86                            |                      |                       |
| Apr 11 | 13.5            | 20                           | 34                            | 13                   | 1                     | 42                           | 62                            | 3                    |                       |
| Apr 12 | 15.5            | 43                           | 63                            | 8                    |                       | 5                            | 29                            | 7                    |                       |
| Apr 13 | 9.8             | 20                           | 203                           | 31                   | 112                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 14 | 4.3             | 2                            | 88                            | 11                   | 16                    |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 15 | 8.0             | 15                           | 71                            | 21                   | 66                    |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 16 | 9.5             | 22                           | 116                           |                      |                       |                              |                               | 25                   | 71                    |
| Apr 17 | 29.0            | 32                           | 173                           | 54                   | 161                   | 46                           | 62                            | 29                   | 63                    |
| Apr 18 | 10.5            | 19                           | 63                            | 38                   | 13                    | 34                           | 48                            | 22                   | 10                    |
| Apr 19 |                 | 18                           | 61                            | 53                   | 37                    |                              | 14                            | 6                    | 11                    |
| Apr 20 |                 | 7                            | 105                           | 51                   | 262                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 21 | 21.8            | 52                           | 202                           | 88                   | 925                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 22 | 23.0            | 38                           | 115                           | 73                   | 686                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 24 |                 | 57                           | 147                           | 79                   | 507                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 25 | 23.3            | 50                           | 86                            | 58                   | 201                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 26 | 24.0            | 58                           | 49                            | 50                   | 149                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 27 | 22.4            | 54                           | 39                            | 58                   | 70                    |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Apr 28 | 30.0            | 104                          | 53                            | 176                  | 107                   | 27                           | 7                             | 43                   | 32                    |
| Apr 29 |                 | 97                           | 72                            | 202                  | 266                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 1  | 4.3             | 44                           | 66                            | 136                  | 162                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 2  | 23.0            | 47                           | 18                            | 221                  | 206                   | 17                           | 24                            | 120                  | 1                     |

Appendix C. Table C2. Continued.

|        |                 |                              | Tra                           | ър А                 |                       |                              | Tra                           | ıp B                 |                       |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Date   | Hours<br>Fished | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead | Natural<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Hatchery<br>Chinook<br>Salmon | Natural<br>Steelhead | Hatchery<br>Steelhead |
| May 3  | 27.5            | 45                           | 24                            | 328                  | 598                   | 0                            | 1                             | 80                   | 135                   |
| May 4  | 17.5            | 28                           | 24                            | 432                  | 830                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 5  | 9.5             | 14                           | 11                            | 59                   | 147                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 8  | 12.0            | 18                           | 7                             | 93                   | 293                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 9  | 25.5            | 16                           | 9                             | 127                  | 411                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 10 | 11.5            | 12                           | 11                            | 179                  | 710                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 11 | 24.5            | 25                           | 28                            | 223                  | 1,081                 |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 12 | 13.0            | 7                            | 2                             | 4                    | 7                     |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 15 | 22.5            | 11                           | 1                             | 161                  | 686                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 16 | 15.0            | 10                           | 4                             | 235                  | 891                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 17 | 24.0            | 15                           | 7                             | 221                  | 1,148                 |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 18 | 24.0            | 22                           | 13                            | 349                  | 2,113                 |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 19 | 11.0            | 4                            | 6                             | 65                   | 456                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 22 |                 | 31                           | 3                             | 173                  | 1,533                 |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 23 | 7.5             | 12                           | 3                             | 86                   | 1,158                 |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 24 | 8.5             | 8                            | 1                             | 70                   | 630                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 25 | 12.0            | 14                           |                               | 58                   | 428                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 26 | 13.0            | 6                            | 1                             | 42                   | 394                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| May 31 | 12.5            | 16                           | 1                             | 52                   | 430                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Jun 1  | 24.0            | 30                           | 1                             | 39                   | 376                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Jun 2  | 23.0            | 14                           |                               | 10                   | 172                   |                              |                               |                      |                       |
| Jun 5  | 13.5            | 15                           |                               | 15                   | 348                   | 15                           |                               | 9                    | 142                   |

Appendix C. Table C2. Continued.

|        |        |         | Tra      | рA        |           | Trap B  |          |           |           |  |
|--------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|
|        |        | Natural | Hatchery |           |           | Natural | Hatchery |           |           |  |
|        | Hours  | Chinook | Chinook  | Natural   | Hatchery  | Chinook | Chinook  | Natural   | Hatchery  |  |
| Date   | Fished | Salmon  | Salmon   | Steelhead | Steelhead | Salmon  | Salmon   | Steelhead | Steelhead |  |
| Jun 6  | 14.5   | 10      |          | 18        | 546       | 2       |          | 6         | 244       |  |
| Jun 7  | 14.5   | 8       |          | 12        | 399       | 2       |          | 9         | 207       |  |
| Jun 8  | 12.5   | 3       |          | 12        | 366       | 2       |          | 9         | 207       |  |
| Jun 9  | 14.5   | 4       |          | 23        | 580       |         |          |           |           |  |
| Jun 12 | 13.0   | 5       |          | 2         | 105       | 6       |          | 6         | 42        |  |
| Jun 13 | 23.5   | 11      |          | 5         | 214       | 1       |          | 7         | 121       |  |
| Jun 14 | 12.0   | 3       |          | 7         | 157       | 9       |          | 2         | 80        |  |
| Jun 15 | 9.0    | 4       |          | 6         | 130       | 3       |          |           | 53        |  |
| Totals | 1,840  | 4,038   | 13,775   | 4,665     | 21,287    | 1,127   | 6,895    | 376       | 1,213     |  |

