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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 Tucannon River spring Chinook caused by hydroelectric projects on the Snake River. This report summarizes activities of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Lower Snake River Hatchery Evaluation Program for the Tucannon and Touchet River spring Chinook hatchery programs for the period May 2023 to April 2024.

A total of 108 salmon were captured in the TFH trap in 2023 (33 natural adults, 0 natural jacks, 37 hatchery adults, and 38 hatchery jacks). Of these, 93 fish (33 natural adults, 0 natural jacks, 29 hatchery adults, and 31 hatchery jacks) were collected for broodstock and 12 adipose clipped strays were killed outright. During 2023, two (2.2%) salmon collected for broodstock died prior to spawning.

Spawning of supplementation fish occurred once a week between 29 August and 19 September, with peak eggtake occurring on 5 September. A total of 122,670 eggs were collected from 26 natural and 17 hatchery-origin female Chinook. Egg mortality to eye-up was 5.0% (6,151 eggs) which left 116,519 live eggs. An additional 0.9% (1,003) loss of sac-fry left 115,516 BY 2023 fish for production.

Weekly spawning ground surveys began 28 August and were completed by 29 September 2023. A total of 13 redds and 7 carcasses (2 natural, 5 hatchery) were found. No redds were counted above the adult trap. Based on redd counts, carcasses recovered, and broodstock collection, the estimated return to the river for 2023 was 138 spring Chinook (42 natural adults, 0 natural jacks and 58 hatchery-origin adults, 38 hatchery jacks).

A total of 235,734 BY22 smolts were released during 2024 (200,141 released at TFH on 9-10 April, 17,005 were released at the mouth of the Tucannon River on 17 April, and 18,588 were transported by barge on 18 April).

Evaluation staff operated a downstream migrant trap to provide juvenile outmigration estimates. During the 2022/2023 emigration, we estimated that 3,356 (95% C.I. 2,750-4,219) natural spring Chinook (BY 2021) smolts emigrated from 30 September 2022 to 30 June 2023 from the Tucannon River.

Smolt-to-adult return rates (SAR) for natural origin salmon are nine times higher on average (based on geometric means) than hatchery origin salmon. However, hatchery salmon survive two times greater than natural salmon from parent to adult progeny over the length of the project. Managers are currently implementing an alternative release strategy evaluation (releases from TFH, releases at the Tucannon River mouth, and a barge transport release). Discussions continue about releasing a portion of the program at Kalama Falls Fish Hatchery in an attempt to increase hatchery fish survival and preserve this stock.

From the Touchet spring Chinook program we released 113,982 BY22 smolts during 18-21 March 2024. In 2023, we estimate that 44 fish (44 adults, 0 jacks) returned over McNary Dam.

Hatchery returns from both the Tucannon and Touchet hatchery programs will be used to measure contribution towards the LSRCP spring Chinook hatchery mitigation goal (1,152) for SE Washington. For the 2023 return year, both programs combined contributed to 9% of the SE Washington mitigation goal.

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Introduction

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 authorized 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 original mitigation negotiations, local fish and wildlife agencies determined through a series of conversion rates of McNary Dam counts that 2,400 spring Chinook (2% of passage at McNary Dam) 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] lost adult Tucannon River origin spring Chinook needed to be compensated for above the project area, with the expectation that the other 1,248 (52%) would continue to come from natural production. An additional 4,608 were originally assumed to have been harvested in downriver fisheries or in the ocean and was an additional objective of the plan. The agencies also determined through other survival studies at the time that a smolt-to-adult survival rate (SAR) to the project area of 0.87% was a reasonable expectation for spring and summer Chinook salmon. Based on an assumed 0.87% above project area SAR and the 1,152 above project area mitigation goal it was determined that 132,000 smolts needed to be released annually. In 1984, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife[2] (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.

In an attempt to increase adult returns and come closer to achieving the LSRCP mitigation goal, the co-managers agreed to increase the conventional supplementation program goal to 225,000 yearling smolts annually beginning with the 2006 brood year. Size at release was increased from 15 fish/lb (fpp) to 12 fpp (38 g fish) beginning with the 2011 brood year. In theory, both actions should have increased adult hatchery salmon returns back to the river, however, it does not appear that these actions will produce enough adult returns to reach the LSRCP adult mitigation goal (1,152).

Because of this, WDFW and the LSRCP, along with the co-managers, initiated an additional hatchery spring Chinook program in SE Washington. A program using Carson stock spring

[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. Here "project area" is defined as above Ice Harbor Dam.

[2] Formerly Washington Department of Fisheries.

Chinook salmon was implemented in the Touchet River, with eyed eggs shipped to LFH beginning with the 2018 brood year with the first smolt releases occurring in 2020. Adult returns from the Tucannon and Touchet programs will be used to measure contribution towards the LSRCP spring Chinook mitigation goal (1,152) for Washington.

This report summarizes work performed by the WDFW Spring Chinook Evaluation Program from May 2023 through April 2024.

ESA Permits

The Tucannon River spring Chinook population was originally listed as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on April 22, 1992 (FR 57 No. 78: 14653). The listing status was changed to "threatened" in 1995 (April 17, 1995; FR 60 No. 73: 19342). The listing was reviewed again in 1999 (FR 64 (57): 14517-14528) with the population remaining listed as "threatened" as part of the Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon evolutionary significant unit (ESU). The WDFW was originally issued a Section 10 Permit (#848 – broodstock collection and monitoring) which expired in March 1998. Permits #1126 and #1129 were issued in 1998 to allow continued take for this program, but those permits have since expired. A Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) was originally submitted as the application for a new Section 4 (d) Permit for this program in 2005. An updated HGMP requesting ESA Section 10 permit coverage was submitted in 2011 and was approved in 2016 (Permit #18024). This annual report summarizes all work performed by WDFW's LSRCP Tucannon Spring Chinook Salmon Evaluation Program during 2023. Numbers of direct and indirect takes of listed Snake River spring Chinook (Tucannon River stock) for the 2023 calendar year are presented in Appendix A (Tables 1-2), along with information required for the NEOR/SEWA Biological Opinion reporting.

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.

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 on a combination of well, spring, and river water. River water is the primary source, which allows for a more natural winter temperature profile. Curl Lake Acclimation Pond was not used during 2023/2024 due to a release strategy comparison study.

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.

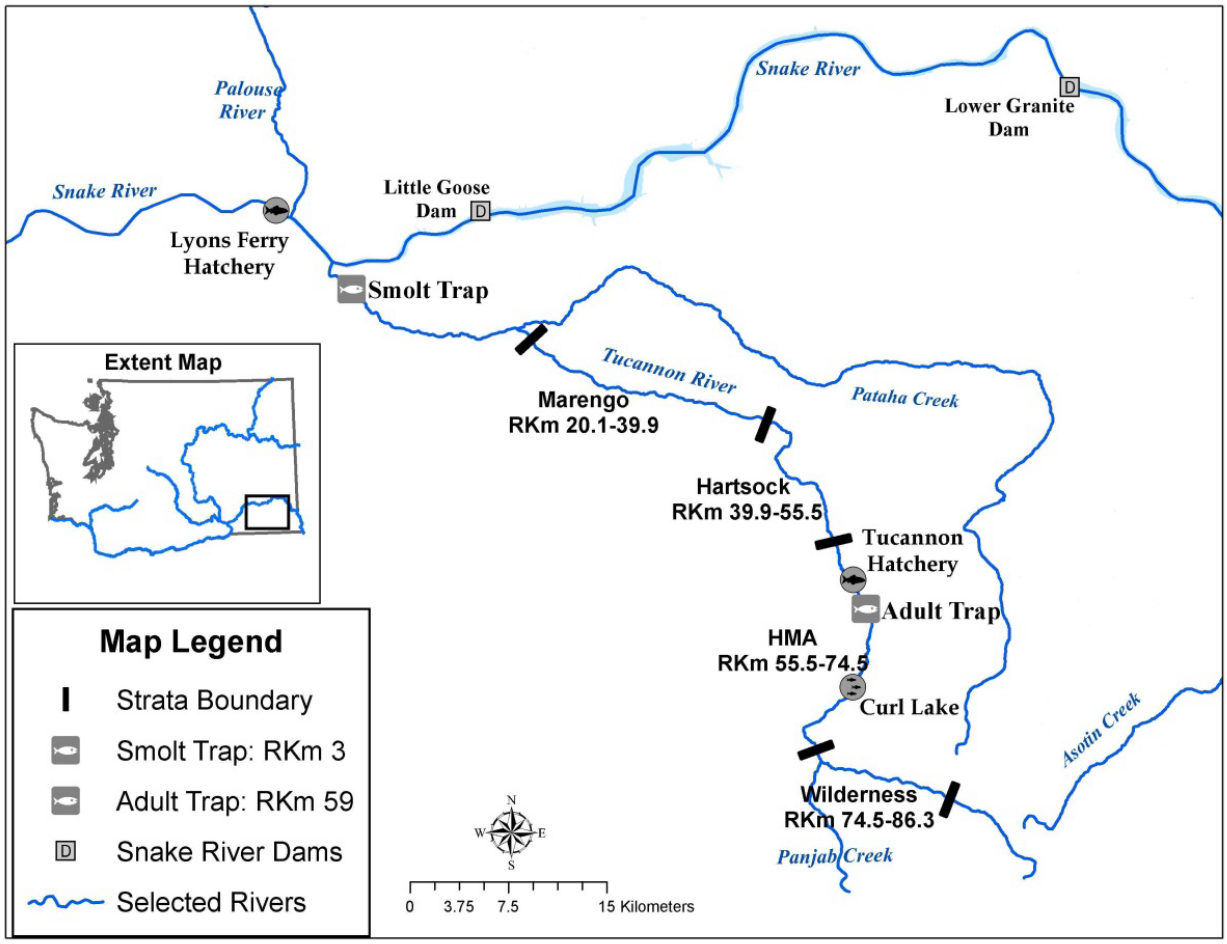

Figure 1. Location of the Tucannon River, and Lyons Ferry and Tucannon Hatcheries within the Snake River basin.

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.

Tucannon Adult Salmon Evaluation

Broodstock Trapping

The allowed collection goal for broodstock is 170 adult salmon, depending upon size and fecundity, collected throughout the duration of the run to meet the smolt production/release goal of 225,000. The proportion of natural origin fish incorporated into the broodstock is based on the estimated run size and the Tucannon Spring Chinook Salmon HGMP sliding scale. Additional jack salmon may be collected up to their proportion of the run with an upper limit of 10% used in broodstock, if needed. Returning Tucannon stock hatchery salmon were identified by coded-wire tag (CWT) in the snout, with no adipose fin clips. Adipose clipped fish without CWT captured at the trap are killed outright as strays.

The TFH adult trap began operation in February (for steelhead) with the first spring Chinook captured on 30 May (Appendix B). State and Tribal Fisheries Managers decided to collect all Tucannon River returns to be used for broodstock due to the expected low run size. This was also done to circumvent potential high in-river pre-spawn mortality that has been observed in preceding years.

The trap was operated through 30 September. A total of 108 fish entered the trap (33 natural adults, 0 natural jacks, 37 hatchery adults, and 38 hatchery jacks) and 93 fish (33 natural adults, 0 natural jacks, 29 hatchery adults, 31 hatchery jacks) were collected for broodstock (Table 2, Appendix B). Twelve adipose clipped strays were killed outright at the adult trap (Table 2, Appendix B). Adults collected for broodstock were injected with erythromycin at 20 mg/kg. Antibiotic injections for broodstock were repeated 30 days prior to spawning. Broodstock received formalin drip treatments during holding at 167 ppm every other day to control fungus.

Table 2. Numbers of spring Chinook salmon captured at the TFH trap, trap mortalities, strays or jacks killed outright, fish collected for broodstock, and passed upstream or held for adult outplanting for natural spawning from 1986-2023.

	Captured at Trap		Trap Mortalities		Killed Outright[a]	Broodstock Collected		Passed Upstream		Held for Outplanting	
Year	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery
1986	247	0	0	0	0	116	0	131	0	0	0
1987	209	0	0	0	0	101	0	108	0	0	0
1988	267	9	0	0	0	116	9	151	0	0	0
1989	156	102	0	0	0	67	102	89	0	0	0
1990	252	216	0	1	0	60	75	192	140	0	0
1991	109	202	0	0	0	41	89	68	113	0	0
1992	242	305	8	3	0	47	50	187	252	0	0
1993	191	257	0	0	0	50	47	141	210	0	0
1994	36	34	0	0	0	36	34	0	0	0	0
1995	10	33	0	0	0	10	33	0	0	0	0
1996	76	59	1	4	0	35	45	40	10	0	0
1997	99	160	0	0	0	43	54	56	106	0	0
1998[b]	50	43	0	0	0	48	41	1	1	0	0
1999[c]	4	139	0	1	0	4	135	0	0	0	0
2000	25	180	0	0	17	12	69	13	94	0	0
2001	405	276	0	0	0	52	54	353	222	0	0
2002	168	610	0	0	0	42	65	126	545	0	0
2003	84	151	0	0	0	42	35	42	116	0	0
2004	311	155	0	0	0	51	41	260	114	0	0
2005	131	114	0	0	3	49	51	82	60	0	0
2006	61	78	0	1	2	36	53	25	22	0	0
2007	112	112	0	0	6	54	34	58	72	0	0
2008	114	386	0	0	1	42	92	72	293	0	0
2009	390	835	0	0	7	89	88	301	740	0	0
2010	774	796	0	0	9	86	87	688	700	0	0
2011	400	383	0	0	6	89	77	311	300	0	0
2012	240	301	0	0	6	93	77	147	218	0	0
2013	271	268	0	0	2	98	60	173	206	0	0
2014[d]	343	215	0	0	0	86	41	257	174	0	0
2015	285	594	0	0	32	101	30	126	348	58	184
2016	127	468	0	0	114	55	71	6	19	66	264
2017	26	237	0	0	15	18	93	0	0	8[e]	129[e]
2018	73	358	0	0	38	37	123	15	3	21	194
2019	39	144	0	0	1	36	113	1	1	2	29
2020	38	18	0	0	2	38	15	0	1[f]	0	0
2021	83	57	0	0	25	83	32	0	0	0	0
2022	190	38	0	0	15	144	9	9	0	37	14[g]
2023	33	75	0	0	12	33	60	0	2	0	1[g]

[a] Fish identified as strays at the adult trap are killed outright. Some hatchery jacks were killed outright in 2016.
[b] Two males (one natural, one hatchery) captured were transported back downstream to spawn in the river.
[c] Three hatchery males that were captured were transported back downstream to spawn in the river.
[d] Ninety-four natural origin fish were collected for broodstock; however, eight natural origin females were returned to the river for natural spawning leaving a total of 86 natural origin fish collected for broodstock.
[e] None of the fish held for adult outplanting in 2017 were outplanted. All of the fish held for adult outplanting were < 61 cm in fork length (jack size) and were either used to supplement broodstock (natural jacks) or were killed outright.
[f] This fish was mistakenly passed downstream.
[g] Stray fish held for spawning in the Touchet River spring Chinook hatchery program.

Broodstock Mortality

Two (2.2%) of the 93 salmon collected for broodstock died prior to spawning in 2023 (Table 3). Pre-spawn mortality of both natural and hatchery origin fish averaged over 10% from 2017-2020. Higher losses in 2017 and 2018 may have been the result of halting prophylactic antibiotic injections (2017) and utilization of a different antibiotic (2018). High pre-spawn mortality was experienced when fish were held at TFH (1986-1991 and 2019), likely due to higher water temperatures (Table 3).

Table 3. Numbers of pre-spawning mortalities and percent of fish collected for broodstock at TFH and held at TFH (1985-1991 and 2019) or LFH (1992-2018 and 2020-2023).

	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
2010	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
2011	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
2012	0	0	0	0.0	1	2	0	3.9
2013	2	3	0	5.1	0	2	0	3.3
2014	0	1	0	1.2	0	0	0	0.0
2015	0	1	0	1.0	0	1	0	3.3
2016	0	1	0	1.8	2	0	0	2.8
2017	0	2	0	12.5	4	8	0	12.6
2018	2	2	0	10.8	12	4	0	13.0
2019	3	9	0	33.3	14	38	0	46.0
2020	2	3	0	13.2	0	0	0	0.0
2021	0	1	0	1.2	0	1	1	6.3
2022	0	0	1	0.7	0	0	0	0.0
2023	0	2	0	6.1	0	0	0	0.0

Broodstock Spawning

Spawning at LFH was conducted once a week from 29 August to 19 September, with the peak eggtake occurring on 5 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 effective number of breeders (Busack and Knudsen 2007). The priority order of crosses was Natural x Hatchery, Natural x Natural, and Hatchery x Hatchery, depending upon availability and origin of ripe fish on each spawning date.

A total of 122,670 eggs were collected from 43 spawned females (Table 4). Eggs were initially disinfected, and water hardened for one hour in an iodophor (buffered iodine) solution (100 ppm). The eggs were incubated in vertical tray incubators. 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 5.0%, which left 116,519 live eggs. An additional 0.9% (1,003) loss of eggs and sac-fry left 115,516 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 2023. (Numbers in parentheses were live spawned).

			Natural Origin				
	Males		**Jacks**		**Females**		
Spawn Date	**Spawned**	**K.O.**	**Spawned**	**K.O.**	**Spawned**	**K.O.**	**Eggs Taken**
8/29	(1)				5		18,560
9/05	(4)	1[a]			11		34,192
9/12	(2)				5		18,343
9/19	4				5		16,288
Totals	**4**	**1**			**26**		**87,383**
Egg Mortality							4,720
			Hatchery Origin				
	Males		**Jacks**		**Females**		
Spawn Date	**Spawned**	**K.O.**	**Spawned**	**K.O.**	**Spawned**	**K.O.**	**Eggs Taken**
8/29	1 (2)	1[b]					
9/05	(5)	2[b]	2		8	1[b]	17,214
9/12	2 (3)			4[c]	4		8,105
9/19	5			25	5		9,968
Totals	**8**	**3**	**2**	**29**	**17**	**1**	**35,287**
Egg Mortality							1,431

[a] Dead in pond (DIP).
[b] Hatchery strays that were not used for spawning.
[c] One jack was a stray.

Broodstock BKD Screening and Virology Testing

Broodstock females were screened for the presence of Bacterial Kidney Disease (BKD), caused by the bacterium *Renibacterium salmoninarum*, using Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA). None of the spawned females had a high ELISA value in 2023 (Table 5). The management of BKD has varied over the years and included different antibiotics and no treatment at times. High ELISA values during 2017-2019 were believed to be directly related to the decision to suspend antibiotic injections (2017), and then switching to a different antibiotic (2018-2019)(Figure 2). During 2020, the WDFW Fish Health Specialist switched back to erythromycin injections from tulathromycin (Draxxin[3]) injections since it was considered to be more effective against BKD. Spawned females were also examined for viruses and sampling showed no evidence of virus in the samples tested.

Table 5. Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) values for hatchery spawned Tucannon River spring Chinook females, 2023.

ELISA Value	ELISA O.D.	Number of Females	Percent (%)
Below Low	< 0.099	43	100.0
Low	0.099 – 0.198	0	0.0
Moderate	0.199 – 0.448	0	0.0
High	> 0.448	0	0.0
Total		**43**	**100.0**

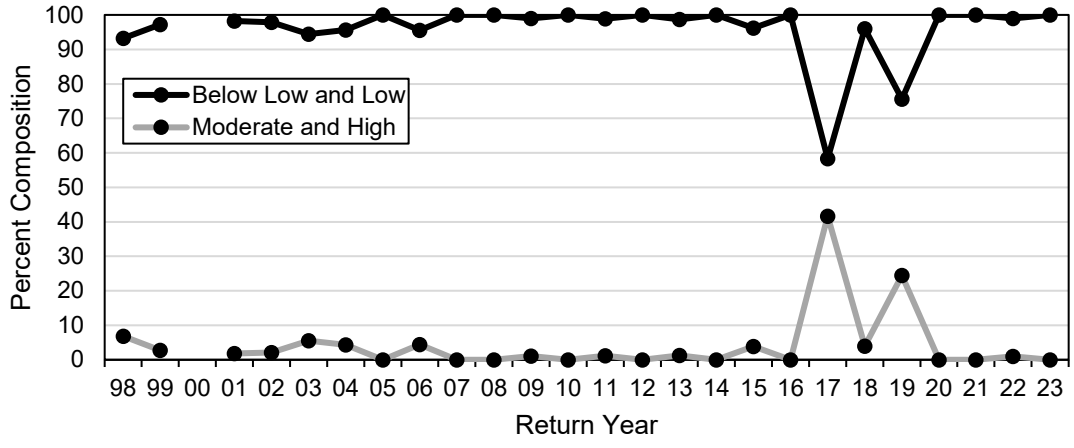

Figure 2. Historical Below Low and Low, and Moderate and High ELISA values for Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon female broodstock for the 1998 to 2023 return years.

[3] The use of trade names does not imply endorsement by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Natural Spawning

Pre-spawn mortality surveys were conducted from 8 June to 25 August during 2023, after which regular weekly spawning ground surveys commenced. Although fish were not passed above the adult trap prior to 13 September, pre-spawn mortality surveys were still conducted upstream of the trap as fish have been able to bypass the trap during past years. The pre-spawn mortality surveys covered from Bridge 10 (rkm 43) to Panjab Bridge (rkm 75). One hatchery female stray (AD/No Wire) pre-spawn mortality was recovered on 25 August approximately 100 m below the hatchery intake.

Weekly spawning ground surveys began on 28 August and were completed by 29 September. A total of two fish (2 hatchery-origin jacks) were given a left opercle punch and passed upstream after 12 September. Thirteen redds were counted during surveys, with no redds observed above the adult trap (Table 6). Six carcasses were recovered during spawning ground surveys (2 natural origin, 4 hatchery origin). Four of the five (80%) hatchery carcasses recovered from pre-spawn and spawning ground surveys were strays (AD/No Wire). A cumulative 250 river kilometers were walked during pre-spawn mortality and spawning ground surveys in 2023.

Table 6. Numbers and general locations of salmon redds and carcasses (includes pre-spawn mortalities) recovered on the Tucannon River spawning grounds, 2023 (the Tucannon Hatchery adult trap is located at rkm 59).

			Carcasses Recovered	
Stratum	**Rkm[a]**	**Number of redds**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**
Wilderness	84-86	0	0	0
	78-84	0	0	0
	75-78	0	0	0
HMA	73-75	0	0	0
	68-73	0	0	0
	66-68	0	0	0
	62-66	0	0	0
	59-62	0	0	0
	----------Tucannon Fish Hatchery Trap----------			
	56-59	9	0	5
Hartsock	52-56	0	0	0
	47-52	4	2	0
	43-47	0	0	0
	40-43	0	0	0
Marengo	34-40	0	0	0
	28-34	0	0	0
Below Marengo	0-28	0	0	0
Totals	**0-86**	**13**	**2**	**5**

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

Historical Trends in Natural Spawning

Examining historical traits in natural spawning (1985-present), redd density has varied greatly with run size over the years with a high of 7.3 redds/km in 2010 to a low of 0.1 redds/km during 1995 (Figure 3; Table 7). Since the program's inception in 1985, the proportion of the total number of redds occurring below the adult trap has increased (Figure 4; Table 7). This is likely the result of a combination of fish that were unwilling to enter the TFH fish ladder/trap and an emphasis on broodstock collection that was intended to reduce the risk of extinction.

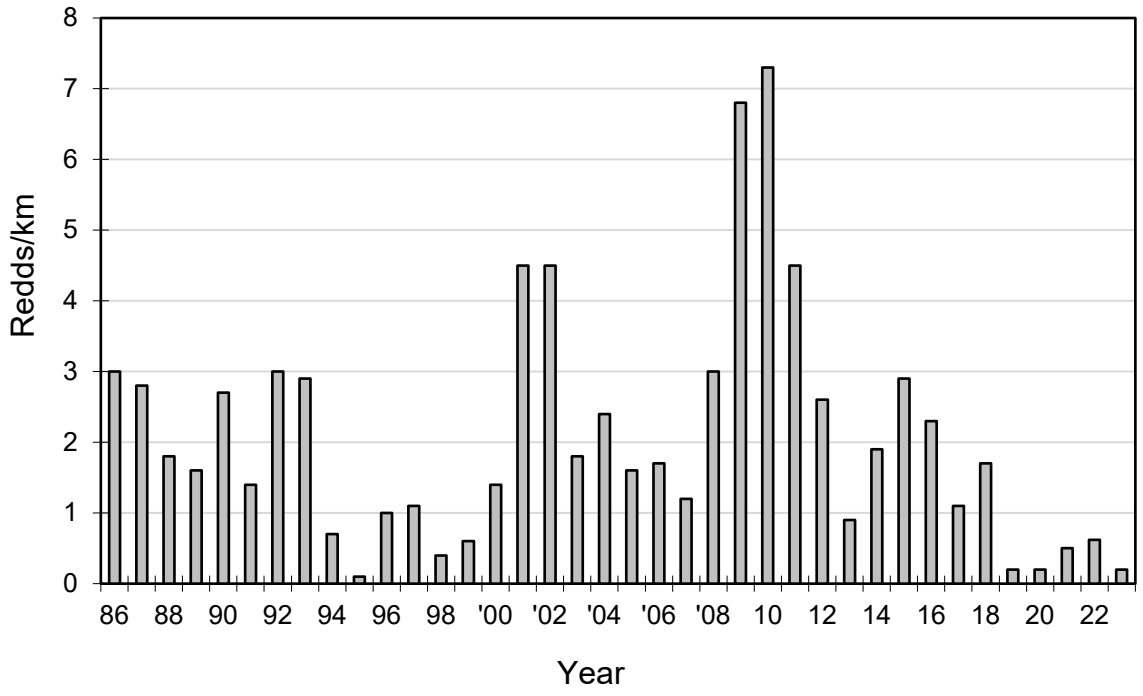

Figure 3. Spring Chinook redd density (redds/km) in the Tucannon River, 1986-2023.

