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Abstract

Lyons Ferry Hatchery (LFH) and Tucannon Fish Hatchery (TFH) were built/modified under the Lower Snake River Fish and Wildlife Compensation Plan. One objective of the Plan is to compensate for the estimated annual loss of 1,152-spring Chinook (Tucannon River stock) caused by hydroelectric projects on the Snake River. With co-manager agreement, the conventional supplementation production goal was increased in 2006 from 132,000 to 225,000 fish for release as yearlings at a size of 30 g/fish (15 fish per pound). This report summarizes activities of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Lower Snake River Hatchery Evaluation Program for Tucannon River spring Chinook for the period May 2009 to April 2010.

A total of 1,225 salmon were captured in the TFH trap in 2009 (327 natural adults, 63 natural jacks, 410 hatchery adults, and 425 hatchery jacks). Of these, 177 (89 natural, 88 hatchery) were collected and hauled to LFH for broodstock and the remaining fish were passed upstream. During 2009, two salmon that were collected for broodstock died prior to spawning.

Spawning of supplementation fish occurred between 25 August and 22 September, with a peak eggtake occurring on 8 September. A total of 323,341 eggs were collected from 42 natural and 54 hatchery-origin female Chinook. Egg mortality to eye-up was 7.5% (24,129 eggs), with an additional loss of 6,921 (2.3%) sac-fry. Total fry ponded for 2009 BY production in the rearing ponds was 292,291.

WDFW staff conducted spawning ground surveys in the Tucannon River between 27 August and 1 October, 2009. Two hundred ninety-two redds and 268 carcasses were found above the adult trap and 159 redds and 199 carcasses were found below the trap. Based on redd counts, broodstock collection, and in-river pre-spawning mortalities, the estimated return to the river for 2009 was 1,862 spring Chinook (634 natural adults, 116 natural jacks and 605 hatchery-origin adults, 507 hatchery jacks).

Evaluation staff operated a downstream migrant trap to provide juvenile outmigration estimates. During the 2008/2009 emigration, we estimated that 8,529 (7,059-10,592 95% C.I.) natural spring Chinook (BY 2007) smolts emigrated from the Tucannon River. Low estimates may be due to low capture probabilities because of high spring flows during 2009 or low survival.

Smolt-to-adult return rates (SAR) for natural origin salmon average about five times higher than for hatchery origin salmon. However, hatchery salmon survive almost three times greater than natural salmon from parent to adult progeny. We came close (1,112 fish) to meeting the mitigation goal of 1,152 hatchery origin salmon during 2009. We are currently conducting an experiment to examine size at release as a possible means to improve SARs of hatchery origin spring Chinook.

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Program Objectives

Legislation under the Water Resources Act of 1976 authorized the establishment of the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) to help mitigate for the losses of salmon and steelhead runs due to construction and operation of the Snake River dams and authorize hatchery construction and production in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon as a mitigation tool (USACE 1975). In Washington, Lyons Ferry Hatchery (LFH) was constructed and Tucannon Fish Hatchery (TFH) was modified. Under the mitigation negotiations, local fish and wildlife agencies determined through a series of conversion rates of McNary Dam counts that 2,400 (2%) spring Chinook annually escaped into the Tucannon River. The agencies also estimated a 48% cumulative loss rate to juvenile downstream migrants passing through the four lower Snake River dams. As such, 1,152[1] fish of Tucannon River origin spring Chinook needed to be compensated for, with the expectation that the other 1,248 (52%) would come from natural production. The agencies also determined through other survival studies at the time that a smolt-to-adult survival rate of 0.87% was a reasonable expectation for spring and summer Chinook salmon. Based on that it was determined that 132,000 fish should be produced by the hatchery program to meet compensation needs. In 1984, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) began to evaluate the success of these two hatcheries in meeting the mitigation goal, and identifying factors that would improve performance of the hatchery fish.

The WDFW initiated the Tucannon River Spring Chinook Captive Broodstock Program in 1997, which was funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) through its Fish and Wildlife Program. The project goal was to rear captive salmon selected from the supplementation program (1997-2002 brood years) to adults, rear their progeny, and release approximately 150,000 smolts (30 g/fish) annually into the Tucannon River between 2003-2007. These smolt releases, in combination with the hatchery supplementation program smolts and natural production, are expected to produce 600-700 returning adult spring Chinook to the Tucannon River each year from 2005 through 2010 (WDFW et al. 1999). In an attempt to increase adult returns and come closer to achieving the LSRCP mitigation goal, the co-managers have agreed to increase the conventional supplementation program goal to 225,000 yearling smolts annually beginning with the 2006 brood year. This report summarizes work performed by the WDFW Tucannon Spring Chinook Evaluation Program from May 2009 through April 2010.

1 The project area escapement is 1,152. It was also assumed that four times that number (4,608 fish) would be harvested below the project area.

ESA Permits

The Tucannon River spring Chinook population is currently listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as part of the Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon evolutionary significant unit (ESU)(25 March 1999; FR 64(57): 14517-14528). The WDFW was issued Section 10 Permits (#1126 and #1129) to allow take for this program, but those permits have since expired. A Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) has been submitted as the application for a new Section 4 (d) Permit for this program. This report summarizes all work performed by WDFW's LSRCP Tucannon Spring Chinook Salmon Evaluation Program during 2009. Numbers of direct and indirect takes of listed Snake River spring Chinook (Tucannon River stock) and fall Chinook salmon (Snake River stock) for the 2009 calendar year are presented in Appendix A (Tables 1-2).

Facility Descriptions

Lyons Ferry Hatchery is located on the Snake River (rkm 90) at its confluence with the Palouse River and has eight deep wells that produce nearly constant 11° C water (Figure 1). It is used for adult broodstock holding and spawning, and early life incubation and rearing. All juvenile fish are marked and returned to TFH in late September/October for final rearing and acclimation. Tucannon Fish Hatchery, located at rkm 59 on the Tucannon River, has an adult collection trap on site (Figure 1). Adults returning to TFH are transported to LFH and held until spawning. Juveniles are reared at TFH through the winter until release in the spring on a combination of well, spring, and river water. River water is the primary water source, which allows for a more natural winter temperature profile. In February, the fish are transported to Curl Lake Acclimation Pond (AP), a 0.85 hectare natural bottom lake with a mean depth of 2.7 m, and volitionally released during April.

Tucannon River Watershed Characteristics

The Tucannon River empties into the Snake River between Little Goose and Lower Monumental Dams approximately 622 rkm from the mouth of the Columbia River (Figure 1). Stream elevation rises from 150 m at the mouth to 1,640 m at the headwaters (Bugert et al. 1990). Total watershed area is approximately 1,295 km^2. Local habitat problems related to logging, road building, recreation, and agriculture/livestock grazing have limited the production potential of spring Chinook in the Tucannon River. Land use in the Tucannon watershed is approximately 36% grazed rangeland, 33% dry cropland, 23% forest, 6% WDFW, and 2% other use (Tucannon Subbasin Summary 2001). Five unique strata have been distinguished by predominant land use, habitat, and landmarks (Figure 1; Table 1) and are referenced throughout this report.

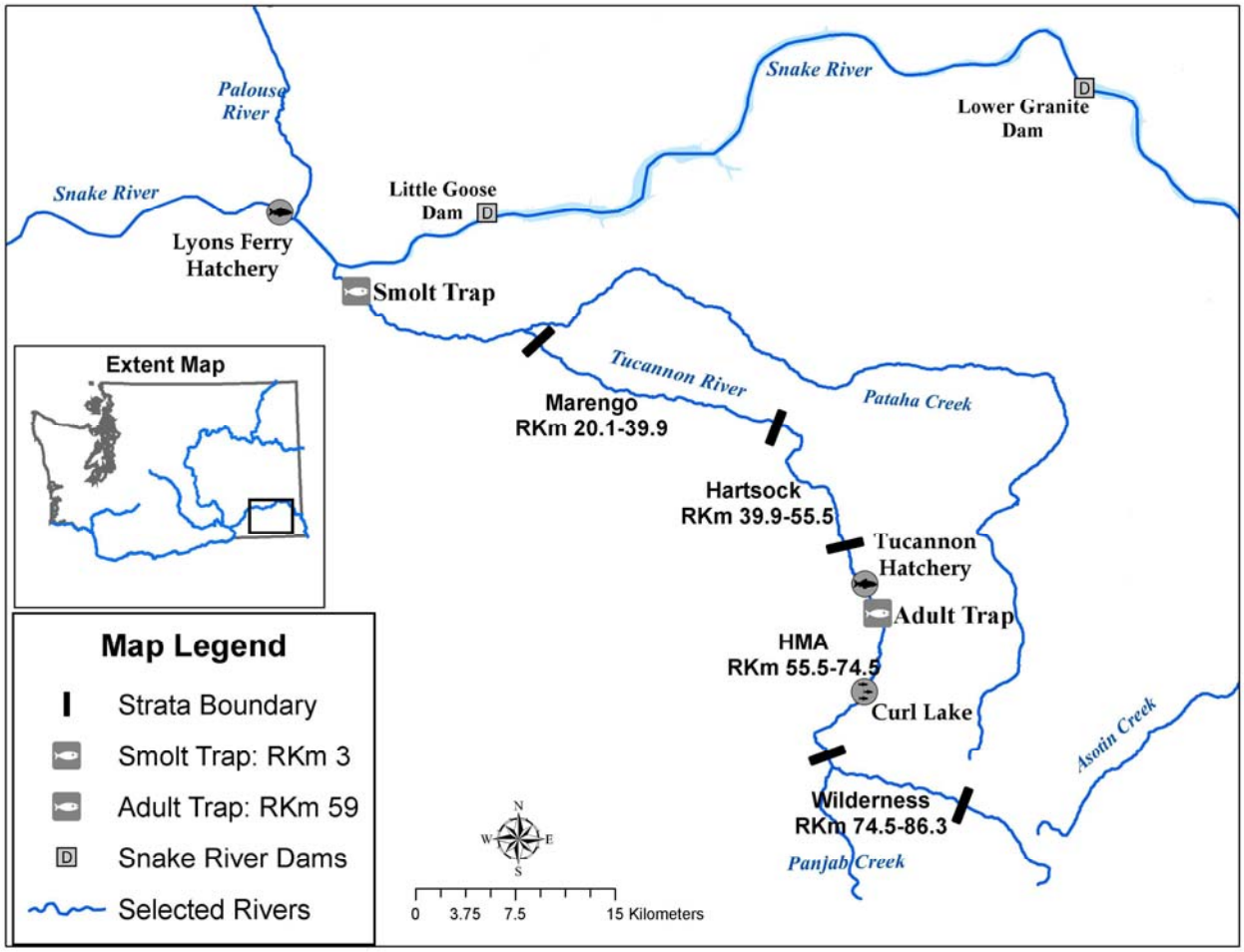

Figure 1. Location of the Tucannon River, and Lyons Ferry and Tucannon Hatcheries within the Snake River basin.

Table 1. Description of five strata within the Tucannon River.

Strata	Land Ownership/Usage	Spring Chinook Habitat[a]	River Kilometer[b]
Lower	Private/Agriculture & Ranching	Not-Usable (temperature limited)	0.0-20.1
Marengo	Private/Agriculture & Ranching	Marginal (temperature limited)	20.1-39.9
Hartsock	Private/Agriculture & Ranching	Fair to Good	39.9-55.5
HMA	State & Federal/Recreational	Good to Excellent	55.5-74.5
Wilderness	Federal/Recreational	Excellent	74.5-86.3

[a] Strata were based on water temperature, habitat, and landowner use.

[b] Rkm descriptions: 0.0–mouth at the Snake River; 20.1-Territorial Rd.; 39.9–Marengo Br.; 55.5-HMA Boundary Fence; 74.5-Panjab Br.; 86.3-Rucherts Camp.

Adult Salmon Evaluation

Broodstock Trapping

The annual collection goal for broodstock is 85 natural and 85 hatchery adults collected throughout the duration of the run to meet the smolt production/release goal of 225,000. Additional jack salmon may be collected up to their proportion of the run with an upper limit of 15% of the broodstock. Returning Tucannon hatchery salmon were identified by coded-wire tag (CWT) in the snout or presence of a visible implant elastomer tag. Adipose clipped fish were killed outright as strays.

The TFH adult trap began operation in February (for steelhead) with the first spring Chinook captured 21 May. The trap was operated through September. A total of 1,225 fish entered the trap (327 natural adults, 63 natural jacks, 410 hatchery adults, and 425 hatchery jacks), and 89 natural (85 adults, 4 jacks) and 88 hatchery (85 adults, 3 jacks) spring Chinook were collected and hauled to LFH for broodstock (Table 2, Appendix B). Fish not collected for broodstock were passed upstream. Adults collected for broodstock were injected with erythromycin and oxytetracycline (0.5 cc/4.5 kg); jacks were given half dosages. Fish received formalin drip treatments during holding at 167 ppm every other day at LFH to control fungus.

Table 2. Numbers of spring Chinook salmon captured, trap mortalities, fish collected for broodstock, or passed upstream to spawn naturally at the TFH trap from 1986-2009.

	Captured at Trap		Trap Mortality		Broodstock Collected		Passed Upstream	
Year	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery
1986	247	0	0	0	116	0	131	0
1987	209	0	0	0	101	0	108	0
1988	267	9	0	0	116	9	151	0
1989	156	102	0	0	67	102	89	0
1990	252	216	0	1	60	75	191	134
1991	109	202	0	0	41	89	68	105
1992	242	305	8	3	47	50	165	202
1993	191	257	0	0	50	47	130	167
1994	36	34	0	0	36	34	0	0
1995	10	33	0	0	10	33	0	0
1996	76	59	1	4	35	45	40	10
1997	99	160	0	0	43	54	56	106
1998 [a]	50	43	0	0	48	41	1	1
1999 [b]	1	139	0	1	1	135	0	0
2000 [c]	28	177	0	17	12	69	13	94
2001	405	276	0	0	52	54	353	222
2002	168	610	0	0	42	65	126	545
2003	84	151	0	0	42	35	42	116
2004	311	155	0	0	51	41	260	114
2005[d]	131	114	0	3	49	51	82	60
2006[e]	61	78	0	3	36	53	25	22
2007[f]	112	112	0	6	54	34	58	72
2008[g]	114	386	0	1	42	92	72	293
2009[h]	390	835	0	7	89	88	301	740

[a] Two males (one natural, one hatchery) captured were transported back downstream to spawn in the river.

[b] Three hatchery males that were captured were transported back downstream to spawn in the river.

[c] Seventeen stray LV and AD/LV fish were killed at the trap.

[d] Three AD clipped stray fish were killed at the trap.

[e] One AD/No Wire and one AD/LV/CWT stray fish were killed at the trap. The remaining trap mortality was a Tucannon hatchery-origin fish that died due to trapping.

[f] Six AD/No Wire stray fish were killed at the trap.

[g] One AD/No Wire stray fish was killed at the trap.

[h] Six AD/No Wire and one AD/CWT stray fish were killed at the trap.

Broodstock Mortality

Two of the 177 salmon collected for broodstock died prior to spawning in 2009 (Table 3). Table 3 shows that prespawning mortality in 2009 was low and comparable to the mortality documented since broodstock holding at LFH began in 1992. Higher mortality was experienced when fish were held at TFH (1986-1991) due to higher water temperatures.

Table 3. Numbers of pre-spawning mortalities and percent of fish collected for broodstock at TFH and held at TFH (1985-1991) or LFH (1992-2009).

	Natural				Hatchery			
Year	Male	Female	Jack	% of collected	Male	Female	Jack	% of collected
1985	3	10	0	59.1	—	—	—	—
1986	15	10	0	21.6	—	—	—	—
1987	10	8	0	17.8	—	—	—	—
1988	7	22	0	25.0	—	—	9	100.0
1989	8	3	1	17.9	5	8	22	34.3
1990	12	6	0	30.0	14	22	3	52.0
1991	0	0	1	2.4	8	17	32	64.0
1992	0	4	0	8.2	2	0	0	4.0
1993	1	2	0	6.0	2	1	0	6.4
1994	1	0	0	2.8	0	0	0	0.0
1995	1	0	0	10.0	0	0	3	9.1
1996	0	2	0	5.7	2	1	0	6.7
1997	0	4	0	9.3	2	2	0	7.4
1998	1	2	0	6.3	0	0	0	0.0
1999	0	0	0	0.0	3	1	1	3.8
2000	0	0	0	0.0	1	2	0	3.7
2001	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
2002	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	0	3.1
2003	0	1	0	2.4	0	0	1	2.9
2004	0	3	0	5.9	0	0	1	2.4
2005	2	0	0	4.1	1	2	0	5.9
2006	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1.9
2007	0	2	1	5.6	0	2	0	5.9
2008	1	1	0	4.8	0	0	1	1.1
2009	0	0	0	0.0	0	2	0	2.3

Broodstock Spawning

Spawning at LFH was conducted once a week from 25 August to 22 September, with peak eggtake occurring on 8 September. During the spawning process, the eggs of two females were split in half and fertilized by two males following a 2 x 2 factorial spawning matrix approach. Factorial mating can have substantial advantages in increasing the genetically effective number of breeders (Busack and Knudsen 2007). To prevent stray fish from contributing to the hatchery population, all CWTs were read prior to spawning. No hatchery strays were found in the broodstock in 2009.

A total of 323,341 eggs were collected (Table 4). Sex can be hard to determine early in the run, which resulted in a large number of hatchery females collected in 2009. Eggs were initially disinfected and water hardened for one hour in an iodophor (buffered iodine) solution (100 ppm). Fungus on the incubating eggs was controlled with formalin applied every-other day at 1,667 ppm for 15 minutes. Mortality to eye-up was 7.5% with an additional 2.3% (6,921) loss of sac-fry, which left 292,291 fish for production.

Table 4. Number of fish spawned or killed outright (K.O.), estimated egg collection, and egg mortality of natural and hatchery origin Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon at LFH in 2009. (Numbers in parentheses are repeat spawners).