Appendix C. Table C2. Continued.

|        |                |                |             |                 | Recapture | Recapture |                        |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| Agency | Recapture File | Tag ID         | Date Tagged | Date Recaptured | Length    | Weight    | Travel Time            |
| ODFW   | JAH99323.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DF9F89 | 8/23/99     | 11/19/99        | 84        | 6.1       | 87 days 18 hrs 9 mins  |
| ODFW   | JAH99322.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DFBD28 | 8/23/99     | 11/18/99        | 90        | 7.4       | 86 days 18 hrs 24 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99301.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DFFA38 | 8/23/99     | 10/28/99        | 85        | 6.7       | 65 days 17 hrs 50 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99322.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E02EC1 | 8/23/99     | 11/18/99        | 85        | 6.1       | 86 days 18 hrs 24 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99327.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E12604 | 8/23/99     | 11/23/99        | 74        |           | 91 days 18 hrs 13 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99312.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DF5771 | 8/24/99     | 11/8/99         | 83        | 5.1       | 75 days 16 hrs 18 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99327.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E0F36E | 8/24/99     | 11/23/99        | 80        | 4.9       | 90 days 18 hrs 13 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99323.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E10AC2 | 8/24/99     | 11/19/99        | 85        | 6.5       | 86 days 18 hrs 9 mins  |
| ODFW   | JAH99328.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E110D2 | 8/24/99     | 11/24/99        | 83        | 5.8       | 91 days 18 hrs 3 mins  |
| ODFW   | JAH99315.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E1162F | 8/24/99     | 11/11/99        | 83        | 6         | 78 days 20 hrs 57 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99302.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E11C9E | 8/24/99     | 10/29/99        | 94        | 9.1       | 65 days 16 hrs 39 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99302.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E120E3 | 8/24/99     | 10/29/99        | 77        | 5.1       | 65 days 16 hrs 39 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99302.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E12953 | 8/24/99     | 10/29/99        | 98        | 9.8       | 65 days 16 hrs 39 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99294.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DF3D26 | 8/24/99     | 10/21/99        | 84        | 6.3       | 57 days 16 hrs 51 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99326.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DF3D9A | 8/24/99     | 11/22/99        | 83        | 5.3       | 89 days 18 hrs 8 mins  |
| ODFW   | JAH99307.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DF3E04 | 8/24/99     | 11/3/99         | 78        |           | 70 days 15 hrs 57 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99328.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DF4B39 | 8/24/99     | 11/24/99        | 83        | 5.4       | 91 days 16 hrs 48 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99328.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DFF16E | 8/24/99     | 11/24/99        | 87        | 6.1       | 91 days 16 hrs 48 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99327.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E10E44 | 8/24/99     | 11/23/99        | 84        | 5.1       | 90 days 16 hrs 58 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99322.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E11524 | 8/24/99     | 11/18/99        | 75        |           | 85 days 17 hrs 9 mins  |
| ODFW   | JAH99322.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E125B4 | 8/24/99     | 11/18/99        | 91        | 6.9       | 85 days 17 hrs 9 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99307.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DED771 | 11/2/99     | 11/3/99         | 89        | 7.8       | 14 hrs 12 mins         |
| NPT    | JAH99308.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0E04CCE | 11/3/99     | 11/4/99         | 94        | 8         | 14 hrs 5 mins          |
| NPT    | JAH99320.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DED05B | 11/15/99    | 11/16/99        | 109       | 14.2      | 14 hrs 38 mins         |
| NPT    | JAH99321.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E0395F | 11/16/99    | 11/17/99        | 95        | 7.7       | 14 hrs 53 mins         |
| NPT    | JAH99323.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E03FE9 | 11/18/99    | 11/19/99        | 84        | 5.8       | 15 hrs 9 mins          |
| NPT    | JAH99323.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E04457 | 11/18/99    | 11/19/99        | 105       | 12.7      | 15 hrs 9 mins          |
| NPT    | JAH99323.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E0493D | 11/18/99    | 11/19/99        | 103       | 11.4      | 15 hrs 9 mins          |
| NPT    | JAH99323.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0E0533A | 11/18/99    | 11/19/99        | 86        | 7.2       | 15 hrs 9 mins          |
| NPT    | JAH99328.NP1   | 3D9.1BF0DEE492 | 11/23/99    | 11/24/99        | 97        | 9         | 15 hrs 3 mins          |

Appendix C. Table C3. PIT tagged fish recaptured in the upper Imnaha River trap from October 20 to November 24, 1999.

