

**Mid-South Coast (Pat Burns, Assistant Project Leader):**

The stellar fall weather we have been experiencing has been good for the crews as they will be able to learn the work areas before the real rains begin.

**West Fork Smith:**

We have installed the weir panels, dam boards, and fyke at the adult site. Flows throughout the basin are extremely low so it will be a while before any adults arrive. In the meantime the crew is learning the survey area and brushing out access points.

**Winchester Creek:**

We have installed all but a few pickets at the adult site. We will wait for that first significant rain event before opening the fyke for fishing. A few minor repairs need to be done to “button up” edges of the wings which should happen next week.

**Mid Coast (Chris Lorion, Assistant Project Leader):**

This past week we finished up our annual juvenile coho tagging effort at Mill Creek in the Siletz basin. With the help of an outstanding Plum Creek crew, we were able to capture and tag over 2,600 juvenile coho salmon in 26 randomly selected reaches in Mill Creek and its tributaries. The combination of high fish density and low flow seems to have limited growth opportunities this summer, and the average size of coho parr was much smaller than we have seen in previous years at this site. Only about 1,000 of the fish were large enough to PIT tag, and the rest of the fish were tagged with Visible Implant Elastomer. The fish tagged this fall will be used to estimate overwinter survival and assess the extent of coho out-migration during fall and winter. We fired up our PIT tag antenna array near the mouth of Mill Creek last week, and have already detected one juvenile fish heading downstream during the small rise in flow we saw last weekend. We’ll need a lot more rain to get any adult fish moving into our sites to spawn, but our traps are ready to go whenever that happens.

**North Coast (Derek Wiley, Assistant Project Leader):**

**EF Trask:**

Despite a decent shot of rain this past weekend and a bump in river level, the EF Trask River remains low and clear at this time. Only two sea-run cutthroat trout and one wild coho have been captured at the trap to date. LCM surveys in the EF Trask River and OASIS surveys in both the EF and SF Trask Rivers were completed in the past week with no adult fish activity observed.

**NF Nehalem:**

Rain this past weekend brought a few fish to the traps on the NF Nehalem, including a wayward wild sockeye jack that ventured just a wee bit south of his likely target destination. The NF Nehalem River rose about 6” as over an inch of rain fell last weekend. A few fish were captured at the trap prior to the rain, but most fish were captured on Sunday afternoon. In total for the week we captured 92 wild coho, 128 hatchery coho, 17 wild Chinook, 1 hatchery Chinook, 3 sea-run cutthroat trout, and 1 wild sockeye at Waterhouse Falls and 5 wild coho and 6 hatchery coho at Fall Cr Falls. Staff recently placed water temperature loggers in tributaries in the NF Nehalem basin for additional monitoring and are now installing water level monitors in the vicinity of both adult traps.

**N Scappoose (Ron Constable, Assistant Project Leader):**

