

Mid Coast (Chris Lorion, Assistant Project Leader):

It was another quiet week at the mid-coast LCM adult traps, and so we spent the week brushing out surveys and making some final preparations at the traps. We are going to need some significant rainfall before we see any fish, and the long-term forecast looks pretty dry.

North Coast (Derek Wiley, Assistant Project Leader):

EF Trask:

Trapping remains very slow at the EF Trask adult trap with only 1 hatchery summer steelhead and 1 sea-run cutthroat trout captured for the week. Spawning surveys conducted downstream of the dam still show flows remain too low for fish to enter into tributaries and only a few coho holding immediately downstream of the dam. We will need a big rain event to get more fish into the basin. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear that will happen anytime soon as weather predictions several days ago of an upcoming wetter weather pattern have now turned into a forecast of another extended dry period. The Tillamook crew has stayed busy by helping with various projects in Nehalem and getting familiar with all OASIS surveys we will be conducting this year.

NF Nehalem:

Modest rains this week were enough to get a few fish moving in the NF Nehalem basin. Since our last update we have trapped 39 wild coho, 34 hatchery coho, 13 wild Chinook, 2 sea-run cutthroat trout, and 1 pink salmon stray at Waterhouse Falls and no fish at Fall Cr Falls. Staff have begun to survey the basin, with only a few fish observed in mainstem reaches as low fish numbers and tannic water have made seeing live fish difficult. Additional water temperature and level loggers have now been distributed throughout the basin and staff are currently working on improvements to screw trap fish processing stations for the upcoming season.

N Scappoose (Ron Constable, Assistant Project Leader):

All is quiet at Bonnie Falls.

Chum Reintroduction (Brian Alfonse, Assistant Project Leader):

This week the chum crew spent some time clearing out and familiarizing themselves with their spawning ground surveys. The total number of live and dead Chinook observed was down from last week but live Coho counts were slightly higher. Stream flows in these reaches are low and we do not expect to see many fish until we get some substantial precipitation. The crew also finished installing the adult trap on Stewart Creek, which will be operated when we outplant hatchery chum into this system.

Weekly Count : October 22, 2015	Reach	Live							Carcasses						
		Chum	Chinook hatchery	Chinook wild	Coho hatchery	Coho wild	Steelhead	Unknown spp.	Chum	Chinook hatchery	Chinook wild	Coho hatchery	Coho wild	Steelhead	Unknown spp.
Lewis & Clark River	1,2,1,3,2,4		10	23	4	15		5		2	8	2	5		1
Big Creek	1 & 2 SC		4	4	7			3		3	2	11	2		3
Bear Creek	2 & 3														
Little Bear Creek	1														
Ferris Creek	1														
Stewart Creek	M1,SF1, &NF1														
Total count for season															
Lewis & Clark River	1,2,1,3,2,4		35	133	4	22		15		11	22	2	5		4
Big Creek	1 & 2 SC		4	6	10			7		36	2	24	3		7
Bear Creek	2 & 3														
Little Bear Creek	1														
Ferris Creek	1														
Stewart Creek	M1,SF1, &NF1														
* Wild- any fish that has all of its fins intact															
* Hatchery- any fish with either an adipose fin clip or a left pelvic fin clip															

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

West Fork Smith:

Not much to report this week. The crew continues to familiarize themselves with the surveys area. The adult trap is completely installed and is awaiting the arrival of fall rains.

Winchester Creek:

It is a little early to expect coho at our adult trap so a few pickets remained pulled to allow non-fish species access up and down stream of the trap site. We continue to seal off potential holes along the west bank that could allow adults to bypass the live box. At the first sign of rain we will open it up to fishing and hopefully catching.