|        |                |                |             |                 | Recapture | Recapture |                        |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| Agency | Recapture File | Tag ID         | Date Tagged | Date Recaptured | Length    | Weight    | Travel Time            |
| ODFW   | JAH99302.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DF9B68 | 8/23/99     | 10/29/99        |           |           | 66 days 16 hrs 18 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99302.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0E129EC | 8/24/99     | 10/29/99        | 71        |           | 65 days 16 hrs 18 mins |
| ODFW   | JAH99306.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DFF57F | 8/25/99     | 11/2/99         |           |           | 68 days 22 hrs 48 mins |
| NPT    | JAH99302.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEBC85 | 10/21/99    | 10/29/99        | 88        | 6.9       | 7 days 13 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99302.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC314 | 10/21/99    | 10/29/99        |           |           | 7 days 13 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99302.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0E04B72 | 10/21/99    | 10/29/99        | 84        | 6         | 7 days 13 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99306.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC4B2 | 10/21/99    | 11/2/99         | 95        | 8.9       | 11 days 16 hrs 18 mins |
| NPT    | JAH99302.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DED9DC | 10/22/99    | 10/29/99        | 88        |           | 6 days 20 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99306.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC460 | 10/28/99    | 11/2/99         | 89        | 7.3       | 4 days 16 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99306.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEEFF4 | 10/28/99    | 11/2/99         | 101       | 10.5      | 4 days 16 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99307.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DED390 | 10/28/99    | 11/3/99         |           |           | 5 days 15 hrs 23 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99314.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEEB76 | 10/28/99    | 11/10/99        | 82        | 5.6       | 12 days 15 hrs 34 mins |
| NPT    | JAH99306.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC832 | 10/29/99    | 11/2/99         | 101       | 11.2      | 4 days 10 hrs 18 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99307.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEBCE2 | 11/2/99     | 11/3/99         | 87        |           | 14 hrs 53 mins         |
| NPT    | JAH99307.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC03B | 10/29/99    | 11/3/99         |           |           | 5 days 9 hrs 23 mins   |
| NPT    | JAH99307.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEF0E5 | 10/29/99    | 11/3/99         |           |           | 5 days 9 hrs 23 mins   |
| NPT    | JAH99312.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEBB35 | 10/29/99    | 11/8/99         | 95        | 9.2       | 10 days 10 hrs 3 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99312.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC114 | 10/29/99    | 11/8/99         | 86        | 6.9       | 10 days 10 hrs 3 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99312.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DECA34 | 10/29/99    | 11/8/99         |           | 6.3       | 10 days 10 hrs 3 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99313.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DED94D | 10/29/99    | 11/9/99         | 100       | 11.7      | 11 days 9 hrs 11 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99314.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEE7DE | 10/29/99    | 11/10/99        | 86        | 6.4       | 12 days 9 hrs 34 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99313.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DED771 | 11/2/99     | 11/9/99         | 91        | 7.7       | 6 days 15 hrs 11 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99314.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEC103 | 11/2/99     | 11/10/99        | 99        |           | 7 days 15 hrs 34 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99313.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEE493 | 11/3/99     | 11/9/99         | 92        | 9.4       | 5 days 15 hrs 11 mins  |
| NPT    | JAH99315.NT1   | 3D9.1BF0DEBCEC | 11/4/99     | 11/11/99        | 80        | 5.4       | 6 days 14 hrs 10 mins  |

Appendix C. Table C3. PIT tagged fish recaptured in the lower Imnaha River trap from October 20 to November 24, 1999.

### **APPENDIX D**

#### IMNAHA RIVER JUVENILE HATCHERY CHINOOK SALMON TRAP EFFICIENCIES AND POST RELEASE SURVIVAL ESTIMATES FROM 1994 TO 2000

|       |                     |                |                           | Estimated Survival |               |                      |  |  |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|--|--|
|       |                     | Mean Trap      | PIT Tag<br>Interrogations | Relea              | se to Trap    | Release to<br>Lower  |  |  |
| Year  | Number<br>of Trials | Efficiency (%) | at the Screw<br>Trap (%)  | SURPH<br>(%)       | Bootstrap (%) | Granite Dam $(\%)^1$ |  |  |
| I Cal | 01 IIIais           | (70)           | 11ap (%)                  | (70)               | Bootstrap (%) | Dalli (70)           |  |  |
| 2000  | 11                  | 18.1           | 9.8                       | 94.7               | 66.9          | 68.7                 |  |  |
| 1999  | 51                  | 21.8           | 4.5                       | 93.7               | 45.9          | 68.5                 |  |  |
| 1998  | 9                   | 29.4           | 17.0                      | 88.4               | 66.9          | 68.3                 |  |  |
| 1997  | 6                   | 45.9           | 19.6                      | 89.2               | 44            | 61.6                 |  |  |
| 1996  | 9                   | 11.6           | 10.6                      | 95.0               | 101.7         | 56.8                 |  |  |
| 1995  | 7                   | 14.8           | 10.8                      | 92.6               | 68            | 61.8                 |  |  |
| 1994  | 1                   | 13.8           | 6.2                       | 100.9              | 88.1          | 68.5                 |  |  |

Appendix D. Table D1. The mean trap efficiency, PIT tag interrogation percentage and estimated survival of hatchery chinook salmon from release at the Imnaha River Acclimation Facility at river kilometer 74 to the Imnaha River trap at river kilometer 7, and from release to Lower Granite Dam from 1994 to 2000.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated as the product of the SURPH Survival estimates from release to the Imnaha River trap, and from the trap to Lower Granite Dam.

