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PREFACE

The purpose of this progress report is to provide summary information for Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) summer steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) programs operated by ODFW in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins during 2010. These ongoing monitoring programs provide technical, logistical, and biological information to managers charged with maintaining viable salmon and steelhead populations and associated fisheries in northeast Oregon. This report is organized into fish culture monitoring for juveniles, adults, CWT recoveries, and estimates for total escapement. During the period covered in this report, steelhead from the 2005-2007 broods returned to spawn, and steelhead from the 2009 brood were released as smolts. Adult steelhead that returned to spawn were used to create the 2010 brood.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objectives

- 1. Document summer steelhead rearing and release activities at all LSRCP facilities.
- 2. Determine optimum rearing and release strategies that will produce maximum survival to adulthood for hatchery-produced summer steelhead smolts.
- 3. Document summer steelhead adult returns by stock to each LSRCP broodstock collection facility.
- 4. Determine if the total production of summer steelhead adults meets mitigation goals, and index annual smolt survival and adult returns to Lower Granite Dam for production groups.
- 5. Participate in planning activities associated with anadromous fish production and management in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins, and participate in ESA permitting, consultation, and rearing activities.
- 6. Monitor natural spawning of summer steelhead in selected areas within the Grande Ronde basin.
- 7. Determine the number of summer steelhead harvested annually and angler effort in recreational fisheries on the Grande Ronde, Wallowa, and Imnaha rivers.

Accomplishments and Findings

We accomplished each of our objectives for 2010. In this report, we present data and results for objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. To accomplish objective 5, project staff participated in planning and coordination with co-managers to develop and write the annual operation plan. Data and results for objective 7 are published in separate annual creel survey reports (e.g., Flesher et al. 2011).

The production goal of 800,000 Wallowa stock smolts was not achieved in 2010, with 617,514 smolts released. The Imnaha stock production goal of 215,000 smolts was achieved in 2010, with 215,467 smolts released.

In 2010, 4,875 and 3,275 Wallowa stock hatchery steelhead returned to Wallowa Fish Hatchery and the Big Canyon Facility, respectively. In addition, we trapped 30 natural steelhead at Wallowa Fish Hatchery and 136 natural steelhead at the Big Canyon Facility. Of these natural steelhead, all from the Wallowa Fish Hatchery and 134 from the Big Canyon Facility were released to spawn naturally. At the Little Sheep Creek Facility, we trapped 3,450 Imnaha stock hatchery and 274 natural steelhead adults. Of these, we released 100 hatchery and 219 natural steelhead above the weir, and outplanted 1,359 hatchery steelhead to Big Sheep Creek. During spawning in the spring of 2010, we collected 1,048,350 Wallowa stock production eggs, 239,225 Wallowa fall broodstock eggs, and 323,140 Imnaha stock eggs.

In the 2009-10 run year, the compensation area goals of 9,184 Wallowa stock and 2,000 Imnaha stock adult steelhead above Lower Granite Dam were greatly exceeded. We have met the Wallowa stock compensation area goal nine times in our program history, and the Imnaha stock compensation area goal ten times. We estimate that 25,777 Wallowa stock hatchery steelhead (280.7% of goal), and 7,846 Imnaha stock hatchery steelhead (392.3% of goal) returned to the LSRCP compensation area in 2010.

INTRODUCTION

The objectives of this report are to document fish culture practices, describe adult returns, and assess progress toward meeting LSRCP goals for Grande Ronde and Imnaha steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). We report on juvenile steelhead rearing and release activities for the 2009 brood year (BY) released in 2010. Included are collection, spawning, and adult characteristics for the 2010 returns, returns from experimental releases, supplementation in Little Sheep Creek, and success toward achieving compensation goals.

In general, the data in this report were derived from hatchery inventories and standard databases (e.g., Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Regional Mark Information System (RMIS), ODFW mark recovery) or through standard measuring techniques. As such, specific protocols are usually not described. In cases where expansions of data or unique methodologies were used, protocols are described in more detail. Additional descriptions of protocols can be found in our work statements (Carmichael et al. 2009, Carmichael et al. 2010). Coded-wire tag (CWT) data collected from 2010 adult returns were used to evaluate smolt-to-adult survival rates in experimental rearing and release groups. In 2010, experimental treatments from which fish returned included an unclipped blank-wire tagged release, off-station direct-stream releases, and progeny from early returning (fall-collected) broodstock release strategies. In 2010, experimental fish were released at Wallowa Hatchery to continue evaluation of progeny from early returning (fall-collected) broodstock vs. production broodstock. Methods for the fall broodstock experiment are described in Warren et al. (2011). Analysis of specific survival studies will be completed and published in separate reports once all brood years have returned and CWT data are complete for each experiment. In addition, much of the data that we discuss in this report will be used in separate and specific evaluations of ongoing supplementation programs for steelhead in the Imnaha River basin. We began culture evaluations in 1983 and have dramatically improved many practices. Progress for work completed in previous years is presented in annual progress reports (Carmichael and Wagner 1983; Carmichael and Messmer 1985; Carmichael et al. 1986a; 1987; 1988a; 1999; 2004; 2005a; 2005b; Flesher et al. 2005a; 2009a; Gee et al. 2007; 2008; Messmer et al. 1989; 1990; 1991; 1992; 1993; Jonasson et al. 1994; 1995; 1996; Ruzycki et al. 2003; Warren et al. 2009; 2010; 2011a; 2011b; Whitesel et al. 1993), annual creel survey reports (Carmichael et al. 1988b; 1989; 1990; Flesher et al. 1991; 1992; 1993; 1994; 1995; 1996; 1997; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2004a; 2004b; 2005b; 2007; 2008a; 2008b; 2009a, 2009b; 2010; 2011), a United States vs. Oregon production report (Carmichael et al. 1986b), a five-year study plan (Carmichael 1989), and journal articles (Clarke et al. 2010; Clarke et al. 2011).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Juveniles