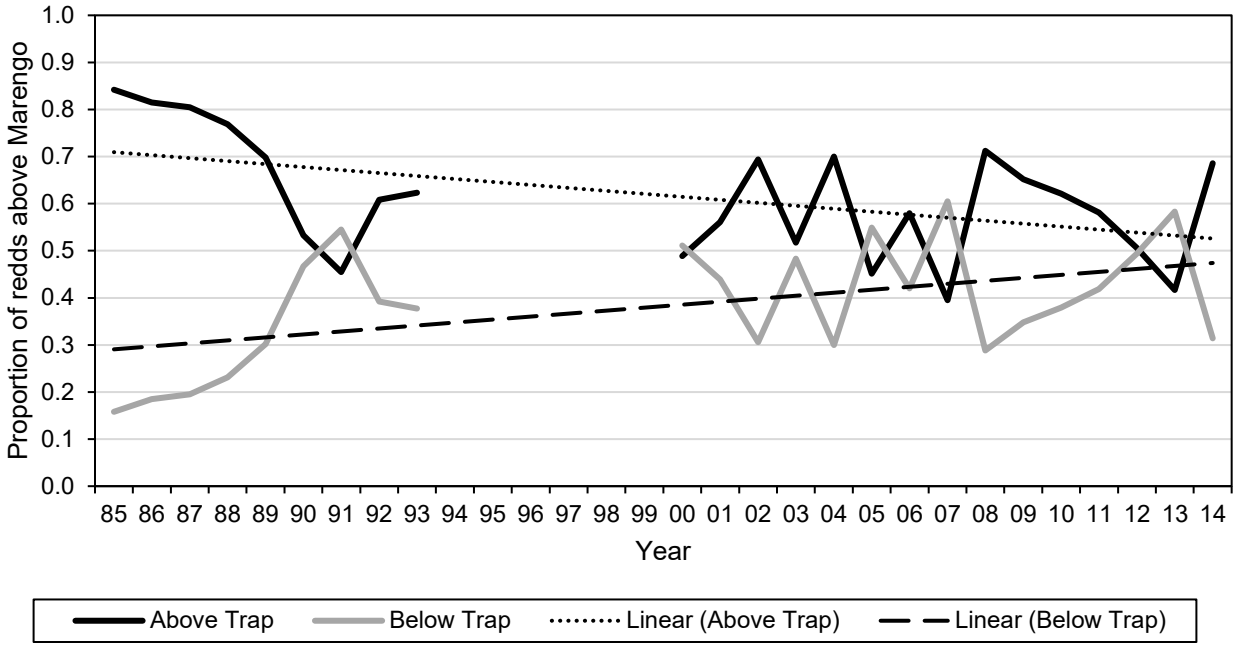

Figure 4. The proportion of redds above Marengo that were either above the adult trap/weir or below the adult trap/weir with trend lines, 1985-1993 and 2000-2014. (Note: The 1994-1999 data was removed from the graph due to management actions at the trap, and after 2014 since adult outplants began in 2015 and due to the collection of all fish captured in the trap for broodstock in recent years.).

Table 7. Number of spring Chinook salmon redds and redds/km (in parentheses) by stratum and year, and the number and percent of redds above and below the TFH adult trap in the Tucannon River, 1985-2023.

	Strata[a]					TFH Adult Trap[b]			
Year	Wilderness	HMA	Hartsock	Marengo	Total Redds[b]	Above	%	Below	%
1985[c]	101 (9.2)	165 (8.7)	50 (3.1)	–	316	–	–	–	–
1986	53 (4.8)	105 (5.5)	42 (2.6)	0 (0.0)	200	163	81.5	37	18.5
1987	15 (1.4)	140 (7.4)	30 (1.9)	–	185	149	80.5	36	19.5
1988	18 (1.6)	79 (4.2)	20 (1.3)	–	117	90	76.9	27	23.1
1989	29 (2.6)	54 (2.8)	23 (1.4)	–	106	74	69.8	32	30.2
1990	20 (1.8)	92 (4.8)	66 (4.1)	2 (0.1)	180	96	53.3	84	46.7
1991	3 (0.3)	50 (2.6)	35 (2.2)	2 (0.1)	90	40	44.4	50	55.6
1992	17 (1.5)	148 (7.8)	34 (2.1)	1 (0.1)	200	121	60.5	79	39.5
1993	34 (3.1)	123 (6.5)	34 (2.1)	1 (0.1)	192	119	62.0	73	38.0
1994	1 (0.1)	10 (0.5)	28 (1.8)	5 (0.3)	44	2	4.5	42	95.5
1995	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
1996	1 (0.1)	31 (1.6)	36 (2.3)	1 (0.1)	69	6	8.7	63	91.3
1997	2 (0.2)	37 (1.9)	34 (2.1)	0 (0.0)	73	22	30.1	51	69.9
1998	0 (0.0)	16 (0.8)	7 (0.4)	3 (0.2)	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	22 (2.0)	194 (10.2)	80 (5.0)	1 (0.1)	297	166	55.9	131	44.1
2002	29 (2.6)	214 (11.3)	45 (2.8)	11 (0.6)	299	200	66.9	99	33.1
2003	3 (0.3)	89 (4.7)	26 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	118	61	51.7	57	48.3
2004	24 (2.2)	119 (6.3)	17 (1.1)	0 (0.0)	160	112	70.0	48	30.0
2005	4 (0.4)	71 (3.7)	27 (1.7)	5 (0.3)	107	46	43.0	61	57.0
2006	2 (0.2)	81 (4.3)	17 (1.1)	3 (0.2)	109	58	53.2	51	46.8
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 (0.2)	451	292	64.7	159	35.3
2010	83 (7.5)	289 (15.2)	106 (6.6)	3 (0.2)	481	297	61.7	184	38.3
2011	35 (3.2)	196 (10.3)	53 (3.3)	12 (0.6)	297	165	55.6	132	44.4
2012	11 (1.0)	132 (6.9)	23 (1.4)	2 (0.1)	169	84	49.7	85	50.3
2013	3 (0.3)	42 (2.2)	15 (0.9)	2 (0.1)	64	25	39.1	39	60.9
2014	26 (2.4)	70 (3.7)	25 (1.6)	2 (0.1)	124	83	66.9	41	33.1
2015	56 (5.1)	91 (4.8)	33 (2.1)	5 (0.3)	191	120	62.8	71	37.2
2016	37 (3.4)	79 (4.2)	31 (1.9)	5 (0.3)	154	83	53.9	71	46.1
2017	8 (0.7)	47 (2.5)	15 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	70	29	41.4	41	58.6
2018	31 (2.8)	64 (3.4)	13 (0.8)	0 (0.0)	109	77	70.6	32	29.4
2019	0 (0.0)	9 (0.5)	1 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	11	3	27.3	8	72.7
2020	0 (0.0)	10 (0.5)	2 (0.1)	2 (0.1)	14	2	14.3	12	85.7
2021	–	17 (0.9)	13 (0.8)	2 (0.1)	35	4	11.4	31	88.6
2022	15 (1.4)	19 (1.0)	6 (0.4)	1 (0.1)	41	23	56.1	18	43.9
2023	0 (0.0)	9 (0.5)	4 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	13	0	0.0	13	100.0

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

[a] Excludes redds found below the Marengo stratum.

[b] Includes all redds counted during redd surveys.

[c] The 1985 redd counts were revised to account for all redds during the spawning season (WDFW 2017).

Genetic Sampling

During 2023, we collected 96 DNA samples (tissue samples) from hatchery broodstock and carcasses collected from the spawning grounds (33 natural origin and 63 hatchery origin). These samples were sent to the WDFW genetics lab in Olympia, Washington for storage. Genetic samples from the broodstock (spawned fish only) were also collected and sent to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for parentage-based tagging analysis for Snake River Basin spring/summer Chinook populations. Genotypes, allele frequencies, and tissue samples from some of the previous sampling years are available from WDFW's Genetics Laboratory.

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 collected for broodstock and from carcasses collected during spawning ground surveys. This enables us to compare ages of natural and hatchery-reared fish, and to examine trends and variability in age structure. The recovery of jack salmon from the river was historically low and jacks were typically not collected for broodstock, so their representation was biased low compared to observations from the adult trap. However, due to low returns in recent years, the majority of returning fish are collected and sampled.

Overall, hatchery origin fish return at a younger age than natural origin fish and have fewer age-5 fish in the population compared to the historical age composition (Figure 5). This difference is likely due to larger size-at-release of hatchery origin fish that can lead to higher proportions of early maturating fish (hatchery origin smolts are generally 40-50 mm greater in length than natural smolts). The mean age (weighted) of males and females for both hatchery and natural origin fish (Figure 6) has fluctuated over time, with hatchery males and females generally having a lower mean age than natural origin fish due to their larger size at release. Females are typically closer in mean age than males (Figure 6). The age composition by brood year for natural and hatchery origin fish is found in Appendix C.

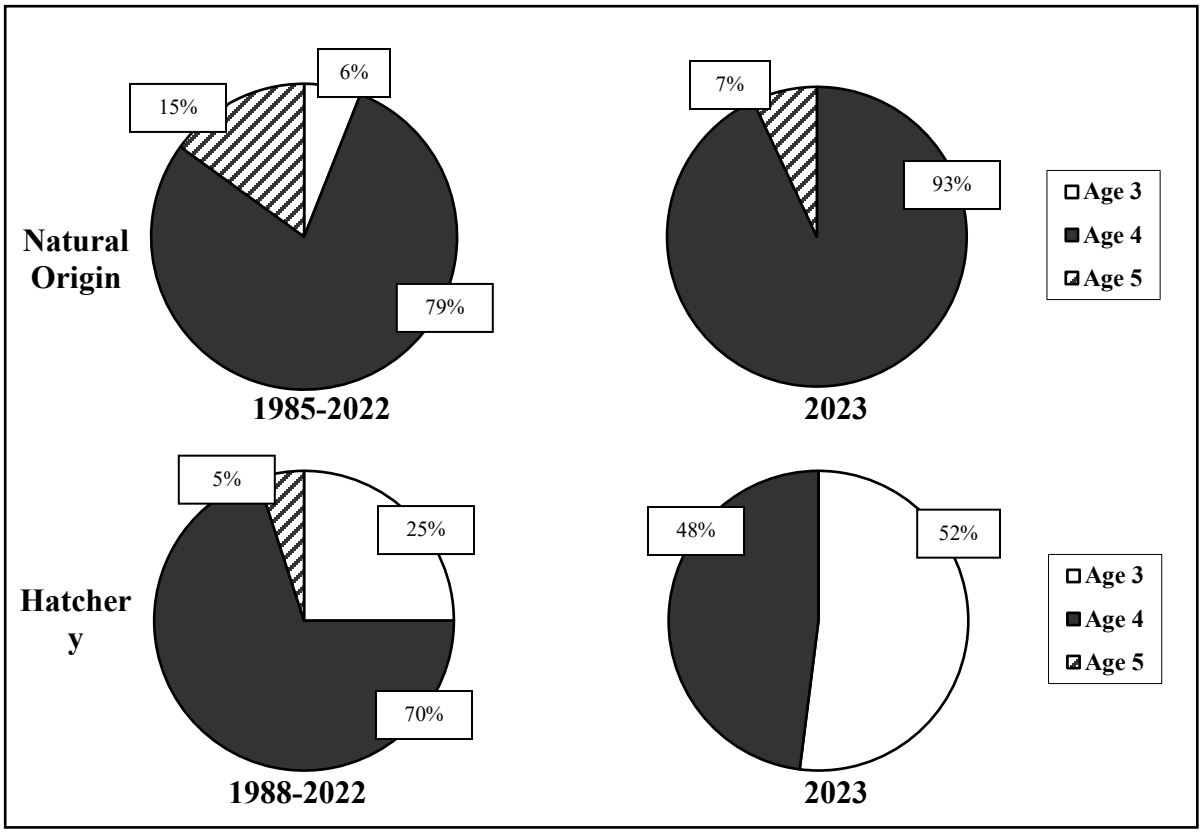

Figure 5. Historical (1985-2022), and 2023 age composition (run year) for spring Chinook in the Tucannon River.

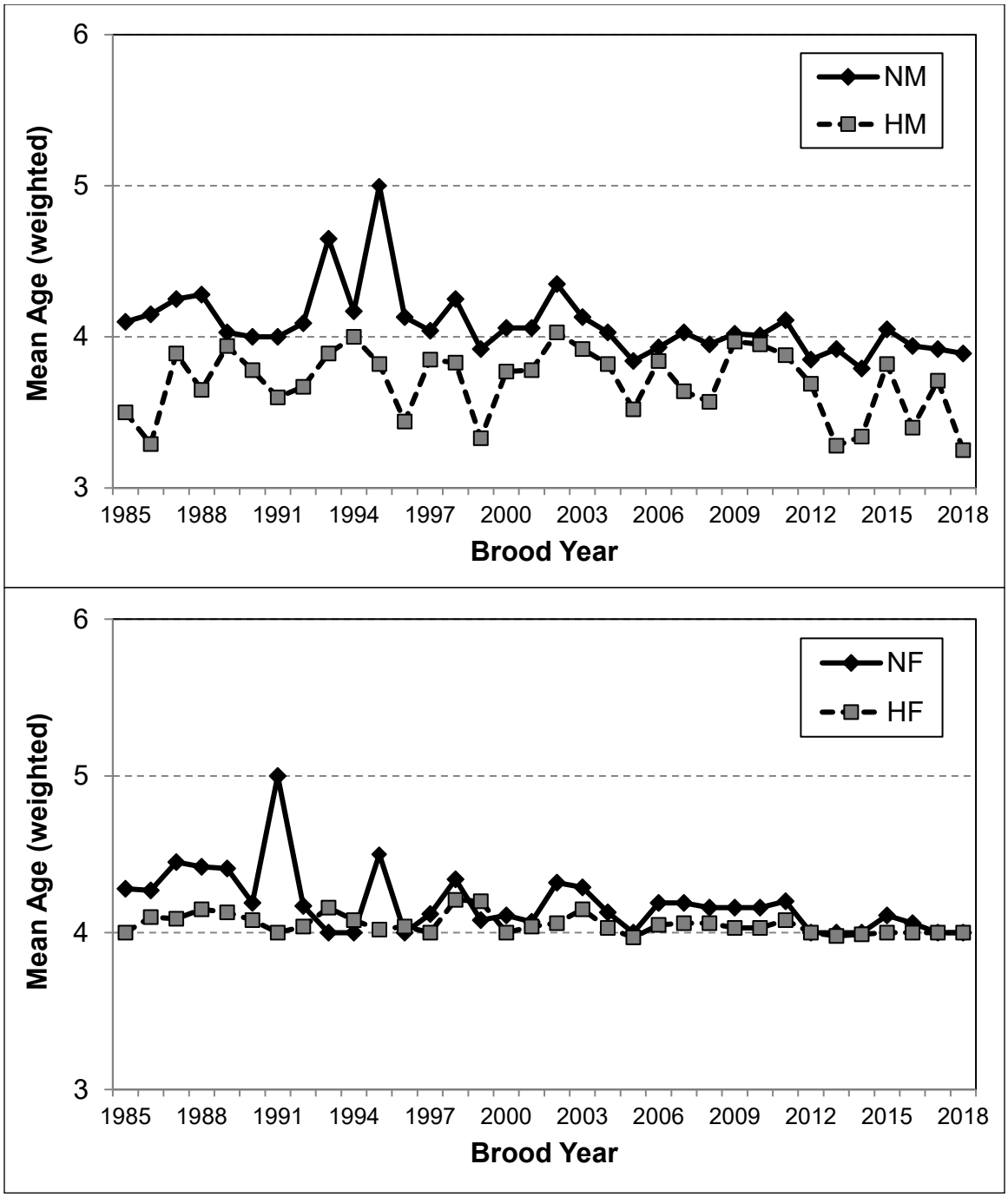

Figure 6. Weighted mean age of natural and hatchery origin males (NM, HM) and natural and hatchery origin females (NF, HF) for the 1985 to 2018 brood years for spring Chinook in the Tucannon River.

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) length. We examined size at age for age-4 adult returns using multiple comparison analysis from 1985-2023 and found that age-4 male and female natural origin spring Chinook salmon had significantly larger POH length ($P < 0.001$) than age-4 male and female hatchery-origin spring Chinook salmon (Figure 7).

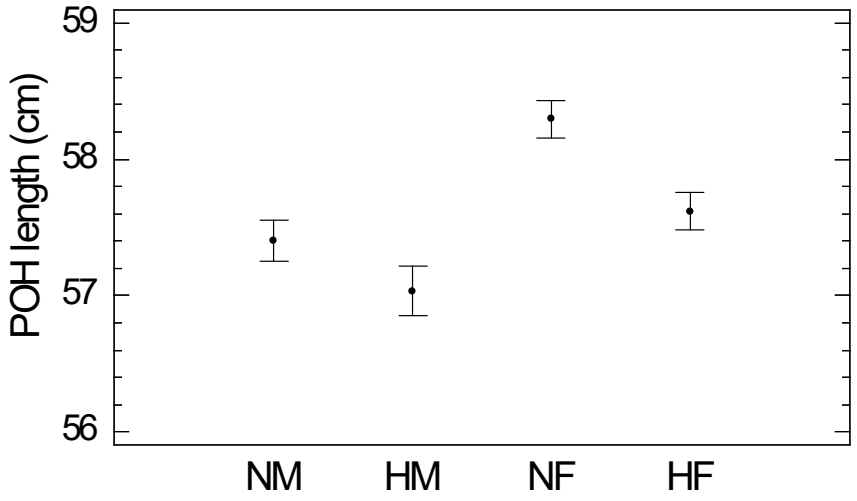

Figure 7. Mean post-orbital to hypural-plate (POH) length comparisons between age-4 natural and hatchery-origin males (NM and HM) and natural and hatchery-origin females (NF and HF) with 95% confidence intervals for the years 1985-2023.

To estimate fecundities (number of eggs/female) from the 2023 return year, 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). Fecundities of natural and hatchery origin fish from the Tucannon River program have been documented since 1990 (Table 8). 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 ($P < 0.001$). These data correspond with data collected by Gallinat and Chang (2013) that examined the effects of hatchery rearing on selected phenotypic traits of female Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon. They found that hatchery origin females had significantly lower fecundity than natural origin fish after correcting for body size.

Table 8. Average number of eggs/female (n, SD) by age group of Tucannon River natural and hatchery origin broodstock, 1990-2023 (partial spawned females are excluded).

	Age 4		Age 5	
Year	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery
1990	3,691 (13, 577.3)	2,795 (18, 708.0)	4,383 (8, 772.4)	No Fish
1991	3,140 (5, 363.3)	2,649 (9, 600.8)	4,252 (11, 776.0)	3,052 (1, 000.0)
1992	3,736 (16, 588.3)	3,286 (25, 645.1)	4,800 (2, 992.8)	3,545 (1, 000.0)
1993	3,267 (4, 457.9)	3,456 (5, 615.4)	4,470 (2, 831.6)	4,129 (1, 000.0)
1994	3,688 (13, 733.9)	3,280 (11, 630.3)	4,848 (8, 945.8)	3,352 (10, 705.9)
1995	No Fish	3,584 (14, 766.4)	5,284 (6, 1,361.2)	3,889 (1, 000.0)
1996	3,510 (17, 534.3)	2,853 (18, 502.3)	3,617 (1, 000.0)	No Fish
1997	3,487 (15, 443.1)	3,290 (24, 923.2)	4,326 (3, 290.8)	No Fish
1998	4,204 (1, 000.0)	2,779 (7, 405.5)	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, 1,571.2)	3,320 (34, 553.6)	3,618 (1, 000.0)	4,208 (1, 000.0)
2001	3,612 (27, 518.1)	3,225 (24, 705.4)	No Fish	3,585 (2, 1,191.5)
2002	3,584 (14, 740.7)	3,368 (24, 563.7)	4,774 (7, 429.1)	No Fish
2003	3,342 (10, 778.0)	2,723 (2, 151.3)	4,428 (7, 966.3)	3,984 (17, 795.9)
2004	3,376 (26, 700.5)	2,628 (17, 397.8)	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)	3,018 (40, 501.3)	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
2010	3,579 (38, 594.8)	3,195 (44, 640.9)	No Fish	No Fish
2011	3,513 (18, 613.0)	3,061 (30, 615.1)	4,709 (27, 755.2)	3,954 (11, 731.3)
2012	2,998 (40, 618.1)	2,539 (45, 462.5)	4,371 (5, 478.0)	3,105 (2, 356.4)
2013	3,479 (34, 574.8)	3,145 (28, 592.9)	4,702 (12, 931.5)	3,746 (2, 185.3)
2014	3,622 (34, 501.3)	3,280 (26, 545.6)	4,575 (3, 807.3)	3,558 (1, 000.0)
2015	3,683 (47, 629.5)	3,468 (20, 671.8)	4,755 (8, 818.0)	No Fish
2016	3,456 (19, 676.1)	3,133 (36, 652.7)	4,096 (12, 891.2)	3,514 (5, 508.6)
2017	3,393 (8, 453.9)	3,034 (50, 586.0)	No Fish	No Fish
2018	2,977 (9, 573.1)	2,860 (64, 522.2)	No Fish	No Fish
2019	3,420 (7, 672.9)	2,841 (35, 587.0)	No Fish	No Fish
2020	3,296 (13, 412.6)	2,445 (7, 673.7)	4,098 (2, 101.8)	No Fish
2021	3,701 (38, 600.8)	2,834 (8, 549.2)	No Fish	No Fish
2022	3,414 (78, 630.6)	2,645 (4, 432.9)	No Fish	No Fish
2023	3,403 (21, 735.9)	2,076 (17, 660.7)	3,393 (3, 1,860.0)	No Fish
Mean	**3,471**	**3,023**	**4,446**	**3,689**
SD	**634.9**	**655.6**	**881.8**	**725.2**

Arrival and Spawn Timing Trends

We monitor peak arrival and spawn timing to determine whether the hatchery program has caused a shift to these features (Table 9). 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 TFH adult trap for both natural and hatchery origin fish during 2023 was a little later than the historical average (Table 9). Peak spawning date in the hatchery was 5 September for both hatchery and natural origin fish and was a little earlier than the historical mean (Table 9). The duration of spawning in the hatchery (22 days) was also close to the historical mean. Spawning in the river peaked on 7 September. The duration of active spawning in the Tucannon River (33 days) was also within the range found from previous years.

Natural origin adults typically arrive a little earlier at the adult trap than hatchery origin adults (Figure 8). On average, about half of the total run of hatchery origin adults typically arrive at the adult trap by 7 June (Figure 8). After the end of June, the hatchery adults tend to arrive at the adult trap at a slightly faster rate than natural origin fish. Jacks typically arrive later than the adults, with natural jacks arriving the latest of all (Figure 8).

Table 9. 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, 1986-2023.

	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	9/08	---[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
2009	6/01	6/15	9/15	9/08	29	9/10	37
2010	6/04	6/03	9/14	9/08	14[c]	9/10	33
2011	6/08	6/23	9/06	9/06	22	9/16	33
2012	5/30	6/02	9/11	9/18	22	9/12	36
2013	6/06	6/06	9/10	9/10	29	9/11	42
2014	5/27	6/04	9/09	9/09	22[c]	9/11	35
2015	5/18	5/20	9/15	9/08	29	9/09	44
2016	5/19	6/06	9/13	9/06	22	9/07	36
2017	6/06	6/18	9/12	9/12	29	9/11	26
2018	5/29	6/15	9/11	9/11	22	9/12	42
2019	5/31	6/04	9/10	9/10	22	9/11	38
2020	6/05	6/11	9/08	9/08	22	9/09	36
2021	6/05	6/11	9/14	9/14	28	9/09	35
2022	6/06	6/13	9/06	9/06	22	9/07	30
Mean	**6/01**	**6/06**	**9/12**	**9/10**	**26**	**9/13**	**35**
2023	6/12	6/20	9/05	9/05	22	9/07	33

[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.

[c] Unspawned females determined to be in excess of eggtake goals were returned to the river for natural spawning which may have truncated duration of spawning in the hatchery.

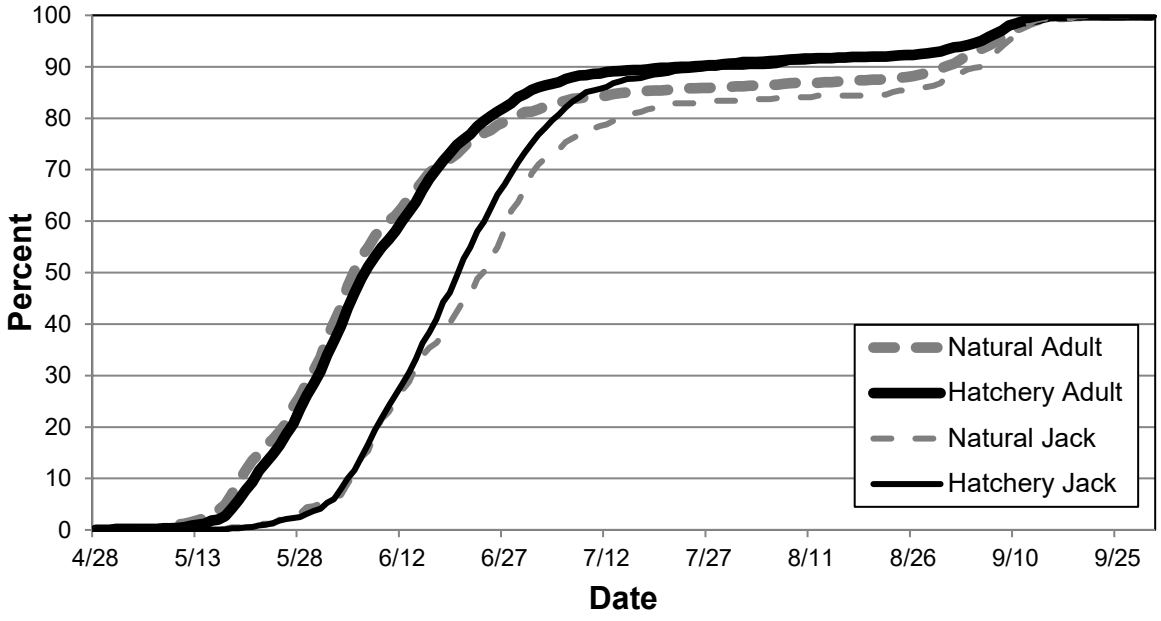

Figure 8. Cumulative run timing by date at the Tucannon Fish Hatchery adult trap on the Tucannon River for both adult and jack natural and hatchery origin Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon, 1996-2023.