Appendix D. Table D2. Daily trap efficiency trials of hatchery chinook salmon marked with fin clips and PIT tags released and recaptured in the lower Imnaha River trap during the spring of 2000 migration.

| Date Released | Mark Applied | Number | Number | Percent |
|---------------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| March 24      | Fin Clip     | 100    | 18     | 18.0    |
| March 30      | Fin Clip     | 300    | 70     | 23.3    |
| March 30      | PIT Tag      | 371    | 57     | 15.4    |
| March 31      | Fin Clip     | 301    | 47     | 15.6    |
| April 2       | Fin Clip     | 281    | 97     | 34.5    |
| April 17      | Fin Clip     | 190    | 17     | 8.9     |
| April 25      | Fin Clip     | 73     | 1      | 1.4     |
| April 26      | Fin Clip     | 40     | 7      | 17.5    |
| April 27      | Fin Clip     | 35     | 1      | 2.9     |
| April 28      | Fin Clip     | 53     | 2      | 3.8     |
| April 28      | PIT Tag      | 27     | 4      | 14.8    |

### **APPENDIX E**

## ARRIVAL TIMING AT SNAKE RIVER AND COLUMBIA RIVER DAMS

|                  | Migration | Sample   |                    | Arrival Timing |        |  |
|------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Dam              | Year      | Size (n) | Date Range         | Median         | 90%    |  |
| Lower Granite    | 2000      | 245      | April 8 - May 28   | May 1          | May 10 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 128      | April 8 - May 27   | May 1          | May 17 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 454      | April 3 - June 5   | April 27       | May 9  |  |
|                  | 1996      | 108      | April 11 - May 19  | April 24       | May 14 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 68       | April 20 - July 12 | April 25       | May 11 |  |
| Little Goose     | 2000      | 128      | April 14 - June 4  | April 28       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 220      | April 10 - June 21 | April 30       | May 18 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 410      | April 14 - May 28  | May 4          | May 15 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 87       | April 14 - May 26  | April 26       | May 16 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 43       | April 22 - June 25 | May 1          | May 19 |  |
| Lower Monumental | 2000      | 40       | April 17 - May 30  | April 29       | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 80       | April 13 - May 28  | May 2          | May 20 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 304      | April 15 - May 29  | May 7          | May 19 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 92       | April 19 - May 31  | April 27       | May 19 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 43       | April 27 - July 18 | May 6          | May 24 |  |
| McNary           | 2000      | 42       | April 26 - May 31  | May 10         | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 18       | April 18 - May 30  | May 9          | May 25 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 195      | April 18 - June 4  | May 4          | May 18 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 40       | April 25 - May 26  | April 30       | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 63       | May 1 - June 1     | May 17         | May 24 |  |

Appendix E. Table E1. Arrival timing of PIT tagged Imnaha River natural chinook salmon smolts, tagged and released in the fall of 1993 to 1999 at the upper trap site at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams for migration years 1994 to 2000.

| Little Goose, Lower I |           |          | ry dams for migration ye |          |          |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| -                     | Migration | Sample   |                          |          | Timing   |
| Dam                   | Year      | Size (n) | Date Range               | Median   | 90%      |
| Lower Granite         | 2000      | 262      | April 4 - May 12         | April 14 | April 23 |
|                       | 1999      | 103      | April 3 May 2            | April 19 | April 25 |
|                       | 1998      | 428      | March 27 - May 12        | April 14 | April 24 |
|                       | 1997      | 101      | March 31 - April 24      | April 13 | April 21 |
|                       | 1996      | 98       | April 8 - April 28       | April 19 | April 23 |
|                       | 1995      | 106      | April 3 - May 9          | April 14 | April 25 |
|                       | 1994      | 145      | April 2 - May 6          | April 21 | April 25 |
| Little Goose          |           |          |                          |          |          |
|                       | 2000      | 239      | April 12 - May 12        | April 17 | April 24 |
|                       | 1999      | 364      | April 8 - May 9          | April 19 | April 25 |
|                       | 1998      | 228      | April 11 - May 12        | April 25 | May 2    |
|                       | 1997      | 92       | April 12 - April 30      | April 21 | April 24 |
|                       | 1996      | 146      | April 12 - May 17        | April 23 | April 26 |
|                       | 1995      | 54       | April 11 - May 14        | April 18 | May 2    |
|                       | 1994      | 80       | April 22 - May 8         | April 26 | April 30 |
| Lower Monumental      |           |          |                          |          |          |
|                       | 2000      | 62       | April 13 - May 6         | April 21 | April 26 |
|                       | 1999      | 144      | April 10 - May 21        | April 19 | April 25 |
|                       | 1998      | 202      | April 19 - May 19        | Apr 25   | May 4    |
|                       | 1997      | 61       | April 8 - April 29       | April 22 | April 26 |
|                       | 1996      | 87       | April 13 - May 18        | April 24 | April 27 |
|                       | 1995      | 50       | April 13 - May 16        | April 22 | May 3    |
|                       | 1994      | 93       | April 24 - May 18        | April 29 | May 9    |
| McNary                |           |          |                          |          |          |
|                       | 2000      | 35       | April 18 - May 6         | April 27 | May 4    |
|                       | 1999      | 64       | April 10 - May 10        | April 21 | April 28 |
|                       | 1998      | 236      | April 20 - May 23        | April 30 | May 4    |
|                       | 1997      | 25       | April 12 - April 29      | April 25 | April 28 |
|                       | 1996      | 48       | April 18 - May 12        | April 27 | May 3    |
|                       | 1995      | 42       | April 23 - May 16        | April 30 | May 10   |
|                       | 1994      | 90       | April 29 - June 15       | May 8    | May 18   |