	Natural Origin						
	Males		Jacks		Females		
Spawn Date	Spawned	K.O.	Spawned	K.O.	Spawned	K.O.	Eggs Taken
8/25	2						
9/01	7				5		22,000
9/08	25		1		17		60,843
9/12	9 (12)		2		18		61,704
9/22	(6)			1	2		6,667
Totals	43	0	3	1	42	0	**151,214**
Egg Mortality							6,680
	Hatchery Origin						
	Males		Jacks		Females		
Spawn Date	Spawned	K.O.	Spawned	K.O.	Spawned	K.O.	Eggs Taken
8/25					1		4,154
9/01	4		1		7		25,002
9/08	14		1		23	1	77,129
9/12	10		1		20		55,032
9/22					3		10,810
Totals	28	0	3	0	54	1	**172,127**
Egg Mortality							17,449

Natural Spawning

Pre-spawn mortality walks were conducted on 11 August from Camp Wooten (rkm 68) to Cummings Creek (rkm 56) and on 20 August from Bridge 12 (rkm 47) to Marengo Bridge (rkm 40). One hatchery female salmon carcass was recovered on 11 August at rkm 61.

Weekly spawning ground surveys were conducted on the Tucannon River from 27 August and were completed by 1 October 2009. One hatchery female pre-spawning mortality was recovered at rkm 54.5 on 17 September. Four hundred fifty-one redds were counted and 237 natural and 230 hatchery origin spawned carcasses were recovered (Table 5). Two hundred ninety-two redds (64.7% of total) and 268 carcasses (57.4% of total) were found above the adult trap.

Table 5. Numbers and general locations of salmon redds and carcasses recovered on the Tucannon River spawning grounds, 2009 (the Tucannon Hatchery adult trap is located at rkm 59).

			Carcasses Recovered	
Stratum	**Rkm[a]**	**Number of redds**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**
Wilderness	84-86	10	4	3
	78-84	26	7	8
	75-78	31	7	10
HMA	73-75	24	11	14
	68-73	57	10	15
	66-68	35	16	11
	62-66	72	33	60
	59-62	37	31	28
	----------Tucannon Fish Hatchery Trap----------			
	56-59	104	101	71
Hartsock	52-56	21	11	8
	47-52	18	3	1
	43-47	7	2	1
	40-43	6	0	0
Marengo	34-40	3	1	0
	28-34	0	0	0
Totals	**28-86**	**451**	**237**	**230**

[a] Rkm descriptions: 86-Rucherts Camp; 84-Sheep Cr.; 78-Lady Bug Flat CG; 75-Panjab Br.; 73-Cow Camp Bridge; 68-Tucannon CG; 66-Curl Lake; 62-Beaver/Watson Lakes Br.; 59-Tucannon Hatchery Intake/Adult Trap; 56-HMA Boundary Fence; 52-Br. 14; 47-Br. 12; 43-Br. 10; 40-Marengo Br.; 34-King Grade Br.; 28-Enrich Br.

While conducting redd surveys in 2009, we also snorkeled four redds to look for the presence of precocial juveniles spawning with adults. We observed 9 adults (4 females, 3 males, and 2 jacks) on or near the sampled redds. We observed three parr and captured with a cast net one immature juvenile wild spring Chinook (69 mm) and one steelhead (68 mm) on or near the redds. Sex was not determined for the two immature fish. No hatchery-origin precocial juveniles were collected. Snorkel and cast netting for precocial juveniles was limited during 2009 because of the effort required for redd surveys and carcass recovery due to the large return.

Historical Trends in Natural Spawning

Two general spawning trends were evident (Figure 2) from the program's inception in 1985 through 1999:

1) The proportion of the total number of redds occurring below the trap increased; and
2) The density of redds (redds/km) decreased in the Tucannon River.

In part, this resulted from a greater emphasis on broodstock collection to keep the spring Chinook population from extinction. However, increases in the SAR rates beginning with the 1995 brood have subsequently resulted in increased spawning above the trap and higher redd densities (Figure 2; Table 6). Also, moving the release location from TFH upstream to Curl Lake AP in 1999 appears to have affected the spawning distribution, with higher numbers of fish and redds in the Wilderness and HMA strata compared to previous years (Table 6).

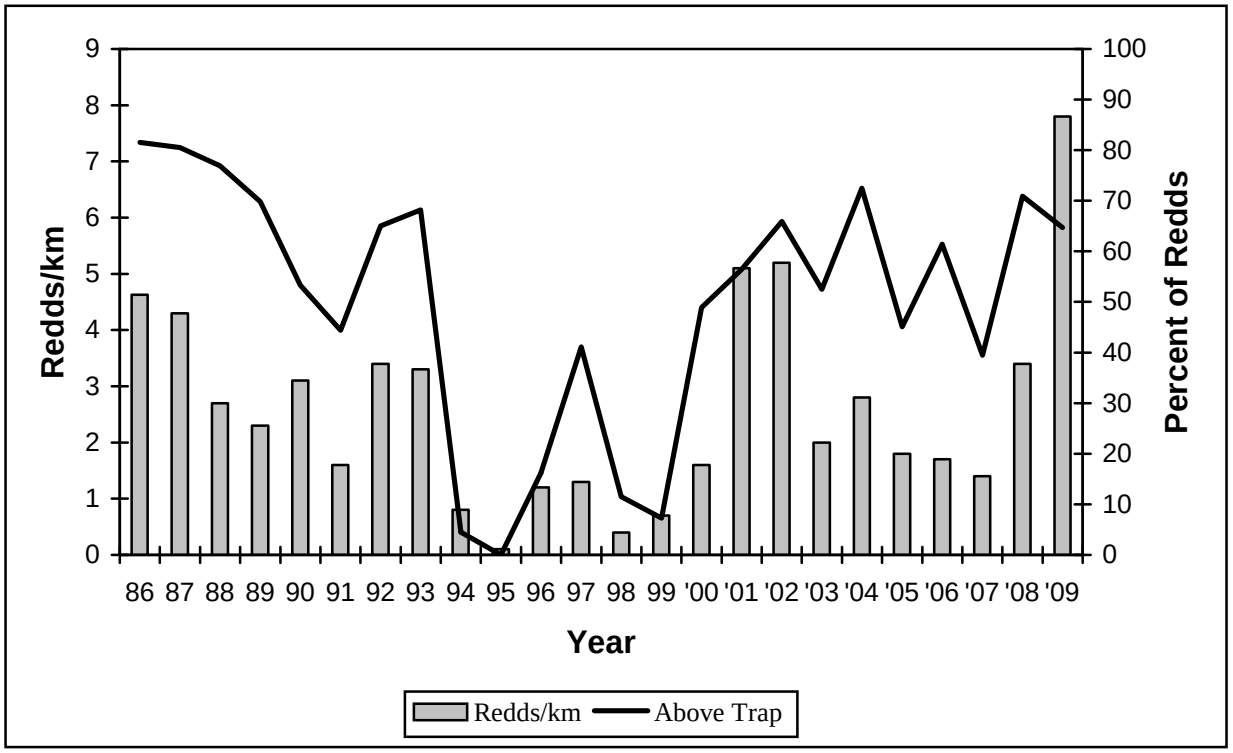

Figure 2. Number of redds/km and percentage of redds above the adult trap on the Tucannon River, 1986-2009.

Table 6. Number of spring Chinook salmon redds and redds/km (in parenthesis) by stratum and year, and the number and percent of redds above and below the TFH adult trap in the Tucannon River, 1985-2009.

	Strata					TFH Adult Trap			
Year	Wilderness	HMA	Hartsock	Marengo	Total Redds	Above	%	Below	%
1985	84 (7.1)	105 (5.3)	–	–	189	–	–	–	–
1986	53 (4.5)	117 (6.2)	29 (1.9)	0 (0.0)	200	163	81.5	37	18.5
1987	15 (1.3)	140 (7.4)	30 (1.9)	–	185	149	80.5	36	19.5
1988	18 (1.5)	79 (4.2)	20 (1.3)	–	117	90	76.9	27	23.1
1989	29 (2.5)	54 (2.8)	23 (1.5)	–	106	74	69.8	32	30.2
1990	20 (1.7)	94 (4.9)	64 (4.1)	2 (0.3)	180	96	53.3	84	46.7
1991	3 (0.3)	67 (2.9)	18 (1.1)	2 (0.3)	90	40	44.4	50	55.6
1992	17 (1.4)	151 (7.9)	31 (2.0)	1 (0.2)	200	130	65.0	70	35.0
1993	34 (3.4)	123 (6.5)	34 (2.2)	1 (0.2)	192	131	68.2	61	31.8
1994	1 (0.1)	10 (0.5)	28 (1.8)	5 (0.9)	44	2	4.5	42	95.5
1995	0 (0.0)	2 (0.1)	3 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
1996	1 (0.1)	33 (1.7)	34 (2.2)	0 (0.0)	68	11	16.2	58	83.8
1997	2 (0.2)	43 (2.3)	27 (1.7)	1 (0.2)	73	30	41.1	43	58.9
1998	0 (0.0)	3 (0.2)	20 (1.3)	3 (0.5)	26	3	11.5	23	88.5
1999	1 (0.1)	34 (1.8)	6 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	41	3	7.3	38	92.7
2000	4 (0.4)	68 (3.6)	20 (1.3)	0 (0.0)	92	45	48.9	47	51.1
2001	24 (2.7)	189 (9.9)	84 (5.3)	1 (0.2)	298	168	56.4	130	43.6
2002	13 (1.4)	227 (11.9)	46 (2.9)	13 (1.1)	299	197	65.9	102	34.1
2003	0 (0.0)	90 (4.7)	28 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	118	62	52.5	56	47.5
2004	17 (1.9)	124 (6.5)	19 (1.2)	0 (0.0)	160	116	72.5	44	27.5
2005	4 (0.4)	69 (3.6)	25 (1.6)	4 (0.3)	102	46	45.1	56	54.9
2006	2 (0.2)	78 (4.1)	20 (1.3)	1 (0.1)	101	62	61.4	39	38.6
2007	2 (0.2)	63 (3.3)	16 (1.0)	0 (0.0)	81	32	39.5	49	60.5
2008	30 (2.7)	146 (7.7)	22 (1.4)	1 (0.1)	199	141	70.9	58	29.1
2009	67 (6.1)	329 (17.3)	52 (3.3)	3 (0.3)	451	292	64.7	159	35.3

Note: – indicates the river was not surveyed in that section during that year.

Genetic Sampling

During 2009, we collected 296 DNA samples (operculum punches) from adult salmon (146 natural origin, 128 conventional supplementation hatchery, 20 captive brood progeny, one unknown hatchery origin, and one hatchery origin stray) from hatchery broodstock and carcasses collected from the spawning grounds. These samples were sent to the WDFW genetics lab in Olympia, Washington for analysis. Genotypes, allele frequencies, and tissue samples are stored at WDFW's Genetics Laboratory. Genetic samples are being compared between 1986 and samples collected through 2008 to determine if there has been a loss of genetic diversity since the hatchery program began. The results will be submitted for publication in an appropriate journal.

Age Composition, Length Comparisons, and Fecundity

We determine the age composition of each year's returning adults from scale samples of natural origin fish, and both scales and CWTs from hatchery-origin fish. This allows us to annually compare ages of natural and hatchery-reared fish, and to examine trends and variability in age structure. Overall, hatchery origin fish return at a younger age than natural origin fish and have fewer age-5 fish in the population (Figure 3). This difference is due to larger size-at-release that results in earlier maturation (hatchery origin smolts are generally 25-30 mm greater in length than natural smolts). The greater proportion of age-3 natural origin fish that returned in 2009 (Figure 3) was likely due to recent improved ocean conditions that increased survival.

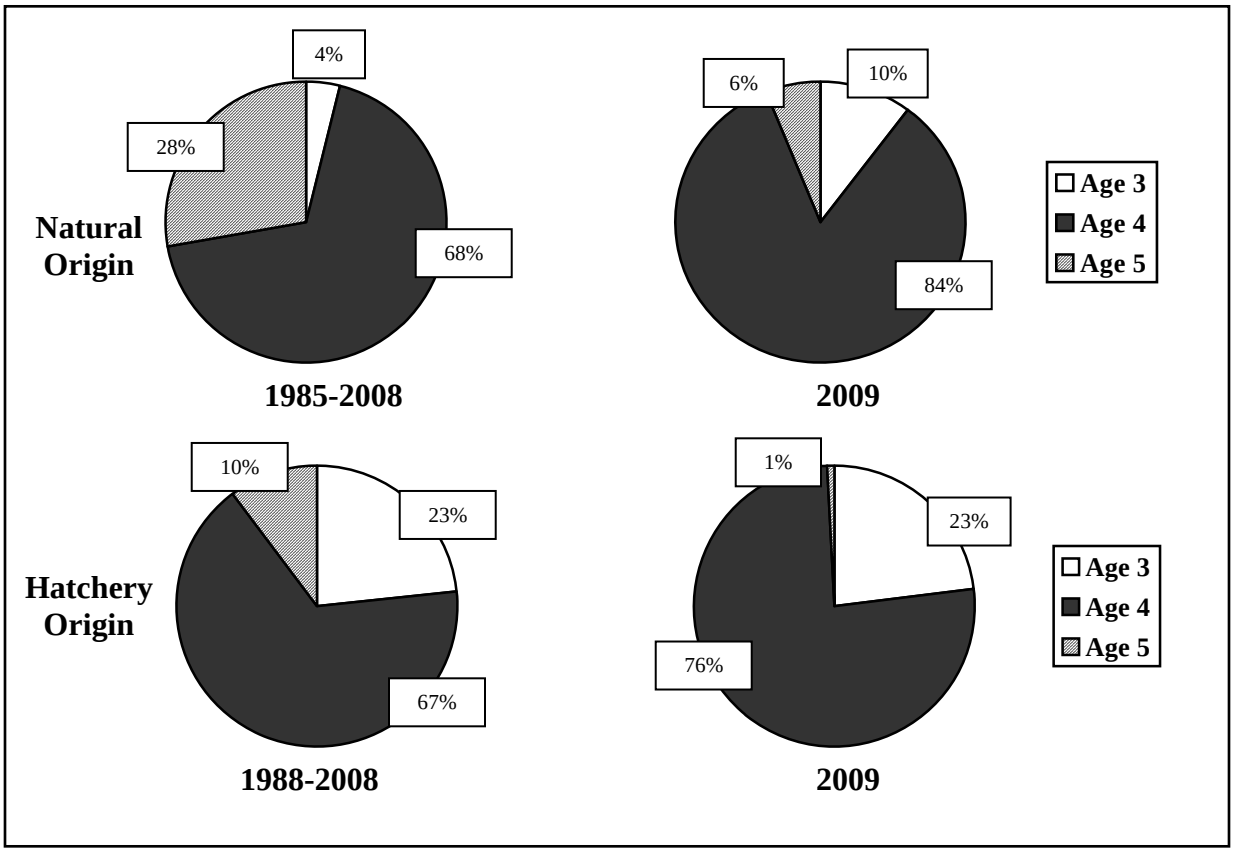

Figure 3. Historical (1985-2008), and 2009 age composition for spring Chinook in the Tucannon River.

Another metric monitored on returning adult natural and hatchery origin fish is size at age, measured as the mean post-orbital to hypural-plate (POH) lengths. We examined size at age for returns using analysis of variance from the program's inception to date, and found a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) in mean POH length between age-4 natural and hatchery-origin female fish but not males (Figure 4).

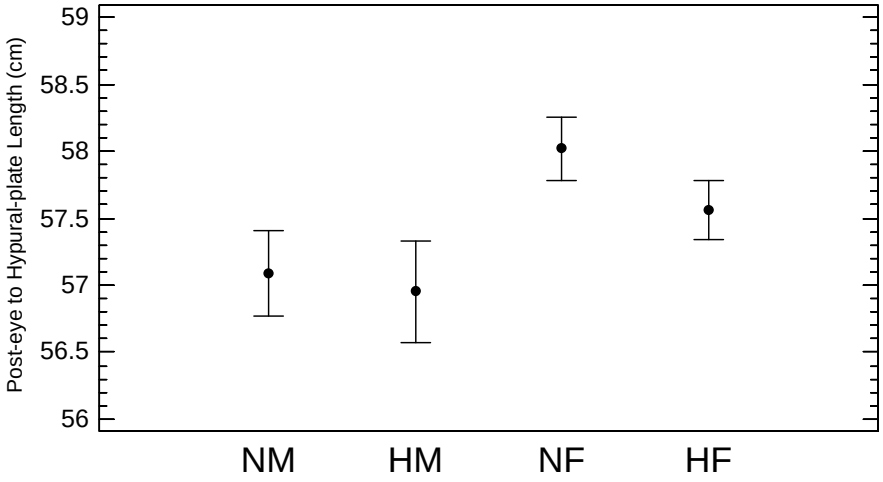

Figure 4. Mean POH length comparisons between age-4 natural and hatchery-origin males (NM and HM) and natural and hatchery-origin females (NF and HF) with 95% confidence intervals for the years 1985-2009.

Fecundities (number of eggs/female) of natural and hatchery origin fish from the Tucannon River program have been documented since 1990 (Table 7). To estimate fecundity, dead eggs were counted for each female and a subsample of 100 live eyed-eggs was weighed. The total mass of live eggs was also weighed, and divided by the average weight per egg to yield total number of live eggs. This estimate was decreased by 4% to compensate for adherence of water on the eggs (WDFW Snake River Lab, unpublished data). The number of live and dead eggs was summed to provide an estimated total fecundity for each fish. We performed an analysis of variance to determine if there were differences in mean fecundities of hatchery and natural origin fish. The significance level for all statistical tests was 0.05. Natural origin females were significantly more fecund than hatchery origin fish for both age-4 ($P < 0.001$) and age-5 fish ($P < 0.001$).

Table 7. Average number of eggs/female (n, SD) by age group of Tucannon River natural and hatchery origin broodstock, 1990-2009.