Wallowa stock egg-to-eyed embryo survival for the 2009 BY was 82.6%, within the range of recent brood years (1993-2008 BY range = 71.8-91.7%), and embryo-to-smolt survival was 65.0%, below the range of recent brood years (1993-2008 BY range = 73.2-98.3%; Table 1). Imnaha stock egg-to-embryo survival for the 2009 BY was 88.1%, within the range of recent brood years (1993-2008 BY range = 76.7-92.1%), and embryo-to-smolt survival was 83.7%, also within the range of past years (1993-2008 BY range = 79.5-98.5%; Table 1). We released 617,514 Wallowa stock smolts in 2010, less than our production goal of 800,000 smolts. For the Imnaha stock, we released 215,467 Imnaha stock smolts, achieving our production goal of 215,000 smolts (Tables 1 and 3). A higher than normal loss of 2009 brood year juveniles was primarily due to bacterial coldwater disease, caused by *Flavobacterium psychrophilum* (S. Onjukka, June-July 2009 Monthly Activity Report for Fish Health Services). Hatchery managers attempt to meet production goals every year; however, variation in mortality at various stages of rearing, from fertilized eggs to acclimated smolts, results in fewer or more fish being released in any given year. Managers periodically adjust the number of eggs collected based on recent hatchery performance.

To evaluate different rearing and release strategies and monitor production groups, we marked and released six groups of Wallowa stock steelhead and one group of Imnaha stock steelhead smolts with adipose-left ventral clips and coded-wire-tags (AdLV and CWT), and four groups of Wallowa fall broodstock steelhead with adipose-right ventral clips and coded-wire tags (AdRV and CWT; Table 2). We marked 98.9% of Wallowa stock smolts and 98.7% of Imnaha stock smolts with an adipose fin clip, which was within the range of recent brood years for Wallowa stock (1993-2008 BY range = 95.6-99.6%) and within the range of recent brood years for Imnaha stock (1993-2008 BY range = 96.1-100.0). Fin clip quality and tag retention for experimental groups averaged 93.5% for Wallowa, within the range of recent years (1993-2008 BY range = 89.1-99.3%) and 92.5% for Imnaha stocks, within the range of recent years (1993-2008 BY range = 84.7-99.0%). Details of experimental and production releases for the 2009 BY, including the number of fish implanted with passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags, are shown in Table 3.

Densities of residual hatchery steelhead were less than those of wild *O. mykiss* at index sites in the Grande Ronde basin in 2010 (Table 4). In the Imnaha basin, residual hatchery steelhead had a higher density than wild *O. mykiss*, the same pattern that we have observed since sampling for residual hatchery steelhead began in 1996. Residual hatchery steelhead densities in both locations were at least twice as high as in the prior year.

Adults

Returning PIT-tagged adults from the 2005 to 2007 broods were detected at mainstem dams during the 2009-10 run year. Of the 707 Wallowa stock adults detected at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, 557 were detected at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River. For the Imnaha stock, 492 of the 727 adults detected at Bonneville Dam were detected at Lower Granite

Dam (Table 5). Weirs were installed to capture adult steelhead on 1 February at Wallowa Fish Hatchery, 8 February at Big Canyon Facility, and 23 February at Little Sheep Creek Facility (Table 6). Returns to the Little Sheep Creek Facility were predominantly hatchery fish, with only 274 (7.4%) natural steelhead. Similar to Little Sheep Creek, most of the adults that returned to the Big Canyon Facility were of hatchery origin, with only 136 (4.0%) natural steelhead. In addition, 30 (0.6%) natural steelhead returned to Wallowa Fish Hatchery. The majority of hatchery adults that returned to Wallowa Fish Hatchery, Big Canyon Facility and Little Sheep Creek Facility spent one year in the ocean (Table 7). Of the natural origin fish, 76% (207 of 274), 70% (95 of 136), and 80% (24 of 30) of the Little Sheep Creek Facility, Big Canyon Facility, and Wallowa Fish Hatchery, respectively, spent one year in saltwater before returning.

The majority of hatchery adults that returned to Wallowa Fish Hatchery in 2010 were spawned or killed (Table 7). In 2010, Big Canyon Facility hatchery returns were not needed for the Grande Ronde steelhead hatchery program due to the large number of adults returning to Wallowa Fish Hatchery. We outplanted 241 adult hatchery steelhead from Wallowa Fish Hatchery to local ponds for harvest opportunities. In addition, 75 fish captured at Big Canyon Facility were returned to the Wallowa River for further angling opportunities. Twenty-nine of these fish returned to the weir a second time and were euthanized. At the Big Canyon Facility, 134 natural fish were passed above the weir to spawn naturally. We retained 2% of the hatchery fish and 19% of the natural fish for spawning at Little Sheep Creek Facility, and outplanted 1,359 hatchery adults to Big Sheep Creek to spawn naturally. One hundred sixty-six of the 1,359 outplanted fish (12%) were recaptured at least once at the Little Sheep Creek Facility in 2010. Two hundred nineteen natural and 100 hatchery adults were released above the weir in Little Sheep Creek to spawn naturally. In addition, 26 natural males and one hatchery male were spawned and then passed above the weir, resulting in 101 hatchery fish (29%) above the weir being of hatchery origin. Of the 346 fish passed into Little Sheep Creek, only 6 fell back and were recaptured at the weir (Table 8). Length-at-age data for Wallowa and Imnaha stock adults are presented in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

We conducted multiple spawning surveys for steelhead that were passed above the Big Canyon Facility weir into Deer Creek using protocols described in Gee et al. (2008). In 2010, a total of 134 steelhead were passed above the weir, of which 85 were females (Table 9). Eighty-four redds were counted, which was 99% of the total number of redds constructed, assuming that each female constructs one redd.

In 2010, we accomplished our egg take goal for the Wallowa stock with 1,287,575 green eggs collected. Of these, 1,048,350 were for production and 239,225 were for the fall broodstock evaluation. We collected 323,140 green Imnaha stock eggs, which exceeded our goal of 318,816 eggs. Mortality from green egg-to-eyed embryo from six weekly spawns ranged from 4-11% for Wallowa production stock, 2-7% for fall broodstock, and from 2-12% for Imnaha stock (Table 10). Over the last sixteen brood years (1993-2009 BY), weekly green egg-to-eyed embryo mortality ranged from 0-52% for Wallowa stock and from 1-57% for Imnaha stock.