Appendix E. Table E2. Arrival timing of PIT tagged Imnaha River natural chinook salmon smolts, tagged and released in the fall of 1993 to 1999 at the lower trap site at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams for migration years 1994 to 2000.

|                  | Migration | Sample Size |                     | Arrival Timing |        |  |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Dam              | Year      | (n)         | Date Range          | Median         | 90%    |  |
| Lower Granite    | 2000      | 1,291       | April 2 - August 8  | April 22       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 1,218       | March 28 - July 15  | April 27       | May 22 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 1,630       | April 1 - June 27   | April 25       | May 6  |  |
|                  | 1997      | 74          | April 6 - May 18    | April 22       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 421         | April 6 - June 12   | April 30       | May 18 |  |
|                  | 1995      | 184         | April 11 - July 11  | May 1          | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 348         | April 14 - June 23  | April 24       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1993      | 109         | April 21 - June 12  | May 4          | May 14 |  |
| Little Goose     | 2000      | 1,103       | April 11 - July 14  | April 23       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 2,099       | April 9 - August 1  | April 29       | May 22 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 837         | April 14 - June 25  | May 3          | May 12 |  |
|                  | 1997      | 70          | April 15 - May 22   | April 26       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 358         | April 12 - June 16  | April 27       | May 20 |  |
|                  | 1995      | 144         | April 15 - July 15  | May 7          | May 20 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 194         | April 23 - June 17  | April 28       | May 7  |  |
|                  | 1993      | 46          | April 27 - June 2   | May 3          | May 16 |  |
| Lower Monumental | 2000      | 335         | April 13 - July 12  | April 25       | May 12 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 688         | April 9 - August 4  | May 1          | May 23 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 289         | April 19 - June 8   | April 30       | May 11 |  |
|                  | 1997      | 74          | April 20 - June 1   | April 30       | May 14 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 359         | April 13 - June 15  | May 10         | May 22 |  |
|                  | 1995      | 142         | April 19 - August 4 | May 8          | June 4 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 215         | April 25 - July 26  | May 1          | May 24 |  |
|                  | 1993      | 37          | May 3 - June 2      | May 8          | May 13 |  |
| McNary           | 2000      | 192         | April 18 - July 4   | May 7          | May 29 |  |
|                  | 1999      | 152         | April 18 - June 27  | May 6          | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1998      | 187         | April 19 - June 2   | May 1          | May 15 |  |
|                  | 1997      | 24          | April 22 - May 19   | May 1          | May 12 |  |
|                  | 1996      | 148         | April 19 - June 8   | May 14         | May 24 |  |
|                  | 1995      | 89          | April 28 - July 9   | May 12         | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1994      | 229         | April 29 - July 16  | May 12         | May 28 |  |
|                  | 1993      | 20          | May 3 - June 15     | May 9          | May 21 |  |

Appendix E. Table E3. Arrival timing of spring PIT tagged Imnaha River natural chinook salmon smolts at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams from 1993 to 2000.

|                  |                   | Sample Size |                    | Arrival Timing |        |  |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Dam              | Year              | (n)         | Date Range         | Median         | 90%    |  |
| Lower Granite    | 2000              | 782         | April 7 - May 24   | May 3          | May 13 |  |
|                  | 1999              | 267         | April 18 - May 25  | May 5          | May 14 |  |
|                  | 1998              | 696         | April 15 - May 22  | May 2          | May 9  |  |
|                  | 1997              | 227         | April 16 - May 22  | May 5          | May 14 |  |
|                  | 1996              | 169         | April 13 - May 26  | May 7          | May 16 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>1</sup> | 128         | April 13 - June 7  | May 2          | May 13 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>2</sup> | 83          | April 16 - May 22  | May 8          | May 15 |  |
|                  | 1994              | 129         | April 24 - May 18  | May 12         | May 12 |  |
|                  | 1992 <sup>3</sup> | 273         | April 12 - June 6  | April 21       | May 6  |  |
| Little Goose     | 2000              | 450         | April 14 - May 24  | May 3          | May 13 |  |
|                  | 1999              | 387         | April 16 - June 6  | May 10         | May 19 |  |
|                  | 1998              | 391         | April 25 - May 26  | May 7          | May 14 |  |
|                  | 1997              | 267         | April 20 - May 27  | May 9          | May 18 |  |
|                  | 1996              | 131         | April 23 - June 6  | May 13         | May 20 |  |
|                  | $1995^{1}$        | 114         | April 26 - June 11 | May 10         | May 20 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>2</sup> | 67          | April 27 - June 7  | May 12         | May 23 |  |
|                  | 1994              | 65          | April 28 - June 2  | May 14         | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1992 <sup>3</sup> | 116         | April 17 - May 22  | April 27       | May 5  |  |
| Lower Monumental | 2000              | 107         | April 19 - May 26  | May 5          | May 22 |  |
|                  | 1999              | 124         | April 23 - May 25  | May 11         | May 20 |  |
|                  | 1998              | 143         | April 23 - May 26  | May 8          | May 15 |  |
|                  | 1997              | 199         | April 25 - June 3  | May 10         | May 19 |  |
|                  | 1996              | 136         | April 23 - May 29  | May 15         | May 23 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>1</sup> | 106         | April 27 - June 10 | May 12         | May 21 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>2</sup> | 71          | April 29 - June 9  | May 17         | May 26 |  |
|                  | 1994              | 73          | April 30 - June 7  | May 14         | May 20 |  |
| McNary           | 2000              | 99          | April 24 - May 30  | May 13         | May 27 |  |
|                  | 1999              | 56          | May 2 - May 26     | May 19         | May 24 |  |
|                  | 1998              | 53          | May 2 - May 30     | May 11         | May 19 |  |
|                  | 1997              | 61          | May 1 - June 1     | May 10         | May 19 |  |
|                  | 1996              | 55          | May 1 - May 27     | May 16         | May 23 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>1</sup> | 67          | April 29 - June 9  | May 16         | May 23 |  |
|                  | 1995 <sup>2</sup> | 36          | May 3 - May 30     | May 16         | May 22 |  |
|                  | 1994              | 119         | May 6 - June 17    | May 21         | May 26 |  |
|                  | 1992 <sup>3</sup> | 61          | April 27 - June 1  | May 8          | May 17 |  |