Total Run-Size

Based on our spawning ground surveys, no fish were able to bypass the adult trap during 2023. We added the calculated number of fish that bypassed the trap (0 jacks, 0 adults) to the number of fish that were passed upstream by hatchery staff (2 jacks) for a total of 2 fish above the trap. The number of fish below the trap was calculated by the number of redds below the trap (13), multiplied by the fish/redd based on the sex ratio of the pre-spawning population that was collected at the adult trap (2.34 – from spawning escapement). Therefore, the estimated number of fish below the trap was 30.

The run-size estimate for 2023 was calculated by adding the estimated number of fish upstream of the TFH adult trap (2), the estimated fish below the weir (30), adipose clipped strays killed at the trap (12), and the number of broodstock collected (94) (Table 10). Run-size for 2023 was estimated to be 138 fish (42 natural adults, 0 natural jacks, and 58 hatchery adults, 38 hatchery-origin jacks). Historical breakdowns are provided in Appendix D.

Table 10. Estimated spring Chinook salmon run to the Tucannon River and recovered pre-spawn mortalities (PSM), 1985-2023.

Year[a]	Total Redds	Fish/Redd Ratio[b]	Potential Spawners	Broodstock Collected	Trap/Holding Mortalities[c]	Total Run-Size	River PSM[d]	Percent Natural
1985[e]	316	2.60	822	22	0	844	0	100
1986	200	2.60	520	116	0	636	0	100
1987	185	2.60	481	101	0	582	0	100
1988	117	2.60	304	125	0	429	0	96
1989	106	2.60	276	169	0	445	0	76
1990	180	3.39	610	135	1	746	7	66
1991	90	4.33	390	130	0	520	8	50
1992	200	2.82	564	97	11	672	81	58
1993	192	2.27	436	97	0	533	56	57
1994	44	1.59	70	70	0	140	0	70
1995	5	2.20	11	43	0	54	0	39
1996	69	2.00	138	80	5	223	29	64
1997	73	2.00	146	97	0	243	108	50
1998	26	1.94	51	89	0	140	4	61
1999	41	2.60	107	136	1	244	1	1
2000	92	2.60	239	81	17	337	2	24
2001	297	3.00	891	106	0	997	12	71
2002	299	3.00	897	107	0	1,004	1	35
2003	118	3.10	366	77	0	443	1	56
2004	160	3.00	480	92	0	572	1	70
2005	107	3.10	332	100	3	435	0	69
2006	109	1.60	174	89	3	266	0	57
2007	81	3.10	250	88	6	344	0	58
2008	199	4.10	1,056	134	1	1,191	0	45
2009	451	3.70	1,676	177	7	1,860	2	40
2010	481	4.87	2,341	173	9	2,523	2	57
2011	297	3.79	1,128	166	6	1,300	0	58
2012	169	6.30	1,059	170	6	1,235	4	66
2013	64	14.96	955	158	2	1,115	2	67
2014	124	7.70	959	127	0	1,086	18	83
2015	191	6.10[f]	1,604	131	42	1,777	28	41
2016	154	3.87[f]	478	126	148	752	6	30
2017	70	3.55	249	111	152	512	1	13
2018	109	2.02[f]	335	160	50	545	0	15
2019	11	1.97	22	170[g]	11	203	2	22
2020	14	1.84	26	53	2	81	1	68
2021	35	2.15	75	115	25	215	0	50
2022	41	2.15	105	153	15	273	1	81
2023	13	2.34	32	94	12	138	1	30

[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] This total includes stray fish that are killed at the trap and pre-spawn mortalities of fish held at LFH for adult outplanting. During 2016, jacks were killed outright at the adult trap and are included in this total. During 2017, jacks were killed at LFH.

[d] Effort in looking for pre-spawn mortalities has varied from year to year with more effort expended during years with poor conditions or large runs.

[e] The 1985 redd counts were revised on the SASI database to account for all redds during the spawning season (WDFW 2017).

[f] The fish/redd ratio was not used to estimate the number of fish below the adult trap due to survival differences between outplanted fish and fish that were passed upstream.

[g] This total includes 149 adults kept for spawning and 21 jacks that were held and then outplanted but not recovered.

Spawning Escapement

To calculate spawning escapement, we assume one redd per female (Murdoch et al. 2009) and multiply the number of redds by the sex ratio (e.g., 1.02 males: 1 female = 2.02 fish/redd) of the pre-spawning population that was collected at the adult trap (i.e., no carcass collection bias issues). This should provide a more accurate expansion method than simply applying a constant value based on assumptions, or data from other studies, since it incorporates the natural variability that occurs in most populations (Murdoch et al. 2010). Because spawner distribution of hatchery and natural origin fish may be different, we expanded the natural and hatchery fish by reach [Wilderness, HMA (above trap), HMA (below trap), Hartsock, Marengo, and below Marengo] based on carcass recoveries. The total for all reaches equals the spawning escapement.

Sex ratio from the adult trap was only available from 2000 to present. For 1985 to 1999, we used corrected carcass data based on the methodology of Murdoch et al. (2010). For years when the corrected carcass data produced clear outliers, or produced spawning escapements greater than the run escapement, we used data cited by Meekin (1967) that cited an average of 2.20 adults/redd and proportionately adjusted that figure up during years with high jack returns. The spawning escapement for 2023 was 30 fish (9 natural-origin, 21 hatchery-origin) based on 2.34 fish per redd. The estimated spawning escapement for 1985 to 2023 is found in Table 11.

Table 11. Estimated spawning escapement and the calculation methodology used for the 1985 to 2023 run years.

Run Year	Number of Redds	Spawning Escapement	Natural:Hatchery Ratio	Fish/Redd	Methodology
1985[a]	316	695	1.000:0.000	2.20	Meekin (1967)
1986	200	440	1.000:0.000	2.20	Meekin (1967)
1987	185	407	1.000:0.000	2.20	Meekin (1967)
1988	117	257	1.000:0.000	2.20	Meekin (1967)
1989	106	276	0.988:0.012	2.60	Meekin (1967)
1990	180	572	0.785:0.215	3.18	Corrected Carcasses
1991	90	291	0.677:0.323	3.23	Corrected Carcasses
1992	200	476	0.641:0.359	2.38	Corrected Carcasses
1993	192	397	0.617:0.383	2.07	Corrected Carcasses
1994	44	97	1.000:0.000	2.20	Meekin (1967)
1995	5	27	1.000:0.000	5.30	Corrected Carcasses
1996	69	152	0.767:0.233	2.20	Meekin (1967)
1997	73	105	0.644:0.356	1.44	Corrected Carcasses
1998	26	60	0.739:0.261	2.30	Meekin (1967)
1999	41	160	0.023:0.977	3.91	Corrected Carcasses
2000	92	201	0.307:0.693	2.18	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2001	297	766	0.801:0.199	2.58	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2002	299	568	0.395:0.605	1.90	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2003	118	329	0.742:0.258	2.79	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2004	160	346	0.826:0.174	2.16	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2005	107	264	0.804:0.196	2.47	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2006	109	202	0.759:0.241	1.85	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2007	81	211	0.776:0.224	2.60	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2008	199	796	0.610:0.390	4.00	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2009	451	1191	0.507:0.493	2.64	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2010	481	938	0.578:0.422	1.95	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2011	297	849	0.703:0.297	2.86	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2012	169	335	0.698:0.302	1.98	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2013	64	170	0.697:0.303	2.66	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2014	124	294	0.726:0.274	2.37	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2015	191	523	0.330:0.670	2.74	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2016	154	340	0.336:0.664	2.21	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2017	70	249	0.195:0.805	3.55	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2018	109	220	0.134:0.866	2.02	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2019	11	22	0.364:0.636	1.97	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2020	14	26	0.667:0.333	1.84	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2021	35	75	0.333:0.667	2.15	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2022	41	88	0.515:0.485	2.15	Sex ratio at Adult Trap
2023	13	30	0.286:0.714	2.34	Sex ratio at Adult Trap

[a] The 1985 redd counts were revised on the SASI database to account for all redds during the spawning season (WDFW 2017).

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 12). In 2023, based on the estimated escapement of hatchery and natural origin fish to the river, we sampled approximately 81% of the run (Table 13).

Table 12. Coded-wire tag codes of hatchery salmon sampled at LFH and the Tucannon River, 2023.

		Broodstock Collected			Recovered in Tucannon River			
CWT Code	Origin	Pre-spawn Mortality	Killed Outright	Spawned	Dead in Trap[a]	Pre-spawn Mortality	Spawned	Totals
63-77-61	Tucannon			25			1	26
63-79-43	Tucannon		28	2				30
-Strays-	-Strays-							
09-41-61	Umatilla		1					1
63-77-60	Touchet				2			2
09	ODFW		4					4
AD/No Wire[b]	Yakama				1			1
AD/No Wire	Unknown				9	1	3	13
Totals		**0**	**33**	**27**	**12**	**1**	**4**	**77**

[a] Adipose clipped strays are killed outright at the trap.
[b] A jack with AD clip/No Wire with green elastomer behind the left eye identified this fish as coming from the Yakama Nation Levi George Facility on the Upper Cle Elum.

Table 13. Spring Chinook salmon (natural and hatchery) sampled from the Tucannon River, 2023.

	2023		
	Natural	**Hatchery**	**Total**
Total escapement to river	42	96	138
Broodstock collected	33	60	93
Fish dead in adult trap[a]	0	12	12
Total hatchery sample	33	72	105
Total fish left in river	9	24	33
In-river pre-spawn mortalities observed	0	1	1
Spawned carcasses recovered	2	4	6
Total river sample	2	5	7
Carcasses sampled	35	77	112

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

Stray Salmon into the Tucannon River

Spring Chinook from other river systems (strays) are periodically recovered in the Tucannon River, although they historically have been 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 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 fish 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, we are unable to differentiate between unmarked Tucannon fish and unmarked strays based on scale patterns. Beginning with the 2000 BY, Umatilla River hatchery-origin spring Chinook were 100% marked (adipose clipped), however, the implementation of a "stepping stone" hatchery management protocol for the Umatilla Hatchery Program has resulted in a portion of Umatilla Hatchery releases being unclipped (but 100% CWT) beginning with the 2009 BY. Unfortunately, because of this, they are externally identical to Tucannon fish. As such, this has hindered our ability to selectively remove stray hatchery fish during broodstock collection, or from fish passed upstream at the TFH adult trap. The stepping stone program was discontinued in 2016 and the CTUIR discontinued the unclipped Umatilla spring Chinook group and switched to a 100% adipose clipped program beginning with the 2022 BY (Jon Lovrak, CTUIR, Memorandum to NOAA Fisheries, 31 August 2022). This marking change will allow us to remove more Umatilla strays at the adult trap in the future.

An added concern for the future is the implementation of WDFW's new hatchery mitigation program for the Touchet River using Carson stock spring Chinook that began to return in 2021 (BY18). Potential straying from this hatchery program into the Tucannon River would be additive to the current stray rates being observed in the Tucannon River and could lead to outbreeding depression. All juveniles from the Touchet River spring Chinook program are 100% AD-clipped, with ~34% of the production receiving CWT and ~6% receiving PIT tags to monitor potential straying into the Tucannon River.

A total of 22 strays were recovered during 2023, comprised of one Touchet spring Chinook collected for broodstock for the Touchet River program, four AD/no wire fish recovered during spawning ground surveys, five collected for hatchery broodstock (four 09 Agency wire, one 09-

41-61 Umatilla stray) and 12 strays killed outright at the smolt trap (nine AD/no wire, one AD/no wire with left green elastomer, and two Touchet (CWT 63-77-60) spring Chinook (Appendix E). After expansions, strays accounted for an estimated 25.4% of the total 2023 run, which exceeds the 5% stray proportion of hatchery fish considered acceptable by NOAA Fisheries (Appendix E). Of just the hatchery origin fish estimated to have returned to the Tucannon River in 2023, 36% were from strays after expansion.

The increased use of passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags by fish and wildlife agencies and the utilization of in-stream PIT tag arrays in the Tucannon River have permitted us to identify the origin of some spring Chinook PIT tagged from other locations during 2023. Four fish originally PIT tagged at locations other than the Tucannon River were detected in the Tucannon River (Table 14). Three of the fish were of unknown origin and were tagged as adults at Lower Granite Dam and eventually returned back downstream and entered the Tucannon River (Table 14). Two of the three were identified as strays (Hells Canyon stock) based on genetic stock assignment results (Table 15). The remaining adult PIT tagged at Lower Granite Dam was of Tucannon origin (Table 15). One adult originally tagged at Priest Rapids Dam may have spawned in the Tucannon River (Table 14).

Table 14. Tucannon River PIT tag array detections of spring Chinook originally tagged at locations other than the Tucannon River during 2023.

PIT Tag	Origin	Tag Date	Life Stage At Tagging	Tag Release Location	Detection Date	Tucannon Site[a]
3DD.003D4944D4	H	6/01/23	Adult	Lower Granite Dam	7/02/23	TFH
3DD.003D494EB2	W	5/31/23	Adult	Lower Granite Dam	6/11/23	TFH
3DD.003E2B7883	W	6/02/23	Adult	Lower Granite Dam	9/03/23	TFH
3DD.00777506BB	H	6/14/23	Adult	Priest Rapids Dam	6/28/23	MTR

[a] PIT tag array locations are as follows: LTR – Lower Tucannon River (rkm 2.2), MTR – Middle Tucannon River (rkm 17.8), UTR – Upper Tucannon River (rkm 44.4), TFH – Tucannon Fish Hatchery (rkm 59.2).

Table 15. Genetic stock assignment results of adults PIT tagged at Lower Granite Dam and entering the Tucannon River based on Genetic Stock Identification (GSI) and Parentage Based Tagging (PBT) during 2023. (Data from Jesse McCane, PSMFC.)

PIT Tag	Assigned Name	Genetic Stock
3DD.003D4944D4	OtsLGRU23S 0551	TUCANNON
3DD.003D494EB2	OtsLGRU23S 0402	HELLSC
3DD.003E2B7883	OtsLGRU23S 0703	HELLSC

Adult PIT Tag Returns

Six hundred thirty-five Tucannon River spring Chinook originally PIT tagged as juveniles have been detected returning to the Columbia River System (Table 16).

Table 16. Number of Tucannon River spring Chinook juvenile fish PIT tagged by origin and calendar 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	1,292	---	---	1 (0.08%)	---	---
1996	1,923	---	---	0	---	---
1997	1,984	---	---	2 (0.10%)	---	---
1998	1,999	---	---	0	---	---
1999	335	374	---	2 (0.60%)	5 (1.34%)	---
2000	---	---	---	---	---	---
2001	301	158	---	0	0	---
2002	318	321	---	1 (0.31%)	3 (0.93%)	---
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%)	1 (1.43%)	0
2007	1,308	504	1,000	3 (0.23%)	10 (1.98%)	4 (0.40%)
2008	4,989	1,898	997	47 (0.94%)	47 (2.48%)	6 (0.60%)
2009	4,987	1,190	---	13 (0.26%)	17 (1.43%)	---
2010	15,000	2,798	---	85 (0.57%)	17 (0.61%)	---
2011	24,976	5,264	---	38 (0.15%)	23 (0.44%)	---
2012	22,982	3,942	---	26 (0.11%)	22 (0.56%)	---
2013	14,987	3,981	---	32 (0.21%)	41 (1.03%)	---
2014	14,969	691	---	35 (0.23%)	0	---
2015	14,962	391	---	25 (0.17%)	1 (0.26%)	---
2016	14,983	1,430	---	51 (0.34%)	4 (0.28%)	---
2017	14,984	870	---	16 (0.11%)	1 (0.11%)	---
2018	14,937	366	---	4 (0.03%)	1 (0.27%)	---
2019	14,220	1,465	---	1 (0.01%)	5 (0.34%)	---
2020	14,987	875	---	0	2 (0.23)	---
2021	4,730	52	---	0	0	---
2022	39,564	443		38 (0.10%)	0	
Totals	**249,733**	**27,176**	**6,028**	**424 (0.17%)**	**201 (0.74%)**	**10 (0.17%)**

From the detected returns, 163 (26%) of the returning PIT tagged spring Chinook were detected upstream of the Tucannon River (Table 17; Appendix F). Forty-seven of these fish (7%) had their last detections at or above Lower Granite Dam (Table 17; Appendix F). The overshoot rate has generally decreased over time, and it is unknown whether this is related to changes in smolt release methods (from direct release to acclimation ponds with volitional release), changes in

hydropower operations and river flows, changes in the proportion barged downstream, increases in tagging numbers/sample size, or greater detection capabilities in the Tucannon River (Table 17). This does not appear to be a hatchery effect as both natural and hatchery origin fish overshoot the Tucannon River (Table 17). Non-direct homing behavior has been documented for adult Chinook in the Columbia River System (Keefer et al. 2008a), and similar percentages of natural origin spring Chinook from the John Day River have been documented bypassing that river (Jim Ruzycki, ODFW, personal communication). 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 installation of PIT tag arrays in the Tucannon River [Lower Tucannon River (LTR) at rkm 2.2 - 2005, Middle Tucannon River (MTR) at rkm 17.8 and Upper Tucannon River (UTR) at rkm 44.4 - 2011, and Tucannon Fish Hatchery (TFH) at rkm 59.2 – 2012] have enabled us to document that the majority of the Tucannon spring Chinook that overshoot (71%) are able to make it back to the Tucannon River (Table 17). Returning spring Chinook overshooting the Tucannon River continues to be a concern, especially if they are unable to return to the Tucannon River, or if they return in a more compromised state (e.g., injuries from additional dam crossings, added energy expenditure), and may partially explain why this population has been slow to respond to recovery and supplementation actions.

Table 17. Number and origin of PIT tagged Tucannon River spring Chinook returns that overshot the Tucannon River (includes fish that were last detected returning downstream towards the Tucannon River) and also detected at Lower Granite Dam (LGR) that stayed above LGR Dam. Years with installed in-stream PIT tag arrays (2005 – 2022) are included for comparison.

Tag Years	# Adult Detections Bonneville	Initial # Adults Above Tucannon R.	Initial Overshoot Rate	Percent Natural	Percent Hatchery	# Adults Above LGR	Percent Natural	Percent Hatchery	Overshoot Rate (%)
1995-1999	10	8	80.0	37.5	62.5	8	37.5	62.5	80.0
2000-2004	7	2	28.6	50.0	50.0	2	50.0	50.0	28.6
2005-2009	150	20	13.3	35.0	65.0	14	42.9	57.1	9.3
2010-2014	319	80	25.1	37.5	62.5	12	41.7	58.3	3.8
2015-2019	109	32	29.4	3.1	96.9	7	0.0	100.0	6.4
2020-2022	40	21	52.5	0.0	100.0	4	0.0	100.0	10.0
Totals	**635**	**163**	**25.7%**	**25.8%**	**74.2%**	**47**	**31.9%**	**68.1%**	**7.4%**
2005-2022	**618**	**153**	**24.8%**			**37**			**6.0%**

Tucannon Juvenile Salmon Evaluation

Hatchery Rearing, Marking, and Release

The BY22 supplementation juveniles (248,090) were tagged with CWT (63/84/39) at LFH from 9 March to 15 March 2023. All fish were transferred to TFH on 9 October 2023 for overwinter rearing. The new goal is to transfer spring Chinook that are longer and leaner than they have been in past years. The spring Chinook are going to be transferred to TFH at 155 mm (15 fpp), with a target K factor of 1.1 or less, and a C.V. of 10 or less. A total of 3,668 fish were sampled at TFH for precocity (external observation only) and mark/tag quality and 340 were sampled for length and weight statistics (Table 18). Forty-five thousand fish (15,000/group) were PIT tagged on 5-7 March 2024 for each of the experimental release groups [TFH release (control), Tucannon mouth release, and barge transport release]. Detections of PIT tags will be used to compare adult return estimates between the three groups.

Brood year 2022 fish from all groups were sampled just prior to release by WDFW evaluations staff (Table 18). The target release size was 38 g fish (12 fpp). Mortalities were scanned for PIT tags and 14,839 PIT tagged fish were released at TFH on 9 April 2024; 14,724 PIT tagged fish were released at the mouth of the Tucannon River on 17 April 2024; and 14,631 PIT tagged fish were loaded onto a barge at LFH on 18 April 2024. An estimated total of 235,734 BY22 smolts were released (200,141 released at TFH, 17,005 released near the mouth of the Tucannon River, and 18,588 barge transported). Estimated numbers and size of fish released are provided in Table 19. Historical release numbers are found in Appendix G.

Table 18. Sample size (N), mean length (mm), coefficient of variation (CV), condition factor (K), mean weight (g), and precocity of 2022 BY juveniles sampled at TFH.

Date	Group	N	Mean Length (mm)	CV	K	Mean Wt. (g)	% Precocity[a]
1/31/24	Combined	340	146.8	12.3	1.11	36.2	0.98
4/09/24	TFH Release	372	153.4	10.7	1.00	37.2	0.27
4/16/24	Mouth Release	358	155.1	11.2	0.98	37.3	0.84
4/16/24	Barge Release	362	149.8	11.5	0.96	33.3	0.83

[a] Based on external observations.

Table 19. Spring Chinook salmon releases for the 2024 release year.

Release Dates	Release Location	CWT Code	Total Release	Number CWT	Size	
					Total (kg)	Mean (g)
4/9-4/10	TFH	63/84/39	200,141	191,738	7,448	37.2
4/17	Mouth	63/84/39	17,005	16,291	638	37.3
4/18	Barge	63/84/39	18,588	17,808	621	33.3

Smolt Trapping

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Evaluation staff operated a 1.5 m rotary screw trap at rkm 3 on the Tucannon River beginning on 30 September 2022 to estimate numbers of migrating juvenile natural spring Chinook. The smolt trap was pulled for the season on 30 June 2023. Numbers of each fish species captured by month during the 2022/2023 outmigration can be found in Appendix H. The outmigration of natural origin spring Chinook for the 2022/2023 outmigration was bi-modal, with the main outmigration occurring during the spring, but also occurred during the fall/winter months (Figure 9). Prior years have shown increased outmigration in the fall and winter from larger adult returns (Gallinat and Ross 2014, Gallinat and Ross 2015), although even in those years, the majority of the outmigration occurred in the spring.

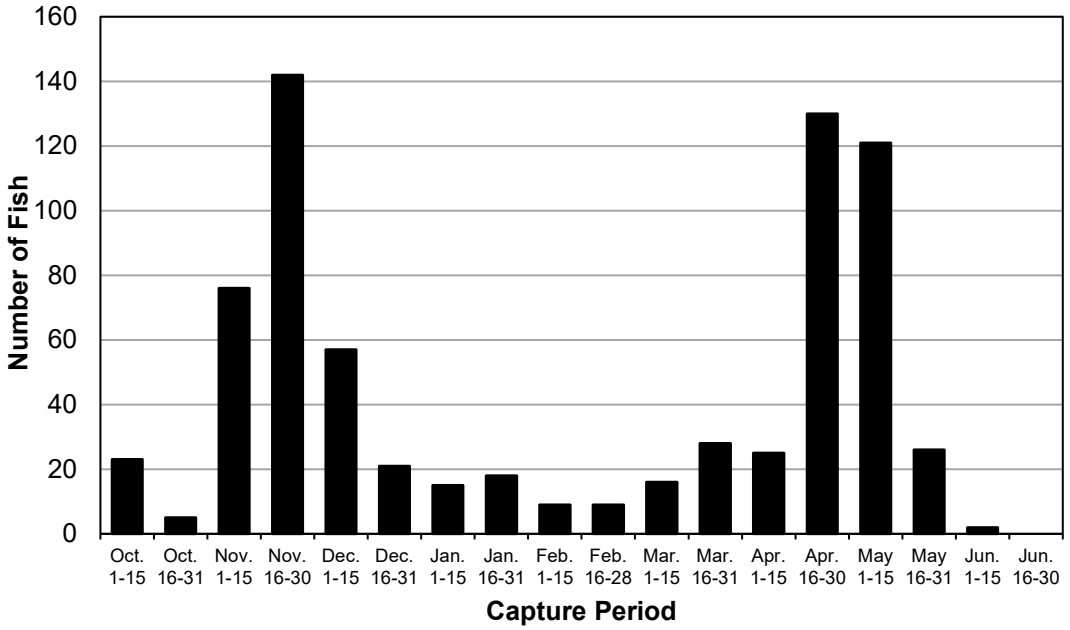

Figure 9. Emigration timing of natural spring Chinook salmon captured during smolt trap operations (rkm 3) on the Tucannon River for the 2022-23 migration year.

Natural spring Chinook emigrating from the Tucannon River (BY 2021) averaged 106 mm (Figure 10), with a CV of 9.7%. This is in comparison to a mean length of 138 mm for hatchery-origin fish (BY 2021) sampled and released at TFH (Gallinat et al. 2023b).

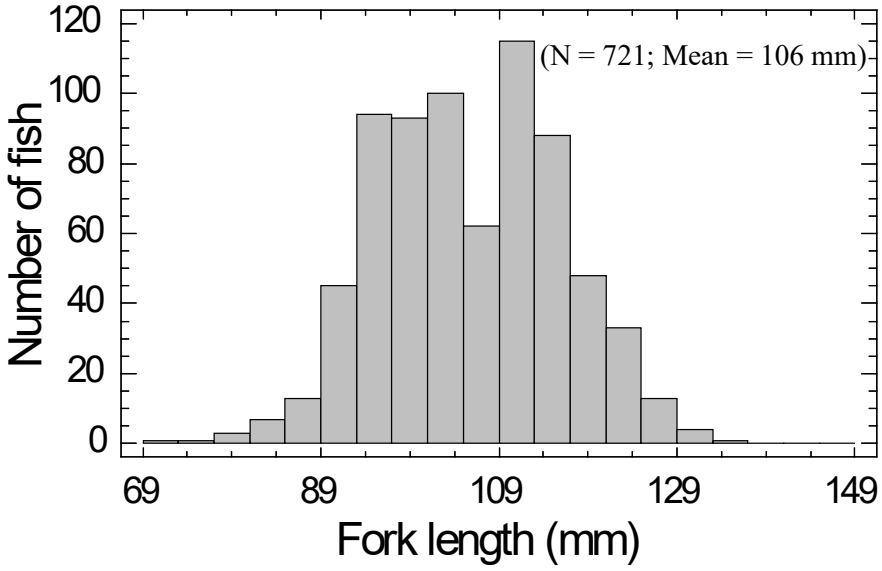

Figure 10. Length frequency distribution of sampled natural spring Chinook salmon captured in the Tucannon River smolt trap, 2022/2023 season.