	Age 4		Age 5	
Year	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery
1990	3,691 (13, 577.3)	2,794 (18, 708.0)	4,383 (8, 772.4)	No Fish
1991	2,803 (5, 363.3)	2,463 (9, 600.8)	4,252 (11, 776.0)	3,052 (1, 000.0)
1992	3,691 (16, 588.3)	3,126 (25, 645.1)	4,734 (2, 992.8)	3,456 (1, 000.0)
1993	3,180 (4, 457.9)	3,456 (5, 615.4)	4,470 (1, 000.0)	4,129 (1, 000.0)
1994	3,688 (13, 733.9)	3,280 (11, 630.3)	4,906 (9, 902.0)	3,352 (10, 705.9)
1995	No Fish	3,584 (14, 766.4)	5,284 (6, 136.1)	3,889 (1, 000.0)
1996	3,509 (17, 534.3)	2,833 (18, 502.3)	3,617 (1, 000.0)	No Fish
1997	3,487 (15, 443.1)	3,290 (24, 923.3)	4,326 (3, 290.9)	No Fish
1998	4,204 (1, 000.0)	2,779 (7, 375.4)	4,017 (28, 680.5)	3,333 (6, 585.2)
1999	No Fish	3,121 (34, 445.4)	No Fish	3,850 (1, 000.0)
2000	4,144 (2, 1,111.0)	3,320 (34, 545.4)	3,618 (1, 000.0)	4,208 (1, 000.0)
2001	3,612 (27, 508.4)	3,225 (24, 690.6)	No Fish	3,585 (2, 842.5)
2002	3,584 (14, 740.7)	3,368 (24, 563.7)	4,774 (7, 429.1)	No Fish
2003	3,342 (10, 738.1)	2,723 (2, 107.0)	4,428 (7, 894.7)	3,984 (17, 772.1)
2004	3,376 (26, 686.9)	2,628 (17, 385.9)	5,191 (1, 000.0)	2,151 (1, 000.0)
2005	3,399 (18, 545.9)	2,903 (22, 654.2)	4,734 (7, 1,025.0)	No Fish
2006	2,857 (17, 559.1)	2,590 (26, 589.8)	3,397 (1, 000.0)	4,319 (1, 000.0)
2007	3,450 (14, 721.1)	2,679 (6, 422.7)	4,310 (12, 1,158.0)	3,440 (2, 997.7)
2008	3,698 (16, 618.9)	2,993 (40, 539.4)	4,285 (1, 000.0)	4,430 (1, 000.0)
2009	3,469 (34, 628.9)	3,267 (52, 641.3)	4,601 (6, 753.6)	No Fish
Mean	**3,485**	**3,092**	**4,405**	**3,671**
SD	**640.3**	**658.1**	**883.4**	**767.6**

Coded-Wire Tag Sampling

Broodstock collection, pre-spawn mortalities, and carcasses recovered during spawning ground surveys provide representatives of the annual run that can be sampled for CWT study groups (Table 8). In 2009, based on the estimated escapement of fish to the river, we sampled approximately 35% of the run (Table 9).

Table 8. Coded-wire tag codes of hatchery salmon sampled at LFH and the Tucannon River, 2009.

CWT Code	Broodstock Collected			Recovered in Tucannon River			Totals
	Died in Pond	Killed Outright	Spawned	Dead in Trap	Pre-spawn Mortality	Spawned	
63-28-65[a]						1	1
63-28-87			1			1	2
63-34-77[a]						58	58
63-35-99	2		79		2	94	177
63-40-93			1			29	30
63-40-94			2			25	27
63-41-94[a]						12	12
R.R./No wire[b]			2				2
R.R./Lost[c]			1				1
L.B./No wire[d]						1	1
L.P./No wire[e]						2	2
Lost						3	3
-Strays-							
10-01-81[f]				1			1
09-20-43[g]						1	1
09-45-32[h]						1	1
09-45-38[i]						2	2
AD/No wire[j]				6			6
Total	2	0	86	7	2	230	327

[a] Captive brood progeny.
[b] These were age-4 Right Red VIE/No wire fish which would make them tag code 63-35-99.
[c] This was an age-4 Right Red VIE fish which would make it tag code 63-35-99.
[d] This was an age-3 Left Blue VIE which would make it tag code 63/40/93.
[e] These were age-3 Left Purple VIE fish which would make them tag code 63/40/94.
[f] IDFG – S. Fork. Salmon R. summer Chinook – McCall Hatchery.
[g] ODFW – Rogue R. spring Chinook – Cole Rivers Hatchery.
[h] ODFW – Imnaha R. spring Chinook – Lookingglass Hatchery.
[i] ODFW – Lostine R. spring Chinook – Lookingglass Hatchery.
[j] Adipose clipped strays are killed outright at the trap.

Table 9. Spring Chinook salmon (natural and hatchery) sampled from the Tucannon River, 2009.

	2009		
	Natural	**Hatchery**	**Total**
Total escapement to river	750	1,112	1,862
Broodstock collected	89	88	177
Fish dead in adult trap	0	7	7
Total hatchery sample	89	95	184
Total fish left in river	661	1,017	1,678
In-river pre-spawn mortalities observed	0	2	2
Spawned carcasses recovered	237	230	467
Total river sample	237	232	469
Carcasses sampled	326	327	653

Arrival and Spawn Timing Trends

We monitor peak arrival and spawn timing to determine whether the hatchery program has caused a shift (Table 10). Peak arrival dates were based on the greatest number of fish trapped on a single day. Peak spawn in the hatchery was determined by the day when the most females were spawned. Peak spawning in the river was determined by the highest weekly redd count.

Peak arrival to the trap was later than normal for hatchery fish during 2009 but was within the range of previous years (Table 10). Peak spawning date of fish in the hatchery was within the range found from previous years. The peak of active spawning in the Tucannon River was similar to the historical mean date.

Table 10. Peak dates of arrival of natural and hatchery salmon to the TFH adult trap and peak (date) and duration (number of days) for spawning in the hatchery and river, 1986-2009.

	Peak Arrival at Trap		Spawning in Hatchery			Spawning in River	
Year	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Duration**	**Combined**	**Duration**
1986	5/27	–	9/17	–	31	9/16	36
1987	5/15	–	9/15	–	29	9/23	35
1988	5/24	–	9/07	–	22	9/17	35
1989	6/06	6/12	9/15	9/12	29	9/13	36
1990	5/22	5/23	9/04	9/11	36	9/12	42
1991	6/11	6/04	9/10	9/10	29	9/18	35
1992	5/18	5/21	9/15	9/08	28	9/09	44
1993	5/31	5/27	9/13	9/07	30	9/08	52
1994	5/25	5/27	9/13	9/13	22	9/15	29
1995[a]	–	6/08	9/13	9/13	30	9/12	21
1996	6/06	6/20	9/17	9/10	21	9/18	35
1997	6/15	6/17	9/09	9/16	30	9/17	50
1998	6/03	6/16	9/08	9/16	36	9/17	16
1999[a]	–	6/16	9/07	9/14	22	9/16	23
2000	6/06	5/22	–	9/05	22	9/13	30
2001	5/23	5/23	9/11	9/04	20	9/12	35
2002	5/29	5/29	9/10	9/03	22	9/11	42
2003	5/25	5/25	9/09	9/02	36	9/12	37
2004	6/04	6/02	9/14	9/07	29	9/08	30
2005	6/01	5/31	9/06	9/06	28	9/14	28
2006	6/12	6/09	9/12	9/12	28	9/8	---[b]
2007	6/04	6/04	9/18	9/04	22	9/12	30
2008	6/16	6/20	9/09	9/16	21	9/11	34
Mean	**6/01**	**6/04**	**9/12**	**9/10**	**27**	**9/14**	**34**
2009	6/01	6/15	9/15	9/08	29	9/10	37

[a] Too few natural salmon were trapped in 1995 and 1999 to determine peak arrival.

[b] Access restrictions during the Columbia Complex Forest Fire prohibited spawning ground surveys during the beginning of spawning.

Half of the total run for both natural and hatchery-origin fish arrive at the adult trap by 12 June (Figure 5). After this date, the hatchery fish tend to arrive at the trap at a slightly faster rate than natural origin fish.

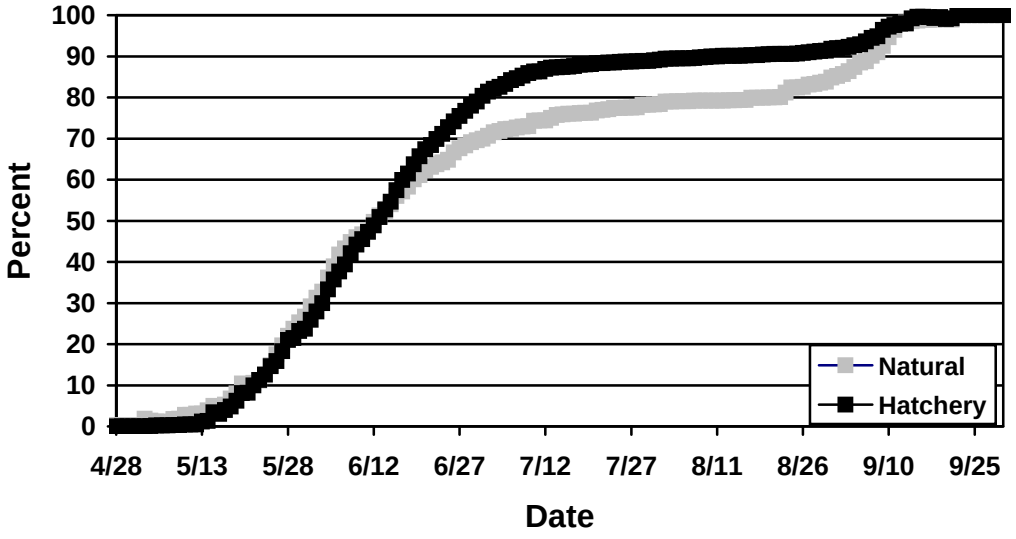

Figure 5. Mean percent of total run captured by date at the Tucannon Fish Hatchery adult trap on the Tucannon River for both natural and hatchery origin Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon, 1993-2009.

Total Run-Size

Redd counts have a strong direct relationship to total run-size entering the Tucannon River and passage of adult salmon at the TFH adult trap (Bugert et al. 1991). However, fish have been able to bypass the Tucannon River adult trap in past years (Gallinat and Ross 2009). In order to obtain a more accurate estimate of escapement, a hanging plastic curtain was installed at the adult trap by hatchery staff during the winter of 2008 to inhibit salmon and steelhead from bypassing the adult trap during high flows. While the plastic curtain has limited the bypass problem, some fish are still able to travel upstream without going through the adult trap. We calculated separate bypass rates for both jacks and adults since their ability to bypass the trap was different. We calculated the number of jacks and adults that bypassed the adult trap by solving for the following equation:

$$\text{Number of fish that bypassed adult trap} = \frac{\text{Number of fish without opercle punches} \times \text{Fish passed above trap}}{\text{Number of fish with opercle punches}}$$

We added the calculated number of fish that bypassed the trap (18 jacks, 29 adults) to the number of fish that were passed upstream by hatchery staff (477 jacks, 564 adults) for a total of 1,088 fish above the trap. The number of fish above the trap divided by the number of redds above the trap (292) calculated out to 3.7 fish per redd. Using the fish per redd estimate for

above the trap we multiplied that estimate by the number of redds below the trap (159) to calculate number of fish below the trap (588).

The run-size estimate for 2009 was calculated by adding the estimated number of fish upstream of the TFH adult trap (1,088), the estimated fish below the weir (588) calculated from the fish/redd ratio (3.7), the number of observed pre-spawn mortalities above (1) and below the weir (1), the number of trap mortalities and stray fish killed at the trap (7), and the number of broodstock collected (177) (Table 11). Run-size for 2009 was estimated to be 1,862 fish (634 natural adults, 116 natural jacks and 605 hatchery-origin adults, 507 hatchery jacks). This is not only the highest estimated adult return to date, but it is also the largest number of redds counted since sampling began in 1985 (Table 11). Historical breakdowns are provided in Appendix C.

Table 11. Estimated spring Chinook salmon run to the Tucannon River, 1985-2009.

Year[a]	Total Redds	Fish/Redd Ratio[b]	Potential Spawners	Broodstock Collected	Pre-spawning Mortalities[c]	Total Run-Size	Percent Natural
1985	219	2.60	569	22	0	591	100
1986	200	2.60	520	116	0	636	100
1987	185	2.60	481	101	0	582	100
1988	117	2.60	304	125	0	429	96
1989	106	2.60	276	169	0	445	76
1990	180	3.39	611	135	8	754	66
1991	90	4.33	390	130	8	528	49
1992	200	2.82	564	97	92	753	56
1993	192	2.27	436	97	56	589	54
1994	44	1.59	70	70	0	140	70
1995	5	2.20	11	43	0	54	39
1996	68	2.00	136	80	34	250	66
1997	73	2.00	146	97	108	351	46
1998	26	1.94	51	89	4	144	59
1999	41	2.60	107	136	2	245	1
2000	92	2.60	239	81	19	339	24
2001	298	3.00	894	106	12	1,012	71
2002	299	3.00	897	107	1	1,005	35
2003	118	3.10	366	77	1	444	56
2004	160	3.00	480	92	1	573	70
2005	102	3.10	317	100	3	420	69
2006	101	1.60	161	89	3	253	55
2007	81	3.10	250	88	6	344	58
2008	199	4.10	1,056	134	1	1,191	45
2009	451	3.70	1,676	177	9	1,862	40

[a] In 1994, 1995, 1998 and 1999, fish were not passed upstream, and in 1996 and 1997, high pre-spawning mortality occurred in fish passed above the trap, therefore; fish/redd ratio was based on the sex ratio of broodstock collected.

[b] From 1985-1989 the TFH trap was temporary, thereby underestimating total fish passed upstream of the trap. The 1985-1989 fish/redd ratios were calculated from the 1990-1993 average, excluding 1991 because of a large jack run.

[c] Effort in looking for pre-spawn mortalities has varied from year to year with more effort expended during years with poor conditions. This total also includes stray fish that are killed at the trap.

Stray Salmon into the Tucannon River

Spring Chinook from other river systems (strays) are periodically recovered in the Tucannon River, though generally at a low proportion of the total run (Bumgarner et al. 2000). However, Umatilla River hatchery strays accounted for 8 and 12% of the total Tucannon River run in 1999 and 2000, respectively (Gallinat et al. 2001). Increased number of strays, particularly from the Umatilla River, was a concern since it exceeded the 5% stray proportion of hatchery fish deemed acceptable by NOAA Fisheries, and was contrary to WDFW's management intent for the Tucannon River. In addition, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) did not mark a portion of Umatilla River origin spring Chinook with an RV or LV fin clip (65-70% of releases), or CWT for the 1997-1999 brood years. Because of that action, some stray fish that returned from those brood years were physically indistinguishable from natural origin Tucannon River spring Chinook. Scale samples were collected from adults in those brood years to determine hatchery-origin fish based on scale pattern analysis. However, scale analysis is unreliable and in future years we hope to identify a genetic marker that will allow us to separate unmarked Umatilla origin fish (1997-1999 BYs) from natural Tucannon origin fish. Should an accurate marker be identified that allows good separation of Umatilla stock fish, the proportion of hatchery and natural fish (Table 11) may change for the affected years after this analysis is completed on samples we have retained. Beginning with the 2000 BY, Umatilla River hatchery-origin spring Chinook were 100% marked. This will help reduce the effect of Umatilla fish by allowing their selective removal from the hatchery broodstock. However, strays will still have access to spawning areas below the hatchery trap. The addition of Carson stock spring Chinook releases into the Walla Walla River may also increase the number of strays into the Tucannon River (Glen Mendel, WDFW, personal communication). WDFW will continue to monitor the Tucannon River and emphasize the need for external marks and CWT for Walla Walla River releases.

Eleven strays were recovered from the Tucannon River during 2009. Five of those strays were of known origin (CWT) and six were AD only/no wire unknown origin hatchery strays. Seven strays were identified and killed at the adult trap (five age-3 AD only/no wire, one age-4 AD only/no wire, and one South Fork Salmon River summer Chinook - CWT 10/01/81). One stray (Lostine River spring Chinook - CWT 09/45/38) was recovered above the adult trap at rkm 75.4 and the remaining three strays were recovered below the adult trap (Rogue River spring Chinook - CWT 09/20/43, Lostine River spring Chinook - 09/45/38, and Imnaha River spring Chinook - 09/45/32). After expansions, strays accounted for an estimated 0.9% of the total 2009 run (Appendix D).

Adult PIT Tag Returns

Fifty-five Tucannon River spring Chinook adults originally tagged as juveniles have been detected returning to the Columbia River System (Table 12).

Table 12. Number of Tucannon River spring Chinook juvenile fish PIT tagged by origin and year and adult returns detected (%) in the Columbia River System by origin.

Tag Year	PIT Tagged Hatchery	PIT Tagged Natural	PIT Tagged Captive Brood	Detected H Adult Returns	Detected N Adult Returns	Detected CB Adult Returns
1995	100	---	---	1 (1.0%)	---	---
1996	1,923	---	---	0	---	---
1997	1,984	---	---	2 (0.10%)	---	---
1998	1,999	---	---	0	---	---
1999	336	374	---	2 (0.60%)	5 (1.34%)	---
2000	---	---	---	---	---	---
2001	301	158	---	0	0	---
2002	319	320	---	0	3 (0.94%)	---
2003	1,010	---	1,007	3 (0.30%)	---	0
2004	1,012	---	1,029	0	---	0
2005	993	93	993	0	1 (1.08%)	0
2006	1,001	70	1,002	1 (0.10%)	0	0
2007	1,202	504	1,000	3 (0.25%)	11 (2.18%)	4 (0.40%)
2008	4,989	1,584	997	16 (0.32%)	1 (0.06%)	2 (0.20%)
Totals	**22,156**	**4,450**	**6,028**	**28 (0.13%)**	**21 (0.47%)**	**6 (0.10%)**

From the detected returns, 24% of the returning PIT tagged adults swam past the Tucannon River and were detected at Lower Granite Dam (Appendix E). This behavior does not appear to be a hatchery effect since both hatchery and natural-origin fish bypassed the Tucannon River at nearly the same rate (23.5% for hatchery origin and 23.8% for natural origin). To date, only one Tucannon spring Chinook detected at Lower Granite Dam has been documented returning to the Tucannon River (PIT code 3D9.1BF27DF007). Non-direct homing behavior has been documented for adult Chinook in the Columbia River System (Keefer et al. 2008). However, more research into these events should be conducted to examine whether they are natural straying occurrences, or if it is related to hydropower operations. The addition of the Lower Tucannon PIT tag array in 2005 should enable us to document whether Tucannon spring Chinook are able to make it back to the Tucannon River. However, the efficiency of this system should be tested as only 13% (5 of 39) of the final detections have been recorded at that site since its installation (Appendix E); although the operation of the array has been sporadic. A fully functioning PIT tag array in the Tucannon River will help determine if adult fish are able to find and return to the Tucannon River. Returning adults bypassing the Tucannon River is a concern, especially if they are unable to return to the Tucannon River, and may partially explain why we have had difficulties increasing this population.