Experimental Group Returns

The number of coded-wire tag (CWT) and adipose-clipped adults that were harvested or returned to collection sites is used to estimate various performance parameters. These numbers allow us to monitor our success toward meeting the LSRCP goals, to estimate stray rates, and to determine the contribution to recreational, tribal, and commercial fisheries. They also provide the basis for evaluating the success of experimental rearing and release strategies. Recoveries for each CWT code were summarized from the CWT recovery database maintained by PSMFC, ODFW's mark recovery database, and from data reported by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Our protocol was to collect and enumerate all fish marked with a CWT when they were spawned, dispatched, or died. A summary of these data is provided in this report. Final analyses, results, and discussion of production and release strategies will be presented in special reports once all adults have returned from the experimental groups.

Adult returns from BY 2005 to 2007 occurred during the 2009-10 run year, including the fourth year of adult returns from the Wallowa fall broodstock experiment. Of approximately 200,000 total coded-wire-tagged fish released annually for both production and fall brood groups, a total of 2,857 Wallowa fall brood and 3,170 Wallowa production CWTs were recovered (Table 11). We will provide more analysis from this experiment as data become available. We had Wallowa stock recoveries from 21 CWT codes (Table 11) and Imnaha stock recoveries from two CWT codes (Table 12). We also had 11 Wallowa stock CWT codes and one Imnaha stock CWT code—all from brood year 2005 releases—with no reported recoveries. Imnaha stock adult returns included Big Sheep Creek (Imnaha basin) marked and unclipped direct stream release evaluation groups. In addition to experimental group returns, we had returns from major production release groups for both stocks.

Compensation Area Goals

Goals for smolt-to-adult return (SAR) rates and the number of adults produced to the compensation area are 0.68% and 9,184 for the Grande Ronde basin (Wallowa stock) and 0.61% and 2,000 for the Imnaha basin (Imnaha stock). The compensation area is defined as the watershed above Lower Granite Dam. To provide a cumulative summary of disposition for all adults that returned to the compensation area, we expanded CWT recoveries to account for the non-CWT fish that returned.

For the Wallowa stock, we estimate that in the 2009-10 run year, 25,777 hatchery origin adults returned to the compensation area, representing 280.7% of the compensation area goal (Table 13). For the Imnaha stock, we estimate that 7,846 adults returned to the compensation area, representing 392.3% of the compensation area goal. Age composition of returning adults is shown in Table 14. Development of the compensation plan goals assumed that twice as many adult steelhead would be harvested in downriver fisheries as return to the compensation area (USACOE 1975); however, that harvest level was not reached for either stock.

There are three principal factors that influence success in meeting the compensation goals: number of smolts released for the brood years that produced the adults; smolt-to-adult survival (SAS) rates to the mouth of the Columbia River; and capture of fish below the compensation area in fisheries and as out-of-basin strays. Over the history of the LSRCP project, we have now reached our adult production compensation goal nine times (1997-98, 2001-02, and 2003-04 through 2009-10 run years) for the Wallowa program, and ten times for the Imnaha program (1992-93, 2001-02 through 2009-10 run years). For both the Grande Ronde and Imnaha programs, we have met our smolt production goals in most years. Returns in the 2009-10 run year represent the final returns of the 2005 BY. For the 2005 BY, SAS for the Wallowa and Imnaha stocks were 1.495% and 1.854%, respectively (Figure 3). Smolt-to-adult return to the compensation area above Lower Granite Dam has reached our goal in only seven of the last 20 brood years for both Wallowa and Imnaha stocks (Figure 4). This suggests that low SAS rates may be the primary factor for rarely achieving our compensation goals. However, the SAR compensation area goal has been reached in each of the last seven years for Imnaha stock and in six of the last seven years for Wallowa stock. For the Wallowa stock, 13% of the recoveries in the 2009-10 run year occurred downstream of the compensation area. For Imnaha stock, 12% of the recoveries in the 2009-10 run year occurred downstream of the compensation area.

The Imnaha steelhead supplementation program allows us to evaluate and compare productivity (adult progeny produced per parent) of hatchery and naturally spawning fish. Hatchery and natural origin fish are used both for hatchery spawning and they are passed above the weir to spawn naturally; therefore, progeny-per-parent ratios include both hatchery and natural origin parents. Progeny-per-parent ratios for naturally spawning fish were below 1.0 for completed brood years 1987-1994, 1998, and 2001-2004 and above 1.0 for completed brood years 1995-1997, 1999, and 2000 (Figure 5). Progeny-per-parent ratios for fish spawned in the hatchery (weir returns only) have been above 1.0 for all brood years except 1991. Hatchery ratios exceeded natural ratios for all brood years except for the 1991 and 1997 broods. One purpose of the supplementation program is to enhance or stabilize natural fish abundance. Annual abundance of naturally-produced fish has been highly variable; however, recent years of data suggest an increasing trend in natural returns (Figure 6).

We have concluded our comparison of smolt-to-adult survivals of Imnaha stock fish released from Little Sheep Creek in brood years 2000 through 2004 with either a blank-wire tag (BWT) and no fin clips or a CWT and corresponding adipose and ventral fin clip. Brood year specific results are presented in Table 13 of the 2009 annual report. Results show that the average survival of the BWT groups (1.77%) was significantly higher (Paired t-test, P = 0.016) than those of the CWT groups (1.23%). The higher survival of BWT fish could be due to the lack of a ventral fin clip—if ventral fin clips impose mortality on steelhead—or unaccounted harvest mortality on coded-wire tagged fish that would bias survival estimates low, or both factors.