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. 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.

To estimate potential juvenile migrants passing when the trap was not operated for short intervals (≤ 5 days), 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.

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 stratum, depending upon similarity in trapping/flow conditions. Where river conditions were similar, we used our best judgment to group the strata.

Several assumptions are required to attain unbiased estimates of smolt production. How well the assumptions are met will determine the 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 3,356 (S.E. 365.0; 95% C.I. 2,750-4,219) migrant natural-origin spring Chinook (2021 BY) emigrated past the smolt trap during the 2022-2023 outmigration period.

Smolt Migration to Lower Monumental and McNary Dams

With the use of PIT tags, we monitored the migration travel time and speed of juvenile spring Chinook from the Tucannon River (both hatchery and natural origin) to Lower Monumental and McNary Dams for the 2023 outmigration (Table 20). Hatchery fish were PIT tagged on 6-8 March, while natural origin fish were PIT tagged at the Tucannon River smolt trap (rkm 3), described earlier.

Hatchery fish were direct stream released at the TFH outlet (rkm 58) on 11 April 2023 and at the mouth of the Tucannon on 19 April 2023. Natural origin spring Chinook were released immediately following PIT tagging at the smolt trap, so the release date/time provided in the PTAGIS tagging files have been used for travel time/speed calculations. A total of 299 natural origin fish were PIT tagged at the smolt trap and released between 3 April 2023 to 31 May 2023 with 35 of those fish detected at Lower Monumental Dam averaging three days of travel (an average travel rate of 34 km/day). In contrast, it took 25 days for hatchery fish released at TFH and nine days for hatchery fish released at the mouth of the Tucannon River to reach Lower Monumental Dam (Table 20). Detections from the Mouth release group averaged 14 travel days to McNary Dam compared to 19 days for natural-origin fish and 29 days for the TFH release group. Historically, natural-origin fish have faster migration time to the dams than hatchery-origin fish (Figure 11). However, 2023 hatchery releases at the mouth had a migration speed faster than the natural-origin fish historical average (Figure 11).

Table 20. Median and mean travel time and outmigration speed of hatchery-origin Tucannon River spring Chinook to Lower Monumental and McNary Dams in 2023

Release Dates	Sample Size	Median Travel Days	Mean Travel Days	Mean Travel Days (S.D.)	Median Travel Speed (km/day)	Mean Travel Speed (km/day)	Mean Travel Speed S.D.
Hatchery-origin (TFH Release) – Lower Monumental Dam							
4/11/23	764	23.0	25.1	9.3	5.4	5.6	2.2
Hatchery-origin (Mouth Release) – Lower Monumental Dam							
4/19/23	922	7.0	8.9	6.9	9.6	10.0	5.3
Natural-origin – Lower Monumental Dam							
4/3/23-5/31/23	35	2.0	2.7	1.5	35.0	33.8	18.7
Hatchery-origin (TFH Release) – McNary Dam							
4/11/23	252	28.0	28.6	11.5	6.3	7.0	2.6
Hatchery-origin (Mouth Release) – McNary Dam							
4/19/23	533	11.0	13.6	8.0	10.8	10.3	3.5
Natural-origin – Lower Monumental Dam							
4/3/23-5/31/23	11	13.0	18.6	18.3	9.4	10.9	7.0

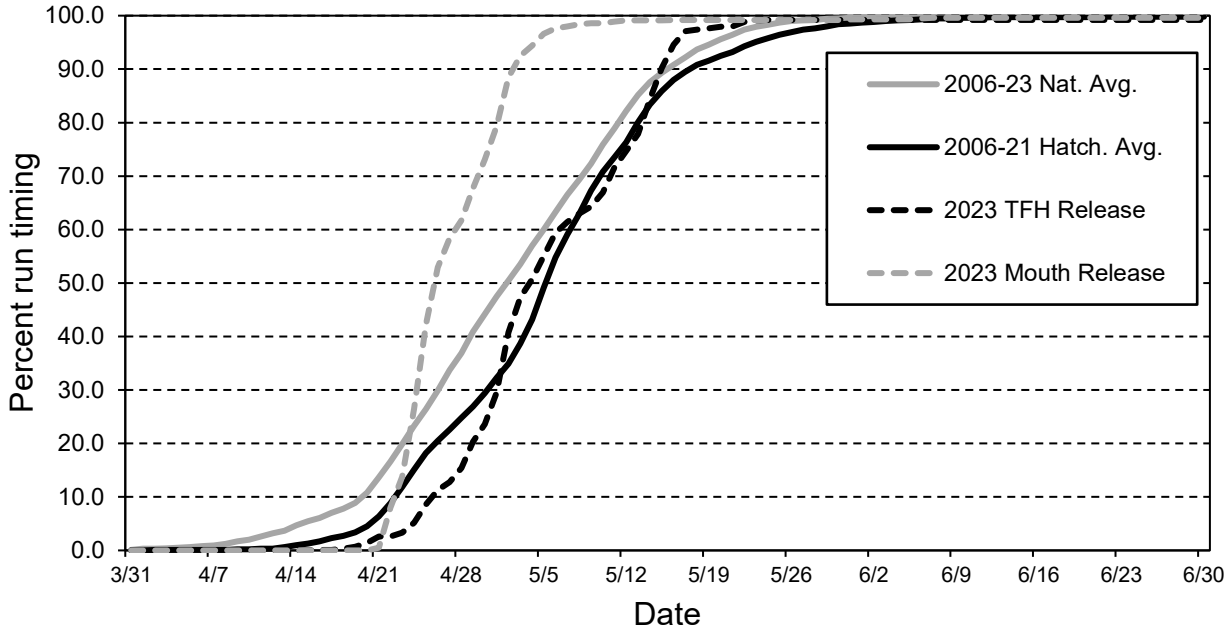

Figure 11. The cumulative timing to Lower Monumental Dam for hatchery origin Tucannon River spring Chinook direct stream released at TFH and at the mouth of the Tucannon River during 2023 compared to the 2006-2023 natural and 2006-2021 hatchery average.

Tucannon Survival Rates

Point estimates of population sizes have been calculated for various life stages (Tables 21 and 22) 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 23) because they have been protected in the hatchery. However, SARs to the Tucannon River of natural salmon were nine times higher (based on geometric means) than for hatchery-reared salmon (Tables 24 and 25). With the exception of the 2006 brood year, hatchery SARs (mean 0.22%; geometric mean 0.13%) documented from the 1985-2018 broods have been well below the original LSRCP survival assumption of 0.87% (which was used to size the original hatchery program of 132,000 smolts). Hatchery SARs for Tucannon River salmon need to substantially improve in order to help meet the mitigation goal of 1,152 hatchery adult salmon. The target size at release was increased to 38 g fish (12 fpp) beginning with the 2011 brood year in an attempt to improve poor smolt-to-adult return survival rates. In support of that, a recent study found that to maximize the number of returning adults, Tucannon River hatchery spring Chinook smolts should be released in the 140-159 mm (33-49 g) size range (Gallinat et al. 2023a). However, even for releases in that size range, the SARs were only 0.15% and still well below the original survival assumption of 0.87% for LSRCP spring and summer Chinook programs (Gallinat et al. 2023a).

Table 21. Estimates of *natural in-river produced* Tucannon spring Chinook salmon (both hatchery and natural origin parents) abundance by life stage for 1985-2023 broods.

Brood Year	Females in River		Mean Fecundity[a]		Number of Eggs	Number of Parr[b]	Number Of Smolts	Returning Progeny[c]
	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery				
1985[d]	316	---	3,883	---	1,227,028	90,200	35,559	392
1986	200	---	3,916	---	783,200	102,600	51,004	467
1987	185	---	4,096	---	757,760	79,100	52,349	228
1988	117	---	3,882	---	454,194	69,100	35,925	502
1989	103	3	3,883	2,606	407,767	58,600	19,107	153
1990	128	52	3,993	2,697	651,348	86,259	32,969	94
1991	51	40	3,741	2,517	291,471	54,800	30,000[e]	7
1992	119	81	3,854	3,295	725,521	103,292	36,749	161
1993	112	80	3,701	3,237	673,472	86,755	34,623	177
1994	39	5	4,187	3,314	179,863	12,720	4,957	12
1995	5	0	5,224	0	26,120	0	75[e]	6
1996	53	16	3,516	2,843	231,836	2,845	2,906	69
1997	39	34	3,609	3,315	253,461	32,913	25,553	791
1998	19	7	4,023	3,035	97,682	8,453	4,849	388
1999	1	40	3,965	3,142	129,645	15,944	8,721	141
2000	26	66	3,969	3,345	323,964	44,618	29,442	448
2001	219	78	3,612	3,252	1,044,684	63,412	42,416	257
2002	104	195	3,981	3,368	1,070,784	72,197	64,036	212
2003	67	51	3,789	3,812	448,275	40,900	27,724	173
2004	117	43	3,444	2,601	514,791	30,809	21,057	399
2005	82	25	3,773	2,903	381,961	21,162	17,579	739
2006	73	36	2,887	2,654	306,295	---	30,228	1,720
2007	50	31	3,847	2,869	281,289	---	8,529	610
2008	95	104	3,732	3,020	668,620	---	14,778	884
2009	178	273	3,639	3,267	1,539,633	---	45,538	619
2010	278	203	3,579	3,195	1,643,547	---	35,080	938
2011	175	122	4,230	3,301	1,142,972	---	23,376	727
2012	115	54	3,151	2,563	500,767	---	12,886	213
2013	44	20	3,798	3,185	230,812	---	3,831	69
2014	105	19	3,699	3,290	450,905	---	6,604	89
2015	64	127	3,839	3,468	686,132	---	14,305	45
2016	53	101	3,704	3,179	517,391	---	8,058	57
2017	12	58	3,393	3,034	216,688	---	17,972	98
2018	12	97	2,977	2,860	313,144	---	16,979	222
2019	4	7	3,420	2,841	33,567	---	174[e]	48
2020	9	5	3,403	2,445	42,852	---	1,889	0
2021	12	23	3,701	2,834	109,594	---	3,356	
2022	28	13	3,414	2,645	129,977	---		
2023	4	9	3,402	2,076	32,292	---		

[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.

[d] The 1985 redd counts were revised on the SASI database to account for all redds during the spawning season (WDFW 2017).

[e] Smolt estimates could not be estimated with the GAUSS program for the 1991, 1995, and 2019 brood years. Numbers of smolts for those brood years were obtained from rough estimates in the annual reports.

Table 22. Estimates of Tucannon spring Chinook salmon abundance (*spawned and reared in the hatchery*) by life stage for 1985-2023 broods.

Brood Year	Females Spawned		Mean Fecundity[a]		Number of Eggs	Number of Parr	Number Of Smolts	Returning Progeny[b]
	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery				
1985	4	---	3,883	---	14,843	13,401	12,922	45
1986	57	---	3,916	---	187,958	177,277	152,725	319
1987	48	---	4,096	---	196,573	164,630	152,165	178
1988	49	---	3,882	---	182,438	150,677	145,146	385
1989	28	9	3,883	2,606	133,521	103,420	99,057	209
1990	21	23	3,993	2,697	126,334	89,519	85,737	28
1991	17	11	3,741	2,517	91,275	77,232	74,064	25
1992	28	18	3,854	3,295	156,359	151,727	87,752[c]	76
1993	21	28	3,701	3,237	168,366	145,303	138,848	138
1994	22	21	4,187	3,314	161,707	132,870	130,069	32
1995	6	15	5,224	0	85,772	63,935	62,144	177
1996	18	19	3,516	2,843	117,287	80,325	76,219	265
1997	17	25	3,609	3,315	144,237	29,650	24,186	176
1998	30	14	4,023	3,035	161,019	136,027	127,939	793
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	127
2002	22	25	3,981	3,368	169,364	151,531	123,586	121
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	690
2006	18	27	2,887	2,654	123,629	112,350	106,530	1,122
2007	27	9	3,847	2,869	124,543	117,182	114,681	261
2008	17	43	3,732	3,020	193,324	183,925	172,897	643
2009	42	54	3,639	3,267	323,341	292,291	231,437[d]	300
2010	39	44	3,579	3,195	279,969	237,861	201,585	194
2011	45	41	4,230	3,301	325,701	305,215	259,964	711
2012	48	47	3,151	2,563	269,514	246,033	203,510	514
2013	48	30	3,798	3,185	275,188	263,630	207,859	362
2014	39	27	3,699	3,290	231,026	226,300	221,099	458
2015	55	20	3,839	3,468	280,519	266,134	199,686	165
2016	31	41	3,704	3,179	245,174	230,106	209,031	50
2017	8	52	3,393	3,034	181,664	166,590	144,219	17
2018	9	67	2,977	2,860	212,973	204,364	192,521	8
2019	7	38	3,420	2,841	126,102	118,159	80,995	32
2020	15	7	3,403	2,445	68,155	66,227	62,020	32
2021	38	9	3,701	2,834	166,237	145,707	120,047	
2022	81	4	3,414	2,645	282,614	254,130	235,734	
2023	26	17	3,402	2,076	122,670	115,516		

[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.

[d] Parr determined to be in excess of program goals were released at Russell Springs and are not included in number of parr and smolts.

Table 23. 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	7.4	39.4	2.9	90.3	96.4	87.1	12.3	2.4	30.0
1986	13.1	49.7	6.5	94.3	86.2	81.3	7.2	1.7	12.5
1987	10.4	66.2	6.9	83.8	92.4	77.4	8.0	1.4	11.2
1988	15.2	52.0	7.9	82.6	96.3	79.6	5.4	1.9	10.1
1989	14.4	32.6	4.7	77.5	95.8	74.2	5.4	2.9	15.8
1990	13.2	38.2	5.1	70.9	95.8	67.9	5.4	2.5	13.4
1991	18.8	54.7	10.3	84.6	95.9	81.1	4.5	1.8	7.9
1992	14.2	35.6	5.1	97.0	57.8	56.1	6.8	1.6	11.1
1993	12.9	39.9	5.1	86.3	95.6	82.5	6.7	2.4	16.0
1994	7.1	39.0	2.8	82.2	97.9	80.4	11.6	2.5	29.2
1995	0.0	0.0	0.3	74.5	97.2	72.5	---	---	---
1996	1.2	102.1	1.3	68.5	94.9	65.0	55.8	0.9	51.8
1997	13.0	77.6	10.1	20.6	81.6	16.8	1.6	1.1	1.7
1998	8.7	57.4	5.0	84.5	94.1	79.5	9.8	1.6	16.0
1999	12.3	54.7	6.7	94.1	91.3	86.0	7.7	1.7	12.8
2000	13.8	66.0	9.1	95.6	82.8	79.2	6.9	1.3	8.7
2001	6.1	66.9	4.1	95.0	84.0	79.8	15.7	1.3	19.7
2002	6.7	88.7	6.0	89.5	81.6	73.0	13.3	0.9	12.2
2003	9.1	67.8	6.2	89.9	56.3	50.6	9.8	0.8	8.2
2004	6.0	68.3	4.1	91.8	52.4	48.1	15.3	0.8	11.8
2005	5.5	83.1	4.6	93.9	98.7	92.6	16.9	1.2	20.1
2006	---	---	9.9	90.9	94.8	86.2	---	---	8.7
2007	---	---	3.0	94.1	97.9	92.1	---	---	30.4
2008	---	---	2.2	95.1	94.0	89.4	---	---	40.5
2009	---	---	3.0	90.4	79.2	71.6	---	---	24.2
2010	---	---	2.1	85.0	84.7	72.0	---	---	33.7
2011	---	---	2.0	93.7	85.2	79.8	---	---	39.0
2012	---	---	2.6	91.3	82.7	75.5	---	---	29.3
2013	---	---	1.7	95.8	78.8	75.5	---	---	45.5
2014	---	---	1.5	98.0	97.7	95.7	---	---	65.3
2015	---	---	2.1	94.9	75.0	71.2	---	---	34.1
2016	---	---	1.6	93.9	90.8	85.3	---	---	54.7
2017	---	---	8.3	91.7	86.6	79.4	---	---	9.6
2018	---	---	5.4	96.0	94.2	90.4	---	---	16.7
2019	---	---	0.5	93.7	68.5	64.2	---	---	123.9
2020	---	---	4.4	97.2	93.6	91.0	---	---	20.6
2021	---	---	3.1	87.7	82.4	72.2	---	---	23.6
2022				89.9	92.8	83.4			
Mean	10.0	56.2	4.5	87.5	86.9	75.9	11.3	1.6	25.6
SD	4.8	22.7	2.7	13.3	12.0	14.7	11.2	0.6	22.5

Table 24. Adult returns and SARs of natural salmon to the Tucannon River for brood years 1985-2020. (2019 and 2020 are incomplete brood years included for comparison.)

Brood Year	Estimated Number of Smolts	Number of Adult Returns, observed (Obs) and expanded (exp)[a]						SAR (%)	
		Age 3		Age 4		Age 5		With Jacks	No Jacks
		Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp		
1985	35,559	8	19	110	255	36	118	1.10	1.05
1986[b]	51,004	1	2	115	375	28	90	0.92	0.91
1987	52,349	0	0	52	167	29	61	0.44	0.44
1988	35,925	1	3	136	318	74	181	1.40	1.39
1989	19,107	5	12	47	115	23	26	0.80	0.74
1990	32,969	3	8	63	72	12	14	0.29	0.26
1991	30,000[c]	0	0	4	5	1	2	0.02	0.02
1992	36,749	2	2	84	138	16	21	0.44	0.43
1993	34,623	1	2	62	100	58	75	0.51	0.51
1994	4,957	0	0	8	10	1	2	0.24	0.24
1995	75[c]	0	0	1	1	2	5	8.00	8.00
1996	2,906	0	0	27	63	2	6	2.37	2.37
1997	25,553	6	14	234	695	29	82	3.10	3.04
1998	4,849	3	9	91	259	43	120	8.00	7.82
1999	8,721	3	9	44	124	3	8	1.62	1.51
2000	29,442	1	3	148	392	16	53	1.52	1.51
2001	42,416	0	0	73	246	5	11	0.61	0.61
2002	64,036	1	3	68	134	36	75	0.33	0.33
2003	27,724	4	7	55	115	21	51	0.62	0.60
2004	21,057	4	8	147	352	19	39	1.89	1.86
2005	17,579	23	131	260	595	2	13	4.20	3.46
2006	30,228	32	116	298	1,389	73	215	5.69	5.31
2007	8,529	4	41	133	456	22	113	7.15	6.67
2008	14,778	10	85	150	693	23	106	5.98	5.41
2009	45,538	1	7	94	554	10	58	1.36	1.34
2010	35,080	3	91	136	799	17	48	2.67	2.41
2011	23,376	3	41	145	619	31	67	3.11	2.93
2012	12,886	4	65	64	148	0	0	1.65	1.15
2013	3,831	2	8	25	60	1	1	1.80	1.59
2014	6,604	9	9	44	79	1	1	1.35	1.21
2015	14,305	0	0	36	42	3	3	0.31	0.31
2016	8,058	1	2	34	50	1	5	0.71	0.68
2017	17,972	3	3	79	95	0	0	0.55	0.53
2018	16,979	8	8	161	211	3	3	1.31	1.26
2019	174[c]	3	9	32	39	---	---	27.59	22.41
2020	1,889	0	0	---	---	---	---	0.00	---
Mean								**2.12[d]**	**2.00[d]**
Geometric Mean								**1.19[d]**	**1.13[d]**

[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] Smolt estimates could not be estimated with the GAUSS program for the 1991, 1995, and 2019 brood years. Numbers of smolts for those brood years were obtained from rough estimates in the annual reports.

[d] The 2019 and 2020 SARs are not included in the mean.

Table 25. Adult returns and SARs of hatchery salmon to the Tucannon River for brood years 1985-2020. (2019 and 2020 are incomplete brood years included for comparison.)

Brood Year	Estimated Number of Smolts	Number of Adult Returns, observed (obs) and expanded (exp)[a]						SAR (%)	
		Age 3		Age 4		Age 5		With Jacks	No Jacks
		Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp		
1985	12,922	9	19	25	26	0	0	0.35	0.20
1986	152,725	79	83	99	220	8	16	0.21	0.15
1987	152,165	9	19	70	145	8	14	0.12	0.10
1988	145,146	46	99	140	244	26	42	0.27	0.20
1989	99,057	7	13	100	179	14	17	0.21	0.20
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	63	2	2	0.09	0.07
1993	138,848	11	15	93	107	15	16	0.10	0.09
1994	130,069	2	4	21	23	4	5	0.02	0.02
1995	62,144	13	16	117	157	2	4	0.28	0.26
1996	76,219	44	59	100	192	5	14	0.35	0.27
1997	24,186	7	13	59	163	0	0	0.73	0.67
1998	127,939	36	97	174	546	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	107	1	1	0.09	0.07
2002	123,586	3	6	60	99	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	399	0	0	0.46	0.27
2006	106,530	60	402	180	679	19	41	1.05	0.68
2007	114,681	7	74	76	171	5	16	0.23	0.16
2008	172,897	27	269	104	369	6	5	0.37	0.22
2009	231,437	1	8	62	291	1	1	0.13	0.13
2010	201,585	2	66	55	113	2	15	0.10	0.06
2011	259,964	8	62	113	633	10	16	0.27	0.25
2012	203,510	24	184	136	319	3	11	0.25	0.16
2013	207,859	100	116	116	246	0	0	0.17	0.12
2014	221,099	128	140	166	316	2	2	0.21	0.14
2015	199,686	8	39	113	126	0	0	0.08	0.06
2016	209,031	9	29	14	21	0	0	0.02	0.01
2017	144,219	2	2	15	15	0	0	0.01	0.01
2018	192,521	3	3	5	5	0	0	0.00	0.00
2019	80,995	3	4	26	29	---	---	0.04	0.04
2020	62,020	32	32	---	---	---	---	0.05	---
Mean								**0.22[b]**	**0.17[b]**
Geometric Mean								**0.13[b]**	**0.10[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] The 2019 and 2020 SARs 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 23). With the exception of thirteen brood years (37%), naturally produced fish have been below the replacement level (Figure 12; Table 26). Based on adult returns from the 1985-2019 broods, naturally reared salmon produced only 0.67 adults for every spawner, while hatchery reared fish produced 1.57 adults (based on geometric means).

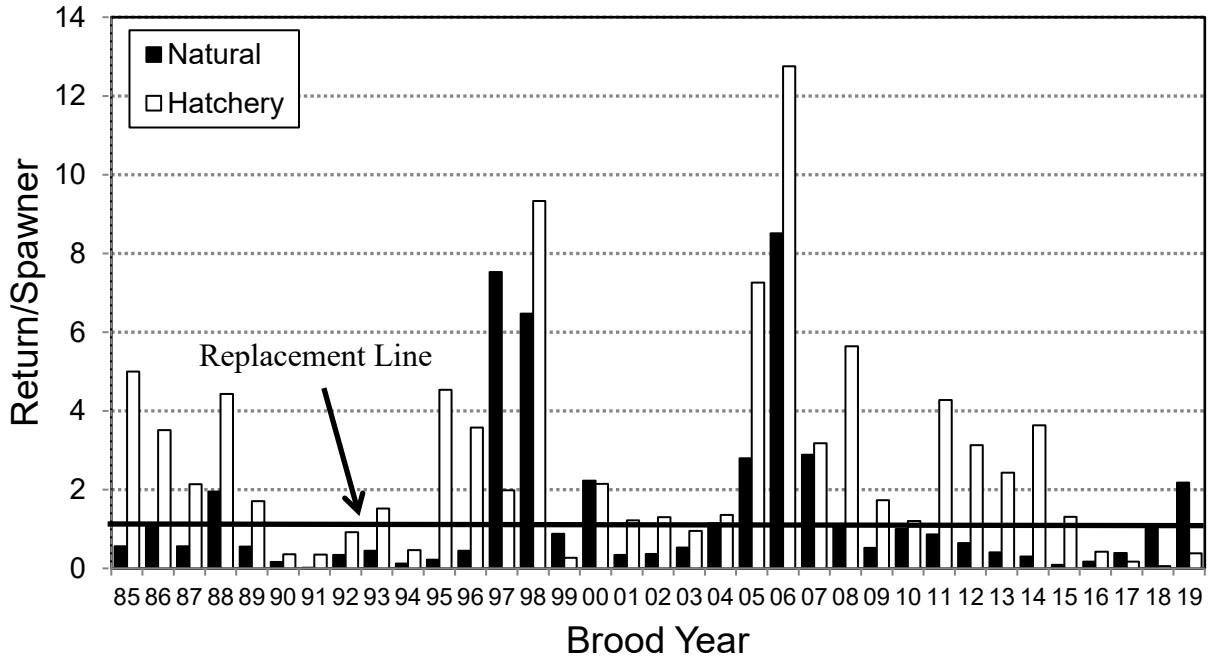

Figure 12. Return per spawner (with replacement line) for the 1985-2019 brood years (2019 incomplete brood year).

Table 26. Progeny-to-parent survival estimates of Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon from 1985 through 2019 brood years (2019 brood year incomplete).