Juvenile Salmon Evaluation

Hatchery Rearing, Marking, and Release

Conventional supplementation juveniles (2008 BY) were split into two groups (Target: 30 g/fish vs. 50 g/fish) for a study to evaluate the effect of size at release on survival. Fish were marked with a visible implant elastomer tag (VIE) behind the left eye and tagged with CWTs between 10 and 21 September 2009 (86,537 Blue VIE – 50 g/fish target; 88,323 Purple VIE – 30 g/fish target). Supplementation fish were transported to TFH in two groups on 28 September and 5 October 2009.

Brood year 2008 fish were sampled twice during the rearing cycle (Table 13). During January, fish were sampled for length, weight, precocity and mark quality, and were PIT tagged for outmigration comparisons (7,500 per group) before transfer to Curl Lake AP. Length, weight, and precocity samples were repeated in April prior to release.

It was determined that we would be over our production goal for the 2009 brood year so 52,281 excess fish were otolith marked with oxytetracycline and on 16 April were externally marked with an adipose clip. Prior to release, fish were sampled for length, weight, precocity, and fin clip quality (Table 13).

Table 13. Sample size (N), mean length (mm), coefficient of variation (CV), condition factor (K), mean weight (g), and precocity of 2008 and 2009 BY juveniles sampled at TFH, Curl Lake, and LFH.

Brood/ Date	Progeny Type	Sample Location	N	Mean Length (mm)	CV	K	Mean Wt. (g)	% Precocity
2008								
1/26/10	50 g Target	TFH	256	169.3	7.1	1.21	59.5	1.1
1/25/10	30 g Target	TFH	257	122.5	11.7	1.08	20.6	0.9
4/02/10	50 g Target	Curl Lake	252	171.7	14.4	1.24	66.0	0.4
4/02/10	30 g Target	Curl Lake	253	146.2	15.0	1.19	39.6	1.6
2009								
4/20/10	Excess 09BY	LFH	212	81.3	5.8	1.20	6.5	0.0

The 2008 BY pre-smolts were transported to Curl Lake in February 2010 for acclimation and volitional release. Volitional release began 2 April and continued until 12 April when the remaining fish were forced out. Mortalities were low in Curl Lake and releases are given in Table 14. The excess 2009 BY fish were direct stream released at Russell Springs (rkm 51). Historical hatchery releases are summarized in Appendix F.

Table 14. Spring Chinook salmon releases into the Tucannon River, 2010 release year.

Releas Year	Release Date	CWT Code	Total Released	Number CWT	VIE Mark	Size	
						Total (kg)	Mean (g)
2010	4/2-4/12	63/51/75	86,203	84,738	Left Blue	5,672	66
2010	4/2-4/12	63/51/74	86,694	84,613	Left Purple	3,423	40
2010	4/22-4/23	None	52,253	N/A	None	342	7

Smolt Trapping

Evaluation staff operated a 1.5 m rotary screw trap at rkm 3 on the Tucannon River from 13 October 2008 through 10 July 2009 to estimate numbers of migrating juvenile natural and hatchery spring Chinook. Numbers of fish species captured by month during the 2009 outmigration can be found in Appendix G. The main outmigration of natural origin spring Chinook occurred during the spring but outmigration also occurred in the fall (Figure 6).

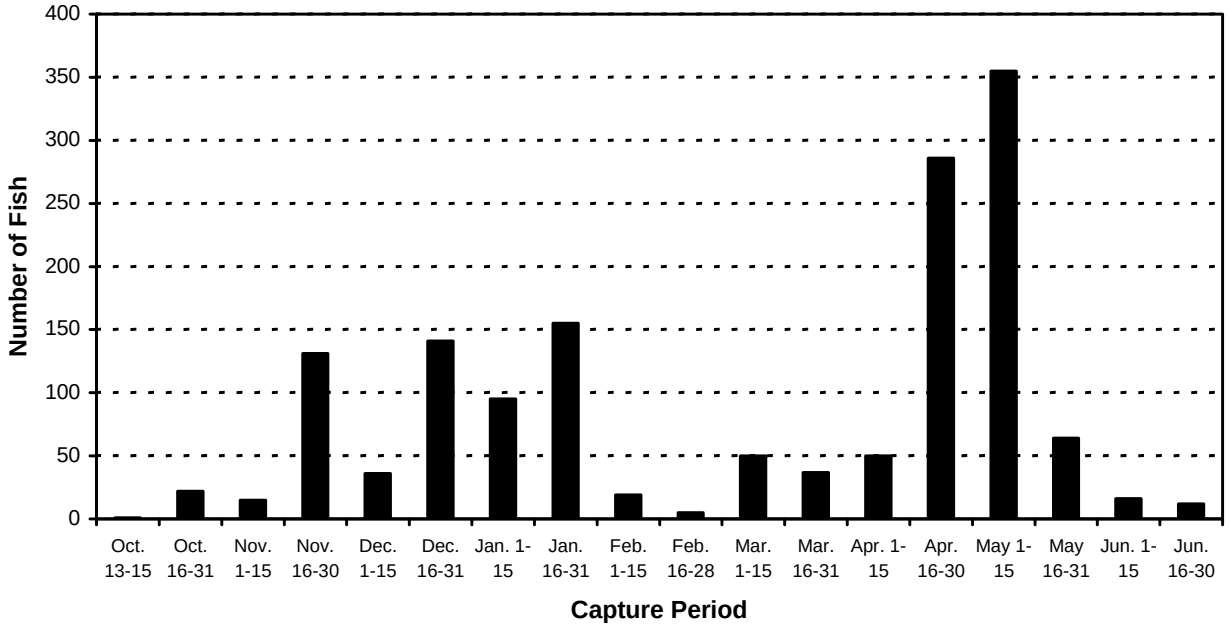

Figure 6. Emigration timing of natural spring Chinook salmon captured during smolt trap operations (rkm 3) on the Tucannon River for the 2008-09 migration year.

Natural spring Chinook emigrating from the Tucannon River (BY 2007) averaged 113 mm (Figure 7). This is in comparison to a mean length of 141 mm for the 30 g/fish target size group and 160 mm for the 50 g/fish target size group of hatchery-origin fish (BY 2007) released from Curl Lake Acclimation Pond (Gallinat and Ross 2009).

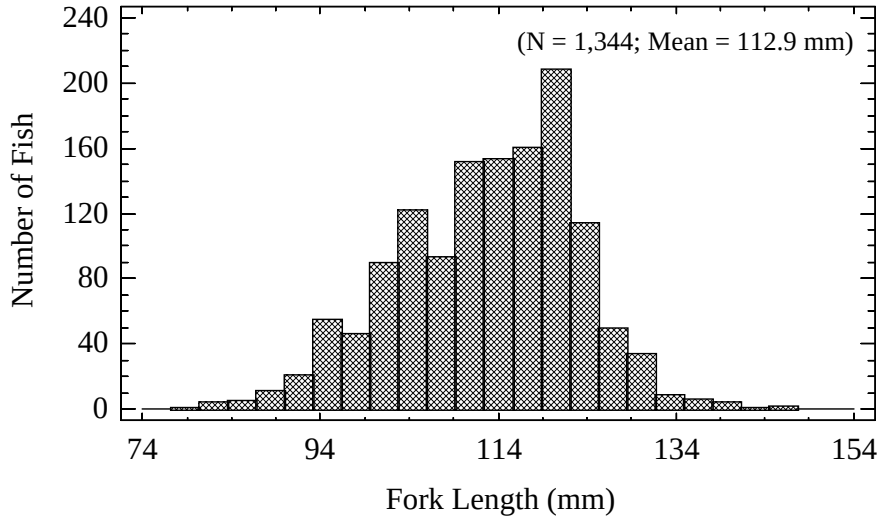

Figure 7. Length frequency distribution of sampled natural spring Chinook salmon captured in the Tucannon River smolt trap, 2008/2009 season.

Each week we attempted to determine trap efficiency by clipping a portion of the caudal fin on a representative subsample of captured migrants and releasing them approximately one kilometer upstream. The percent of marked fish recaptured was used as an estimate of weekly trapping efficiency.

To estimate potential juvenile migrants passing when the trap was not operated for short intervals, such as periods when freshets washed out large amounts of debris from the river, we calculated the mean number of fish trapped for three days before and three days after non-trapping periods. The mean number of fish trapped daily was then divided by the estimated trap efficiency to calculate fish passage. The estimated number of fish passing each day was then applied to each day the trap was not operated.

In previous reports we attempted to relate trap efficiency to abiotic factors such as stream flow or staff gauge level based on similar juvenile outmigration studies (Groot and Margolis 1991; Seiler et al. 1999; Cheng and Gallinat 2004). We found no significant relationships.

We estimated outmigration based on the approach of Steinhorst et al. (2004). This involved using a Bailey-modified Lincoln-Peterson estimation with 95% bootstrap confidence intervals by running the Gauss Run-Time computer program (version 7.0). Bootstrap iterations numbered

1,000. The program allows for the division of the out-migration trapping season into strata with similar capture efficiencies as long as at least seven marked recaptures occurred. Strata with less than seven recaptures were grouped with either the preceding or following strata, depending upon similarity in trapping/flow conditions. Where river conditions were similar, we used our best judgment to group the strata.

A number of assumptions are required to attain unbiased estimates of smolt production. How well the assumptions are met will determine the reliability, accuracy and precision of the estimates. Some of these assumptions are:

- Survival from release to the trap was 100%.
- All marked fish are identified and correctly enumerated.
- Fish do not lose their marks.
- All fish in the tag release group emigrate (i.e., do not residualize in the area of release).
- Marked fish are caught at the same rate as unmarked fish.

We estimate that 8,529 migrant natural-origin spring Chinook (2007 BY) passed the smolt trap during 2008-2009 (Table 15). This estimate is thought to be low which may be due to low capture probabilities because of high spring flows or low survival. We also estimated that 15,555 of the 30 g target release size and 15,877 of the 50 g target release size hatchery origin fish emigrated past the smolt trap. Including fish lacking a visible implant elastomer mark to the total calculates to an emigration estimate of 33,699 hatchery origin fish or 29% of the fish released from Curl Lake AP (2007 BY). This low hatchery estimate also may be due to low capture probabilities because of high spring flows during 2009, high residualism rates in the upper watershed, or low survival.

Table 15. Total population estimates (with 95% confidence interval) for natural and hatchery origin emigrants from the Tucannon River, 2009.

	Natural	Purple VIE 30 g Target	Blue VIE 50 g Target	Total Hatchery[a]
Total Emigrants	8,529	15,555	15,877	33,699
95% C.I.	7,059-10,592	13,777-17,735	13,589-18,443	29,883-38,589
S.E.	907	1,000	1,236	2,254

[a] Total hatchery includes fish that have lost the VIE mark.

Juvenile Migration Studies

In 2009, we used passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags to study the emigration timing and relative success of our conventional hatchery supplementation and natural origin smolts. We tagged 5,000 conventional hatchery supplementation fish (2,500 of the 30 g/fish and 2,500 of the

50 g/fish target size release groups) during early February before transferring them to Curl Lake AP for acclimation and volitional release (Table 16). There were seven mortalities from the 30 g/fish target group and six mortalities from the 50 g/fish target group after tagging. We also tagged natural origin smolts at the smolt trap throughout the outmigration year (Oct.-June). Cumulative PIT tag detections at hydroelectric projects downstream of the Tucannon River were 21% for the 30 g/fish target size group, 21% for the 50 g/fish target size group and 41% for the natural origin smolts (Table 16).

Table 16. Cumulative detection (one unique detection per tag code) and mean travel time in days (TD) of PIT tagged conventional hatchery supplementation (30g and 50g fish) smolts released[a] from Curl Lake AP (rkm 65.6) on the Tucannon River at downstream Snake and Columbia River dams during 2009.

	Release Data				Recapture Data											
Hatch.		Mean		Mean	LMJ		ICH		MCJ		JDJ		BONN		Total	
Origin	N	Length	S.D.	Length	N	TD	N	TD	N	TD	N	TD	N	TD	N	%
30 g	2,493	121.2	12.9	120.8	168	35.4	89	35.5	197	34.8	49	43.7	18	42.6	521	20.9
50 g	2,494	159.0	19.5	162.3	165	29.4	85	33.4	212	28.6	35	36.3	29	36.2	526	21.1
Natural	1,346	112.4	10.3	115.8	217	24.7	107	31.3	177	32.8	46	35.5	9	19.4	556	41.3

[a] Fish were volitionally released from 4/13/09 – 4/22/09.
Note: Mean travel times listed are from the total number of fish detected at each dam, not just unique recoveries for a tag code.
Abbreviations are as follows: LMJ-Lower Monumental Dam, ICH- Ice Harbor Dam, MCJ-McNary Dam, JDJ-John Day Dam, BONN-Bonneville Dam, TD- Mean Travel Days.

Survival probabilities were estimated by the Cormack-Jolly-Seber methodology using the Survival Under Proportional Hazards (SURPH) 2.2 computer model. The data files were created using the PitPro version 4.1 computer program to translate raw PIT Tag Information System (PTAGIS) data of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission into usable capture histories for the SURPH program. Estimated survival probabilities from Curl Lake to Lower Monumental Dam were 0.28 (S.E. = 0.03) for 30 g fish and 0.33 (S.E. = 0.04) for 50 g fish. Estimated survival probabilities for natural origin fish tagged at the smolt trap to Lower Monumental Dam were 0.60 (S.E. = 0.04).

Survival Rates

Point estimates of population sizes have been calculated for various life stages (Tables 17 and 18) of natural and hatchery-origin spring Chinook from spawning ground and juvenile mid-summer population surveys, smolt trapping, and fecundity estimates. Survivals between life stages have been calculated for both natural and hatchery salmon to assist in the evaluation of the hatchery program. These survival estimates provide insight as to where efforts should be directed to improve not only the survival of fish produced within the hatchery, but fish in the river as well.

As expected, juvenile (egg-parr-smolt) survival rates for hatchery fish are considerably higher than for naturally reared salmon (Table 19) because they have been protected in the hatchery. However, smolt-to-adult return rates (SAR) of natural salmon were five times higher than for hatchery-reared salmon (Tables 20 and 21). Hatchery SARs (mean = 0.21%; geometric mean = 0.18%) documented from the 1985-2004 broods were well below the LSRCP survival goal of 0.87%. Hatchery SARs for Tucannon River salmon need to substantially improve to meet the mitigation goal of 1,152 hatchery adult salmon. For the 2005 brood year, size at release was arbitrarily increased in an attempt to improve smolt-to-adult return survival rates. Beginning with the 2006 brood year we began experimenting with size at release (30 g/fish vs. 50 g/fish) to improve hatchery SARs. This experiment is planned to end with the 2010 brood year, at which time a decision will be made regarding the smolt target release size.

Table 17. Estimates of *natural* Tucannon spring Chinook salmon abundance by life stage for 1985-2009 broods.

Brood Year	Females in River		Mean Fecundity[a]		Number of Eggs	Number[b] of Parr	Number of Smolts	Progeny[c] (returning adults)
	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery				
1985	219	-	3,883	-	850,377	90,200	42,000	392
1986	200	-	3,916	-	783,200	102,600	58,200	468
1987	185	-	4,096	-	757,760	79,100	44,000	238
1988	117	-	3,882	-	454,194	69,100	37,500	527
1989	103	3	3,883	2,606	407,767	58,600	30,000	158
1990	128	52	3,993	2,697	651,348	86,259	49,500	94
1991	51	39	3,741	2,517	288,954	54,800	30,000	7
1992	119	81	3,854	3,295	725,521	103,292	50,800	196
1993	112	80	3,701	3,237	673,472	86,755	49,560	204
1994	39	5	4,187	3,314	179,863	12,720	7,000	12
1995	5	0	5,224	0	26,120	0	75	6
1996	53	16	3,516	2,843	231,836	2,845	1,612	69
1997	39	33	3,609	3,315	250,146	32,913	21,057	799
1998	19	7	4,023	3,035	97,682	8,453	5,508	389
1999	1	40	3,965	3,142	129,645	15,944	8,157	141
2000	26	66	3,969	3,345	323,964	44,618	20,045	446
2001	219	79	3,612	3,252	1,047,936	63,412	38,079	244
2002	104	195	3,981	3,368	1,070,784	72,197	60,530	202
2003	67	51	3,789	3,812	448,275	40,900	23,003	173
2004	117	43	3,444	2,601	514,791	30,809	21,057	399
2005	77	25	3,773	2,903	363,096	21,162	17,579	726
2006	65	36	2,887	2,654	283,199	---	30,228	116
2007	49	32	3,847	2,869	280,311	---	8,529	
2008	95	104	3,732	3,020	668,620	---		
2009	179	272	3,655	3,247	1,537,429			

[a] 1985 and 1989 mean fecundity of natural females is the average of 1986-88 and 1990-93 brood years.

[b] Number of parr estimated from electrofishing (1985-1989), Line transect snorkel surveys (1990-1992), and Total Count snorkel surveys (1993-2005).

[c] Numbers do not include down river harvest or other out-of-basin recoveries.