Appendix E. Table E4. Arrival timing of PIT tagged Imnaha River hatchery chinook salmon smolts at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams from 1992 to 2000.

 <sup>1</sup> HxW crossed chinook salmon smolts PIT tagged for NPT and released at dark.

 <sup>2</sup> HxW crossed chinook salmon smolts PIT tagged for the FPC and released one hour after tagging and recovery.

 <sup>3</sup> Hatchery chinook salmon smolts PIT tagged and released in 1992 were over a two day period only for survival estimation.

|                  |                   | Sample Size |                      | Arriv  | al Timing |  |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|--|
| Dam              | Year (n)          |             | Date Range           | Median | 90%       |  |
| Lower Granite    | 2000              | 2,262       | April 6 - August 3   | May 8  | May 25    |  |
|                  | 1999              | 649         | April 19 - June 26   | May 18 | June 5    |  |
|                  | 1998              | 1,474       | April 2 - June 12    | May 3  | May 22    |  |
|                  | 1997              | 368         | April 20 - July 10   | May 8  | May 24    |  |
|                  | 1996              | 537         | April 19 - June 10   | May 6  | June 4    |  |
|                  | 1995              | 128         | April 28 - June 19   | May 2  | May 9     |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 332         | April 25 - Aug 15    | May 8  | June 1    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 207         | May 3 - Aug 20       | May 9  | May 30    |  |
|                  | 1993              | 101         | May 3 - June 13      | May 26 | June 8    |  |
| Little Goose     | 2000              | 458         | April 11 - June 26   | May 8  | May 29    |  |
|                  | 1999              | 717         | April 8 - June 24    | May 21 | May 25    |  |
|                  | 1998              | 481         | April 14 - June 19   | May 8  | May 26    |  |
|                  | 1997              | 319         | April 20 - June 19   | May 10 | May 26    |  |
|                  | 1996              | 365         | April 20 - June 14   | May 9  | May 28    |  |
|                  | 1995              | 70          | May 1 - June 23      | May 7  | May 12    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 159         | April 29 - July 29   | May 12 | May 31    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 121         | May 6 - July 26      | May 15 | June 1    |  |
|                  | 1993              | 48          | May 6 - June 11      | May 24 | June 7    |  |
| Lower Monumental | 2000              | 246         | April 12 - August 12 | May 14 | May 30    |  |
|                  | 1999              | 342         | April 19 - June 21   | May 23 | May 27    |  |
|                  | 1998              | 213         | April 16 - June 11   | May 10 | May 27    |  |
|                  | 1997              | 264         | April 21 - June 6    | May 11 | May 25    |  |
|                  | 1996              | 397         | April 22 - June 15   | May 14 | May 29    |  |
|                  | 1995              | 81          | May 3 - May 17       | May 9  | May 14    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 148         | May 1 - August 8     | May 12 | July 8    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 91          | May 9 - July 31      | May 15 | July 10   |  |
|                  | 1993              | 43          | May 6 - June 15      | May 30 | June 11   |  |
| McNary           | 2000              | 58          | April 15 - June 16   | May 24 | June 7    |  |
|                  | 1999              | 55          | April 17 - May 31    | May 25 | May 27    |  |
|                  | 1998              | 53          | April 20 - June 4    | May 7  | May 28    |  |
|                  | 1997              | 62          | April 24 - June 5    | May 13 | May 18    |  |
|                  | 1996              | 157         | April 25 - June 11   | May 11 | May 21    |  |
|                  | 1995              | 35          | May 5 - May 27       | May 11 | May 17    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 66          | May 5 - June 22      | May 18 | June 9    |  |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 42          | May 13 - June 25     | May 18 | June 6    |  |
|                  | 1993              | 17          | May 11 - June 13     | May 25 | May 31    |  |

Appendix E. Table E5. Arrival timing of PIT tagged Imnaha River natural steelhead smolts at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams from 1993 to 2000.