	Natural Salmon			Hatchery Salmon			
Brood Year	Estimated Spawners	Number of Returns	Return/ Spawner	Number Spawned	Number of Returns	Return/ Spawner	Hatchery to Natural Advantage
1985	695	392	0.56	9	45	5.00	8.9
1986	440	467	1.06	91	319	3.51	3.3
1987	407	228	0.56	83	178	2.14	3.8
1988	257	502	1.95	87	385	4.43	2.3
1989	276	153	0.55	122	209	1.71	3.1
1990	572	94	0.16	78	28	0.36	2.2
1991	291	7	0.02	72	25	0.35	14.4
1992	476	161	0.34	83	76	0.92	2.7
1993	397	177	0.45	91	138	1.52	3.4
1994	97	12	0.12	69	32	0.46	3.7
1995	27	6	0.22	39	177	4.54	20.4
1996	152	69	0.45	74	265	3.58	7.9
1997	105	791	7.53	89	176	1.98	0.3
1998	60	388	6.47	85	793	9.33	1.4
1999	160	141	0.88	122	33	0.27	0.3
2000	201	448	2.23	73	157	2.15	1.0
2001	766	257	0.34	104	127	1.22	3.6
2002	568	212	0.37	93	121	1.30	3.5
2003	329	173	0.53	75	71	0.95	1.8
2004	346	399	1.15	88	120	1.36	1.2
2005	264	739	2.80	95	690	7.26	2.6
2006	202	1,720	8.51	88	1,122	12.75	1.5
2007	211	610	2.89	82	261	3.18	1.1
2008	796	884	1.11	114	643	5.64	5.1
2009	1191	619	0.52	173	300	1.73	3.3
2010	938	938	1.00	161	194	1.20	1.2
2011	849	727	0.86	166	711	4.28	5.0
2012	335	213	0.64	164	514	3.13	4.9
2013	170	69	0.41	149	362	2.43	6.0
2014	294	89	0.30	126	458	3.63	12.0
2015	523	45	0.09	126	165	1.31	15.2
2016	340	57	0.17	118	50	0.42	2.5
2017	249	98	0.39	99	17	0.17	0.4
2018	220	222	1.01	138	8	0.06	0.1
2019	22	48	2.18	85	32	0.38	0.2
Mean			**1.40**			**2.70**	**4.3**
Geometric Mean			**0.67**			**1.57**	**2.4**

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. Hatchery production changes that result in increased survival/return numbers may result in a Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI) of less than 0.5. This level is generally not considered acceptable for supplementation programs. Historically the PNI for the Tucannon Spring Chinook Program has generally been above 0.5 (Appendix I).

The long-term restoration goal for the State of Washington is to provide a total annual return of between 2,400-3,400 hatchery and natural origin spring Chinook salmon back to the Tucannon River (SRSRB 2006) that should include at least 750 natural origin fish over a 10-year geometric mean (population viability threshold) (ICTRT 2008). Natural origin returns had been increasing, but decreased during recent years (2016-2023), likely due primarily to poor ocean conditions (Figure 13).

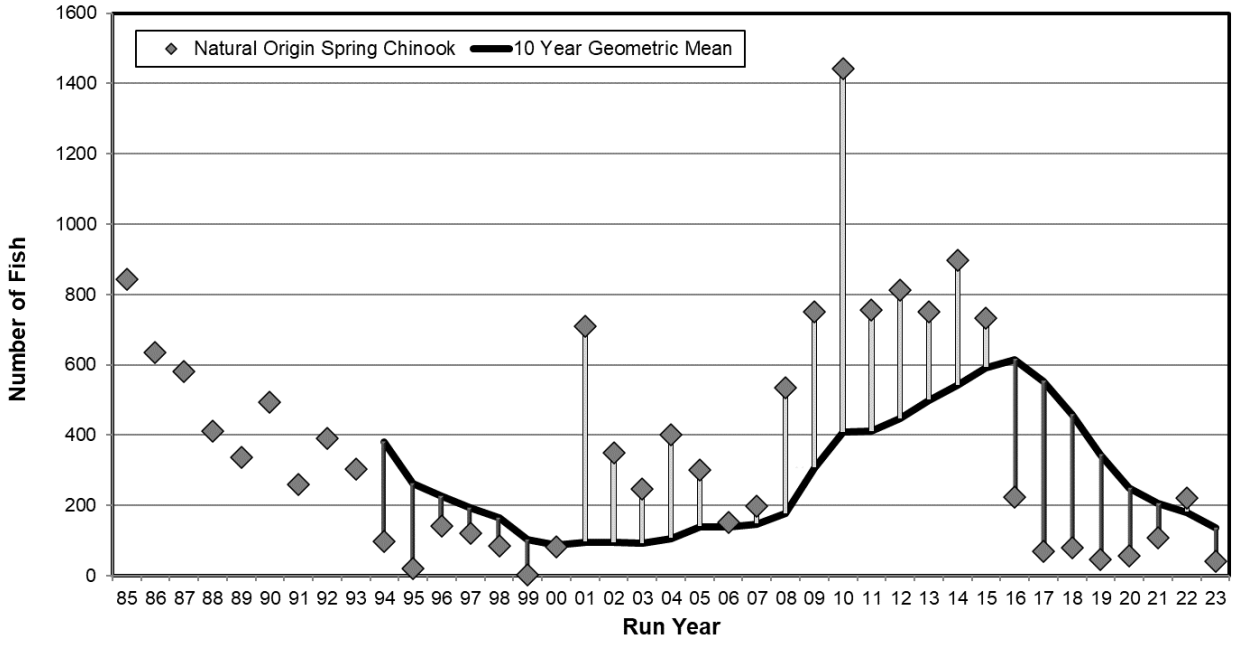

Figure 13. Tucannon River spring Chinook natural origin returns with the moving ten-year geometric mean (black line) for the 1985-2023 run years.

Fishery Contribution and Out-of-Basin Straying

The original goal of the LSRCP supplementation program was to enhance returns of salmon to the Tucannon River by providing 1,152 adult hatchery origin fish (the number estimated to have been lost to the project area due to the construction and operation of the Lower Snake River hydropower system) to the river from hatchery-reared smolt releases. Such an increase would allow for limited harvest and increased spawning. However, hatchery adult returns have always been below the mitigation goal (Figure 14). Based on CWT recoveries reported to the Regional Mark Information System (RMIS) database (Appendix J), sport and commercial 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 when the states implemented mark-selective fisheries in the lower Columbia River (fishery harvest comprised an average of 19% for hatchery fish recoveries). As such, the WDFW subsequently stopped adipose fin clipping spring Chinook hatchery production from the Tucannon River (Gallinat et al. 2001) to lessen non-tribal fishery impacts from the Columbia River, and Snake River fisheries. This change in marking has resulted in lower sport fishery impacts. Based on CWT recoveries for the 2000-2019 brood years, harvest (primarily commercial) has accounted for only 5.1% of the hatchery adult CWT recoveries (Appendix J).

Out-of-basin stray rates of Tucannon River spring Chinook have generally been low (Appendix J), with an average of 1.1% of the adult hatchery fish straying to other river systems/hatcheries for brood years 1985-2019 (range 0-20%). Recent (2005-2019 BYs) locations that Tucannon River spring Chinook have strayed are listed in Table 27.

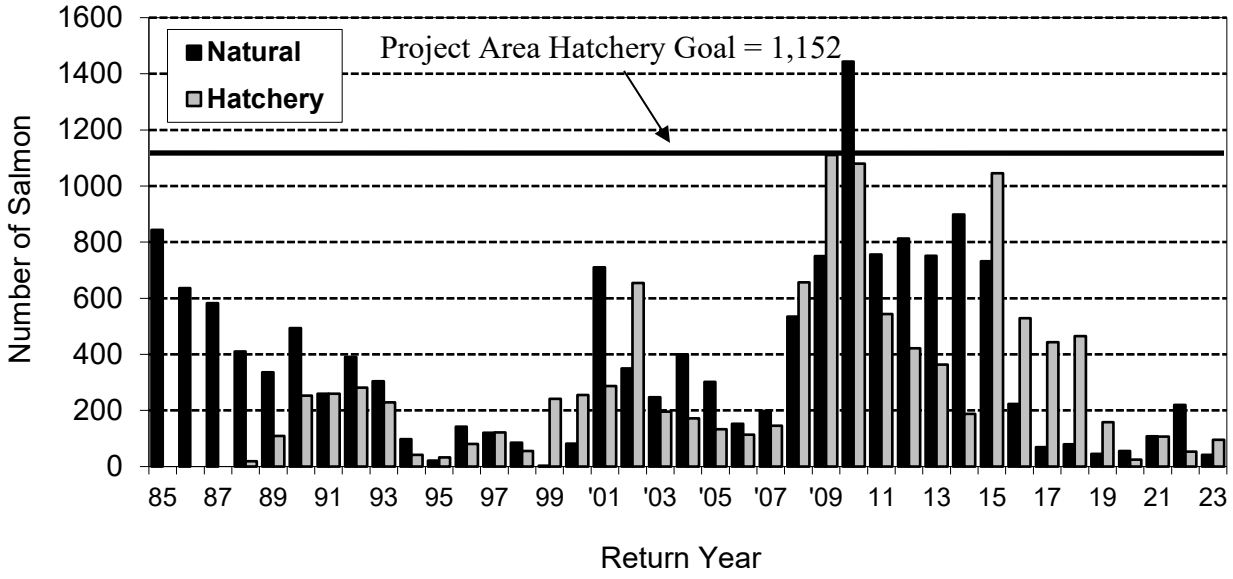

Figure 14. Total escapement for Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon for the 1985-2023 run years.

Table 27. Summary of Tucannon River spring Chinook recovered outside of the Tucannon River and represent possible strays to other areas (2005-2019 brood years).

Brood Year	CWT Codes	Recovery Location	Recovery Date	Number of CWT Recovered/Expanded
2005	633477,633599	None	N/A	0/0
2006	634093, 634094, 634194	Powell Rack, Lochsa River	08/27/09	1/1
2007	634687, 634688	None	N/A	0/0
2008	635174, 635175	None	N/A	0/0
2009	635565, 635566	Lower Granite Dam Trap	10/17/13	1/1
2010	636075, 636076	None	N/A	0/0
2011	636441, 636442	Lower Granite Dam Trap	09/24/14	1/1
2012	636585, 636586	Lewis River Hatchery	08/31/16	1/1
		SF Walla Walla River	09/13/16	1/1
2013	636742, 636743	None	N/A	0/0
2014	636884	None	N/A	0/0
2015	637039	Three Mile Dam, Umatilla River	09/04/18	1/1
		Three Mile Dam, Umatilla River	9/10/19	2/2
		Three Mile Dam, Umatilla River	9/17/19	2/2
2016	637201	Three Mile Dam, Umatilla River	09/17/19	1/1
2017	637396	None	N/A	0/0
2018	637421	None	N/A	0/0
2019	637761	None	N/A	0/0
Totals				**11/11**
Total recovery of Tucannon fish from all locations				**1,998/5,972**
Percent stray rate (recovered or expanded)				**0.55%/0.18%**

Adjusted Hatchery SAS

Using CWT recoveries from the RMIS database, we adjusted Tucannon River spring Chinook hatchery smolt-to-adult survival (SAS) to include all known recoveries both from within and outside the Tucannon River. Increased fishing mortality resulted in higher adjusted SAS for the 1997, 1998, and 2006 brood years. With minor exceptions (1997 and 2006 brood years), even after adjustment, hatchery SAS rates were still below the original LSRCP survival assumption of 0.87% (Table 28).

Table 28. Hatchery SAS adjusted for recoveries from outside the Tucannon River subbasin as reported in the RMIS database, 1985-2019 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/07/24).

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 SAS (%)
1985	12,922	45	1	46	0.35	0.36
1986	152,725	319	15	334	0.21	0.22
1987	152,165	178	2	180	0.12	0.12
1988	145,146	385	25	410	0.27	0.28
1989	99,057	209	12	221	0.21	0.22
1990	85,737	28	0	28	0.03	0.03
1991	74,064	25	4	29	0.03	0.04
1992	87,752	76	17	93	0.09	0.11
1993	138,848	138	11	149	0.10	0.11
1994	130,069	32	0	32	0.02	0.02
1995	62,144	177	2	179	0.28	0.29
1996	76,219	265	4	269	0.35	0.35
1997	24,186	176	41	217	0.73	0.90
1998	127,939	793	216	1,009	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	127	5	132	0.09	0.09
2002	123,586	121	0	121	0.10	0.10
2003	71,154	71	0	71	0.10	0.10
2004	67,542	120	1	121	0.18	0.18
2005	149,466	690	2	692	0.46	0.46
2006	106,530	1,122	36	1,158	1.05	1.09
2007	114,681	261	5	266	0.23	0.23
2008	172,897	643	4	647	0.37	0.37
2009	231,437	300	7	307	0.13	0.13
2010	201,585	194	1	195	0.10	0.10
2011	259,964	711	24	735	0.27	0.28
2012	203,510	514	3	517	0.25	0.25
2013	207,859	362	11	373	0.17	0.18
2014	221,099	458	2	460	0.21	0.21
2015	199,686	165	5	170	0.08	0.09
2016	209,031	50	1	51	0.02	0.02
2017	144,219	17	0	17	0.01	0.01
2018	192,521	8	0	8	0.00	0.00
2019	80,995	32	0	32	0.04	0.04
Mean					**0.21**	**0.23**
Geometric Mean					**0.12**	**0.13**

[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.).

Alternative Release Strategy Experiment

Based on PIT tag analyses conducted by the Fish Passage Center from 2005-2017, the SAR survival of Tucannon Hatchery spring Chinook from Lower Monumental to Bonneville Dam has been lower than the Lower Granite to Bonneville Dam SARs for up-river hatchery stocks, even though the reach the Tucannon hatchery fish migrate through is shorter. It has been hypothesized that the up-river stocks may have a survival advantage due to additional opportunities for barge transportation. While some studies have shown barging has affected homing abilities for both Chinook and steelhead (Quinn 1993; Keefer et al. 2008b; Keefer and Caudill 2014; Bond et al. 2017), evaluating the effect of barge transportation on the SARs of Tucannon River fish has not been possible with the available data. A more recent PIT tag analyses was completed by the Fish Passage Center (July 28, 2020) comparing SAR survival of Tucannon River hatchery spring Chinook with up-river stocks, but this time as a direct comparison of SAR survivals from Lower Monumental to Bonneville Dam for all stocks. Results showed that while Tucannon River hatchery spring Chinook generally track survival of other groups, they consistently had lower juvenile survival.

Historically, the default action for PIT tagged fish that are detected at transportation facilities has been to return them to the river. Beginning with the 2015 migration year, PIT tagged Tucannon River hatchery spring Chinook have been included in the Comparative Survival Study (CSS) whereby a portion of the tagged fish are returned to the river and a portion are barged. However, the effects of transportation on SARs of Tucannon hatchery fish to date has not been possible based on the low numbers of PIT tagged fish (15,000/year), and poor collection efficiency of PIT tags at Lower Monumental Dam. Power analysis performed by the Fish Passage Center has determined that the number of PIT tagged fish needed to find a significant difference in survival based on historical rates is approximately 15,000 fish/group.

Survival within the Tucannon River itself from the point of hatchery release to detection at Lower Monumental Dam shows potential for improvement. Survival to the Tucannon River instream PIT arrays and Lower Monumental Dam were obtained from the University of Washington (Columbia River Data Access in Real Time [DART]; www.cbr.washington.edu/). Based on DART PIT tag survival of spring Chinook released from Curl Lake AP, average survival to Lower Monumental Dam for the 2012 to 2020 migration years was less than 60% (Figure 15).

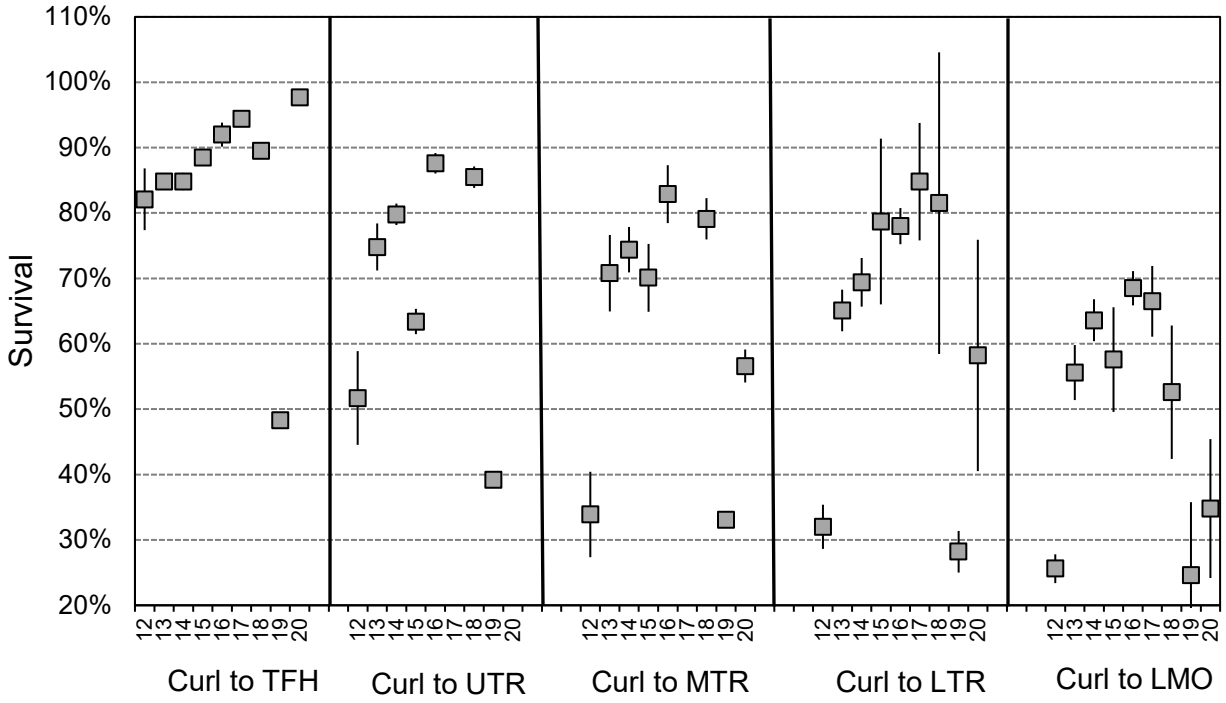

Figure 15. Tucannon River hatchery-origin spring Chinook survival with 95% confidence interval from release at Curl Lake to the Tucannon River instream antenna arrays (TFH = Tucannon Fish Hatchery; UTR = Upper Tucannon River; MTR = Middle Tucannon River; LTR = Lower Tucannon River) and Lower Monumental Dam (LMO) for the 2012 to 2020 migration years.

When sufficient hatchery production (> 45,000) is available (i.e., full production of smolts for in-basin release), we will examine three different release strategies (Direct Stream Release at TFH, Direct Stream Release near the Mouth, and Barge Transportation) by PIT tagging a minimum of 15,000 fish per group in an attempt to determine if significant improvements in survival rates can be achieved for Tucannon River spring Chinook hatchery fish. The study will be conducted for a minimum of three BYs with PIT tag detections from returning adults used to determine significant differences among the release groups. Fish used for the study will be transferred from LFH to TFH in October. This is to ensure that all groups will be treated similarly over the fall/winter months prior to PIT tagging and allow for imprinting to the Tucannon River. Imprinting is critical for the successful completion of the spawning migration (Dittman and Quinn 1996), and the parr-to-smolt transformation has been identified as an important period for olfactory imprinting (Dittman et al. 1996). The shift to releases lower in the river for this study could have consequences (survival, adult trapping, and spawning distributions) that are not fully appreciated at this time. Management actions to account for some of these (hauling returning adults upstream, additional trapping locations for broodstock collection/hauling, etc.) may have to be implemented.

Direct Stream Release at TFH Group (Surrogate Control Group)

Fish from this group will be PIT tagged and released into the Tucannon River. The release will begin in early to mid-April to coincide with the release timing of the other two groups. Historically, fish were released from Curl Lake AP so this group will not represent a true control group.[4] This group will also contain the remaining hatchery production (CWT only fish) since survival and returns of fish released near the mouth of the Tucannon and fish that are barged are unknown at this time. The PIT tagged fish from this group will be removed from monitor mode at the dams and the CSS (to compare in-river vs. transported survival).

Direct Stream Release near the Mouth Group

Fish from this group will be PIT tagged and placed into a separate rearing vessel for final rearing prior to release (~1 month). These fish will be released approximately 0.4 km upstream from the mouth of the Tucannon River (eliminates majority of Tucannon in-river mortality) and we will attempt to release them to coincide with the arrival of the surrogate control group in the lower river. There is a concern that this group might stray past the Tucannon River, and spawning distribution could shift lower in the river. For example, fall Chinook released at the mouth of the Umatilla River failed to imprint and showed poor homing instinct, presumably due to their short time spent in the river (Hayes and Carmichael 2002). Fish from this group will also be removed from monitor mode at the dams and the CSS.

Barge Transportation Group

Fish from this group will be PIT tagged and placed into a separate rearing vessel for final rearing prior to release (~ 1 month). Arrangements will be made with the Corps of Engineers to have a barge available at LFH in late April (barging at the Snake River Dams typically begins on 24 April, with a research barge generally in operation a week before that). On the day that the barge is scheduled to arrive at LFH, the fish will be loaded onto a transport truck, hauled to LFH, and put on the barge the same day. Fish from this group will be transported below Bonneville Dam and then released between river kilometers 222-229 (Elizabeth Holdren, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, personal communication). This group also has a high chance of straying and shifting spawning distribution lower in the river.

[4] The use of Curl Lake Acclimation Pond has been an important part of the hatchery program in addressing survival and spawning distribution concerns for hatchery fish over the years. Options to re-use Curl Lake Acclimation Pond (depending upon study results) should be considered in the future.

Returning Fish

The PIT tag release files were uploaded to the PIT Tag Information System (www.PTAGIS.org) database, and subsequent detections (passive recapture) were downloaded for analysis (PTAGIS 2024). For the purposes of this study, the TFH and mouth release groups are considered to be mature returning fish if after they crossed Bonneville Dam, they returned back upstream of Bonneville Dam. Since barged fish are released below Bonneville Dam, fish are considered mature returning fish if they are detected at Bonneville Dam. Age 2 minijacks are included for informational purposes in this report but may be excluded from the final analysis/paper.

2020 BY

Due to low production numbers for BY20, the decision was made to directly compare the TFH release group (surrogate control group) and the release near the mouth, since these two groups would provide immediate juvenile survival results based on PIT tag detections at the dams. A total of 20,000 PIT tags were used for each group.

After mortalities, there were 19,897 PIT tagged fish released at TFH on 11 April 2022 and 19,667 PIT tagged fish released at the mouth of the Tucannon River on 22 April 2022 from the 2020 BY (Table 29). Increased spill rates at the Snake and Columbia River dams led to very low use of the juvenile bypass system resulting in low PIT tag detection rates (Dan Rawding, WDFW, personal communication). Because of this, estimated survival rates to Lower Monumental Dam and other dams downstream would be questionable. However, the assumption throughout this study is that releases at the mouth will have higher survival than fish released higher in the watershed near TFH. For the 2020 BY released in 2022, the mouth release group had an overall higher juvenile outmigration survival (Gallinat et al. 2023b). However, determining the overall success in this study will be based on the number of returning adults to the Tucannon River, not from juvenile migration estimates. To date, the BY20 returns to the Tucannon river have been over two times greater for fish released near the mouth than direct releases from TFH (Table 29).

Table 29. Number of PIT tags detected in the Columbia-Snake River system for determining total smolt-to-adult survival (SAS) and number of PIT tags detected in the Tucannon River (in parenthesis) for determining total smolt-to-adult returns (SAR) from the experimental release study for the 2020 and 2021 brood years.

BY	Release Location	Number PIT Tagged	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Total SAS	Total SAR
20	TFH	19,897	10 (1)	10 (7)	---	---	0.10	0.04
20	Mouth	19,667	23 (0)	28 (22)	---	---	0.26	0.11
21	TFH	14,989	54 (2)	---	---	---	0.36	0.01
21	Mouth	14,864	50 (0)	---	---	---	0.34	0.00
21	Barge	14,920	189 (0)	---	---	---	1.27	0.00

2021 BY

The BY21 production numbers were sufficiently large enough to allow all three groups to be compared beginning with 2023 releases. After mortalities, there were 14,989 PIT tagged fish released at TFH on 11 April 2023, 14,864 PIT tagged fish released near the mouth of the Tucannon River on 19 April 2023, and 14,920 PIT tagged fish transported by barge on 20 April 2023 (Table 29). While the mouth release group had higher initial juvenile outmigration survival to Lower Monumental Dam, survival differences were negligible at John Day and Bonneville Dams between the TFH and mouth release groups (Figure 16). For BY21, the TFH release group is the only group from that brood year to have Age 2 minijacks return to the Tucannon River (Table 29). Continued implementation of this study will be dependent upon the availability of future production and the health status of the hatchery fish. If sufficient numbers of fish are available, the study will be completed by 2028 with the final adult returns (Age 5) from the 2023BY.

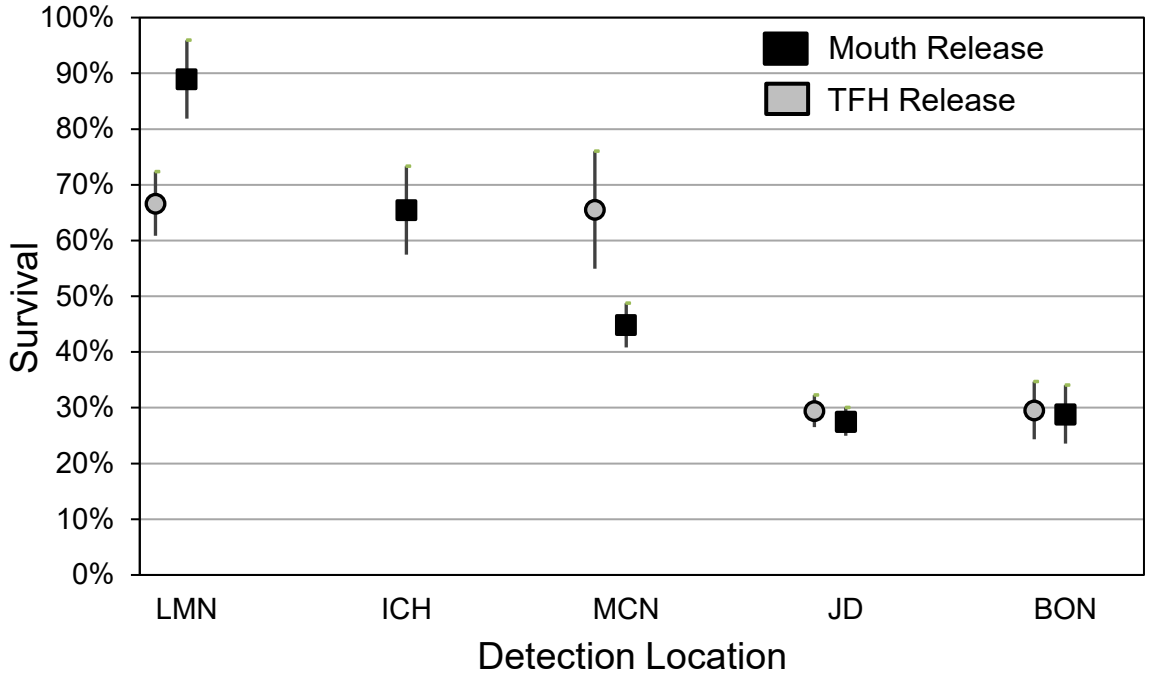

Figure 16. Comparison of Tucannon River spring Chinook downstream survivals with standard error between the two 2021 brood year release groups (Mouth release vs. TFH release) calculated with the DART program. (LMN = Lower Monumental Dam; ICH = Ice Harbor Dam; MCN = McNary Dam; JD = John Day Dam; BON = Bonneville Dam).