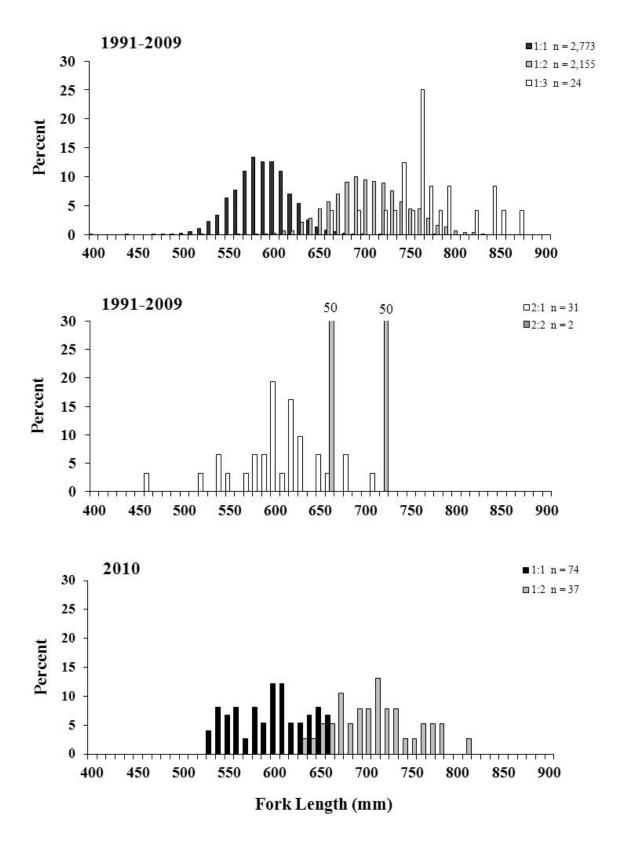


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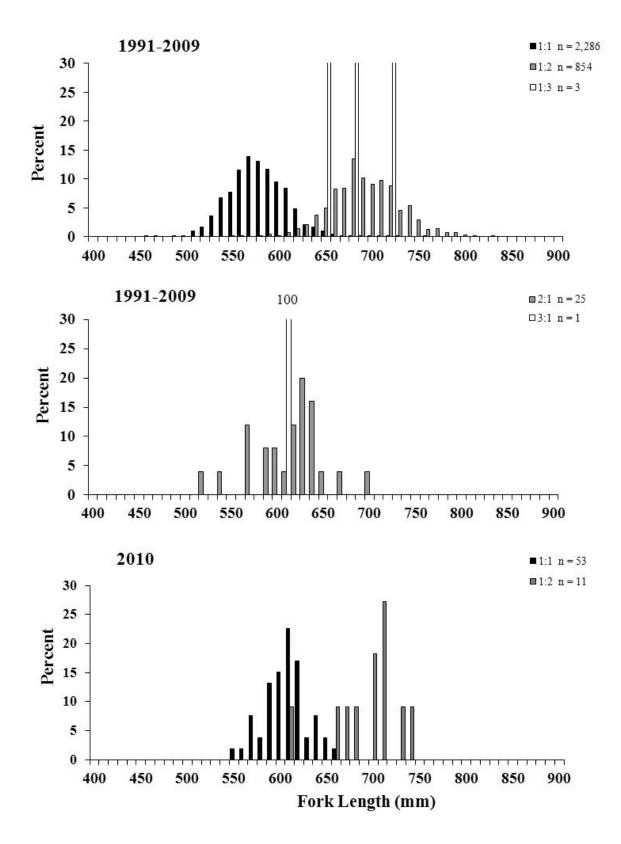


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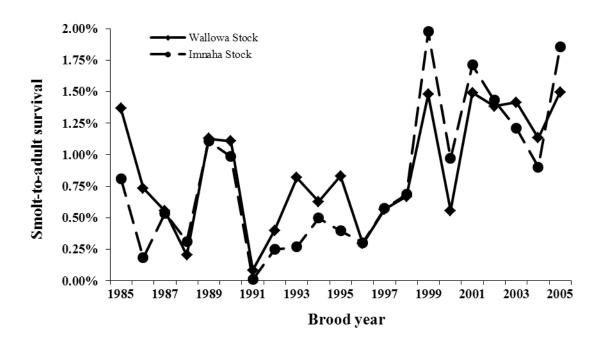


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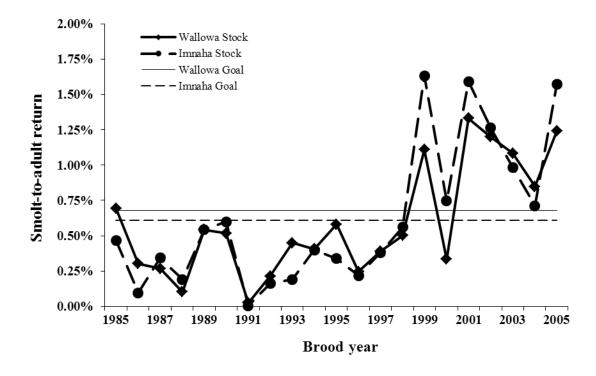


Figure 4. Smolt-to-adult return (SAR) to the compensation area above Lower Granite Dam for Wallowa and Imnaha stock summer steelhead, 1985-2005 brood years. The Wallowa stock goal is 0.68% and the Imnaha stock goal is 0.61%. Data is based on CWT recoveries.

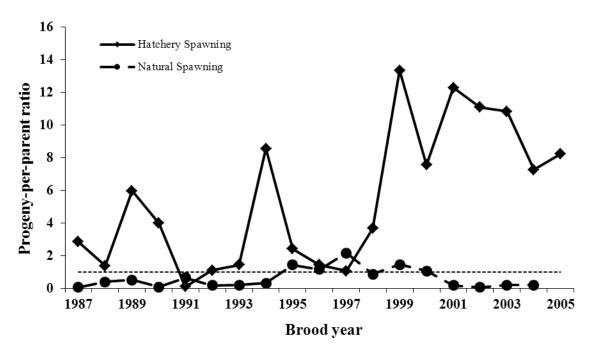


Figure 5. Progeny-to-parent ratios for Little Sheep Creek summer steelhead, 1987-2005 brood years. Both types of spawning include hatchery and natural origin parents. Dotted line represents replacement (P:P ratio = 1.0). Natural origin steelhead data for 2005 is not yet available.