Table 18. Estimates of Tucannon spring Chinook salmon abundance (*spawned and reared in the hatchery*) by life stage for 1985-2009 broods.

Brood Year	Females Spawned		Mean Fecundity[a]		Number of Eggs	Number of Parr	Number of Smolts	Progeny[b] (returning adults)
	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery				
1985	4	-	3,883	-	14,843	13,401	12,922	45
1986	57	-	3,916	-	187,958	177,277	153,725	327
1987	48	-	4,096	-	196,573	164,630	152,165	188
1988	49	-	3,882	-	182,438	150,677	146,200	445
1989	28	9	3,883	2,606	133,521	103,420	99,057	243
1990	21	23	3,993	2,697	126,334	89,519	85,500	28
1991	17	11	3,741	2,517	91,275	77,232	74,058	25
1992	28	18	3,854	3,295	156,359	151,727	87,752[c]	82
1993	21	28	3,701	3,237	168,366	145,303	138,848	207
1994	22	21	4,187	3,314	161,707	132,870	130,069	34
1995	6	15	5,224	0	85,772	63,935	62,272	178
1996	18	19	3,516	2,843	117,287	80,325	76,219	267
1997	17	25	3,609	3,315	144,237	29,650	24,186	181
1998	30	14	4,023	3,035	161,019	136,027	127,939	796
1999	1	36	3,965	3,142	113,544	106,880	97,600	33
2000	3	35	3,969	3,345	128,980	123,313	102,099	157
2001	29	27	3,612	3,252	184,127	174,934	146,922	125
2002	22	25	3,981	3,368	169,364	151,531	123,586	120
2003	17	20	3,789	3,812	140,658	126,400	71,154	71
2004	28	18	3,444	2,601	140,459	128,877	67,542	120
2005	25	24	3,773	2,903	161,345	151,466	149,466	692
2006	18	27	2,887	2,654	123,629	112,350	106,530	402
2007	27	9	3,847	2,869	124,543	117,182	114,681	
2008	17	43	3,732	3,020	193,324	183,925	172,897	
2009	42	54	3,655	3,247	323,341	292,291		

[a] 1985 and 1989 mean fecundity of natural females is the average of 1986-88 and 1990-93 brood years; 1999 mean fecundity of natural fish is based on the mean of 1986-1998 brood years.

[b] Numbers do not include down river harvest or other out-of-basin recoveries.

[c] Number of smolts is less than actual release number. 57,316 parr were released in October 1993, with an estimated 7% survival. Total number of hatchery fish released from the 1992 brood year was 140,725. We therefore use the listed number of 87,752 as the number of smolts released.

Table 19. Percent survival by brood year for juvenile salmon and the multiplicative advantage of hatchery-reared salmon over naturally-reared salmon in the Tucannon River.

	Natural			Hatchery			Hatchery Advantage		
Brood Year	Egg to Parr	Parr to Smolt	Egg to Smolt	Egg to Parr	Parr to Smolt	Egg to Smolt	Egg to Parr	Parr to Smolt	Egg to Smolt
1985	10.6	46.6	4.9	90.3	96.4	87.1	8.5	2.1	17.6
1986	13.1	56.7	7.4	94.3	86.7	81.8	7.2	1.5	11.0
1987	10.4	55.6	5.8	83.8	92.4	77.4	8.0	1.7	13.3
1988	15.2	54.3	8.3	82.6	97.0	80.1	5.4	1.8	9.7
1989	14.4	51.2	7.4	77.5	95.8	74.2	5.4	1.9	10.1
1990	13.2	57.4	7.6	70.9	95.5	67.7	5.4	1.7	8.9
1991	19.0	54.7	10.4	84.6	95.9	81.1	4.5	1.8	7.8
1992	14.2	49.2	7.0	97.0	57.8	56.1	6.8	1.2	8.0
1993	12.9	57.1	7.4	86.3	95.6	82.5	6.7	1.7	11.2
1994	7.1	55.0	3.9	82.2	97.9	80.4	11.6	1.8	20.7
1995	0.0	0.0	0.3	74.5	97.4	72.6	- -	- -	- -
1996	1.2	56.7	0.7	68.5	94.9	65.0	55.8	1.7	- -
1997	13.2	64.0	8.4	20.6	81.6	16.8	1.6	1.3	2.0
1998	8.7	65.2	5.6	84.5	94.1	79.5	9.8	1.4	14.1
1999	12.3	51.2	6.3	94.1	91.3	86.0	7.7	1.8	13.7
2000	13.8	44.9	6.2	95.6	82.8	79.2	6.9	1.8	12.8
2001	6.1	60.1	3.6	95.0	84.0	79.8	15.7	1.4	22.0
2002	6.7	83.8	5.7	89.5	81.6	73.0	13.3	1.0	12.9
2003	9.1	56.2	5.1	89.9	56.3	50.6	9.8	1.0	9.9
2004	6.0	68.3	4.1	91.8	52.4	48.1	15.3	0.8	11.8
2005	5.8	83.1	4.8	93.9	98.7	92.6	16.1	1.2	19.1
2006	---	---	10.7	90.9	94.8	86.2	---	---	8.1
2007	---	---	3.0	94.1	97.9	92.1	---	---	30.3
2008				95.1	94.0	89.4			
2009				90.4					
Mean	10.1	55.8	5.9	84.7	88.0	74.1	11.1	1.5	13.1
SD	4.8	16.2	2.6	15.5	13.7	17.0	11.2	0.4	6.1

Table 20. Adult returns and SARs of natural salmon to the Tucannon River for brood years 1985-2006. (2005 and 2006 are incomplete brood years included for comparison.)

		Number of Adult Returns, observed (obs) and expanded (exp)[a]							
		Age 3		Age 4		Age 5		SAR (%)	
Brood Year	Estimated Number of Smolts	Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp	w/ Jacks	No Jacks
1985	42,000	8	19	110	255	36	118	0.93	0.89
1986[b]	58,200	1	2	115	376	28	90	0.80	0.80
1987	44,000	0	0	52	167	29	71	0.54	0.54
1988	37,500	1	3	136	335	74	189	1.41	1.40
1989	30,000	5	12	47	120	23	26	0.53	0.49
1990	49,500	3	8	63	72	12	14	0.19	0.17
1991	30,000	0	0	4	5	1	2	0.02	0.02
1992	50,800	2	2	84	161	16	33	0.39	0.38
1993	49,560	1	2	62	127	58	75	0.41	0.41
1994	7,000	0	0	8	10	1	2	0.17	0.17
1995	75	0	0	1	1	2	5	8.00	8.00
1996	1,612	0	0	27	63	2	6	4.28	4.28
1997	21,057	6	14	234	703	29	82	3.79	3.73
1998	5,508	3	9	91	259	43	121	7.06	6.90
1999	8,157	3	9	44	124	3	8	1.73	1.62
2000	20,045	1	3	148	392	16	51	2.22	2.21
2001	38,079	0	0	73	235	5	9	0.64	0.64
2002	60,530	1	3	68	124	36	75	0.33	0.33
2003	23,003	4	7	55	115	21	51	0.75	0.72
2004	21,057	4	8	147	352	19	39	1.89	1.86
2005	17,579	23	131	260	595	---	---	4.13	3.38
2006	30,228	32	116	---	---	---	---	0.38	---
Mean								1.48[c]	1.45[c]
Geometric Mean								0.75[c]	0.73[c]

[a] Expanded numbers are calculated from the proportion of each known age salmon recovered in the river and from broodstock collections in relation to the total estimated return to the Tucannon River. Expansions do not include down river harvest or Tucannon River fish straying to other systems.

[b] One known (expanded to two) Age 6 salmon was recovered.

[c] 1995, 2005, and 2006 SAR's are not included in the mean.

Table 21. Adult returns and SARs of hatchery salmon to the Tucannon River for brood years 1985-2006. (2005 and 2006 are incomplete brood years included for comparison.)

		Number of Adult Returns, known and expanded (exp.)[a]							
		Age 3		Age 4		Age 5		SAR (%)	
Brood Year	Estimated Number of Smolts	Known	Exp.	Known	Exp.	Known	Exp.	w/ Jacks	No Jacks
1985	12,922	9	19	25	26	0	0	0.35	0.20
1986	152,725	79	83	99	226	8	18	0.21	0.16
1987	152,165	9	20	70	151	8	17	0.12	0.11
1988	145,146	46	99	140	293	26	53	0.31	0.24
1989	99,057	7	15	100	211	14	17	0.25	0.23
1990	85,737	3	6	16	20	2	2	0.03	0.03
1991	74,064	4	5	20	20	0	0	0.03	0.03
1992	87,752	11	11	50	67	2	4	0.09	0.08
1993	138,848	11	15	93	174	15	18	0.15	0.14
1994	130,069	2	4	21	25	4	5	0.03	0.02
1995	62,144	13	16	117	158	2	4	0.29	0.26
1996	76,219	44	59	100	194	5	14	0.35	0.27
1997	24,186	7	13	59	168	0	0	0.75	0.69
1998	127,939	36	99	174	547	39	150	0.62	0.54
1999	97,600	3	11	5	19	1	3	0.03	0.02
2000	102,099	7	26	47	131	0	0	0.15	0.13
2001	146,922	7	19	51	105	1	1	0.09	0.07
2002	123,586	3	6	60	98	6	16	0.10	0.09
2003	71,154	1	2	23	65	2	4	0.10	0.10
2004	67,542	7	18	59	98	2	4	0.18	0.15
2005	149,466	50	291	180	401	---	---	0.46	0.27
2006	106,530	60	402	---	---	---	---	0.38	---
Mean								0.21[b]	0.18[b]
Geometric Mean								0.14[b]	0.12[b]

[a] Expanded numbers are calculated from the proportion of each known age salmon recovered in the river and from broodstock collections in relation to the total estimated return to the Tucannon River. Expansions do not include down river harvest or Tucannon River fish straying to other systems.

[b] 2005 and 2006 brood years are not included in the mean.

As previously stated, overall survival of hatchery salmon to return as adults was higher than for naturally reared fish because of the early-life survival advantage (Table 19). With the exception of the 1988, 1997-2000, and 2005 brood years, naturally produced fish have been below the replacement level (Figure 8; Table 22). Based on adult returns from the 1985-2005 broods, naturally reared salmon produced only 0.6 adults for every spawner, while hatchery reared fish produced 1.8 adults. However, we may be significantly underestimating survival rates if 25% of adult Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon are straying above Lower Granite Dam as suggested by adult PIT tag returns.

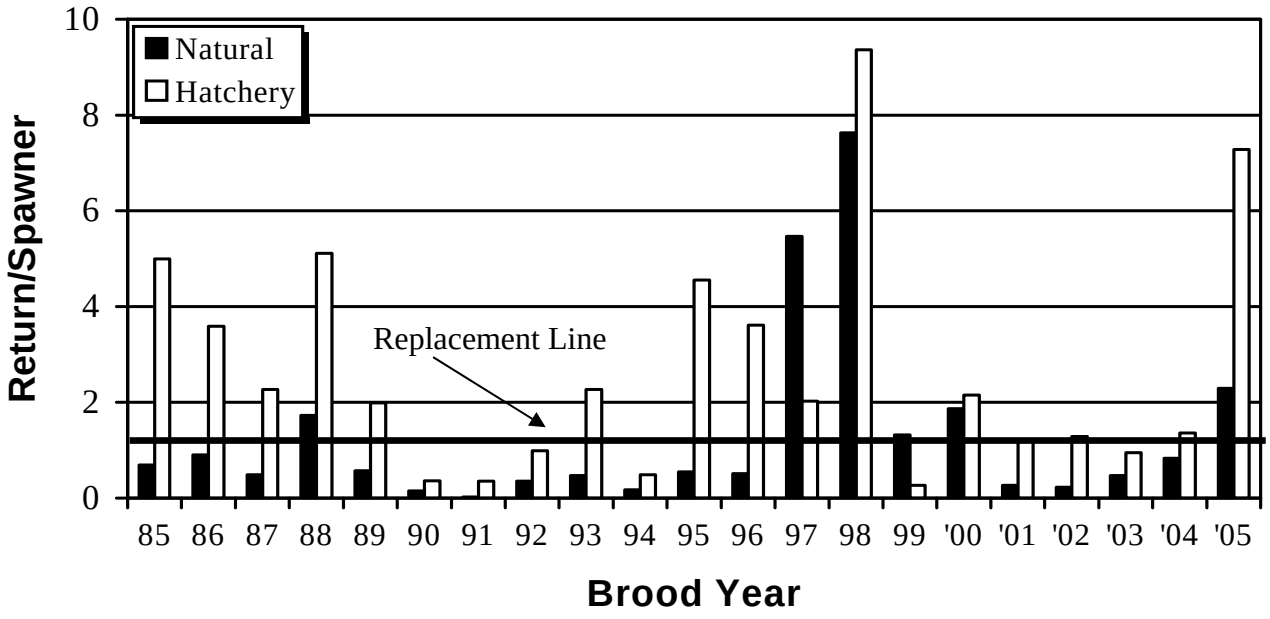

Figure 8. Return per spawner (with replacement line) for the 1985-2005 brood years (2005 incomplete brood year).

Table 22. Parent-to-progeny survival estimates of Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon from 1985 through 2005 brood years (2005 brood year incomplete).

	Natural Salmon			Hatchery Salmon			
Brood Year	Potential Spawners	Number of Returns	Return/ Spawner	Number of Spawners	Number of Returns	Return/ Spawner	Hatchery to Natural Advantage
1985	569	392	0.69	9	45	5.00	7.3
1986	520	468	0.90	91	327	3.59	4.0
1987	481	238	0.49	83	188	2.27	4.6
1988	304	527	1.73	87	445	5.11	3.0
1989	276	158	0.57	122	243	1.99	3.5
1990	611	94	0.15	78	28	0.36	2.3
1991	390	7	0.02	72	25	0.35	19.3
1992	564	196	0.35	83	82	0.99	2.8
1993	436	204	0.47	91	207	2.27	4.9
1994	70	12	0.17	69	34	0.49	2.9
1995	11	6	0.55	39	178	4.56	8.4
1996	136	69	0.51	74	267	3.61	7.1
1997	146	799	5.47	89	181	2.03	0.4
1998	51	389	7.63	85	796	9.36	1.2
1999	107	141	1.32	122	33	0.27	0.2
2000	239	446	1.87	73	157	2.15	1.2
2001	894	244	0.27	104	125	1.20	4.4
2002	897	202	0.23	93	120	1.29	5.7
2003	366	173	0.47	75	71	0.95	2.0
2004	480	399	0.83	88	120	1.36	1.6
2005	317	726	2.29	95	692	7.28	3.2
Mean			**1.28**			**2.69**	**4.3**
Geometric Mean			**0.62**			**1.77**	**2.9**

Beginning with the 2006 brood year, the annual smolt goal was increased from 132,000 to 225,000 to help offset for the higher mortality of hatchery-origin fish after they leave the hatchery. This should increase adult salmon returns back to the Tucannon River. However, based on current hatchery SARs the increase in production would still not produce enough adult returns to reach the LSRCP mitigation goal. As mentioned previously, in conjunction with increased smolt production, we are conducting an experiment to examine size at release as a possible means to improve SAR of hatchery fish. These changes in the hatchery production program will likely result in a Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI) of less than 0.5. That level is generally not acceptable for supplementation programs and the Tucannon Spring Chinook Program has generally been above 0.5 (Appendix G). The fishery managers will need to decide whether the hatchery supplementation program is worth the potential adverse genetic risk to the population or how to remove excess hatchery fish.

Fishery Contribution and Out-of-Basin Straying

An original goal of the LSRCP supplementation program was to enhance natural returns of salmon to the Tucannon River by providing 1,152 hatchery-reared fish (the number estimated to have been lost due to the construction of the Lower Snake River hydropower system) to the river. Such an increase would allow for limited harvest and increased spawning. However, hatchery and natural adult returns have always been below the mitigation goal (Figure 9). Based on 1985-2005 brood year CWT recoveries reported to the RMIS database (Appendix I), sport, commercial, and treaty ceremonial harvest combined accounted for an average of less than 6% of the adult hatchery fish recovered for the 1985-1996 brood years. Increased fishery impacts occurred for the 1997 through 1999 broods (fishery harvest comprised an average of 19% for recoveries). We subsequently stopped adipose clipping of hatchery production (Gallinat et al. 2001) to lessen fishery impacts. Conventional supplementation fish are now marked with a CWT and a VIE tag behind the left or right eye. Captive brood progeny were marked with agency-only wire tags or CWTs to distinguish them from supplementation origin fish.

Out-of-basin stray rates of Tucannon River spring Chinook have generally been low (Appendix I), with an average of 1.8% of the adult hatchery fish straying to other river systems/hatcheries for brood years 1985-2005 (range 0-20%).

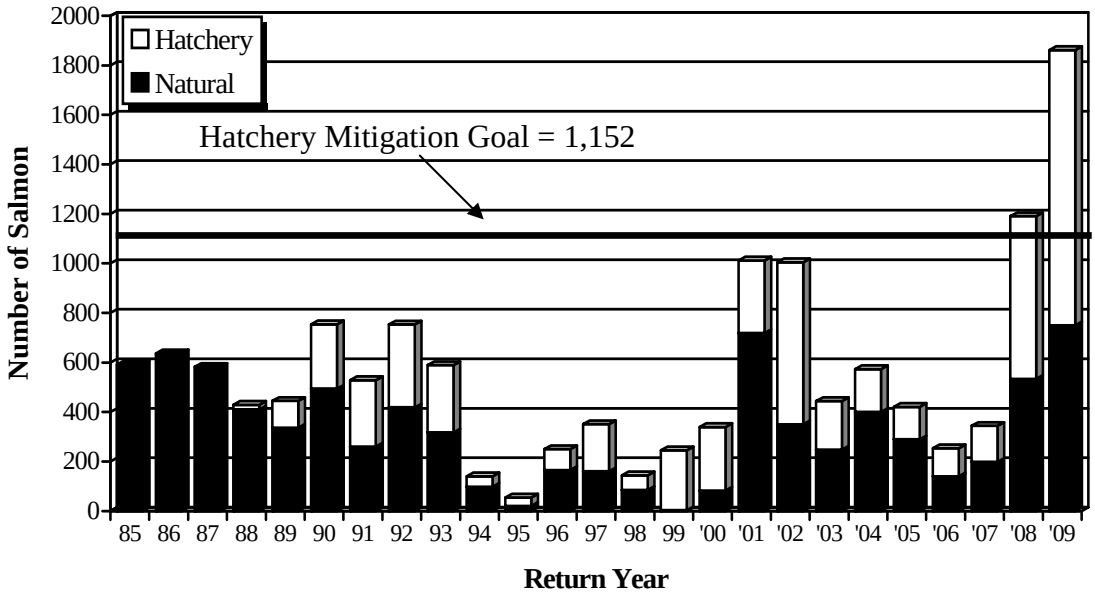

Figure 9. Total escapement for Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon for the 1985-2009 run years.