Touchet River Mitigation Program

Introduction

In an attempt to fulfill the State of Washington adult LSRCP hatchery mitigation goal (1,152), LSRCP, WDFW, and the tribal co-managers agreed to increase hatchery spring Chinook salmon production by initiating a harvest mitigation program in the Touchet River beginning with the 2018 BY. While the Touchet River flows into the Columbia River and is outside the boundaries of the Snake River (Figure 17), mitigation for the LSRCP occurs in the Walla Walla basin per the LSRCP Project Area definition and has occurred in the Walla Walla and Touchet Rivers since the mid-1980s (USFWS 2020). Further, options for releasing additional spring Chinook production in SE Washington are limited because of interactions with other ESA-listed spring Chinook populations in the Snake River Basin. Spring Chinook were believed to have been extirpated in the Touchet/Walla Walla rivers after the mid-1920s (Van Cleve and Ting 1960, Volkman 2005).

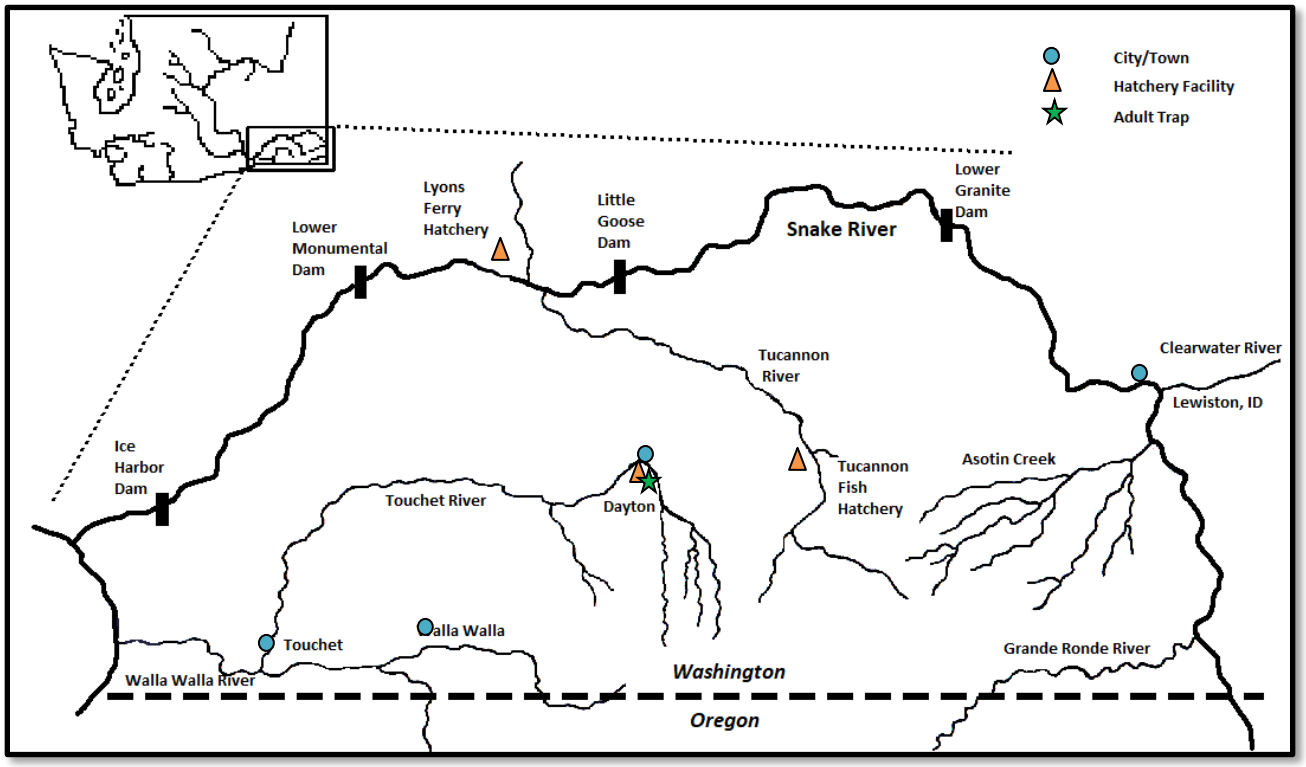

Figure 17. Location of the Touchet River, Lyons Ferry Hatchery, Dayton Acclimation Pond, and Dayton Intake Dam/Adult Trap in SE Washington.

Smolt-to-adult survival rates are currently unknown for hatchery spring Chinook releases into the Touchet River. As such, no adult goal specific to the Touchet River has been set at this time. For the Touchet River program, it was agreed to produce a total of 250,000 smolts annually. Size at release is programmed between 38-45 g/fish (10-12 fish/lb.). Adult returns (including jacks) are to be measured by expanded PIT tag estimates at McNary Dam.

A Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan for the Touchet River spring Chinook program was submitted to NOAA Fisheries in 2018. On 23 April 2019, NOAA Fisheries completed their consultation (NMFS Consultation Number: WCR-2018-10511). Proposed activities and effects of those activities on other ESA-listed species were reviewed with terms and conditions applied. Per ESA requirements, WDFW will provide this LSRCP annual report describing any program effects to listed species (natural origin spring Chinook populations in the Walla Walla basin are not ESA-listed). For this program, the following will be addressed:

1) An annual RM&E report is submitted by applicants no later than March 31st of the year following release (e.g., brood year 2018, release year 2020, report due March 2021).
2) Annual reports will include:
    a. A calculation of quantifiable encounter and mortality take for each species across all program activities.
    b. Hatchery Environment Monitoring Reporting: 1) Number and composition of broodstock, and dates of collection, 2) Numbers, pounds, dates, locations, and tag/mark information of released fish, 3) Coefficient of variation around the average release size immediately prior to release, 4) Survival rates of all life stages (i.e., egg-to-smolt, smolt-to-adult, etc.), 5) Disease occurrence at hatcheries and acclimation sites, 6) Potential residual rates prior to release (as measured by visual precocity), and 7) Any problems that may have arisen during hatchery activities.
    c. Any unforeseen effects on listed fish. Natural Environment Monitoring Reporting: 1) The contribution of fish from these programs into ESA-listed populations (e.g., Tucannon River), and 2) Post-release out-of-basin migration timing of juvenile hatchery-origin fish to the first mainstem dam (McNary Dam).

It was agreed through the Production Advisory Committee (PAC) under the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement (2018) that eyed-eggs from either Carson National Fish Hatchery (NFH) or Little White Salmon NFH would be provided for the Touchet River Program until adequate broodstock could be captured from the Touchet River at the Dayton adult trap in the future (first adults returned in 2022). Carson NFH and Little White Salmon NFH are located in the Lower Columbia River (Wind River and Little White Salmon rivers, respectively). Identical to the Tucannon River spring Chinook program, LFH will be used for adult broodstock holding and spawning, incubation, and full-term rearing to the pre-smolt stage. Juveniles are initially reared in raceways and then in one of the large earthen rearing ponds at LFH.

Adult returns are captured at the Dayton adult trap (Touchet River rkm 88) and transported to LFH for holding over the summer until spawning occurs in mid-August/early September. Juveniles will be reared nearly full term at LFH as described above. In early February, fish will be transported to the Dayton Acclimation Pond (Touchet River rkm 87) for acclimation. Dayton AP is a 348,000 ft^3 concrete bottom pond with a mean depth of 2.5 m. Smolts will be acclimated for about 5-6 weeks and then volitionally released for about a week (generally from 20-25 March). Depending on management options desired, smolts can also be direct stream released from LFH to various locations in the Touchet River (most likely the upper North or Wolf forks) if desired.

Touchet River Watershed Characteristics

The Touchet River connects to the Walla Walla River near the Town of Touchet, Washington at rkm 32.5 (Figure 17). Stream elevation rises from 130 m at the mouth to 1,675 m at the headwaters. Land use is varied from mostly agricultural cropland in the lower reaches below Dayton to heavily forested areas in the headwaters (SRSRB 2011).

Broodstock Trapping

For the 2018-2020 BYs, all broodstock were trapped and spawned at Little White Salmon NFH. For the 2021-2023 BYs, broodstock were trapped and spawned at Carson NFH. Overall trapping and spawning numbers are irrelevant since both hatcheries collected and spawned fish for multiple other programs in the Columbia River basin. Broodstock collection and spawning will likely continue at these hatcheries until sufficient numbers of adults return to the Touchet River and coordination will ensure proper collections between both locations.

During 2023, the first adult arrived at the Dayton adult trap on 19 May (Table 30). The trap was not working from 30 June to 25 September due to construction of an Obermeyer weir. We captured six total spring Chinook (4 hatchery adults, 2 natural adults). One additional Touchet hatchery adult was collected at the Tucannon River adult trap on 15 June, providing a total of seven adults collected for hatchery spawning.

Table 30. Spring Chinook salmon captured, transported to Lyons Ferry Hatchery, or returned to the river at the Dayton Adult Trap in 2023.

	Captured in Trap		Collected for Broodstock		Passed Upstream		Trap Mortality	
Date	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery
5/19		1		1				
5/30	1	1	1	1				
6/2		1		1				
6/8		1		1				
6/11	1		1					
Total	**2**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Broodstock Spawning

A total of seven fish were on hand at LFH for spawning (six collected from the Touchet and one stray collected from the Tucannon River). Hatchery spawning began on 29 August and was completed by 5 September. A total of five females (two natural origin, three hatchery origin) were spawned with an estimated eggtake of 16,689. All of the Touchet females had "Below Low" ELISA optical densities. Mortality to eye-up was 3.43% (573) which left 16,116 live eggs. These eggs were added to the eyed-eggs obtained from Carson NFH. Annual percent composition of eyed-eggs by broodstock source is found in Figure 18. A total of 260,553 fish (244,568 Carson, 15,985 Touchet) were ponded for BY23.

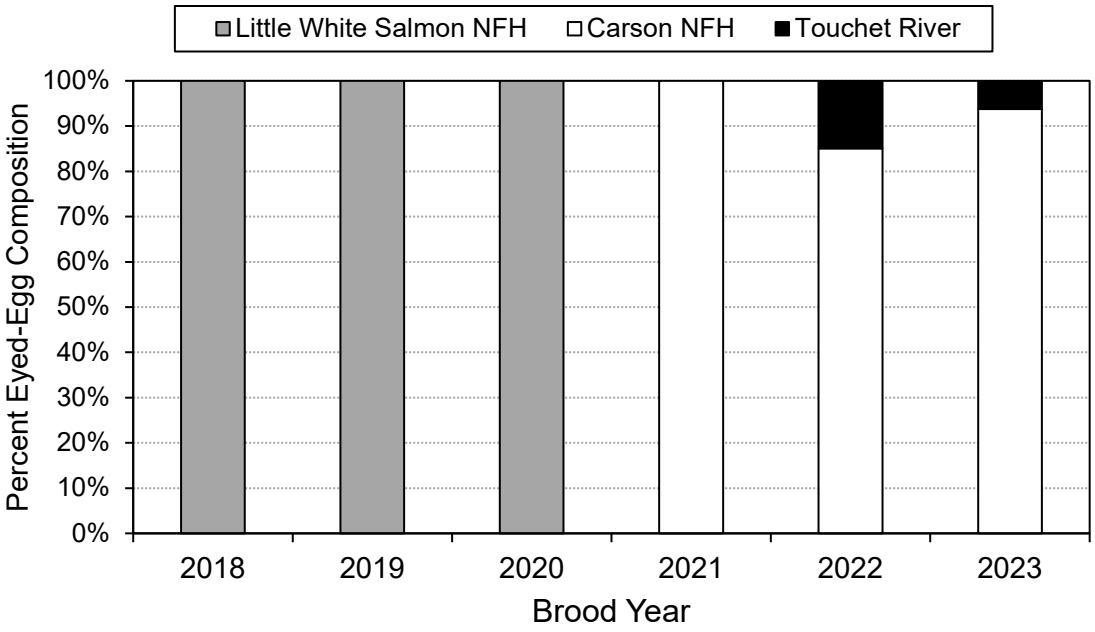

Figure 18. Percent composition of eyed-eggs by source for the Touchet River hatchery mitigation program for the 2018-2023 brood years.

Genetic Sampling

Tissue samples were collected from spawning at LFH so this program could be included in the Columbia River Basin Parental Based Tagging (PBT) baseline; but represents only a portion of the total brood spawned during 2023.

Hatchery Releases

Fish were sampled for length, weight, and precocity by WDFW evaluation staff just prior to release (Table 31). A high mortality event occurred in the BY22 fish while they were reared in Lake 2 at LFH during mid-July 2023. The cause of the unexpected mortality is unknown. Water and fish samples found nothing suspicious. Algae growth appeared in the lake; however dissolved oxygen readings never went into critically low levels and no cyanotoxins (King County Environmental Labs analysis dated 2 August 2023) were present. The remaining fish were transferred to raceways by 4 August, where mortalities eventually subsided. Fish from BY23 will be reared in the raceways until early August to avoid a similar mortality event. Total numbers of hatchery fish released from the Touchet hatchery mitigation program are found in Table 32.

Table 31. Sample size (N), mean fork length (mm), coefficient of variation (CV), mean weight (g), condition factor (K), fish per pound (FPP), and precocity of spring Chinook salmon released into the Touchet River from Dayton AP, 2020 to 2024 release years.

Brood Year	Sample Date	N	Mean Length (mm)	C.V.	Mean Wt. (g)	K	FPP	Precocity (%)
2018	16 Mar. 2020	293	151.1	16.0	41.4	1.13	11.0	0.3
2019	23 Mar. 2021	337	143.9	10.4	34.4	1.13	13.2	0.0
2020	17 Mar. 2022	381	148.6	10.0	37.3	1.11	12.2	0.0
2021	16 Mar. 2023	390	154.3	7.9	38.7	1.04	11.7	0.3
2022	14 Mar. 2024	400	157.5	13.7	43.1	1.06	10.5	0.0

Table 32. Spring Chinook salmon released into the Touchet River from Dayton AP, 2020 to 2024 release years.

Brood Year	Release Dates	CWT Code	Total Released	Number With CWT	AD only	Unmarked/ Untagged	PIT Tagged
2018	18-23 Mar. 2020	63-76-02	259,978	78,134	179,516	2,328	14,996
2019	23-25 Mar. 2021	63-77-60	252,028	83,387	164,026	4,615	14,856
2020	21-25 Mar. 2022	63-79-42	275,146	80,120	192,976	2,050	14,853
2021	20-23 Mar. 2023	63-84-16	252,995	80,387	171,551	1,057	14,324
2022	18-21 Mar. 2024	63-81-72	113,982	36,086	77,278	618	14,980

Post Release Migration Timing

Downstream migration timing to McNary Dam was calculated by downloading the first observation of fish at the dam as queried from PTAGIS (2020-2023 migration years). Arrival

timing to McNary Dam for the 2020-2023 migration years is provided (Figure 19). Migration travel days generally increased the further fish migrated downstream as expected, and the average migration speed (kilometers/day) among years to various points downstream have remained relatively consistent (10 to 15 km/day).

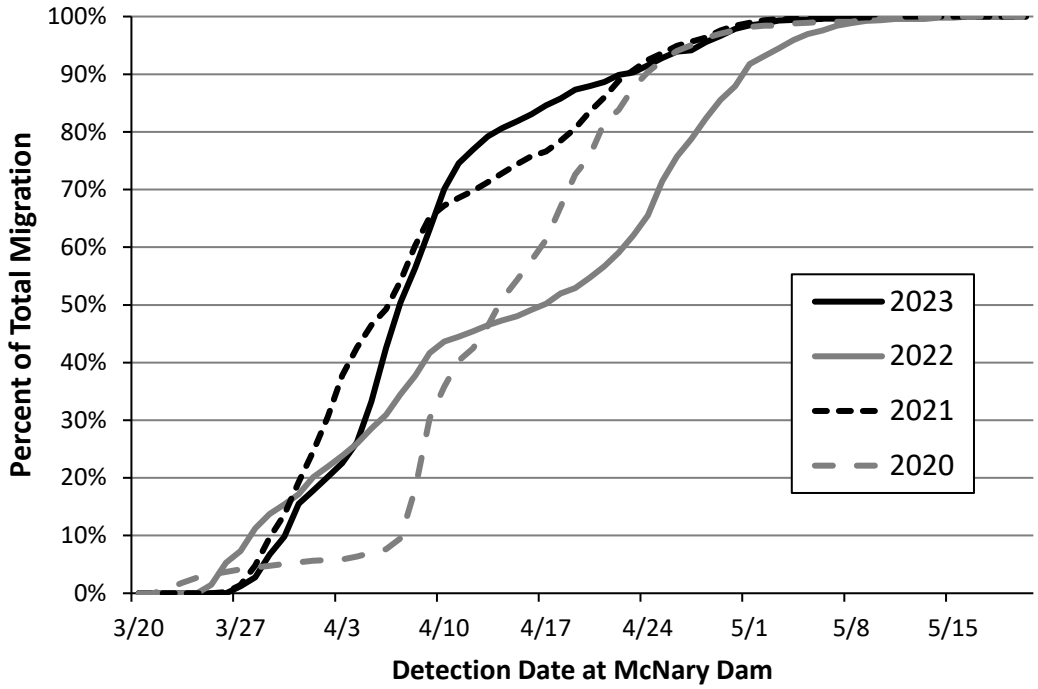

Figure 19. Migration timing of Touchet River hatchery spring Chinook released into the Touchet River from Dayton AP to McNary Dam, 2020-2023 migration years.

Juvenile Survival

Downstream survival estimates from the point of release to various locations downstream (Figure 20) were derived using the University of Washington's Columbia Basin Research DART web application. Survival to the mouth of the Walla Walla River has generally been about 80%. However, survival from release to McNary Dam has been about 50% each year, indicating large mortality from the mouth of the Walla Walla River to McNary Dam. To further illustrate this, we subtracted the calculated survival estimates between detection sites and divided that by the distance (in river kilometers), thereby obtaining a mortality rate per river kilometer between detection sites (Figure 21). Again, this graphic illustrates the increase in mortality rate from the mouth of the Walla Walla River to McNary Dam as compared to the other intervals between sites.

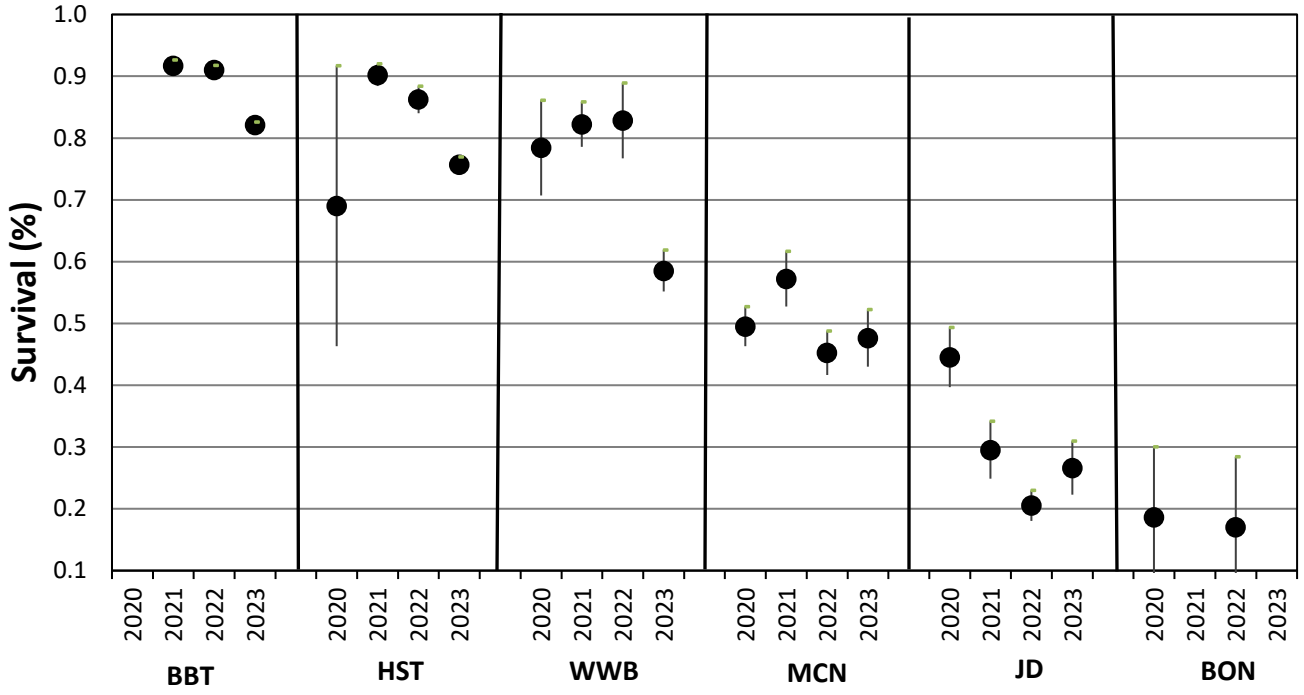

Figure 20. Survival and standard error of Touchet spring Chinook released from Dayton AP in the Touchet River to various downstream locations. Detection sites are as follows: Bolles Bridge on the Touchet River (BBT), Harvey Shaw on the Touchet River (HST), Walla Walla Barge Array on the Walla Walla River (WWB), McNary Dam (MCN), John Day Dam (JD), and Bonneville Dam (BON), 2020-2023 migration years.

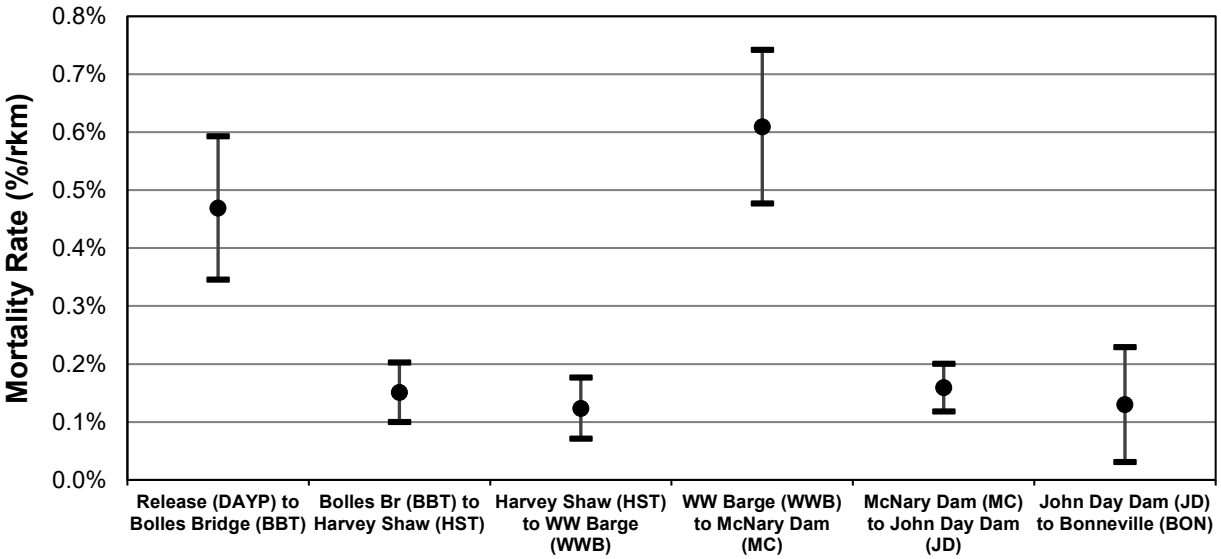

Figure 21. Estimated mortality rate and standard error of Touchet spring Chinook released from Dayton AP in the Touchet River between selected downstream locations.

Adult Returns and Survival Rates

For the Touchet spring Chinook hatchery mitigation program, PIT tag returns are used to estimate total returns and smolt-to-adult survivals, and if applicable, CWT returns could be used if not double counted. While the Dayton adult trap will be used to collect broodstock for the program, fish can bypass without capture, so trap numbers will not necessarily be a good indicator of total returns. Spawning ground surveys were also not identified as a priority for this program, and therefore funding has not been allocated under the LSRCP program for them at this time.

The first year of fish returning from the ocean was during 2021 (jacks), with the first adults (age 4) returning in 2022. No PIT tags were detected from jacks from 2021 to 2023, however two jacks (not PIT tagged) were captured in the adult trap in both 2021 and 2022. In 2023, three PIT tags from age-4 adults were detected at Bonneville Dam (expanded to 51). One of the three fish did not convert to McNary Dam, therefore 34 adults contributed to the WDFW spring Chinook LSRCP mitigation goal for Washington. Of the two fish that were detected at McNary Dam, one bypassed the Walla Walla River and was detected at Lower Granite Dam, and eventually fell back and was last detected at Lower Monumental Dam. The remaining PIT tagged fish (expands to 17 adults) was detected in the Touchet River and may have spawned in the river since it was not collected for broodstock. The use of PIT tags to estimate adult returns has been reported on average to underestimate actual adult returns of spring/summer Chinook in the Snake River basin by 30% (Coykendall et al. 2022). In the Tucannon River, WDFW has estimated that PIT tags underestimated hatchery-origin returns to the TFH adult trap by 25% (WDFW unpublished data), similar to the estimate of Coykendall et al. (2022). Applying a 30% correction factor to the PIT tag detections from Touchet River spring Chinook returns would equal 44 total fish to McNary Dam.

The estimated smolt-to-adult return rate through the 2023 return is provide in Table 33. While developing this program, WDFW had assumed a 0.55% SAR rate based on spring Chinook releases from the Umatilla River. Based on returns for BY18 to date, it does not appear likely that the SAR target will be reached.

Table 33. Adult returns and SARs of hatchery salmon to the Touchet River for brood years 2018-2020.