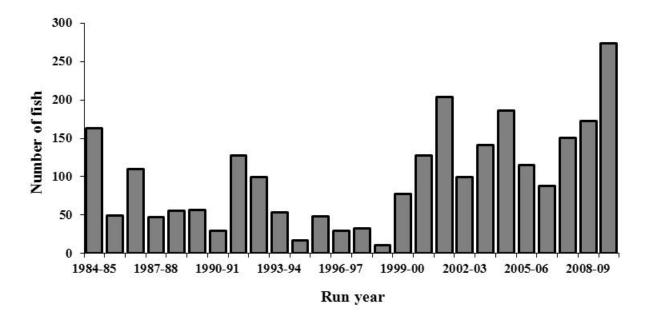


Figure 6. Returns of naturally produced summer steelhead to Little Sheep Creek, run years 1984-85 to 2009-10.

Table 1. Summary of egg collection and juvenile survival for 2009 brood year summer steelhead released in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins at LSRCP facilities in 2010.

| | Number of | Eyed | Total smolts | Estimated survival rate | | | | | |
|---------|------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Stock | eggs taken | embryos | released | d Egg-to-embryo Embryo-to | | | | | |
| Wallowa | 1,387,520 | $1,145,500^b$ | 617,514 | 82.6 | 65.0 | | | | |
| Imnaha | 361,675 | 318,475 ^c | 215,467 | 88.1 | 83.7 | | | | |

^a Embryos that were culled from or not part of production were subtracted from the calculation of embryo-to-smolt survival.

Table 2. Estimates of fin clip quality and coded-wire tag retention for 2009 brood year summer steelhead reared at Irrigon Fish Hatchery and released in 2010. Experimental group indicates treatment and rearing raceway number. Targets for both Wallowa and Imnaha stocks were 100% adipose fin-clipped. Targets for tagged production groups were 100% AdLV+CWT and for tagged fall brood (progeny of broodstock collected in early fall) were 100% AdRV+CWT.

| | | | Percent | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| Experimental | Tag | Number | checked | CWT+ | CWT+ | No CWT | No CWT | | No | | | | |
| group | code | CWT | Ad^a | clip | no clip | + clip | + no clip | Ad^b | Ad | | | | |
| | | | W | allowa Stoo | $\cdot k$ | | | | | | | | |
| Fall Brood, 9 094671 525 - 96.4 3.0° 0.6 0.0 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fall Brood, 11 | 094675 | 514 | _ | 95.7 | 3.5^{c} | 0.8 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Fall Brood, 13 | 094676 | 510 | _ | 97.3 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Fall Brood, 15 | 094677 | 501 | _ | 95.6 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Production, 10 | 094672 | 518 | _ | 90.2 | 8.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Production, 12 | 094673 | 512 | _ | 96.3 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Production, 14 | 094674 | 511 | _ | 93.3 | 5.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Production, 16 | 094678 | 527 | _ | 92.8 | 6.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Production, 17 | 094680 | 521 | - | 90.6 | 8.4 | 1.0 | 0.0 | - | - | | | | |
| Production, 23 | 094679 | 524 | - | 87.0 | 9.4 | 3.6 | 0.0 | - | - | | | | |
| Average | - | 516 | 224 | 93.5 | 5.3 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 98.9 | 1.1 | | | | |
| | | | In | ınaha Stoci | k | | | | | | | | |
| Production, 27 | 094670 | 509 | - | 92.5 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 0.0 | _ | _ | | | | |
| Average | - | 509 | 226 | 92.5 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 98.7 | 1.3 | | | | |
| Overall average | | 516 | 225 | 93.4 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 98.8 | 1.2 | | | | |

^a Adipose fin (Ad) clip quality checks conducted prior to tagging and final ponding, were made on 219, 240, 224, and 215 fish in four Wallowa stock raceways, and on 226 fish in the Imnaha stock raceway.

b Includes 1,200 embryos that were transferred to the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP)
Coordinator. Also includes 44,700 embryos that were culled because they were excess to program needs and
149,187 embryos that were overestimated in the inventory.

^c Includes 61,129 embryos that were overestimated in the inventory.

^b Ad clip quality was 99.1%, 99.2%, 97.8%, and 99.5% in four Wallowa stock raceways, and 98.7% in the Imnaha stock raceway.

^c This percentage includes 0.2% that were inadvertently marked LV instead of RV.

Table 3. Details of experimental and production groups of 2009 brood year summer steelhead released in the Grande Ronde (Wallowa stock) and Imnaha (Imnaha stock) river basins in 2010. Experimental group indicates release strategy and rearing raceway number(s). All groups were acclimated, except for Big Sheep Creek groups that were direct stream released. Target size was 113 g for Wallowa stock and 91g for Imnaha stock. Standard deviations are shown in parentheses. LGD indicates Lower Granite Dam; percent migration includes ±95% confidence intervals.