<sup>1</sup> NPT PIT tagged fish

<sup>2</sup> FPC PIT tagged fish

|                  |                   | Sample Size |                      | Arriv   | al Timing |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Dam              | Year (n)          |             | Date Range           | Median  | 90%       |
| Lower Granite    | 2000              | 3,249       | April 8 - July 24    | May 16  | May 25    |
|                  | 1999              | 1,973       | April 18 - August 5  | May 24  | June 18   |
|                  | 1998              | 1,683       | April 25 - July 29   | May 15  | May 26    |
|                  | 1997              | 2,346       | April 19 - July 24   | May 23  | June 13   |
|                  | 1996              | 440         | April 23 - July 14   | May 28  | June 14   |
|                  | 1995              | 661         | May 6 - July 12      | May 31  | June 16   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 164         | April 29 - August 20 | May 29  | July 15   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 306         | May 6 - August 21    | May 25  | June 23   |
|                  | 1993              | 224         | May 3 - June 28      | May 17  | May 31    |
| Little Goose     | 2000              | 309         | April 13 - July 22   | May 22  | July 1    |
|                  | 1999              | 1,593       | April 20 - August 22 | May 25  | June 18   |
|                  | 1998              | 555         | May 3 - July 10      | May 25  | May 30    |
|                  | 1997              | 1,844       | April 21 - August 23 | May 26  | June 13   |
|                  | 1996              | 261         | April 24 - July 11   | May 25  | June 16   |
|                  | 1995              | 409         | May 8 - July 13      | June 3  | June 20   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 86          | May 2 - July 30      | May 31  | July 17   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 165         | May 10 - August 12   | May 27  | July 9    |
|                  | 1993              | 106         | May 5 - July 8       | May 25  | June 2    |
| Lower Monumental | 2000              | 243         | April 16 - August 18 | May 25  | July 3    |
|                  | 1999              | 790         | April 21 - July 20   | May 26  | June 19   |
|                  | 1998              | 253         | May 5 - July 15      | May 26  | June 3    |
|                  | 1997              | 1,432       | April 22 - August 6  | May 27  | June 15   |
|                  | 1996              | 232         | May 6 - July 7       | May 27  | June 15   |
|                  | 1995              | 410         | May 9 - July 13      | June 6  | June 16   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 30          | May 5 - August 5     | June 3  | July 17   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 75          | May 11 - August 24   | June 18 | July 21   |
|                  | 1993              | 92          | May 7 - June 14      | May 26  | June 5    |
| McNary           | 2000              | 58          | May 3 - July 30      | July 2  | July 17   |
|                  | 1999              | 79          | April 27 - July 8    | May 28  | May 31    |
|                  | 1998              | 31          | May 13 - July 2      | June 1  | June 19   |
|                  | 1997              | 245         | April 23 - August 12 | May 27  | June 18   |
|                  | 1996              | 30          | April 27 - July 3    | May 23  | June 7    |
|                  | 1995              | 69          | May 15 - July 17     | June 5  | June 27   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>1</sup> | 22          | May 17 - July 14     | June 5  | July 10   |
|                  | 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 56          | May 20 - July 11     | June 17 | July 8    |
|                  | 1993              | 7           | May 11 - June 5      | May 19  | May 30    |

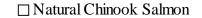
Appendix E. Table E6. Arrival timing of PIT tagged Imnaha River hatchery steelhead smolts at Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams from 1993 to 2000.

<sup>1</sup> NPT PIT tagged fish released at dark

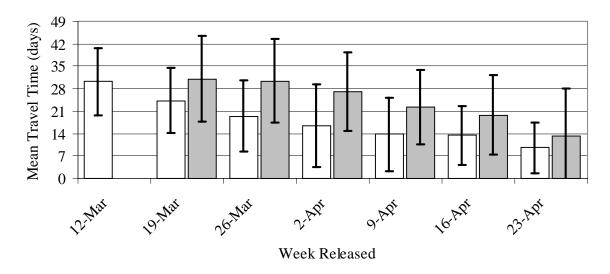
<sup>1</sup> FPC PIT tagged fish released after recovery

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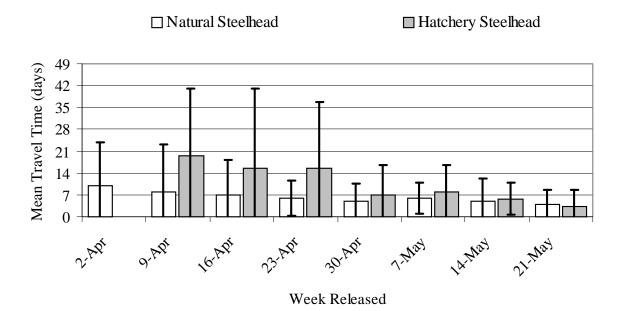
#### AVERAGE WEEKLY TRAVEL TIMES FOR NATURAL AND HATCHERY CHINOOK SALMON AND STEELHEAD



□ Hatchery Chinook Salmon



Appendix F. Figure F1. Mean travel times of natural and hatchery chinook salmon weekly PIT tag release groups from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam, with 95% C.I., for 2000.