Brood Year	Estimated Number of smolts	Number of Adult Returns, observed (Obs) and expanded (Exp)						SAR (%)	
		Age 3		Age 4		Age 5			
		Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp	Obs	Exp	with Jacks	No Jacks
2018	259,978	2	2	11	248	0	0	0.10	0.10
2019	252,028	2	2	2	44	---	---	0.02	0.02
2020	275,146	0	0	---	---	---	---	0.00	---

Straying

During 2023, a total of three PIT tagged Touchet River spring Chinook returned over Bonneville Dam. Of those, two crossed McNary Dam, but one of those (50.0%) overshot the mouth of the Walla Walla River and continued past Ice Harbor Dam in the Snake River. The final detection for this stray was at Lower Granite Dam on 4 June 2023.

While no PIT tagged Touchet River spring Chinook were detected in the Tucannon River, hatchery staff did kill two AD/CWT (63/77/60 – BY19) Touchet River hatchery males outright at the adult trap. These two fish would expand to six strays based on marking/tagging rates for the Touchet program. In addition, an AD/no wire hatchery male was collected for the Touchet broodstock by hatchery staff. While this doesn't account for a large percentage of the run, it is a concern that will need to be closely monitored in the future.

Progress Toward Hatchery Mitigation Goal

Hatchery returns from both the Tucannon and Touchet programs will be used to measure contribution towards the LSRCP spring Chinook hatchery mitigation goal (1,152) for Washington. For the 2023 return year, both programs combined have contributed to 9% of the SE Washington mitigation goal (Table 34).

Table 34. Total hatchery returns (jack and adults) from the Tucannon and Touchet River hatchery programs and progress (%) towards reaching the LSRCP hatchery mitigation goal of 1,152 for the state of Washington.

Return Year	Tucannon Hatchery Total	Touchet Hatchery Total	Combined Total	% of Hatchery Mitigation Goal
2021	18	2	20	1.74%
2022	9	250	259	22.48%
2023	61	44	105	9.11%

Conclusions and Recommendations

Washington's LSRCP hatchery spring Chinook salmon program in the Tucannon River has historically failed to return adequate numbers of adults to meet the mitigation goal for Washington (1,152). This has occurred because SARs of hatchery origin fish have been consistently lower than what was originally assumed under the LSRCP program development. However, because of the advantage in survival during early life history stages for fish in the hatchery, the progeny-to-parent ratio for hatchery-produced fish has generally been above replacement and therefore may have sustained the overall Tucannon spring Chinook population during years when the population was at critically low levels. For a while, we had seen a significant rebound of natural origin fish and we came close to reaching the within river hatchery (LSRCP) goal of 1,152 fish in 2009 and 2010. Recent returns have been much lower, which is believed to be the result of poor ocean conditions. System survivals (in-river, migration corridor, and ocean) must increase in the near future for the hatchery program to succeed, the natural run to persist over the short-term, and the natural population to increase to a level where it can be sustainable over the long-term.

Until that time, the evaluation program will continue to document and study life history survivals, straying, carrying capacity, 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 we recommend the following:

1. We continue to see annual differences in phenotypic characteristics of returning salmon (i.e., hatchery fish are generally younger 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 has detected little change in the natural population that may have resulted from hatchery actions.

   Recommendation: Continue to collect as many carcasses as possible for the most accurate age composition data. Collect biological data (length, run timing, spawn timing, fecundity estimates, 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. 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 than their natural origin counterpart. The population is approaching critical minimum abundance thresholds that may require intervention or run the risk of extirpation. We have been considerably below hatchery production goals and ocean conditions have been poor for salmon survival. We need to identify and address the factors that limit hatchery SARs in order to meet the mitigation goals and for natural production to meet recovery goals.

Recommendation: Managers are currently implementing a study with alternative release strategies that include releases at the Tucannon River mouth and a barge transportation release. Discussions also continue about releasing a portion of the program below Bonneville Dam at Kalama Falls Fish Hatchery. As long as adequate numbers of smolts can be produced, WDFW will continue comparing alternative release strategies to determine if survival rates can be improved to provide greater adult returns. Hatchery rearing beginning with BY22 will more closely follow the wild smolt growth model with minimal feeding/growth during the late fall/winter. This new strategy should produce a longer, leaner hatchery smolt that is less prone to jacking due to lower lipid levels, and hopefully result in higher SARs. If the freezer is repaired at LFH, continue to utilize fish carcasses from hatchery operations for stream nutrient enrichment to improve overall productivity and survival of natural-origin Tucannon River spring Chinook.

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

   Recommendation: Assist population conservation efforts by updating recent carrying capacity/density and straying effects, and productivity estimates of the Tucannon River so that hatchery stocking is appropriate, and hatchery and natural performance is measured against future basin capacity after habitat improvements.

4. Previously, we have documented higher in-river pre-spawn mortality than what was observed historically. The mechanism for this higher loss is thought to be due to a combination of drought years with higher water temperatures and pathogen load. However, the high loss has prompted drastic action within the program, whereby all, or the majority of the returns to the TFH trap between 2015 to 2019 have been collected and held for adult outplanting. Results from the first year (2015) of adult outplants appeared successful, with > 90% of the fish spawning, contrasted to 30% survival of fish left in the river. From 2016-2018, a range of 55-72% of outplanted fish successfully spawned.

   Recommendation: Continue to monitor in-river pre-spawn mortality. Continue intensive monitoring of adult outplants, when that strategy is employed, to determine spawning success. Weigh all pertinent information (pre-spawn mortality rates, outplant success, predicted run sizes, risk of holding all fish at one facility, etc.) and inform co-managers and NOAA Fisheries on future adult outplants. The WDFW and co-managers have agreed that a trigger point of at least 400 fish estimated to return to the river is needed to begin passing fish above the trap in-season once again, otherwise the adult holding and outplant strategy we've been using will continue.

5. Based on annual redd densities and historical spring Chinook radio tag data, and PIT tag data from the TFH PIT tag array, the Tucannon Fish Hatchery weir/trap has been an impediment to upstream passage of spring Chinook to the better spawning and rearing habitat upstream of the trap. Numerous options to improve attraction into the ladder/trap have been discussed with some recently implemented. A new trap fyke was installed in 2020, which based on PIT tag detections of steelhead, spring Chinook, and bull trout, is considerably better at retaining fish in the trap, either for broodstock collections, or for passing fish upstream with minimal delays.

   Recommendation: Continue to monitor changes made to the ladder/trap to see if they improve passage conversion and reduce migration delay for all fish species. If improvements are not seen, and passage delays are still unacceptable, seek funding and engineering expertise to modify the design and/or operation of the weir/trap structure.

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Appendix A: Annual Section 10 Permit #18024 Takes for 2023, and NEOR/SEWA Terms and Conditions Biological Opinion Reporting Requirements

Appendix A. Table 1. Summary of permissible direct take and actual take (in parenthesis) of Snake River spring/summer Chinook salmon for RM&E activities associated with the Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon program not directly related to fish culture for the 2023 calendar year. NMFS must be notified within two days if the number handled, tagged, or killed are exceeded.

Origin and Life Stage	Take activity	Capture method And location	Total number handled annually (0.5% handling mortalities)	Number of those handled that are marked/tagged annually (1% handling mortalities	Total number killed or removed annually
Natural-origin juveniles	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, and release live animal.	Trapping operations that include a screw trap, beach seines, cast nets, dip nets, and use of backpack electroshock equipment throughout the Tucannon River.	18,000 (648)	7,000 (637)	Up to 160 (11)
Hatchery-origin juveniles	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, and release live animal.	Trapping operations that include a screw trap, beach seines, cast nets, dip nets, and use of backpack electroshock equipment throughout the Tucannon River.	35,000 (4,879)	7,000 (0)	Up to 245 (29)
Natural-origin adults & jacks	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, and release live animal.	Adult and jack fall back at screw traps.	5 (0)	5 (0) (Genetic fin-clip or operculum punch – release live.)	Up to 2[a] (0)
Hatchery-origin adults & jacks	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, and release live animal.	Adult and jack fall back at screw traps.	10 (0)	10 (0)	Up to 2[a] (0)

[a] In cases where total number killed is not likely to exceed one (1) mortality, NMFS rounds the total mortality up to two (2), so that operations are not halted completely at the first mortality.

Appendix A. Table 2. Summary of permissible direct take and actual take (in parenthesis) of listed Snake River spring/summer Chinook salmon for fish culture purposes for the Tucannon River Spring Chinook salmon program for the 2023 calendar year. NMFS must be notified within two days if the number handled, tagged, or killed are exceeded.

Origin and Life Stage	Take activity	Capture method and location	Total number handled annually	Number of those handled that are marked/tagged annually (1% trap mortalities	Total number killed or removed annually
Natural-origin Adults	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, remove for transport, holding, and outplanting in the Tucannon River, remove for use for broodstock, or release live animal (pass above weir).	Tucannon River adult weir and Lyons Ferry Hatchery ladder[a]	2,000 (33)	Up to 1,824[b] (passed live with fin-clip or operculum punch, PIT and/or radio tagged) (0 passed upstream) (0 outplanted upstream)	Up to 232[b] broodstock and fish used for outplants (33 broodstock) Plus up to 19 adult trap mortalities (0)
Natural-origin Jacks	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, remove for transport, holding, and outplanting in the Tucannon River, remove for use for broodstock, or release live animal (pass above weir).	Tucannon River adult weir and Lyons Ferry Hatchery ladder[a]	200 (0)	Up to 200 (passed live with fin-clip or operculum punch, PIT and/or radio tagged) (0 passed upstream; 0 outplanted upstream)	Up to 9 broodstock. (0 collected) Plus up to 2 trap mortalities. (0)
Hatchery-origin Adults	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, remove for transport, holding, and outplanting in the Tucannon River, remove for use for broodstock, or release live animal (pass above weir).	Tucannon River adult weir and Lyons Ferry Hatchery ladder[a]	1,400[b] (up to 132 removed for broodstock based on sliding scale) (37)	Up to 1,400[b] (passed live with fin-clip or operculum punch, PIT and/or radio tagged) (0 passed upstream) (0 outplanted upstream)	Up to 232[b] broodstock and fish held for later outplanting. (29 broodstock) Up to 100% of total handled may be removed, killed, or transported as described in the HGMP (7 strays KO and 1 Touchet spawning.)
Hatchery-origin Jacks	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, remove for transport, holding, and outplanting in the Tucannon River, use for broodstock, remove for adult management, or release live animal (pass above weir).	Tucannon River adult weir and Lyons Ferry Hatchery ladder[a]	500 (38)	Up to 135 (more may be passed to mimic natural-origin jack proportions, with NMFS concurrence) (passed live with fin-clip or operculum punch) (2 passed upstream) (0 outplanted)	Up to 9 broodstock. (2 spawned.) Up to 100% of remainder may be removed, transported, or killed for jack management as described in the HGMP (34 strays KO and 0 Touchet spawning.)
Hatchery-origin egg & juveniles	Capture, handle, tag, tissue sample, and release live animal (within hatchery sampling, and research use).	Tucannon Hatchery or Lyons Ferry Hatchery total	280,125 (122,670 BY23) (Maximum eggs/juveniles on hand annually prior to any juvenile rearing loss)	280,125 - 248,090 BY22 CWT 14,989 BY21 TFH 14,864 BY21 Mouth 14,920 BY21 Barge Release PIT tagged.	Up to 55,125 total rearing mortality (5,876 BY22) (451 BY23)
Hatchery-origin Juveniles	Capture, sample, kill (fish health examinations)	Tucannon Hatchery or Lyons Ferry Hatchery total	170 (6)	170 (6)	170 (6)

[a] In years when returns to Tucannon Hatchery are low, adult Chinook arriving at Lyons Ferry Hatchery ladder that are identifiable as Tucannon River hatchery adults may be taken for broodstock.

[b] The actual number taken annually will be subject to the sliding scale in the HGMP, in addition to fish that are collected, held, and used for adult outplants in the Tucannon, but may die while holding, or be used as part of the broodstock, and shall not exceed the totals of each origin identified there.

Appendix A. Table 3. NOAA Terms and Conditions Biological Opinion reporting requirements for Tucannon River spring Chinook.	
Metric of Interest	**Location within Report**
Number and composition of broodstock, dates of collection, and number that die.	Appendix B.
Numbers, pounds, CV, dates, location, and tag/mark information of hatchery released fish, with precocial maturation rates.	Tables 18 and 19; Appendix G.
Survival rates of Tucannon hatchery-origin fish life stages.	Tables 22 and 23.
Disease occurrence at Lyons Ferry Hatchery and Tucannon Hatchery.	Pages 9 and 30.
The number of returning hatchery and natural-origin adults and age structure.	Page 21; Table 10; Figure 5; Appendix C.
Distribution of hatchery and natural-origin spawners.	Table 6.
pHOS, pNOB, and PNI for the Tucannon River program.	Appendix I.
Survival rates of natural-origin fish.	Tables 21 and 23.
Smolt-to-adult survival rate (hatchery and natural-origin fish.	Tables 24 and 25.
The contribution of spring Chinook from this program into other populations (2005 to 2019 brood years).	Table 27.
The contribution of spring Chinook from other programs into the Tucannon River.	Pages 26 and 27; Table 14; Appendix E.
Post release out-of-basin migration timing (median travel time and speed) of juvenile hatchery-origin fish to Lower Monumental Dam.	Table 20.
Mean length, coefficient of variation, number, and age of natural-origin juveniles.	Pages 31 to 33.
Any problems that may have arisen during hatchery activities.	A large number of strays entered the Tucannon River. We were able to remove all marked strays from the broodstock.
Any unforeseen effects on listed fish.	High proportion of strays were spawning in the Tucannon River.

Appendix B: Spring Chinook Captured, Transported to Lyons Ferry Hatchery, or Returned to the River at the Tucannon Hatchery Trap in 2023

Appendix B. Spring Chinook salmon captured, transported to Lyons Ferry Hatchery, or passed upstream at the Tucannon Hatchery trap in 2023. (Trapping began in February; last day of trapping was September 30).

	Captured in Trap		Collected for Broodstock		Passed Upstream		Held at LFH[a]		Killed Outright[b]	
Date	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**	**Natural**	**Hatchery**
5/30	4		4							
5/31	2		2							
6/02	1		1							
6/05	6	5	6	3						2
6/06	1		1							
6/07	1	3	1	3						
6/08	5	2	5	1						1
6/09	2	1	2	1						
6/12	7	1	7	1						
6/13	2	2	2	2						
6/14		2								2
6/15		3		2				1		
6/16	2	3	2	3						
6/20	2	6	2	5						1
6/23	2		2							
6/26	1	1	1	1						
6/29	1		1							
6/30		1		1						
7/03	1	4	1	3						1
7/06		1		1						
7/09		1								1
7/10	1		1							
7/21	1	1	1							1
8/07		1		1						
8/28		1		1						
8/31	1	1	1							1
9/01	2	1	2							1
9/05	1	7	1	7						
9/08	2		2							
9/11	6	6	6	5						1
9/13		1				1				
9/14		1				1				
Total	**54**	**56**	**54**	**41**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**12**
Final Total[c]	**33**	**75**	**33**	**60**	**0**	**2**	**0**	1	**0**	**12**

[a] Held for Touchet River spawning.
[b] Fin clipped strays that were killed outright at the trap.
[c] Corrected numbers after spawning.

Appendix C: Age Composition by Brood Year for Tucannon River Spring Chinook Salmon (1985-2018 BYs)

Appendix C. Age composition by brood year for natural and hatchery origin Tucannon River spring Chinook salmon (1985-2018 BYs). (Number at age is found in Tables 25 and 26).

Brood	Natural origin			Hatchery origin		
Year	% Age 3	% Age 4	% Age 5	% Age 3	% Age 4	% Age 5
1985	4.85	65.05	30.10	42.22	57.78	0.00
1986	0.43	80.30	19.27	26.02	68.97	5.02
1987	0.00	73.25	26.75	10.67	81.46	7.87
1988	0.60	63.35	36.06	25.71	63.38	10.91
1989	7.84	75.16	16.99	6.22	85.65	8.13
1990	8.51	76.60	14.89	21.43	71.43	7.14
1991	0.00	71.43	28.57	20.00	80.00	0.00
1992	1.24	85.71	13.04	14.47	82.89	2.63
1993	1.13	56.50	42.37	10.87	77.54	11.59
1994	0.00	83.33	16.67	12.50	71.88	15.63
1995	0.00	16.67	83.33	9.04	88.70	2.26
1996	0.00	91.30	8.70	22.26	72.45	5.28
1997	1.77	87.86	10.37	7.39	92.61	0.00
1998	2.32	66.75	30.93	12.23	68.85	18.92
1999	6.38	87.94	5.67	33.33	57.58	9.09
2000	0.67	87.50	11.83	16.56	83.44	0.00
2001	0.00	95.72	4.28	14.96	84.25	0.79
2002	1.42	63.21	35.38	4.96	81.82	13.22
2003	4.05	66.47	29.48	2.82	91.55	5.63
2004	2.01	88.22	9.77	15.00	81.67	3.33
2005	17.73	80.51	1.76	42.17	57.83	0.00
2006	6.74	80.76	12.50	35.83	60.52	3.65
2007	6.72	74.75	18.52	28.35	65.52	6.13
2008	9.62	78.39	11.99	41.84	57.39	0.78
2009	1.13	89.50	9.37	2.67	97.00	0.33
2010	9.70	85.18	5.12	34.02	58.25	7.73
2011	5.64	85.14	9.22	8.64	88.16	3.20
2012	30.52	69.48	0.00	36.36	61.46	2.17
2013	11.59	86.96	1.45	32.23	67.77	0.00
2014	10.11	88.76	1.12	30.57	69.00	0.44
2015	0.00	93.33	6.67	23.64	76.36	0.00
2016	3.51	87.72	8.77	58.00	42.00	0.00
2017	3.06	96.94	0.00	11.76	88.24	0.00
2018	3.60	95.05	1.35	37.50	62.50	0.00
Means	**5.85**	**80.33**	**13.82**	**24.83**	**70.45**	**4.73**

Appendix D: Total Estimated Run-Size of Tucannon River Spring Chinook Salmon (1985-2023)

Appendix D. Total estimated run-size of spring Chinook salmon to the Tucannon River, 1985-2023. (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	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	844	0	844
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	493	19	220	---	---	0	14	493	253	746
1991	3	257	99	161	---	---	0	0	260	260	520
1992	12	379	13	258	---	---	0	10	391	281	672
1993	8	296	6	221	---	---	0	2	304	229	533
1994	0	98	5	37	---	---	0	0	98	42	140
1995	2	19	11	22	---	---	0	0	21	33	54
1996	2	140	15	63	---	---	0	3	142	81	223
1997	0	121	4	109	---	---	0	9	121	122	243
1998	0	85	16	39	---	---	0	0	85	55	140
1999	0	3	59	162	---	---	5	15	3	241	244
2000	14	68	13	196	---	---	5	41	82	255	337
2001	9	701	97	177	---	---	13	0	710	287	997
2002	9	341	11	546	---	---	0	97	350	654	1,004
2003	3	244	26	169	---	---	1	0	247	196	443
2004	0	400	19	134	3	0	0	16	400	172	572
2005	3	299	6	107	0	14	2	4	302	133	435
2006	7	145	2	100	2	2	0	8	152	114	266
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	403	92	196	13	4	750	1,110	1,860
2010	41	1,402	74	679	0	306	4	17	1,443	1,080	2,523
2011	85	671	269	212	0	27	12	24	756	544	1,300
2012	7	806	8	385	---	---	0	29	813	422	1,235
2013	91	660	66	296	---	---	2	0	751	364	1,115
2014	41	857	62	114	---	---	0	12	898	188	1,086
2015	65	667	184	648	---	---	6	207	732	1,045	1,777
2016	8	215	120	335	---	---	12	62	223	529	752
2017	9	60	140	257	---	---	19	27	69	443	512
2018	0	80	39	316	---	---	1	109	80	465	545
2019	2	43	29	128	---	---	0	1	45	158	203
2020	3	53	2	21	---	---	0	2	56	25	81
2021	8	100	3	15	---	---	19	70	108	107	215
2022	9	211	4	5	---	---	6	38	220	53	273
2023	0	42	32	29	---	---	6	29	42	96	138

Appendix E: Stray Hatchery-Origin Spring Chinook Salmon in the Tucannon River (1990-2023)

Appendix E. Summary of identified stray hatchery origin spring Chinook salmon that escaped into the Tucannon River (1990-2023).

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**
2001	076040	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/7	
	092828	ODFW	Imnaha R. & Tribs.	Lookingglass/Imnaha River	1/3	
	092829	ODFW	Imnaha R. & Tribs.	Lookingglass/Imnaha River	1/3	
				Total Strays	**13**	**1.3**

[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 (continued). Summary of identified stray hatchery origin spring Chinook salmon that escaped into the Tucannon River (1990-2023).

Year	CWT Code or Fin clip	Agency	Origin (stock)	Release Location / Release River	Number Observed/ Expanded [a]	% of Tuc. Run
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**
2010	092737	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/6	
	094351	ODFW	Lostine R.	Lookingglass/Lostine R.	1/6	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	9/9	
				Total Strays	**21**	**0.8**
2011	054685	USFWS	Dworshak	Dworshak Hatchery	1/1	
	094591	ODFW	Catherine Ck.	Lookingglass Hatchery	2/2	
	094593	ODFW	Lookingglass Ck.	Lookingglass Hatchery	1/1	
	094665	ODFW	Lostine R.	Lookingglass Hatchery	1/6	
	101381	IDFG	Clear Ck.	Clearwater Hatchery/Powell	1/6	
	102380	IDFG	S.F. Clearwater	Clearwater Hatchery	1/6	
	105081	IDFG	Selway R.	Clearwater Hatchery/Powell	1/6	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	3/8	
				Total Strays	**36**	**2.8**

[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 (continued). Summary of identified stray hatchery origin spring Chinook salmon that escaped into the Tucannon River (1990-2023).

Year	CWT Code or Fin clip	Agency	Origin (stock)	Release Location / Release River	Number Observed/ Expanded[a]	% of Tuc. Run
2012	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	9/29	
				Total Strays	**29**	**2.3**
2013	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	2/2	
				Total Strays	**2**	**0.2**
2014	090471	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	090485	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	090282	ODFW	Lostine R.	Lookingglass/Lostine R.	1/11	
				Total Strays	**13**	**1.2**
2015	090552	ODFW	Imnaha R.	Lookingglass/Imnaha R.	1/14	
	090643	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	6/19	
	090652	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	15/123	
	090729	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	3/3	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	28/54	
				Total Strays	**213**	**12.0**
2016	090861	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/4	
	090719	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	12/31	
	090729	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/2	
	090733	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/4	
	220134	NPT	Clearwater Mix	NPT Hatchery	1/4	
	090652	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/2	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	24/27	
				Total Strays	**74**	**9.8**
2017	090910	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	090918	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/6	
	090861	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/6	
	190418	Yakama	Yakima R.	Cle Elum Hatch./Yakima River	1/5	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	17/28	
				Total Strays	**46**	**9.0**
2018	090903	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla Rver	2/2	
	090910	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	3/9	
	090918	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	5/15	
	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	47/84	
				Total Strays	**110**	**20.2**
2019	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	1/1	
				Total Strays	**1**	**0.5**
2020	Ad clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	2/2	
				Total Strays	**2**	**2.5**
2021	091338	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	091340	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/2	
	091220	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/6	
	091221	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	091223	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	5/13	
	09	ODFW	Unknown	Unknown	10/14	
	AD clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	28/52	
				Total Strays	**89**	**41.4**

[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 (continued). Summary of identified stray hatchery origin spring Chinook salmon that escaped into the Tucannon River (1990-2023).

Year	CWT Code or Fin clip	Agency	Origin (stock)	Release Location / Release River	Number Observed/ Expanded[a]	% of Tuc. Run
2022	091338	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	2/2	
	091339	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	3/4	
	091340	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	09	ODFW	Unknown	Unknown	4/5	
	637602	WDFW	Carson	Touchet River/Dayton A.P.	1/1	
	AD clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	21/30	
				Total Strays	**43**	**15.8**
2023	094161	ODFW	Umatilla R.	Umatilla Hatch./Umatilla River	1/1	
	09	ODFW	Unknown	Unknown	4/4	
	637602	WDFW	Carson	Touchet River/Dayton A.P.	3/3[b]	
	AD/LG[c]	Yakama	Upper Cle Elum	Levi George Facility	1/1	
	AD clip	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	13/26	
				Total Strays	**35**	**25.4**

[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.

[b] One of the three Touchet spring Chinook strays was used for broodstock for the Touchet spring Chinook program.

[c] Adipose clipped with green elastomer behind the left eye (These released fish should have CWT – but this fish did not have wire.).