| Experimental | Release | Creek of | Tag | Fork | Weight | Condition | Total fish | PIT tags | Percent migration |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|---------------------|
| group ^a | date | release | code | length (mm) | (g) | factor | Released | released | to LGD ^b |
| | | | | Wallowa stock | | | | | |
| Production, 10 | April 20-21 | Spring | 094672 | 220 (22) | 119.5 (34.8) | 1.06 (0.05) | 24,726 | 1,286 | 91.3 ± 21.9 |
| Production, 12 | April 20-21 | Spring | 094673 | N/A^c | N/A^c | N/A^c | 26,050 | 1,393 | 121.8 ± 43.3^d |
| Production, 14 | April 21-22 | Spring | 094674 | 221 (20) | 121.7 (38.9) | 1.06 (0.07) | 26,058 | 1,394 | 77.9 ± 15.3 |
| Production, 16 | April 21-22 | Spring | 094678 | N/A^e | N/A^e | N/A^e | 24,928 | 1,381 | 85.4 ± 19.7 |
| Production, 10, 12, 14, 16 | April 20-22 | Spring | - | 223 (22) | 121.0 (42.0) | 1.06 (0.05) | 58,426 | - | - |
| Fall Broodstock, 9 | April 20-21 | Spring | 094671 | 221 (22) | 115.1 (35.2) | 1.05 (0.05) | 22,986 | 1,174 | 82.5 ± 29.2 |
| Fall Broodstock, 11 | April 20-21 | Spring | 094675 | N/A^f | N/A^f | N/A^f | 22,930 | 1,173 | 76.9 ± 22.8 |
| Fall Broodstock, 13 | April 21-22 | Spring | 094676 | 219 (26) | 124.2 (55.5) | 1.07 (0.07) | 23,153 | 1,190 | 62.8 ± 21.9 |
| Fall Broodstock, 15 | April 21-22 | Spring | 094677 | N/A^g | N/A^g | N/A^g | 21,931 | 1,078 | 98.3 ± 42.1 |
| Fall Broodstock, 9,11,13,15 | April 20-22 | Spring | - | 220 (24) | 119.7 (46.4) | 1.06 (0.06) | 3,548 | - | - |
| Production, 9,11,13,15 | April 20-22 | Spring | - | 223 (22) | 121.0 (42.0) | 1.06 (0.05) | 69,825 | 2,180 | 74.6 ± 11.2 |
| Production, 17 | April 14-15 | Deer | 094680 | 219 (23) | 107.4 (40.0) | 0.97 (0.17) | 23,044 | 5,404 | 81.6 ± 7.6 |
| Production, 17-20 | April 14-16 | Deer | - | 220 (25) | 127.0 (39.5) | 1.11 (0.07) | 131,703 | - | - |
| Production, 23 | April 27-May 10 | Deer | 094679 | 215 (22) | 108.0 (31.7) | 1.02 (0.07) | 23,241 | 5,440 | 80.6 ± 8.1 |
| Production, 21-24 | April 27-May 10 | Deer | - | 220 (27) | 111.0 (40.3) | 1.02 (0.07) | 114,965 | | - |
| Total released | | | | | | | 617,514 | 23,093 | |
| | | | | Imnaha stock | | | | | |
| Production, 27 | Mar 30-April 27 | L. Sheep | 094670 | 209 (27) | 103.5 (46.3) | 1.08 (0.09) | 24,689 | 8,421 | 78.4 ± 5.5 |
| Production, 27, 29-31 | Mar 30-April 27 | L. Sheep | - | 197 (30) | 83.6 (43.0) | 0.91 (0.16) | 142,153 | 8,494 | 80.1 ± 5.1^{h} |
| Production, 32 | April 6 | B. Sheep | - | 210 (28) | - | - | 48,625 | 4,783 | 80.6 ± 7.5 |
| Total released | _ | - | | | | | 215,467 | 21,698 | |

^a All fish were reared at Irrigon Fish Hatchery.

^b The percent of PIT tag release groups that migrated to Lower Granite Dam are Cormack-Jolly-Seber estimates of survival probabilities calculated using PITPro 4 (Westhagen and Skalski 2009).

^c CWT codes 094672 and 094673 were in the same acclimation pond and were not distinguishable based on an external mark.

^d Survival probabilities exceeding 100% occur when true survival is close to 100% and/or when PIT tag detection variability is high (Smith et al. 2000).

^e CWT codes 094674 and 094678 were in the same acclimation pond and were not distinguishable based on an external mark.

^f CWT code 094671 and 094675 were in the same acclimation pond and were not distinguishable based on an external mark.

g CWT code 094576 and 094677 were in the same acclimation pond and were not distinguishable based on an external mark.

^h Percent migration for raceway 29 only.

Table 4. Density (±95% confidence interval) and mean fork length (standard deviation in parentheses) of residual hatchery steelhead, wild rainbow trout/juvenile steelhead, and juvenile chinook salmon from index sites on Deer (Grande Ronde basin) and Little Sheep (Imnaha basin) creeks in 2010. Hatchery steelhead were classified as residuals after 20 June. HSTS indicates residual hatchery steelhead, WSTS indicates wild rainbow trout/juvenile steelhead for ages one and older, and CHS indicates young-of-the-year chinook salmon.

| | | | Area | | Size of fish (m | Density ^b | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Location ^a | Date | Species | (m^2) | N | Fork length | Range | $(fish/100m^2)$ | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grande Ronde basin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deer Cr. | 2 Aug | HSTS | 234.3 | 25 | 183.7 (43.0) | 104-275 | 10.9 ± 0.7 | | | | | | |
| Deer Cr. | 2 Aug | WSTS | 234.3 | 67 | 111.0 (28.2) | 59-182 | 31.3 ± 3.5 | | | | | | |
| Deer Cr. | 2 Aug | CHS | 234.3 | 5 | 85.3 (7.0) | 77-92 | 2.3 ± 1.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | ì | Imnaha i | hasin | | | | | | | | |
| Little Sheep Cr. | 27 July | HSTS | 557.0 | 141 | 172.1 (40.4) | 108-289 | 27.7 ± 1.5 | | | | | | |
| Little Sheep Cr. | 27 July | WSTS | 231.0^{c} | 18 | 98.8 (16.2) | 72-133 | 3.5 ± 0.7 | | | | | | |

^a Index sites located on Deer Creek (Rkm 0.1) at Big Canyon Facility and on Little Sheep Creek (Rkm 8.0) at Little Sheep Creek Facility. Two adjacent sites were sampled at each location and each site typically included both riffle and pool habitat.

Table 5. Number of PIT tags released and unique adult PIT tag detections at Bonneville and Lower Granite dams during the 2009-10 run year by stock and brood year.

| Brood year PIT tags released | | Age at return | Bonneville Dam | Lower Granite Dar | | |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| | | Wallowa | Stock | | | |
| 2005 | 7,735 | 5 | 0 | 1 | | |
| 2006 | 7,751 | 4 | 39 | 29 | | |
| 2007 | 16,417 | 3 | 668 | 447 | | |
| Total | 31,903 | | 707 | 557 | | |
| | | Imnaha S | Stock | | | |
| 2005 | 600 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 2006 | 594 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 2007 | 14,863 | 3 | 726 | 491 | | |
| Total | 16,057 | | 727 | 492 | | |

^b Density (±95% confidence interval) was determined using a multiple pass removal method (Zippen 1958) with a backpack electrofisher (Smith-Root Model 12) and block seines.