Appendix F. Figure F2. Mean travel times of natural and hatchery steelhead weekly PIT tag release groups from the lower Imnaha River trap to Lower Granite Dam, with 95% C.I., for 2000.

## **APPENDIX G**

# MORTALITY, FEBRUARY 26 TO JUNE 15

|        |         | Har      | ndling    |           |         | Tra      | <u>pping</u> |           | <b>Tagging</b> |          |           |           |
|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|        | Natural | Hatchery |           |           | Natural | Hatchery |              |           | Natural        | Hatchery |           |           |
|        | Chinook |          |           | Hatchery  | Chinook |          | Natural      |           |                |          | Natural   | Hatchery  |
| Date   | Salmon  | Salmon   | Steelhead | Steelhead | Salmon  | Salmon   | Steelhead    | Steelhead | Salmon         | Salmon   | Steelhead | Steelhead |
| 24-Mar |         | 2        |           |           |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 5-Apr  | 1       | 17       |           |           |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 13-Apr |         |          |           |           | 7       | 102      | 20           | 90        |                |          |           |           |
| 14-Apr |         |          |           |           |         | 1        |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 18-Apr |         |          |           |           |         | 6        |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 20-Apr |         |          |           |           | 1       |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 22-Apr |         |          |           |           |         |          |              | 1         | 1              |          |           |           |
| 23-Apr |         |          |           |           |         |          |              |           | 1              | 2        |           |           |
| 25-Apr |         |          |           |           |         |          |              |           | 1              |          |           |           |
| 26-Apr |         |          |           |           |         | 2<br>1   |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 27-Apr |         |          |           |           |         | 1        |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 28-Apr |         |          |           |           |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 29-Apr |         | 1        |           |           |         |          |              |           | 1              |          |           |           |
| 2-May  | 2       | 1        |           | 1         |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 3-May  | 2       | 7        | 4         | 4         | 1       | 2        |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 4-May  |         |          |           |           |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 5-May  |         | 1        |           |           |         | 4        | 3            | 2         | 1              |          |           |           |
| 8-May  |         |          |           |           |         |          |              |           | 1              |          |           |           |
| 10-May |         |          |           |           |         |          | 1            |           |                |          |           |           |
| 11-May |         |          |           |           |         |          |              | _         | 1              |          |           |           |
| 16-May |         |          |           |           |         |          | 1            | 1         |                |          |           |           |
| 18-May |         |          |           |           | 1       |          | •            |           | 1              |          | 1         |           |
| 19-May |         |          |           |           | 1       |          | 2            |           | 4              |          |           |           |
| 22-May |         |          |           |           | 1       |          |              |           | 4              |          |           |           |
| 25-May |         |          |           |           | 1       |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 2-Jun  | 1<br>3  |          |           |           |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |
| 5-Jun  |         | 20       | 4         |           | 11      | 110      | 27           | 0.4       | 10             | -        | 1         | 0         |
| Totals | 10      | 29       | 4         | 5         | 11      | 118      | 27           | 94        | 12             | 2        | 1         | 0         |
|        |         |          |           |           |         |          |              |           |                |          |           |           |

Appendix G. Table G1. The mortality at the Imnaha River juvenile fish trap, from February 26 to June 15, 2000. Mortality was due to either handling, trapping, or PIT tagging.

## **APPENDIX H**

# **INCIDENTAL CATCH, MIGRATION YEAR 2000**

| Family        | Common Name                   | Fall - Upper Trap | Fall - Lower Trap | Spring -Lower Trap | Total Catch |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Salmonidae    | Rainbow Trout / Steelhead     | 140               | 247               | 17                 | 404         |
|               | Adult Steelhead (natural and  | hatchery)         |                   | 36                 | 36          |
|               | Mountain Whitefish            | 71                | 251               | 6                  | 328         |
|               | Bulltrout                     | 16                | 44                | 2                  | 62          |
| Centrarchidae | Smallmouth Bass               |                   | 1                 |                    | 1           |
| Catostomidae  | Bridgelip Sucker              |                   | 378               | 361                | 739         |
|               | Largescale Sucker             |                   |                   | 175                | 175         |
|               | Sucker (unidentified species) |                   |                   | 5                  | 5           |
| Cyprinidae    | Longnose Dace                 | 4                 | 4                 | 587                | 595         |
|               | Specked Dace                  |                   | 1                 | 3                  | 4           |
|               | Chislemouth                   |                   | 1                 | 25                 | 26          |
|               | Redsided Shiner               |                   | 43                | 13                 | 56          |
|               | Northern Pikeminnow           |                   | 21                | 12                 | 33          |
| Cottidae      | Sculpin Species               | 5                 | 16                | 31                 | 52          |
|               | Total Catch                   | 236               | 1,007             | 1,273              | 2,516       |

Appendix H. Table H1. The catch of incidental fish during the fall, October 20 to November 24, and the spring, February 26 to June 15, at the upper and lower Imnaha River juvenile fish traps for the 2000 migration year.

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