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3DD.00775150D8	W	118	4/28/15	LTR	6/14/17	778	4
3DD.0077484E81	H	133	4/06/15	UTR[b]	6/04/16	425	3
3DD.0077487AD0	H	162	4/06/15	UTR	5/30/16	420	3
3DD.007748AE73	H	147	4/06/15	UTR	7/20/16	471	3
3DD.007749A8C2	H	136	4/06/15	UTR	9/21/16	444	3
3DD.007749DDBD	H	148	4/06/15	UTR[b]	6/23/16	444	3
3DD.007749EDDD	H	127	4/06/15	UTR[b]	7/02/16	453	3
3DD.00774A59CE	H	163	4/06/15	UTR	6/13/16	434	3
3DD.00774A73B1	H	138	4/06/15	MTR	5/31/16	421	3
3DD.00774A95A2	H	129	4/06/15	UTR[b]	6/19/16	440	3
3DD.00774AC987	H	130	4/06/15	UTR[b]	6/07/16	428	3
3DD.007747D619	H	176	4/06/15	TDA	7/19/17	835	4
3DD.007747F7ED	H	137	4/06/15	LMO	5/29/17	784	4
3DD.00774888D6B	H	129	4/06/15	LTR	5/27/17	782	4
3DD.0077499F22	H	141	4/06/15	LTR	6/10/17	796	4
3DD.007749C0F4	H	---	4/06/15	LMO	6/10/17	794	4
3DD.007749CEEB	H	134	4/06/15	BON	5/07/17	762	4
3DD.007749D2D4	H	149	4/06/15	TFH[b]	5/30/17	785	4
3DD.007749E193	H	146	4/06/15	LMO	6/18/17	804	4
3DD.00774A053B	H	139	4/06/15	TFH	6/26/17	790	4
3DD.00774A2D48	H	149	4/06/15	MTR	7/11/17	827	4
3DD.00774A3E6D	H	128	4/06/15	LTR	5/05/17	760	4
3DD.00774A3F26	H	139	4/06/15	TFH	9/06/17	807	4
3DD.00774A5ED9	H	158	4/06/15	BON	5/22/17	777	4
3DD.00774A9148	H	118	4/06/15	TDA	6/08/17	794	4
3DD.00774A97E7	H	139	4/06/15	LMO	6/09/17	795	4
3DD.0077710EA3	H	118	4/08/16	LGR	6/06/17	424	3
3DD.007774D735	H	133	4/08/16	LGR	7/03/17	420	3
3DD.0077751EB0	H	128	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/19/17	437	3
3DD.0077754705	H	124	4/08/16	MCN	5/30/17	417	3
3DD.0077754B3C	H	123	4/08/16	TFH[b]	7/06/17	452	3
3DD.0077757758	H	163	4/08/16	TFH[b]	7/05/17	445	3
3DD.00777577C7	H	159	4/08/16	TFH	6/24/17	435	3
3DD.007775AC37	H	152	4/08/16	BON	5/22/17	409	3
3DD.007775B4A4	H	159	4/08/16	LMO	6/07/17	425	3

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3DD.007775C8C1	H	128	4/08/16	TFH	8/04/17	446	3
3DD.007775D09B	H	126	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/13/17	431	3
3DD.00777F78DD	H	161	4/08/16	LMO	5/31/17	418	3
3DD.00777FBA6E	H	154	4/08/16	LGR	6/11/17	421	3
3DD.0077800113	H	135	4/08/16	LGR	6/04/17	421	3
3DD.007780EAC4	H	135	4/08/16	LGO	6/09/17	427	3
3DD.007780F56C	H	150	4/08/16	TFH	6/21/17	439	3
3DD.007781CE48	H	140	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/07/17	420	3
3DD.007781CF34	H	137	4/08/16	LMO[b]	6/08/17	424	3
3DD.00778D992C	H	118	4/08/16	TFH	6/20/17	435	3
3DD.00776F6554	H	120	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/08/18	791	4
3DD.00777169D1	H	161	4/08/16	MTR	5/26/18	778	4
3DD.0077719998	H	149	4/08/16	TFH	6/27/18	781	4
3DD.007771ADFE	H	123	4/08/16	TFH	6/19/18	799	4
3DD.007771F0BE	H	138	4/08/16	BON	5/24/18	776	4
3DD.007771FE88	H	113	4/08/16	TFH	6/20/18	794	4
3DD.0077721C1E	H	126	4/08/16	TFH	6/07/18	787	4
3DD.0077722AB9	H	161	4/08/16	BON	5/27/18	779	4
3DD.007772D04C	H	171	4/08/16	TFH	6/19/18	772	4
3DD.007774B9D1	H	165	4/08/16	TFH	6/14/18	796	4
3DD.007774DA7E	H	148	4/08/16	BON	5/05/18	757	4
3DD.007774DAB6	H	154	4/08/16	MTR	5/22/18	774	4
3DD.007775295C	H	138	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/15/18	798	4
3DD.007775463E	H	118	4/08/16	JOD	5/27/18	779	4
3DD.0077756BB3	H	118	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/20/18	802	4
3DD.0077757EDF	H	106	4/08/16	BON	4/26/18	748	4
3DD.00777583DD	H	128	4/08/16	TFH	6/20/18	777	4
3DD.0077759EED	H	137	4/08/16	TDA	5/03/18	755	4
3DD.007775AB57	H	166	4/08/16	TFH	6/12/18	792	4
3DD.007775AB97	H	102	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/13/18	791	4
3DD.007775ABD7	H	132	4/08/16	BON	5/19/18	771	4
3DD.007775C5A1	H	130	4/08/16	LGR	6/07/18	790	4
3DD.007775C7BD	H	142	4/08/16	JOD	5/27/18	779	4
3DD.007775E060	H	117	4/08/16	MTR[b]	6/02/18	785	4
3DD.007775E19A	H	154	4/08/16	TFH	6/16/18	791	4

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3DD.007775F701	H	134	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/03/18	780	4
3DD.007780CF9E	H	118	4/08/16	BON	4/30/18	752	4
3DD.007780FEA9	H	129	4/08/16	MTR[b]	6/03/18	786	4
3DD.0077813299	H	126	4/08/16	TFH	6/07/18	789	4
3DD.00778C2417	H	158	4/08/16	TFH[b]	6/18/18	797	4
3DD.007774F3D6	H	110	4/08/16	TFH	7/18/19	1149	5
3DD.0077758E24	H	123	4/08/16	UTR	6/07/19	1155	5
3DD.0077510CED	W	103	4/23/16	TFH[b]	6/16/18	784	4
3DD.0077512587	W	100	4/25/16	BON	5/16/18	751	4
3DD.00775159BE	W	104	3/31/16	BON	5/10/18	770	4
3DD.007751E527	W	115	4/29/16	TFH	6/15/18	777	4
384.3B23A8F17E	W	119	3/01/17	MTR	6/13/19	834	4
3DD.0077B5E4B2	H	178	4/12/17	TFH[b]	6/12/18	426	3
3DD.0077B6E3B1	H	150	4/12/17	UTR	6/01/18	415	3
3DD.0077B90D27	H	154	4/12/17	LMO	5/30/18	413	3
3DD.00778C9423	H	116	4/12/17	MTR[b]	6/21/19	800	4
3DD.00778EDD6A	H	147	4/12/17	MTR	6/09/19	788	4
3DD.00778F01BD	H	164	4/12/17	UTR[b]	6/01/19	780	4
3DD.0077AE2FFB	H	115	4/12/17	MTR	6/11/19	790	4
3DD.0077B5EF67	H	130	4/12/17	MTR	6/04/19	783	4
3DD.0077B61920	H	117	4/12/17	MTR	6/26/19	805	4
3DD.0077B63DEF	H	177	4/12/17	UTR	6/01/19	780	4
3DD.0077B64FED	H	121	4/12/17	MTR	6/09/19	788	4
3DD.0077B68776	H	119	4/12/17	UTR	6/03/19	782	4
3DD.0077B697B3	H	153	4/12/17	BON	5/11/19	759	4
3DD.0077B90306	H	118	4/12/17	UTR	5/28/19	776	4
3DD.0077B92203	H	117	4/12/17	UTR	5/30/19	778	4
3DD.0077B972B0	H	148	4/12/17	TFH	6/17/19	779	4
3DD.0077A5D971	H	158	4/09/18	LTR	7/05/19	452	3
3DD.0077A637B7	H	117	4/09/18	TFH	7/12/19	441	3
3DD.0077A53DFA	H	104	4/09/18	LTR[b]	5/26/20	778	4
3DD.0077A7064D	H	126	4/09/18	LGR	6/06/20	789	4
3DD.00779DCA2C	W	120	4/28/18	LTR	5/24/20	757	4
3DD.0077BF98E9	H	---	4/18/19	TFH	5/27/21	770	4
3DD.00778C429A	W	107	4/26/19	TFH	7/08/21	804	4

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3DD.00779E27A3	W	114	4/28/19	TFH	6/02/21	766	4
3DD.00779F22E5	W	111	5/02/19	TFH	6/12/21	772	4
3DD.00779FC6F8	W	112	5/05/19	BON	5/18/21	744	4
3DD.00779FD92F	W	120	5/02/19	TFH	6/13/21	773	4
3DD.0077A55DD9	W	110	5/17/20	TFH	6/18/22	762	4
3DD.0077A5F1C6	W	112	4/28/20	TFH	6/06/22	765	4
3DD.003D3CC2E0	H		4/11/22	TFH	6/21/23	436	3
3DD.003D3CD759	H		4/11/22	TFH	6/06/23	420	3
3DD.003D3CDF88	H		4/11/22	TFH	9/14/23	519	3
3DD.003D3FF105	H		4/11/22	LGR	6/06/23	421	3
3DD.003D3FF533	H		4/11/22	TFH[b]	9/03/23	425	3
3DD.003D3FF894	H		4/11/22	TFH	9/08/23	509	3
3DD.003D8736C4	H		4/11/22	TFH[b]	9/12/23	509	3
3DD.003D873C77	H		4/11/22	BON	5/06/23	390	3
3DD.003D873F2E	H		4/11/22	LGR	6/03/23	418	3
3DD.003D874657	H		4/11/22	TFH	9/02/23	509	3
3DD.003D404FC0	H		4/22/22	LGR	6/02/23	406	3
3DD.003D4050C2	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	6/20/23	424	3
3DD.003D40528D	H		4/22/22	UTR[b]	8/31/23	442	3
3DD.003D40544F	H		4/22/22	LTR	6/21/23	422	3
3DD.003D405488	H		4/22/22	UTR[b]	7/31/23	465	3
3DD.003D4054A9	H		4/22/22	MCN	5/22/23	395	3
3DD.003D4055B9	H		4/22/22	TFH	9/08/23	504	3
3DD.003D405AFD	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	7/01/23	434	3
3DD.003D405BE6	H		4/22/22	MTR[b]	7/02/23	423	3
3DD.003D405BFA	H		4/22/22	TDA	6/19/23	423	3
3DD.003D40618A	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	9/11/23	428	3
3DD.003D4061A4	H		4/22/22	LMO	6/20/23	424	3
3DD.003D40661D	H		4/22/22	TFH	6/12/23	416	3
3DD.003D4069D3	H		4/22/22	LMO	6/02/23	406	3
3DD.003D4069D9	H		4/22/22	UTR	6/24/23	428	3
3DD.003D4070F0	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	9/10/23	441	3
3DD.003D457495	H		4/22/22	TFH	7/09/23	443	3
3DD.003D457613	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	6/29/23	433	3
3DD.003D4583D1	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	8/31/23	424	3

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3DD.003D4584A2	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	9/10/23	505	3
3DD.003DE978B3	H		4/22/22	LGR	6/12/23	416	3
3DD.003DE97927	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	9/03/23	499	3
3DD.003DE97941	H		4/22/22	TFH	6/13/23	416	3
3DD.003DE97994	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	9/08/23	504	3
3DD.003DE97B1F	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	6/23/23	423	3
3DD.003DE99895	H		4/22/22	TFH[b]	9/02/23	497	3
3DD.003DE99E8B	H		4/22/22	TFH	6/06/23	409	3
3DD.003DE99F3A	H		4/22/22	UTR[b]	7/04/23	438	3

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Appendix G: Historical Hatchery Releases (1987-2024 Release Years)

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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
		"	"	01/42	70,459	3,089		3,035	41
Total					**139,050**	**6,096**			
1991	1989	H-Acc	4/1-12	14/61	75,661	989		3,867	50
		"	"	01/31	22,118	289		1,130	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**			
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**			

Appendix G (continued). Historical hatchery spring Chinook releases from the Tucannon River, 1987-2024 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)
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]**			
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					**169,351**	**3,546**[e]			
2010	2009	Direct	4/22-4/23	None	0	52,253[f]	Oxytet., Mixed	342	7
Total					**0**	**52,253[f]**			

Appendix G (continued). Historical hatchery spring Chinook releases from the Tucannon River, 1987-2024 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)
2011	2009	C-Acc	4/7-4/25	55/66	113,049	0[e]	VI, LB, Mixed	5,767	51
2011	2009	C-Acc	4/7-4/25	55/65	117,824	564[e]	VI, LP, Mixed	4,135	35
Total					**230,873**	**564[e]**			
2012	2010	C-Acc	4/11-4/23	60/76	96,984	275[e]	VI, LB, Mixed	6,400	66
2012	2010	C-Acc	4/11-4/23	60/75	102,169	2,157[e]	VI, LP, Mixed	3,312	32
Total					**199,153**	**2,432[e]**			
2012	2011	Direct	5/01	None	0	39,460[f]	Oxytet., Mixed	285	7
Total					**0**	**39,460[f]**			
2013	2011	C-Acc	4/3-4/22	64/42	27,748	1,825[f]	TFH reared, Mixed	987	33
2013	2011	C-Acc	4/3-4/22	64/41	227,703	2,688[f]	LFH reared, Mixed	7,691	33
Total					**255,451**	**4,513[f]**			
2014	2012	C-Acc	4/11-4/23	65/86	21,101	1,916[f]	TFH reared, Mixed	746	32
2014	2012	C-Acc	4/11-4/23	65/85	179,400	1,093[f]	LFH reared, Mixed	5,853	32
Total					**200,501**	**3,009[f]**			
2015	2013	C-Acc	3/27-4/16	67/43	20,373	3,061[f]	TFH reared, Mixed	872	37
2015	2013	C-Acc	3/27-4/16	67/42	179,494	4,931[f]	LFH reared, Mixed	6,863	37
Total					**199,867**	**7,992[f]**			
2016	2014	C-Acc	4/01-4/15	68/84	216,295	4,804[f]	Mixed	8,883	40
Total					**216,295**	**4,804[f]**			
2017	2015	C-Acc	4/04-4/21	70/39	187,601	12,085[f]	Mixed	7,883	40
Total					**187,601**	**12,085[f]**			
2018	2016	C-Acc	4/09-4/27	72/01	202,952	6,079[f]	Mixed	11,434	55
Total					**202,952**	**6,079[f]**			
2019	2017	C-Acc	4/04-5/03	73/96	140,262	3,957[f]	Mixed	4,308	30
Total					**140,262**	**3,957[f]**			
2020	2018	Direct	3/23-3/24	74/21	185,758	6,763[f]	Mixed	6,993	36
Total					**185,758**	**6,763[f]**			
2021	2019	Direct	3/24	77/61	65,969	1,771[f]	Mixed	2,629	39
2021	2019	Direct	3/15	77/61	12,908	347[f]	High ELISA, Mixed	537	41
Total					**78,877**	**2,118[f]**			
2022	2020	Direct	4/11	79/43	42,046	759[f]	TFH Release	1,689	40
2022	2020	Direct	4/22	79/43	19,974	361[f]	Mouth Release	743	37
Total					**62,020**	**1,120[f]**			
2023	2021	Direct	4/11	84/15	73,347	6,118[f]	TFH Release	2,471	31
2023	2021	Direct	4/19	84/15	18,726	1,562[f]	Mouth Release	653	32
2023	2021	Barge	4/20	84/15	18,732	1,562[f]	Barged	755	37
Total					**110,805**	**9,242[f]**			
2024	2022	Direct	4/09-4/10	84/39	191,738	8,403[f]	TFH Release	7,448	37
2024	2022	Direct	4/17	84/39	16,291	714[f]	Mouth Release	638	37
2024	2022	Barge	4/18	84/39	17,808	780[f]	Barged	621	33
Total					**225,837**	**9,897[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 H: Numbers of Fish Species Captured by Month in the Tucannon River Smolt Trap during the 2023 Outmigration

Appendix H. Numbers of fish species captured by month in the Tucannon River smolt trap during the 2022 outmigration sampling period (30 September 2022 – 30 June 2023).

Species	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Nat. spring Chinook	28	218	78	33	18	44	155	147	2	723
Hatch. spring Chinook							2979	1898	2	4879
Fall Chinook					48	547	1026	2967	6954	11542
Coho salmon	1	3	4	4	2	29	157	842	156	1198
Steelhead < 80 mm								4	97	101
Steelhead 80-124 mm	2	17	2	1	1			1		24
Steelhead ≥ 125 mm	9	513	56	19	3	4	125	612	17	1358
Hat. endemic steelhead							84	1433	37	1554
Bull trout		52	3	2	1				1	59
Pacific lamprey - Ammocoetes	50	102	53	117	16	224	192	196	12	962
Pacific lamprey - Macropthalmia	5	44	48			4	3	3		107
Pacific lamprey - Adults								14	14	28
Smallmouth bass	153	41	10	7		3	17	55	13	299
Walleye									3	3
Pumpkinseed sunfish	12	3	1				5	7	2	30
Bluegill	1			1						2
Chiselmouth	17	44	16	1		1	11	83	41	214
Longnose dace	207	37	2	6	25	119	193	402	845	1836
Speckled dace						1	33	21	3	58
Redside shiner	197	49	41	6		3	100	647	256	1299
Bridgelip sucker	153	241	91	16	3	20	109	115	92	840
Northern pikeminnow	51	177	89	8	2	4	5	98	173	607
Brown bullhead							2	39	14	55
Brook stickleback							1			1
Sculpin sp.								3	3	6

Appendix I: Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI) for the Tucannon Spring Chinook Population (1985-2023)

Appendix I. Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI)[a] for the Tucannon River spring Chinook population (1985-2023). 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	695	0.00	1.00	
1986	91	100.00	440	0.00	1.00	
1987	83	100.00	407	0.00	1.00	
1988	90	100.00	257	0.00	1.00	
1989	122	45.08	276	1.09	0.98	
1990	62	48.39	572	21.50	0.69	
1991	71	56.34	291	32.30	0.64	
1992	82	45.12	476	35.92	0.56	
1993	87	51.72	397	38.29	0.57	
1994	69	50.72	97	0.00	1.00	
1995	39	23.08	27	0.00	1.00	
1996	75	44.00	152	23.03	0.66	
1997	89	42.70	105	35.24	0.55	
1998	86	52.33	60	26.67	0.66	
1999	122	0.82	160	97.50	0.01	*
2000	73	10.96	201	69.15	0.14	*
2001	104	50.00	766	19.84	0.72	
2002	93	45.16	568	60.56	0.43	*
2003	75	54.67	329	25.84	0.68	
2004	88	54.55	346	17.34	0.76	
2005	95	49.47	264	19.70	0.72	
2006	88	40.91	202	24.26	0.63	
2007	82	62.20	211	22.27	0.74	
2008	114	35.09	796	38.94	0.47	*
2009	173	50.87	1,191	49.29	0.51	
2010	161	50.31	938	42.22	0.54	
2011	166	53.61	849	29.68	0.64	
2012	164	56.10	335	30.15	0.65	
2013	149	62.42	170	30.59	0.67	
2014	126	67.46	294	27.55	0.71	
2015	126	79.37	523	66.92	0.54	
2016	118	44.92	340	66.47	0.40	*
2017	99	19.19	249	80.32	0.19	*
2018	138	23.91	220	86.82	0.22	*
2019	85	28.24	22	63.64	0.31	*
2020	43	69.77	26	34.62	0.67	
2021	89	84.27	75	66.67	0.56	
2022	148	96.62	88	48.86	0.66	
2023	57	52.63	30	70.00	0.43	*

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

Appendix J: Recoveries of Coded-Wire Tagged Salmon Released into the Tucannon River for the 1985-2020 Brood Years

Appendix J. 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 1985-2020 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/07/24.)

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.						
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	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.30		0.26		0.13	

[a] WDFW agency code prefix is 63.
[b] Fish trapped at TFH and held at LFH for spawning.

Appendix J (continued). 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 1985-2020 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/07/24.)

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	108	371	61	191	2	6
Kalama R., Wind R.						
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 (%)	94.8		95.3		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.2		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	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.35		0.26		0.03	

[a] WDFW agency code prefix is 63.
[b] Fish trapped at TFH and held at LFH for spawning.

Appendix J (continued). 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 1985-2020 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/07/24.)

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.						
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	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.04		0.01		0.12	

[a] WDFW agency code prefix is 63.
[b] Fish trapped at TFH and held at LFH for spawning.

Appendix J (continued). 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 1985-2020 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/07/24.)

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.						
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	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.16		0.02		0.30	

[a] WDFW agency code prefix is 63.
[b] Fish trapped at TFH and held at LFH for spawning.

Appendix J (continued). 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 1985-2020 brood years. (Data downloaded from RMIS database on 2/07/24.)

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	44	140	17	85	147	680
Kalama R., Wind R. 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 (%)	98.4		76.2		77.9	
Out-of-Basin (%)	1.6		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	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
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.						
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					1	5
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	9	21	53	77	58	82
Tucannon (%)	86.0		98.7		93.9	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	14.0		1.3		6.1	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.02		0.08		0.06	

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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.						
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	
Other (%)	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	24	102	17	73
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	3	3	44	44	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					3	14
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	69	147	57	127
Tucannon (%)	100.0		99.3		85.8	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		0.7		11.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		3.2	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.02		0.22		0.10	

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Brood Year	2005		2005		2006	
Smolts Released	88,885		144,833		75,283	
Fish Size (g)	61		57		57	
CWT Codes[a]	34/77 CB		35/99		41/94 CB	
Release Year	2007		2007		2008	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	78	298	130	494	68	384
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	3	3	96	97	4	5
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					8	26
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine	1	1			3	3
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	82	302	228	593	83	418
Tucannon (%)	99.7		99.7		93.1	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		0.3		6.2	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.3		0.0		0.7	
Survival	0.34		0.41		0.56	

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Brood Year	2006		2006		2007	
Smolts Released	50,309		51,858		58,044	
Fish Size (g)	54		39		37	
CWT Codes[a]	40/93		40/94		46/87	
Release Year	2008		2008		2009	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	75	385	85	457	7	42
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	42	75	48	87	31	31
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	5	21	2	9	1	5
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine	3	3	2	2		
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery			1	1		
Total Returns	125	484	138	556	39	78
Tucannon (%)	95.1		97.8		93.6	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.2		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	4.3		1.6		6.4	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.6		0.4		0.0	
Survival	0.96		1.07		0.13	

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Brood Year	2007		2008		2008	
Smolts Released	55,266		84,613		84,738	
Fish Size (g)	57		40		66	
CWT Codes[a]	46/88		51/74		51/75	
Release Year	2009		2010		2010	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	18	113	22	179	35	270
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	32	32	28	28	49	49
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	4		
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	50	145	51	211	84	319
Tucannon (%)	100.0		98.1		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		1.9		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.26		0.25		0.38	

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Brood Year	2009		2009		2010	
Smolts Released	117,824		113,049		102,169	
Fish Size (g)	35		51		32	
CWT Codes[a]	55/65		55/66		60/75	
Release Year	2011		2011		2012	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	4	88	5	125	10	115
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	16	16	40	40	17	17
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Lower Granite Trap			1	1		
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	2		
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport	1	4				
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
NMFS						
Juvenile Trawl Sample					1	1
Total Returns	21	108	47	168	28	133
Tucannon (%)	96.3		98.2		99.2	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.6		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		1.2		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	3.7		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.8	
Survival	0.09		0.15		0.13	

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Brood Year	2010		2011		2011	
Smolts Released	96,984		227,703		27,748	
Fish Size (g)	66		33		33	
CWT Codes[a]	60/76		64/41		64/42	
Release Year	2012		2013		2013	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	10	122	92	673	5	36
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	22	22	27	27	2	2
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Lower Granite Trap			1	1		
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
Columbia R. Gillnet			4	19		
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll			1	4		
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
IDFG						
Hatchery						
Total Returns	32	144	125	724	7	38
Tucannon (%)	100.0		96.7		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.1		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		3.2		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.15		0.32		0.14	

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Brood Year	2012		2012		2013	
Smolts Released	179,400		21,101		179,494	
Fish Size (g)	32		32		37	
CWT Codes[a]	65/85		65/86		67/42	
Release Year	2014		2014		2015	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	96	406	7	36	108	233
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	56	58	3	3	85	85
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll	1	1			2	4
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4					1	1
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.						
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery	1	1				
Columbia R. Gillnet						
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
NMFS						
Juvenile Trawl Sample	1	1			1	1
Total Returns	155	467	10	39	197	324
Tucannon (%)	99.4		100.0		98.2	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.2		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.2		0.0		1.2	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.2		0.0		0.6	
Survival	0.26		0.18		0.18	

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Brood Year	2013		2014		2015	
Smolts Released	20,373		216,295		187,601	
Fish Size (g)	37		40		40	
CWT Codes[a]	67/43		68/84		70/39	
Release Year	2015		2016		2017	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	15	20	155	304	10	65
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	6	6	141	142	111	111
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.					5	5
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
Columbia R. Gillnet	1	5	1	1		
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
NMFS						
Juvenile Trawl Sample			1	1		
Total Returns	22	31	298	448	126	181
Tucannon (%)	83.9		99.6		97.2	
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0		2.8	
Commercial Harvest (%)	16.1		0.2		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.2		0.0	
Survival	0.15		0.21		0.10	

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Brood Year	2016		2017		2018	
Smolts Released	202,952		140,262		185,758	
Fish Size (g)	55		30		36	
CWT Codes[a]	72/01		73/96		74/21	
Release Year	2018		2019		2020	
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	10	18				
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]	13	13	16	19	8	10
F.W. Sport						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
ODFW						
Test Net, Zone 4						
Treaty Ceremonial						
Three Mile, Umatilla R.						
Spawning Ground						
Fish Trap - F.W.	1	1				
F.W. Sport						
Hatchery						
Columbia R. Gillnet						
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
NMFS						
Juvenile Trawl Sample						
Total Returns	24	32	16	19	8	10
Tucannon (%)	96.9		100.0		100.0	
Out-of-Basin (%)	3.1		0.0		0.0	
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other (%)	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Survival	0.02		0.01		0.01	

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Brood Year	2019		2020			
Smolts Released	78,877		60,900			
Fish Size (g)	39		40			
CWT Codes[a]	77/61		79/43			
Release Year	2021		2022			
Agency (fishery/location)	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number	Observed Number	Estimated Number
WDFW						
Tucannon River	2	6	1	3		
Kalama R., Wind R.						
Treaty Troll						
Lyons Ferry Hatch.[b]						
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	2		
Columbia R. Sport						
Juv. Marine Seine						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
CDFO						
Non-treaty Ocean Troll						
Mixed Net & Seine						
Ocean Sport						
USFWS						
Warm Springs Hatchery						
Dworshak NFH						
NMFS						
Juvenile Trawl Sample						
Total Returns	2	6	2	5		
Tucannon (%)	100.0		60.0			
Out-of-Basin (%)	0.0		0.0			
Commercial Harvest (%)	0.0		40.0			
Sport Harvest (%)	0.0		0.0			
Treaty Ceremonial (%)	0.0		0.0			
Other (%)	0.0		0.0			
Survival	0.01		0.01			

[a] WDFW agency code prefix is 63.
[b] Fish trapped at TFH and held at LFH for spawning.