Adjusted Hatchery SAR

Using CWT recoveries from the RMIS database we adjusted Tucannon River spring Chinook hatchery SARs to include all known recoveries from outside the basin. Even after adjustment, hatchery SARs for the 1985-2004 brood years were still well below the LSRCP survival goal of 0.87% (Table 23). Increased fishing mortality resulted in higher adjusted SARs for the 1997 and 1998 brood years. Since then, management changes (eliminating the adipose finclip, fishery restrictions) should allow more fish to escape back to the Tucannon River.

Table 23. Hatchery SARs adjusted for recoveries from outside the Tucannon River subbasin as reported in the RMIS database. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/08/10).

Brood Year	Estimated Number of Smolts	Expanded Return to Tucannon	Expanded Other Returns[a]	Grand Total of CWT Hatchery Origin Recoveries	Original Hatchery SAR (%)	Adjusted Hatchery SAR (%)
1985	12,922	45	1	46	0.35	0.36
1986	152,725	327	15	342	0.21	0.22
1987	152,165	188	2	190	0.12	0.12
1988	145,146	445	26	471	0.31	0.32
1989	99,057	243	12	255	0.25	0.26
1990	85,737	28	0	28	0.03	0.03
1991	74,064	25	4	29	0.03	0.04
1992	87,752	82	17	99	0.09	0.11
1993	138,848	207	11	218	0.15	0.16
1994	130,069	34	0	34	0.03	0.03
1995	62,144	178	2	180	0.29	0.29
1996	76,219	267	5	272	0.35	0.36
1997	24,186	181	41	222	0.75	0.92
1998	127,939	796	216	1,012	0.62	0.79
1999	97,600	33	3	36	0.03	0.04
2000	102,099	157	1	158	0.15	0.15
2001	146,922	125	0	125	0.09	0.09
2002	123,586	120	0	120	0.10	0.10
2003	71,154	71	0	71	0.10	0.10
2004	67,542	120	1	121	0.18	0.18
Mean					**0.21**	**0.23**
Geometric Mean					**0.14**	**0.15**

[a] Includes expanded RMIS CWT recoveries from sources outside the Tucannon River subbasin (i.e., sport and commercial fisheries, Tucannon strays in other river systems, etc.).

Size at Release Evaluation

In order to release Tucannon River spring Chinook at 30 g/fish hatchery staff must hold back fish growth in the hatchery. While a target goal of 30 g/fish more closely mimics the migrating size of wild spring Chinook smolts (approximately 18 g/fish), the wild component of the population has historically not survived in adequate numbers to sustain the population (Gallinat and Ross 2009). The natural environment in the Snake and Columbia river systems has changed from that in which the salmon evolved and adapted. Man's activities, such as dam building, logging, agriculture, and industry have greatly affected the ecosystem. Hatchery fish may also have difficulty adjusting to and locating food in their new environment upon release into the wild, resulting in post-release mortality (Rondorf et al. 1985). Releasing fish at a larger size would likely increase smolt survival (Tipping 1997), but this may also increase the number of precocious males and possibly change the age structure of the returning adult population. Although precocious maturation of males is associated with stream-resident populations in headwater tributaries, suggesting that it is a characteristic of stream-type Chinook, many precocious males mature outside the normal spawning time of sea-run fish (Groot and Margolis 1991). If this occurs, then their contribution to the next generation may be small overall and the amount of production from fish released at a larger size may be equal to, or even greater than, fish released at a smaller size if survival is greater for the larger fish.

In order to fully examine the effects of size at release, we will compare the differences in survival and size and age at return between smolts reared to 30 g/fish and 50 g/fish from the 2006-2010 brood years. Conventional supplementation fish from each brood year will be ponded into the starter and intermediate vessels at Lyons Ferry Hatchery. Hatchery staff will manipulate feeding levels so that the growth cycles of the different egg takes produce fish similar in size. At marking in mid-September (~13 g), the fish will be separated into their respective study groups. Fish for the 30 g/fish group will be marked with a coded-wire tag (CWT) and a purple visible implant elastomer (VIE) tag behind the left eye. Fish that will be reared to 50 g/fish will be given a different CWT code and a blue VIE tag behind the left eye. Fish will be transferred to Tucannon Fish Hatchery in October, approximately 2-3 weeks after tagging. A subsample from each group will be PIT tagged and sampled (length, weight, tag retention) before placement in February in Curl Lake Acclimation Pond. Fish will be sampled again (length, weight) at Curl Lake before volitional release in April.

The first jack returns from these experimental releases occurred during the 2009 run. Returns from both groups were similar (Table 24). However, there was a large overlap in size between the two groups at release (Figure 10) and both groups were larger than their respective target release size. Beginning with the 2008 brood year we PIT tagged fish based on length to better separate the two groups of fish. We will continue to examine outmigration survival through the

hydropower system, estimate smolt-to-adult survival rates, and compare age composition for the two groups. Results will be reported annually.

Table 24. Adult returns and smolt-to-adult return (SAR) rates from the Tucannon River spring Chinook size at release experiment.

Large Smolts (50g target)					
Brood Year	**Estimated Number Of Smolts**	**Age 3**	**Age 4**	**Age 5**	**SAR (%)**
2006	52,735	207	---	---	0.39
2007	55,480	---	---	---	---
2008	86,203	---	---	---	---

Regular Smolts (30 g target)					
Brood Year	**Estimated Number Of Smolts**	**Age 3**	**Age 4**	**Age 5**	**SAR (%)**
2006	53,795	195	---	---	0.36
2007	59,201	---	---	---	---
2008	86,694	---	---	---	---

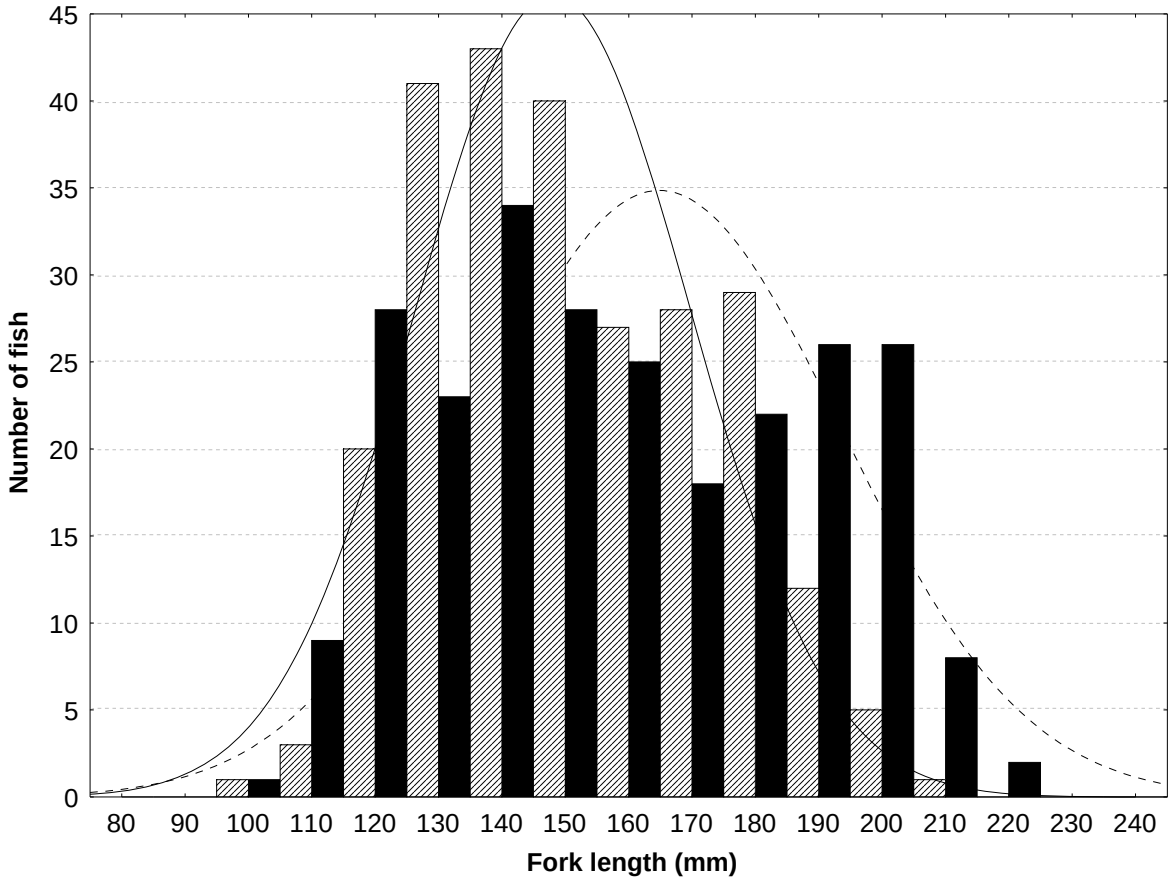

Figure 10. Histogram comparing fork lengths of the 2006 BY 50 g target (solid black bars and dashed line) and 30 g target (diagonal hatched bars and solid line) size Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon smolts sampled pre-release at Curl Lake AP on 16 April 2008.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Washington's LSRCP hatchery spring Chinook salmon program has failed to return adequate numbers of adults to meet the mitigation goal. This has occurred because SARs of hatchery origin fish have consistently been lower than predicted, even though hatchery returns (recruits/spawner) have generally been at 2-3 times the replacement level. Further, the natural spring Chinook population in the river has declined and remains below the replacement level for most years, with the majority (95%) of the mortality occurring between the green egg and smolt stages. However, we have seen a significant rebound of natural origin fish in recent years and we came close to reaching the LSRCP within river hatchery goal of 1,152 in 2009. System survivals (in-river, migration corridor, ocean) must increase in the near future for the hatchery program to succeed, and the natural run to persist over the short-term, and the population to be sustainable over the long-term.

Until that time, the evaluation program will continue to document and study life history survivals, genotypic and phenotypic traits, and examine procedures within the hatchery that can be changed to improve the hatchery program and the natural population. Based on our previous studies and current data involving survival and physical characteristics we recommend the following:

1. We continue to see annual differences in phenotypic characteristics of returning salmon (i.e., hatchery fish are generally younger in age and less fecund than natural origin fish), yet other traits such as run and spawn time are little changed over the program's history. Further, genetic analysis to date indicates little change in the natural population as a result of hatchery actions.

   Recommendation: Continue to collect as many carcasses as possible for the most accurate age composition data. Continue to assist hatchery staff with picking eyed eggs to obtain fecundity estimates for each spawned female. Collect other biological data (length, run timing, spawn timing, DNA samples, smolt trapping, and life stage survival) to document the effects (positive or negative) that the hatchery program may have on the natural population.

2. The success of hatchery origin fish spawning in the river is an important topic among managers within the Snake River Basin and with NOAA Fisheries. Little data exists on this subject. With the hatchery population in the Tucannon River intermixing with the natural population, we have an opportunity to study the effects of the hatchery spawners in the natural environment.

   Recommendation: Continue to seek funding for a DNA based pedigree analysis study to examine the reproductive success of hatchery fish in the natural environment. Examine the relationship between redd counts and the subsequent year's smolt production and returning adults in context of the proportion of hatchery spawners in the river. Publish the results in peer-reviewed journals.

3. Subbasin and recovery planning for ESA listed species in the Tucannon River will identify factors limiting the spring Chinook population and strategies to recover the population.

   Recommendation: Assist planning efforts by determining carrying capacity and productivity of the Tucannon River so that hatchery stocking is appropriate, and hatchery and natural performance is measured against future basin capacity after habitat improvements. Determine impacts to other species of concern (e.g., steelhead, bull trout).

4. We have documented that hatchery juvenile (egg-parr-smolt) survival rates are considerably higher than naturally reared salmon, and hatchery smolt-to-adult return rates are much lower. We need to identify and address the factors that limit hatchery SARs in order to meet mitigation goals and natural production to meet recovery goals. Beginning with the 2006 brood year, the annual hatchery smolt goal was increased from 132,000 to 225,000 to help offset the higher mortality of hatchery-origin fish after they leave the hatchery. This should increase adult salmon returns back to the river, however, based on current hatchery SARs this would still not produce enough adult returns to reach the LSRCP mitigation goal.

   Recommendation: Continue an experiment to examine size at release as a possible means to improve SAR of hatchery fish. Continue to evaluate survival rates from other watersheds to see if the LSRCP goal of 0.87% is a realistic goal under existing conditions. Increase PIT tagging to ascertain where mortality is occurring.

5. Adult Tucannon River spring Chinook appear to be "overshooting" or bypassing the Tucannon River based on limited PIT tag returns. This is occurring for both hatchery and natural origin fish, and thus it doesn't appear to be a hatchery effect, although genetic analysis of fish that bypass may be informative regarding hatchery effects and relatedness.

   Recommendation: Increase number of PIT tagged hatchery origin spring Chinook to 25,000 and tag natural origin spring Chinook throughout the smolt trapping season. Utilize detectors at the dams and on the Tucannon to determine if this "overshooting" is due to natural straying, a life history variant (fish rearing in the Snake River), or is due to hydropower operations (fish may not be able to detect the flow of the Tucannon River in the artificially dammed Snake River). Support the operation and maintenance of PIT tag arrays on the Tucannon River. Seek funding to conduct a radio telemetry study to examine behavior of Tucannon spring Chinook as they approach the vicinity of the mouth of the Tucannon and fish that migrate past Lower Granite Dam.

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Appendix A: Annual Takes for 2009

Appendix A. Table 1. Summary of maximum annual (calendar year) takes allowed and 2009 takes (in parenthesis) of listed Snake River spring Chinook salmon (Tucannon River Stock) and fall Chinook salmon

TYPE OF TAKE	Wild Fall Juvenile	Wild Spring Adults	Wild Spring Juvenile	Hatchery Spring Juvenile
Collect for Transport				
Observe/Harass [a]		300 (9)	4,000 (3)	4,000 (0)
Capture, Handle and Release	26,850 (595)		25,000 (582)	100,000 (2,480)
Capture, Handle, Tag/Mark, and Release [b]	2,800 (627)	30 (0)	5,000 (662)	20,000 (2,254)
Lethal Take [c]	250 (0)		125 (0)	200 (0)
Spawning, Dead, or Dying		1,500 (237)		
Other Take (specify)[d]			10,000 (1,346)	50,000 (5,000)
Indirect Mortality	50 (5)		375 (17)	1,500 (12)
Incidental Take [e]			0	
Incidental Mortality [e]			0	

[a] Refers to the number of fish observed during snorkel surveys (summer and fall precocial surveys).
[b] Refers to the number of fish marked at the smolt trap.
[c] Refers to the number of fish collected for organosomatic index samples.
[d] Refers to the number of fish PIT tagged at the hatchery or smolt trap.
[e] Refers to the number of fish collected or killed during electrofishing surveys.

Appendix A. Table 2. Summary of maximum annual (calendar year) takes allowed and 2009 takes (in parenthesis) of listed Snake River spring Chinook salmon (Tucannon River Stock).

TYPE OF TAKE	Wild Adults	Wild Jacks	Hatchery Adults	Hatchery Jacks	Wild Juvenile	Hatchery Juvenile
Collect for Transport [a]	300 (85)	NA (4)	300 (85)	NA (3)		
Observe/Harass (Total of all fish trapped)	2,500 (327)	NA (63)	2,500 (410)	NA (425)		
Capture, Handle and Release [b]	2,500 (242)	NA (59)	2,500 (325)	NA (422)		
Capture, Handle, Tag/Mark, and Release						247,500 (114,681 BY07; 174,860 BY08)
Lethal Take (Broodstock)	300 (85)	NA (4)	300 (83)	NA (3)		
Spawning, Dead, or Dying [c]	25 (0)	NA (0)	25 (1)	NA (6)		
Other Take (specify)						
Indirect Mortality [d]	10 (0)	NA (0)	10 (2)	NA (0)		
Incidental Take						
Incidental Mortality						

[a] Refers to the number fish collected for the hatchery broodstock.
[b] Refers to the number of fish released upstream or downstream of the trap following capture.
[c] Refers to the number of fish that may die in the trap before release or taken for broodstock
[d] Refers to the number of fish (collected for broodstock) that may die in transport or during broodstock holding.

Appendix B: Spring Chinook Captured, Collected, or Passed Upstream at the Tucannon Hatchery Trap in 2009

Appendix B. Spring Chinook salmon captured, collected, or passed upstream at the Tucannon Hatchery trap in 2009. (Trapping began in February; last day of trapping was September 30).

	Captured in Trap		Collected for Broodstock		Passed Upstream		Killed Outright[a]		Trap Mortality	
Date	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery
5/21	1				1					
5/26	1		1							
5/27	1		1							
5/28	4	2	4	2						
5/29	2				2					
5/30	6	1			6	1				
6/1	28	32	6	9	22	23				
6/2	11	14	7	7	4	7				
6/3	12	12	10	3	2	9				
6/4	12	25	12	8		17				
6/5	14	22	8	9	6	13				
6/6	5	11			5	11				
6/7	4	10			4	10				
6/8	11	22	6	5	5	17				
6/9	16	22	7	8	9	14				
6/10	12	24	5	11	7	13				
6/11	7	24	3	8	4	16				
6/12	14	28	3	11	11	17				
6/13	2	6			2	6				
6/14	4	12			4	12				
6/15	17	51	8	5	9	46				
6/16	12	18	3	2	9	16				
6/17	6	34	3		3	34				
6/18	5	18	2		3	18				
6/19	4	9			4	9				
6/20		1				1				
6/21	1	8			1	8				
6/22		2				2				
6/23	7	10			7	10				
6/24	2	10			2	10				
6/25	15	25			15	24		1		
6/26	8	23			8	23				
6/27	3	5			3	5				
6/28	12	30			12	30				
6/29	1	27			1	27				
6/30	7	17			7	17				
7/1	4	17			4	17				
7/2	4	10			4	10				
7/3	2	6			2	6				
7/4	2	13			2	13				
7/5	2	11			2	11				
7/6	9	24			9	22		2		
7/7	2	8			2	8				
7/8	1	2			1	2				
7/9	1	5			1	5				
7/10	1	1			1	1				
7/11	1	2			1	2				
7/12	1	5			1	5				
7/13	3	11			3	11				
7/14		3				3				
7/15		1				1				
7/18	1	1			1	1				
7/19	1	6			1	6				
7/20	1	3			1	3				
7/21	1				1					
7/23		1				1				
7/25	1				1					

Appendix B (continued). Spring Chinook salmon captured, collected, or passed upstream at the Tucannon Hatchery trap in 2009. (Trapping began in February; last day of trapping was September 30).

	Captured in Trap		Collected for Broodstock		Passed Upstream		Killed Outright[a]		Trap Mortality	
Date	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**
7/26	2	2			2	2				
7/27		1				1				
7/29		4				4				
8/4		1				1				
8/5		1				1				
8/6	1	2			1	2				
8/7	1	2			1	2				
8/8	1	3			1	3				
8/9	1	4			1	4				
8/10		2				2				
8/15	2	1			2	1				
8/24		4				4				
8/25	1	1			1			1		
8/26	1	2			1	2				
8/28	1	4			1	4				
8/29	1	2			1	2				
8/30	2	7			2	7				
8/31	4	6			4	6				
9/1	4	5			4	5				
9/2	14	6			14	6				
9/3	7	11			7	10		1		
9/4	8	10			8	9		1		
9/5	4	9			4	9				
9/6	4	12			4	12				
9/7	10	12			10	11		1		
9/8	2	8			2	8				
9/9	2	8			2	8				
9/10	6	6			6	6				
9/11		6				6				
9/12	2	1			2	1				
9/13		3				3				
9/14	3	1			3	1				
9/15	1	2			1	2				
9/17		1				1				
Total	**390**	**835**	**89**	**88**	**301**	**740**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**

[a] Fin clipped strays are killed outright at the trap.

Appendix C: Total Estimated Run-Size of Tucannon River Spring Chinook Salmon (1985-2009)

Appendix C. Total estimated run-size of spring Chinook salmon to the Tucannon River, 1985-2009. (Includes breakdown of conventional hatchery supplementation, captive brood progeny and stray hatchery components).

Year	Natural Jacks	Natural Adults	Hatchery Jacks	Hatchery Adults	C.B. Jacks	C.B. Adults	Stray Jacks	Stray Adults	Total Natural	Total Hatchery	Total Run
1985	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	591	0	591
1986	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	636	0	636
1987	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	582	0	582
1988	19	391	19	---	---	---	---	---	410	19	429
1989	2	334	83	26	---	---	---	---	336	109	445
1990	0	494	20	226	---	---	0	14	494	260	754
1991	3	257	99	169	---	---	0	0	260	268	528
1992	12	406	15	310	---	---	0	10	418	335	753
1993	8	309	6	264	---	---	0	2	317	272	589
1994	0	98	5	37	---	---	0	0	98	42	140
1995	2	19	11	22	---	---	0	0	21	33	54
1996	2	163	15	67	---	---	0	3	165	85	250
1997	0	160	4	178	---	---	0	9	160	191	351
1998	0	85	16	43	---	---	0	0	85	59	144
1999	0	3	59	163	---	---	5	15	3	242	245
2000	14	68	13	198	---	---	5	41	82	257	339
2001	9	709	99	182	---	---	13	0	718	294	1,012
2002	9	341	11	547	---	---	0	97	350	655	1,005
2003	3	245	26	169	---	---	1	0	248	196	444
2004	0	400	19	134	3	0	0	17	400	173	573
2005	3	286	6	105	0	14	2	4	289	131	420
2006	7	133	2	99	2	2	0	8	140	113	253
2007	8	190	18	81	0	19	15	13	198	146	344
2008	131	403	291	102	158	82	23	1	534	657	1,191
2009	116	634	402	405	92	196	13	4	750	1,112	1,862

Appendix D: Stray Hatchery-Origin Spring Chinook Salmon in the Tucannon River (1990-2009)

Appendix D. Summary of identified stray hatchery origin spring Chinook salmon that escaped into the Tucannon River (1990-2009).

Year	CWT Code or Fin clip	Agency	Origin (stock)	Release Location / Release River	Number Observed/ Expanded [a]	% of Tuc. Run
1990	074327	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Meacham Cr./Umatilla River	2 / 5	
	074020	ODFW	Rapid River	Lookingglass Cr./Grande Ronde	1 / 2	
	232227	NMFS	Mixed Col.	Columbia River/McNary Dam	2 / 5	
	232228	NMFS	Mixed Col.	Columbia River/McNary Dam	1 / 2	
				Total Strays	**14**	**1.9**
1992	075107	ODFW	Lookingglass Cr.	Bonifer Pond/Umatilla River	2 / 6	
	075111	ODFW	Lookingglass Cr.	Meacham Cr./Umatilla River	1 / 2	
	075063	ODFW	Lookingglass Cr.	Meacham Cr./Umatilla River	1 / 2	
				Total Strays	**10**	**1.3**
1993	075110	ODFW	Lookingglass Cr.	Meacham Cr./Umatilla River	1 / 2	
				Total Strays	**2**	**0.3**
1996	070251	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	1 / 1	
	LV clip	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	1 / 2	
				Total Strays	**3**	**1.3**
1997	103042	IDFG	South Fork Salmon	Knox Bridge/South Fork Salmon	1 / 2	
	103518	IDFG	Powell	Powell Rearing Ponds/Lochsa R.	1 / 2	
	RV clip	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	3 / 5	
				Total Strays	**9**	**2.6**
1999	091751	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	2 / 3	
	092258	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	1 / 1	
	104626	UI	Eagle Creek NFH	Eagle Creek NFH/Clackamas R.	1 / 1	
	LV clip	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	2 / 2	
	RV clip	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	8 / 13	
				Total Strays	**20**	**8.2**
2000	092259	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	4 / 4	
	092260	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	1 / 1	
	092262	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	1 / 3	
	105137	IDFG	Powell	Walton Creek/Lochsa R.	1 / 3	
	636330	WDFW	Klickitat (Wash.)	Klickitat Hatchery	1 / 1	
	636321	WDFW	Lyons Ferry (Wash.)	Lyons Ferry/Snake River	1 / 1	
	LV clip	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	18 / 31	
	Ad clip	ODFW	Carson (Wash.)	Imeques AP/Umatilla River	2 / 2	
				Total Strays	**46**	**13.6**

[a] The expansion is based on subsample rates of the proportion of stray carcasses to Tucannon River origin carcasses from the river. Actual counts are not expanded.

Appendix D (continued). Summary of identified stray hatchery origin spring Chinook salmon that escaped into the Tucannon River (1990-2009).

Year	CWT Code or Fin clip	Agency	Origin (stock)	Release Location / Release River	Number Observed/ Expanded [a]	% of Tuc. Run
2001	076040	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/7	
	092828	ODFW	Imnaha R. & Tribs.	Lookinglass/Imnaha River	1/3	
	092829	ODFW	Imnaha R. & Tribs.	Lookinglass/Imnaha River	1/3	
				Total Strays	**13**	**1.3**
2002	054208	USFWS	Dworshak	Dworshak NFH/Clearwater R.	1/29	
	076039	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/8	
	076040	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/16	
	076041	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/16	
	076049	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/8	
	076051	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/8	
	076138	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/8	
	105412	IDFG	Powell	Clearwater Hatch./Powell Ponds	1/4	
				Total Strays	**97**	**9.7**
2003	100472	IDFG	Salmon R.	Sawtooth Hatch./Nature's Rear.	1/1	
				Total Strays	**1**	**0.2**
2004	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	6/17	
				Total Strays	**17**	**3.0**
2005	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	3/6	
				Total Strays	**6**	**1.4**
2006	109771	IDFG	Sum. Ch. - S Fk Sal.	McCall Hatch./S. Fk. Salmon R.	1/1	
	093859	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	3/6	
				Total Strays	**8**	**3.2**
2007	092043	ODFW	Rogue R. – Cole H.	Cole Rivers Hatchery/Rogue R.	1/1	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	9/27	
				Total Strays	**28**	**8.1**
2008	092045	ODFW	Rogue R. – Cole H.	Cole Rivers Hatchery/Rogue R.	1/1	
	094358	ODFW	Grande Ronde R.	Lookingglass/Grande Ronde R.	1/11	
	094460	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/11	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	1/1	
				Total Strays	**24**	**2.0**
2009	092043	ODFW	Rogue R.	Cole Rivers Hatch./Rogue R.	1/3	
	094532	ODFW	Imnaha R.	Lookingglass Hatch./Imnaha R.	1/3	
	094538	ODFW	Lostine R.	Lookingglass/Lostine R.	2/4	
	100181	IDFG	Salmon R. Sum. Ck.	Knox Bridge/S. Fork Salmon	1/1	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	6/6	
				Total Strays	**17**	**0.9**

[a] The expansion is based on subsample rates of the proportion of stray carcasses to Tucannon River origin carcasses from the river. Actual counts are not expanded.

Appendix E: Final PIT Tag Detections of Returning Tucannon River Spring Chinook

Appendix E. Final PIT tag detections of returning Tucannon River spring Chinook from fish originally tagged as juveniles from the Tucannon River.

	Release Data			Adult Return Final Detection Data[a]			
PIT Tag ID	Origin	Length (mm)	Release Date	OBS	OBS Date	Travel Time	Est. Age
1F4E71071B	H	169	3/20/95	LGR	8/03/95	136.0	2
5042423B61	H	139	3/25/97	LGR	5/29/99	795.1	4
50470F3608	H	142	3/25/97	LGR	6/17/99	813.7	4
517D1E0552	W	112	4/22/99	BON	4/17/01	726.2	4
5202622F42	W	110	4/22/99	BON	4/19/01	728.1	4
517D1A197C	W	118	4/22/99	LGR	4/21/01	730.0	4
5176172874	W	108	4/29/99	LGR	4/29/01	730.8	4
5200712827	W	103	4/29/99	LGR	5/12/02	1109.2	5
5177201601	H	151	5/6/99	LGR	5/31/01	755.9	4
517D22216B	H	137	5/12/99	LGR	5/15/01	734.3	4
3D9.1BF1677795	W	117	4/29/02	LGR	5/19/04	750.7	4
3D9.1BF16876C6	W	105	4/30/02	ICH	5/04/05	1100.4	5
3D9.1BF167698F	W	96	5/02/02	ICH	5/03/05	1097.1	5
3D9.1BF12F6891	H	136	4/21/03	ICH	5/09/04	392.0	3
3D9.1BF12F7182	H	115	4/21/03	ICH	5/19/04	396.1	3
3D9.1BF149E5EA	H	126	4/21/03	MCN	5/05/05	751.2	4
3D9.1BF1A2EF4B	W	104	12/07/05	LGR	6/16/08	921.9	5
3D9.257C5B558A	H	125	4/26/06	ICH	6/16/08	782.2	4
3D9.257C6C4BAD	CB	142	4/12/07	ICH	5/15/08	398.9	3
3D9.1BF26E119D	H	170	4/12/07	LTR	5/22/08	405.8	3
3D9.257C6C1B20	CB	148	4/12/07	LTR	5/31/08	414.7	3
3D9.257C6C57DF	CB	125	4/12/07	ICH	5/31/08	415.3	3
3D9.1BF26D36B8	W	114	4/24/07	LTR	5/09/08	381.5	3
3D9.1BF26D389C	W	114	4/24/07	LTR	5/27/08	400.1	3
3D9.1BF26DB184	W	106	4/24/07	BON	5/02/09	738.9	4
3D9.1BF26DB741	W	118	4/24/07	ICH	5/10/09	747.3	4
3D9.1BF26DA2CB	W	103	4/23/07	ICH	5/10/09	748.4	4
3D9.1BF26D340D	W	102	4/16/07	ICH	5/06/09	751.3	4
3D9.1BF26D39F9	W	110	4/24/07	ICH	5/15/09	752.1	4
3D9.1BF26D693A	H	144	4/12/07	ICH	5/08/09	757.0	4
3D9.1BF26DFD75	H	112	4/12/07	MCN	5/11/09	760.0	4
3D9/257C6C514A	CB	125	4/12/07	ICH	5/17/09	766.2	4
3D9.1BF26DF8E5	W	118	4/02/07	ICH	5/09/09	768.3	4
3D9.1BF26DEE22	W	115	4/15/07	MCN	5/24/09	769.3	4

Abbreviations are as follows: BON – Bonneville Dam, MCN – McNary Dam, ICH – Ice Harbor Dam, LTR – Lower Tucannon River, LGR – Lower Granite Dam.

[a] PIT tag adult detection systems were in operation beginning in 1988 for LGR, 1998 for BON, 2002 for MCN, and 2005 for both ICH and LTR.

Appendix E (continued). Final PIT tag detections of returning Tucannon River spring Chinook from fish originally tagged as juveniles from the Tucannon River.

	Release Data			Adult Return Final Detection Data[a]			
PIT Tag ID	Origin	Length (mm)	Release Date	OBS	OBS Date	Travel Time	Est. Age
3D9.257C59FC64	W	116	3/22/07	ICH	5/17/09	786.9	4
3D9.257C5BF3CB	W	95	1/16/07	BON	4/11/09	816.0	4
3D9.1BF27DF007	H	---	4/15/08	LTR[b]	7/08/08	84.2	2
3D9.1BF27E6923	H	---	4/15/08	MCN	5/11/09	390.7	3
3D9.1BF27E6615	H	---	4/15/08	ICH	5/12/09	392.0	3
3D9.1BF27E396B	H	144	4/15/08	ICH	5/14/09	394.0	3
3D9.1BF27E5152	H	---	4/15/08	MCN	5/14/09	394.0	3
3D9.1BF27DFA43	H	136	4/15/08	ICH	5/14/09	394.2	3
3D9.1BF27E45D5	H	---	4/15/08	BON	5/14/09	394.3	3
3D9.1BF27E5420	H	---	4/15/08	ICH	5/15/09	395.2	3
3D9.1BF27DC33A	H	---	4/15/08	MCN	5/16/09	395.3	3
3D9.1C2C4A2C09	CB	---	4/15/08	ICH	5/16/09	396.2	3
3D9.1BF27E0BF9	H	174	4/15/08	ICH	5/20/09	400.0	3
3D9.1BF27E4A9A	H	---	4/15/08	BON	5/21/09	401.0	3
3D9.1BF27DDDE3	H	125	4/15/08	ICH	5/21/09	401.1	3
3D9.1BF27E5F9D	H	---	4/15/08	MCN	5/23/09	403.0	3
3D9.1C2C4A17EF	CB	---	4/15/08	ICH	5/29/09	409.0	3
3D9.1BF27E6750	H	---	4/15/08	LGR	6/07/09	417.8	3
3D9.1BF27E0B48	H	---	4/15/08	LGR	6/19/09	429.8	3
3D9.1BF27E335D	H	112	4/15/08	LGR	6/21/09	431.9	3
3D9.1BF27C49AC	W	120	4/02/08	ICH	6/10/09	434.0	3

Abbreviations are as follows: BON – Bonneville Dam, MCN – McNary Dam, ICH – Ice Harbor Dam, LTR – Lower Tucannon River, LGR – Lower Granite Dam.

[a] PIT tag adult detection systems were in operation beginning in 1988 for LGR, 1998 for BON, 2002 for MCN, and 2005 for both ICH and LTR.

[b] This fish was detected going above Lower Granite Dam and its last detection was in the Tucannon River.

Appendix F: Historical Hatchery Releases (1987-2010 Release Years)

Appendix F. Historical hatchery spring Chinook releases from the Tucannon River, 1987-2010 release years. (Totals are summation by brood year and release year.)

Release Year	Brood	Release Type[a]	Release Date	CWT Code[b]	Number CWT	Ad-only marked	Additional Tag/location/cross[c]	Kg	Mean Wt. (g)
1987	1985	H-Acc	4/6-10	34/42	12,922			986	76
Total					**12,922**				
1988	1986	H-Acc	3/7	33/25	12,328	512		628	45
		"	"	41/46	12,095	465		570	45
		"	"	41/48	13,097	503		617	45
		"	4/13	33/25	37,893	1,456		1,696	45
		"	"	41/46	34,389	1,321		1,621	45
		"	"	41/48	37,235	1,431		1,756	45
Total					**147,037**	**5,688**			
1989	1987	H-Acc	4/11-13	49/50	151,100	1,065		7,676	50
Total					**151,100**	**1,065**			
1990	1988	H-Acc	3/30-4/10	55/01	68,591	3,007		2,955	41
Total					**139,050**	**6,096**			
1991	1989	H-Acc	4/1-12	14/61	75,661	989		3,867	50
Total					**97,779**	**1,278**			
1992	1990	H-Acc	3/30-4/10	40/21	51,149		BWT, RC, WxW	2,111	41
		"	"	43/11	21,108		BWT, LC, HxH	873	41
		"	"	37/25	13,480		Mixed	556	41
Total					**85,737**				
1993	1991	H-Acc	4/6-12	46/25	55,716	796	VI, LR, WxW	1,686	30
		"	"	46/47	16,745	807	VI, RR, HxH	507	30
Total					**72,461**	**1,603**			
1993	1992	Direct	10/22-25	48/23	24,883	251	VI, LR, WxW	317	13
		"	"	48/24	24,685	300	VI, RR, HxH	315	13
		"	"	48/56	7,111	86	Mixed	91	13
Total					**56,679**	**637**			
1994	1992	H-Acc	4/11-18	48/10	35,405	871	VI, LY, WxW	1,176	32
		"	"	49/05	35,469	2,588	VI, RY, HxH	1,234	32
		"	"	48/55	8,277	799	Mixed	294	32
Total					**79,151**	**4,258**			
1995	1993	H-Acc	3/15-4/15	53/43	45,007	140	VI, RG, HxH	1,437	32
		"	"	53/44	42,936	2,212	VI, LG, WxW	1,437	32
		P-Acc	3/20-4/3	56/15	11,661	72	VI, RR, HxH	355	30
		"	"	56/17	10,704	290	VI, LR, WxW	333	30
		"	"	56/18	13,705	47	Mixed	416	30
		Direct	3/20-4/3	56/15	3,860	24	VI, RR, HxH	118	30
		"	"	56/17	3,542	96	VI, LR, WxW	110	30
		"	"	56/18	4,537	15	Mixed	138	30
Total					**135,952**	**2,896**			
1996	1994	H-Acc	3/16-4/22	56/29	89,437		VI, RR, Mixed	2,326	26
		P-Acc	3/27-4/19	57/29	35,334	35	VI, RG, Mixed	1,193	30
		Direct	3/27	43/23	5,263		VI, LG, Mixed	168	34
Total					**130,034**	**35**			

Appendix F (continued). Historical hatchery spring Chinook releases from the Tucannon River, 1987-2010 release years. (Totals are summation by brood year and release year.)

Release Year	Brood	Release Type[a]	Release Date	CWT Code[b]	Number CWT	Ad-only marked	Additional Tag/location/cross[c]	Kg	Mean Wt. (g)
1997	1995	H-Acc	3/07-4/18	59/36	42,160	40	VI, RR, Mixed	1,095	26
		P-Acc	3/24-3/25	61/41	10,045	50	VI, RB, Mixed	244	24
		Direct	3/24	61/40	9,811	38	VI, LB, Mixed	269	27
Total					**62,016**	**128**			
1998	1996	H-Acc	3/11-4/17	03/60	14,308	27	Mixed	410	29
		C-Acc	3/11-4/18	61/25	23,065	62	"	680	29
		"	"	61/24	24,554	50	"	707	29
		Direct	4/03	03/59	14,101	52	"	392	28
Total					**76,028**	**191**			
1999	1997	C-Acc	3/11-4/20	61/32	23,664	522	Mixed	704	29
Total					**23,664**	**522**			
2000	1998	C-Acc	3/20-4/26	12/11	125,192	2,747	Mixed	4,647	36
Total					**125,192**	**2,747**			
2001	1999	C-Acc	3/19-4/25	02/75	96,736	864	Mixed	4,180	43
Total					**96,736**	**864**			
2002	2000	C-Acc	3/15-4/23	08/87	99,566	2,533[e]	VI, RR, Mixed	2,990	29
Total					**99,566**	**2,533[e]**			
2002	2000CB	C-Acc	3/15/4/23	63	3,031	24[f]	CB, Mixed	156	51
Total					**3,031**	**24[f]**			
2002	2001	Direct	5/06	14/29	19,948	1,095	Mixed	77	4
Total					**19,948**	**1,095**			
2002	2001CB	Direct	5/06	14/30	20,435	157	CB, Mixed	57	3
Total					**20,435**	**157**			
2003	2001	C-Acc	4/01-4/21	06/81	144,013	2,909[e]	VI, RR, Mixed	5,171	35
Total					**144,013**	**2,909[e]**			
2003	2001CB	C-Acc	4/01-4/21	63	134,401	5,995[f]	CB, Mixed	4,585	33
Total					**134,401**	**5,995[f]**			
2004	2002	C-Acc	4/01-4/20	17/91	121,774	1,812[e]	VI, RR, Mixed	4,796	39
Total					**121,774**	**1,812[e]**			
2004	2002CB	C-Acc	4/01-4/20	63	42,875	1,909[f]	CB, Mixed	1,540	34
Total					**42,875**	**1,909[f]**			
2005	2003	C-Acc	3/28-4/15	24/82	69,831	1,323[e]	VI, RR, Mixed	2,544	36
Total					**69,831**	**1,323[e]**			
2005	2003CB	C-Acc	3/28-4/15	27/78	125,304	4,760[f]	CB, Mixed	4,407	34
Total					**125,304**	**4,760[f]**			
2006	2004	C-Acc	4/03-4/26	28/87	67,272	270[e]	VI, RR, Mixed	2,288	34
Total					**67,272**	**270[e]**			
2006	2004CB	C-Acc	4/03-4/26	28/65	127,162	5,150[f]	CB, Mixed	3,926	30
Total					**127,162**	**5,150[f]**			
2007	2005	C-Acc	4/02-4/23	35/99	144,833	4,633[e]	VI, RR, Mixed	8,482	57
Total					**144,833**	**4,633[e]**			
2007	2005CB	C-Acc	4/02-4/23	34/77	88,885	1,171[f]	CB, Mixed	5,525	61
Total					**88,885**	**1,171[f]**			

Appendix F (continued). Historical hatchery spring Chinook releases from the Tucannon River, 1987-2010 release years. (Totals are summation by brood year and release year.)

Release Year	Brood	Release Type[a]	Release Date	CWT Code[b]	Number CWT	Ad-only marked	Additional Tag/location/cross[c]	Kg	Mean Wt. (g)
2008	2006	C-Acc	4/08-4/22	40/93	50,309	2,426[e]	VI, LB, Mixed	2,850	54
2008	2006	C-Acc	4/08-4/22	40/94	51,858	1,937[e]	VI, LP, Mixed	2,106	39
Total					**102,167**	**4,363[e]**			
2008	2006CB	C-Acc	4/08-4/22	41/94	75,283	2,893[f]	CB, Mixed	4,493	57
Total					**75,283**	**2,893[f]**			
2009	2007	C-Acc	4/13-4/22	46/88	55,266	214[e]	VI, LB, Mixed	3,188	57
2009	2007	C-Acc	4/13-4/22	46/87	58,044	1,157[e]	VI, LP, Mixed	2,203	37
Total					**113,310**	**1,371[e]**			
2010	2008	C-Acc	4/2-4/12	51/75	84,738	1,465[e]	VI, LB, Mixed	5,672	66
2010	2008	C-Acc	4/2-4/12	51/74	84,613	2,081[e]	VI, LP, Mixed	3,423	40
Total					**139,351**	**3,546[e]**			
2010	2009	Direct	4/22-4/23	None	0	52,253[f]	Oxytet., Mixed	342	7
Total					**0**	**52,253[f]**			

[a] Release types are: Tucannon Hatchery Acclimation Pond (H-Acc); Portable Acclimation Pond (P-Acc); Curl Lake Acclimation Pond (C-Acc); and Direct Stream Release (Direct).

[b] All tag codes start with agency code 63.

[c] Codes listed in column are as follows: BWT - Blank Wire Tag; CB - Captive Brood; VI-Visual Implant (elastomer); LR - Left Red, RR - Right Red, LG-Left Green, RG - Right Green, LY - Left Yellow, RY - Right Yellow, LB - Left Blue, RB - Right Blue, LP – Left Purple; Oxytet. – Oxytetracycline Mark; Crosses: WxW - wild x wild progeny, HxH - hatchery x hatchery progeny, Mixed – wild x hatchery progeny.

[d] No tag loss data due to presence of both CWT and BWT in fish.

[e] VI tag only.

[f] No wire.

Appendix G: Numbers of Fish Species Captured by Month in the Tucannon River Smolt Trap During the 2009 Outmigration

Appendix G. Numbers of fish species captured by month in the Tucannon River smolt trap during the 2009 outmigration sampling period (13 October 2008 – 10 July 2009).

Species	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
Wild spring Chinook	23	146	177	235	24	87	292	419	28	3	1,434
Hatchery spring Chinook – Blue VIE				1		1	155	1776	217		2,150
Hatchery spring Chinook – Purple VIE							108	1641	535		2,284
Hatchery spring Chinook – VIE absent							12	227	72	1	312
Fall Chinook						1	17	29	850	330	1,227
Coho salmon					1	17	14	52	5	8	97
Bull trout	5	7	9	6		2					29
Steelhead - smolts	119	37	232	80	6	43	214	513	23		1,267
Steelhead – parr								1	17	13	31
Pacific lamprey - ammocoetes		5	131	190	7	239	25	33	15	4	649
Pacific lamprey - macropthalmia		1	90	71							162
Mountain whitefish							1	1			2
Smallmouth bass	6	6	2	8	1		1	3	4	1	32
Bluegill			2					5			7
Pumpkinseed sunfish			5	2	1	4		1	1		14
Chiselmouth	293	79	227	64	3	31	7	39	639	358	1,740
Longnose dace	12	11	1		1	7	2	1	6	26	67
Redside shiner	2		1							1	4
Bridgelip sucker	2	8	18	35	2	29	5	13	15	14	141
Northern pikeminnow	17	4	12	6		1		4	4	1	49
Brown bullhead			12	3		3					18
Sculpin sp.						1			2	1	4

Appendix H: Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI) for the Tucannon Spring Chinook Population (1985-2009)

Appendix H. Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI)[a] for the Tucannon River spring Chinook population (1985-2009). Note: Pre-spawn and trap mortalities are excluded from the analysis.

Spawned Hatchery Broodstock			River Spawning Fish			
Year	Total	% Natural (PNOB)	Total	% Hatchery (PHOS)	PNI	PNI < 0.50
1985	8	100.00	569	0.00	1.00	
1986	91	100.00	520	0.00	1.00	
1987	83	100.00	481	0.00	1.00	
1988	90	100.00	304	3.29	0.97	
1989	122	45.08	276	2.54	0.95	
1990	62	48.39	611	29.13	0.62	
1991	71	56.34	390	43.85	0.56	
1992	82	45.12	564	40.43	0.53	
1993	87	51.72	436	41.74	0.55	
1994	69	50.72	70	11.43	0.82	
1995	39	23.08	11	0.00	1.00	
1996	75	44.00	136	23.53	0.65	
1997	89	42.70	146	46.58	0.48	*
1998	86	52.33	51	27.45	0.66	
1999	122	0.82	107	98.13	0.01	*
2000	73	10.96	239	70.71	0.13	*
2001	104	50.00	894	26.40	0.65	
2002	93	45.16	897	65.66	0.41	*
2003	75	54.67	366	43.99	0.55	
2004	88	54.55	480	27.29	0.67	
2005	95	49.47	317	24.29	0.67	
2006	88	40.91	161	35.40	0.54	
2007	82	62.20	250	42.40	0.59	
2008	114	35.09	1,056	53.41	0.40	*
2009	173	50.87	1,676	60.56	0.46	*

[a] PNI = PNOB/(PNOB + PHOS).
PNOB = Percent natural origin fish in the hatchery broodstock.
PHOS = Percent hatchery origin fish among naturally spawning fish.

Appendix I: Recoveries of Coded-Wire Tagged Salmon Released Into the Tucannon River for the 1985-2005 Brood Years

Appendix I. Observed and estimated recoveries of coded-wire tagged salmon released into the Tucannon River with percent return to the Tucannon Basin, out-of-basin returns, and estimated survival and exploitation rates for the 1985-2005 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/08/10.)

Brood Year	1985		1986		1987	
Smolts Released	12,922		147,037		151,100	
Fish Size (g)	76		45		50	
CWT Codes[a]	34/42		33/25, 41/46, 41/48		49/50	
Release Year	1987		1988		1989	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River			30	84	28	130
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
Treaty Troll			1	2		
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	32	38	136	280	53	71
F.W. Sport			1	4		
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4	1	1	1	1		
Treaty Ceremonial			2	4	1	2
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll			1	4		
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	33	39	172	379	82	203
Tucannon (%)	97.4		96.0		99.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	2.6		1.8		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		1.1		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		1.1		1.0	
Survival	0.30		0.26		0.13	

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Brood Year	1988		1989		1990	
Smolts Released	139,050		97,779		85,737	
Fish Size (g)	41		50		41	
CWT Codes[a]	01/42, 55/01		01/31, 14/61		37/25, 40/21, 43/11	
Release Year	1990		1991		1992	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	107	370	61	191	2	6
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Fish Trap - F.W.	1	1				
Treaty Troll			2	2		
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	83	86	55	55	19	19
F.W. Sport	1	4				
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4	3	3	2	2		
Treaty Ceremonial	8	17	4	8		
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH	1	1				
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	204	482	124	258	21	25
Tucannon (%)	94.6		95.3		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.4		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.6		1.6		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.8		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	3.5		3.1		0.0	
Survival	0.35		0.26		0.03	

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Brood Year	1991		1992		1992	
Smolts Released	72,461		56,679		79,151	
Fish Size (g)	30		13		32	
CWT Codes[a]	46/25, 46/47		48/23, 48/24, 48/56		48/10, 48/55, 49/05	
Release Year	1993		1993		1994	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River					11	34
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	24	24	2	2	45	47
F.W. Sport						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial	1	3			1	1
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground	1	1			2	2
Fish Trap - F.W.			1	1	5	9
F.W. Sport					2	2
Hatchery						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine			1	2		
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery					3	3
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	26	28	4	5	69	98
Tucannon (%)	85.7		40.0		82.7	
Out-of-Basin (%)	3.6		20.0		14.3	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		40.0		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		2.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	10.7		0.0		1.0	
Survival	0.04		0.01		0.12	

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Brood Year	1993		1994		1995	
Smolts Released	135,952		130,034		62,016	
Fish Size (g)	30-32		25-35		24-27	
CWT Codes[a]	56/15, 56/17-18, 53/43-44		43/23, 56/29, 57/29		59/36, 61/40, 61/41	
Release Year	1995		1996		1997	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	42	138	3	8	36	92
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	66	66	21	21	94	94
F.W. Sport						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial	3	3				
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground	3	3			1	1
Fish Trap - F.W.	1	1				
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery	1	1			1	1
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport	1	3				
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	117	215	24	29	132	188
Tucannon (%)	94.9		100.0		98.9	
Out-of-Basin (%)	2.3		0.0		1.1	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	1.4		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	1.4		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.16		0.02		0.30	

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Brood Year	1996		1997		1998	
Smolts Released	76,028		23,509		124,093	
Fish Size (g)	28		28		35	
CWT Codes[a]	03/59-60, 61/24-25		61/32		12/11	
Release Year	1998		1999		2000	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	43	139	17	85	147	680
Kalama R., Wind R. Fish Trap - F.W.	1	1				
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	96	99	44	46	83	83
F.W. Sport					3	14
Non-treaty Ocean Troll					1	2
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4					1	1
Treaty Ceremonial					5	5
Three Mile, Umatilla R. Spawning Ground					1	1
Fish Trap - F.W.	1	1	2	2	8	10
F.W. Sport					2	4
Hatchery	2	2	1	1		
Columbia R. Gillnet			7	22	32	85
Columbia R. Sport			2	15	17	94
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery	1	1	1	1		
Total Returns	144	243	74	172	300	979
Tucannon (%)	97.9		76.2		77.9	
Out-of-Basin (%)	2.1		2.3		1.2	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		12.8		9.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		8.7		11.4	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.5	
Survival	0.32		0.73		0.79	

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Brood Year	1999		2000		2001	
Smolts Released	96,736		99,566		144,013	
Fish Size (g)	43		29		35	
CWT Codes[a]	02/75		08/87		06/81	
Release Year	2001		2002		2003	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	2	12	13	37	6	26
Kalama R., Wind R. Fish Trap - F.W.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	6	6	39	39	51	51
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R. Spawning Ground Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
Columbia R. Gillnet	1	3	1	1		
Columbia R. Sport						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	9	21	53	77	57	77
Tucannon (%)	86.0		98.7		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	14.0		1.3		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.02		0.08		0.05	

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Brood Year	2001		2002		2003	
Smolts Released	19,948		121,774		69,831	
Fish Size (g)	4		39		36	
CWT Codes[a]	14/29		17/91		24/82	
Release Year	2002		2004		2005	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River			11	47	5	21
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]			58	58	21	21
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
Columbia R. Gillnet	1	1				
Columbia R. Sport						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	1	1	69	105	26	42
Tucannon (%)	0.0		100.0		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	100.0		0.0		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.01		0.09		0.06	

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Brood Year	2003		2004		2004	
Smolts Released	125,304		67,272		127,162	
Fish Size (g)	34		34		30	
CWT Codes[a]	27/78 CB		28/87		28/65 CB	
Release Year	2005		2006		2006	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	5	21	23	98	16	69
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	3	3	43	43	36	36
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
Columbia R. Gillnet						
Columbia R. Sport					1	4
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll			1	1		
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	8	24	67	142	53	109
Tucannon (%)	100.0		99.3		96.3	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		0.7		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		3.7	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.02		0.21		0.09	

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Brood Year	2005[c]		2005[c]	
Smolts Released	88,885		144,833	
Fish Size (g)	61		57	
CWT Codes[a]	34/77 CB		35/99	
Release Year	2007		2007	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW				
Tucannon River	19	82	34	146
Kalama R., Wind R.				
Fish Trap - F.W.				
Treaty Troll				
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	3	3	15	15
F.W. Sport				
Non-treaty Ocean Troll				
ODFW				
Test Net, Zone 4			2	2
Treaty Ceremonial				
Three Mile, Umatilla R.				
Spawning Ground				
Fish Trap - F.W.				
F.W. Sport				
Hatchery				
Columbia R. Gillnet				
Columbia R. Sport				
CDFO				
Non-treaty Ocean Troll				
Mixed Net & Seine				
Ocean Sport				
USFWS				
Warm Springs Hatchery				
Dworshak NFH				
IDFG				
Hatchery				
Total Returns	22	85	51	163
Tucannon (%)	100.0		98.8	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		1.2	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.10		0.11	

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[c] Data for the 2005 brood year is incomplete.

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