^c Includes only the upper index site.

Table 6. Timing of adult steelhead returns to LSRCP facilities in 2010 by location and origin.

| | Week | Number of fish trapped ^a | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | of the | Wall | owa | Big Ca | | Little Sheep | | | | | | |
| Period | year | Hatchery | Natural | Hatchery ^b | Natural | Hatchery | Natura | | | | | |
| Jan 22-28 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 29-Feb 04 | 5 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | | | | |
| Feb 05-11 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _ | _ | | | | | |
| Feb 12-18 | 7 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _ | _ | | | | | |
| Feb 19-25 | 8 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Feb 26-Mar 04 | 9 | 378 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Mar 05-11 | 10 | 353 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 8 | | | | | |
| Mar 12-18 | 11 | 297 | 4 | 100 | 3 | 204 | 4 | | | | | |
| Mar 19-25 | 12 | 426 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 547 | 31 | | | | | |
| Mar 26-Apr 01 | 13 | 581 | 2 | 70 | 3 | 385 | 23 | | | | | |
| Apr 02-08 | 14 | 439 | 3 | 697 | 15 | 402 | 24 | | | | | |
| Apr 09-15 | 15 | 748 | 4 | 734 | 24 | 592 | 53 | | | | | |
| Apr 16-22 | 16 | 622 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 691 | 69 | | | | | |
| Apr 23-29 | 17 | 553 | 3 | 1,173 | 46 | 396 | 34 | | | | | |
| Apr 30-May 06 | 18 | 159 | 1 | 315 | 16 | 76 | 10 | | | | | |
| May 07-13 | 19 | 73 | 0 | 87 | 7 | 42 | 12 | | | | | |
| May 14-20 | 20 | 36 | 2 | 77 | 17 | 16 | 6 | | | | | |
| May 21-27 | 21 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| May 28-Jun 03 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Jun 04-10 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | | | | | |
| Jun 11-17 | 24 | 0 | ő | - | - | _ | _ | | | | | |
| Jun 18-24 | 25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| Total | | 4,875 | 30 | 3,275 | 136 | 3,450 | 274 | | | | | |

^a The ladder was opened on 1 February at Wallowa Fish Hatchery, and weirs were installed 8 February at Big Canyon Facility (Deer Creek) and 23 February at Little Sheep Creek Facility. Adult collections ended 1 June at Little Sheep Creek Facility, 3 June at Big Canyon Facility, and 14 June at Wallowa Fish Hatchery.

b Includes one hatchery male released from Cottonwood Creek Pond (WDFW) in April of 2008, tag code 634099.

Table 7. Number, disposition, and mean fork length (mm) of adult steelhead that returned to LSRCP facilities in 2010 by stock, origin, estimated age (freshwater:saltwater), and gender. M indicates male and F indicates female.

| | | | | I | Hatche | ry ^a | | | | | | | | | Natura | al^b | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-----|----|--------|--------|---|---|---|-------|--------|
| Facility, stock, | 1:1 | | 1: | 2 | 2: | 1 | | :3 | | 2: | | | :2 | | :1 | 3: | | 4 | | | Grand |
| disposition | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | Total | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | Total | total |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 0 4 7 | 1 4 5 0 | 100 | 400 | | | | | hery (Wall | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 4.4.60 |
| Trapped | 2,047 | 1,463 | 190 | 428 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,132 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 4,162 |
| Passed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 29 |
| Outplanted | 137 | 54 | 19 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 235 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 235 |
| Kept | 1,910 | 1,409 | 171 | 404 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,897 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3,898 |
| Mortality | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Spawned | 166 | 110 | 31 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 396 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 396 |
| Killed ^c | 1,738 | 1,293 | 138 | 314 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,486 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3,487 |
| | | | | | | Wallo | wa Fis | h Hate | chery (Wal | lowa Sta | ock-Fa | allbro | od) | | | | | | | | |
| Trapped | 346 | 266 | 35 | 94 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 743 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 743 |
| Passed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outplanted | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Kept | 343 | 265 | 35 | 93 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 737 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 737 |
| Mortality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ö | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Õ | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ö | Ö | Ő | Õ | 0 | 0 |
| Spawned | 50 | 39 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 |
| Killed ^c | 293 | 226 | 32 | 82 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 634 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ö | 634 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | h Hatchery | | | , | | | | | | | | | |
| Trapped | 2,393 | 1,729 | 225 | 522 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,875 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 4,905 |
| Fork length (mm) | 597 | 590 | 731 | 685 | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Standard deviation | | 33 | 39 | 35 | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Sample size | 42 | 32 | 16 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Dia C | Tannar | n Facility (| Wallow | a stool | (_r) | | | | | | | | | |
| Trapped | 1,401 | 1,485 | 100 | 285 | 4 | 0 | 0 | anyor 0 | 3,275 | <i>wanowa</i> 18 | ı sıocı 25 | 5 | 24 | 23 | 28 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 136 | 3,411 |
| Passed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 24 | 5 | 23 | 23 | 28 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 134 | 134 |
| Outplanted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Returned to river ^e | 21 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 |
| | 1,380 | 1,464 | 1 99 | 282 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,229 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3,231 |
| Kept | · · | · · | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,229 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Mortality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | • | | - | - | | - | - | 0 | - | - | | 0 |
| Spawned Killed ^{c,d,e,f} | 1 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1,380 | 1,464 | 99 | 282 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,229 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3,231 |
| Fork length (mm) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 599 | 579 | - | 707 | - | 613 | - | - | - | - | | |
| Standard deviation | _ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 19 | 38 | - | 38 | - | 42 | - | - | - | - | | |
| Sample size | - | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | |

Table 7. Continued

| | | | | Н | atcher | $\mathbf{y}^{a,g}$ | | | | | | | | | Natur | al ^b | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|--------|--------------------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|------|-----|----|-------|-----------------|-----|---|-----|-------|-------|
| Facility, stock, | 1: | 1 | 1: | 2 | 2: | 1 | 1 | :3 | | 2: | 1 | 2 | ::2 | 2: | 3 | 3: | 1 | 3 | :2 | | Grand |
| Disposition | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | Total | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | Total | total |
| | | | | | | I | ittle Sl | пеер С | reek Facil | ity (Imno | aha st | ock) | | | | | | | | | |
| Trapped | 1,892 | 1,293 | 51 | 200 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 3,450 | 78 | 79 | 22 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 274 | 3,724 |
| Passed | 50 | 34 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 64 | 64 | 13 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 219 | 319 |
| Outplanted | 729 | 523 | 21 | 80 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1,359 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,359 |
| Kept | 1,113 | 736 | 28 | 107 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1,991 | 14 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 | 2,046 |
| Mortality | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Spawned h | 38 | 28 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 134 |
| $Killed^{c,i}$ | 1,073 | 707 | 25 | 95 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1,907 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,907 |
| Fork Length (mm) | 610 | 595 | 720 | 678 | - | - | - | - | | 581 | 578 | 722 | 677 | - | - | 586 | 585 | - | 646 | | |
| Standard deviation | 28 | 23 | 15 | 35 | - | - | - | - | | 35 | 29 | 42 | 27 | - | - | 17 | 24 | - | - | | |
| Sample size | 32 | 21 | 3 | 8 | | | | | | 24 | 15 | 3 | 17 | - | - | 5 | 7 | - | 1 | | |

^a Wallowa stock ages apportioned using CWT data and 112 scale samples collected in 2010; Imnaha stock ages apportioned using CWT data, 64 scale samples from 2010, and 62 scale samples from 2009 in order to increase sample size. Mean fork lengths are from fish with scale samples collected in 2010.

^b Wallowa and Big Canyon ages apportioned using historical data (196 samples) and 2010 data (14 samples); at Little Sheep Creek Facility ages were apportioned using 2010 data (72 samples). Mean fork lengths are from fish with scale samples collected in 2010.

^c For Wallowa stock, 2,942 fish that returned to Wallowa Fish Hatchery and 2,281 fish that returned to Big Canyon were euthanized and donated to local food banks. In addition, 164 fish from Wallowa Hatchery and 81 fish from Big Canyon were euthanized and donated to local schools for educational purposes. For Imnaha Stock, 1,591 fish that returned to Little Sheep Creek Facility were euthanized and donated to local food banks.

^d Includes 48 hatchery females and 61 hatchery males that were spawned for Cottonwood Facility (Washington).

^e Seventy five fish were returned to the river fishery. Of these, 20 males and 9 females returned to the weir a second time and were euthanized. These 29 fish are included in the "killed" category.

^fIncludes one hatchery male released from Cottonwood Creek Pond (WDFW) in April of 2008, tag code 634099.

⁸ Includes ten males and five females originally identified as natural origin fish (due to absence of any external marks). However, scale reading determined them to be of hatchery origin.

^h Includes 26 natural males and one hatchery male that were live-spawned and passed above the weir.

ⁱ Includes one hatchery male released from Spring Creek (Wallowa Stock) in April of 2008, tag code 094410.

Table 8. Number of adult summer steelhead trapped at the Little Sheep Creek Facility weir that were either outplanted to Big Sheep Creek or passed above the weir, and were subsequently recaptured, 1999-2010.

| 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 | | Big Sheep Cree | k | Little Sheep Creek | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|--|--|
| | Numbe | er of fish | % | Numb | % | | | |
| Year | Outplanted | Recaptured ^a | Recaptured ^b | Passed ^c | Recaptured ^a | Recaptured | | |
| 1000 | 42 | 6 | 14.3 | 80 | 1 | 1.3 | | |
| 2000 | 138 | 17 | 12.3 | 200 | 9 | 4.5 | | |
| 2001 | 354 | 48 | 13.6 | 784 | 89 | 11.4 | | |
| 2002 | 2,030 | 907 | 44.7 | 1,198 | 269 | 22.5 | | |
| 2003 | 1,403 | 439 | 31.3 | 387 | 36 | 9.3 | | |
| 2004 | 1,719 | 244 | 14.1 | 823 | 138 | 16.8 | | |
| 2005 | 1,555 | 109 | 7.0 | 461 | 37 | 8.0 | | |
| 2006 | 1,934 | 703 | 36.3 | 356 | 53 | 14.9 | | |
| 2007 | 1,315 | 168 | 12.8 | 241 | 14 | 5.8 | | |
| 2008 | 1,365 | 382 | 28.0 | 291 | 23 | 7.9 | | |
| 2009 | 869 | 394 | 45.3 | 281 | 15 | 5.3 | | |
| 2010 | 1,359 | 166 | 12.2 | 346 | 6 | 1.7 | | |
| Mean | - | - | 22.7 | _ | - | 9.1 | | |

^a Total number of recaptures, including multiple recaptures. For 1999-2002, recaptures were opercle punched at the weir and second and third time recaptures recorded.

Table 9. Summary of summer steelhead spawning surveys in Deer Creek above the Big Canyon Facility weir, 2002-2010.

| Year | Females passed | Males passed | Total passed | Redds counted | Fish/ redd | Females/ redd | % Redds counted ^a | Redds/ mile ^b | Redd visibility ^c |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 120 | 89 | 209 | 84 | 2.49 | 1.43 | 70 | 8.4 | 19.8 |
| 2003 | 92 | 48 | 140 | 64 | 2.19 | 1.44 | 70 | 6.4 | 20.5 |
| 2004 | 47 | 20 | 67 | 46 | 1.46 | 1.02 | 98 | 4.6 | 29.8 |
| 2005 | 42 | 35 | 77 | 35 | 2.20 | 1.20 | 83 | 3.5 | 16.7 |
| 2006^{d} | 55 | 41 | 96 | 58 | 1.66 | 0.95 | 105 | 5.8 | 28.2 |
| 2007 | 27 | 21 | 48 | 41 | 1.17 | 0.66 | 152 | 4.1 | 35.1 |
| 2008 | 23 | 38 | 61 | 15 | 4.07 | 1.53 | 65 | 1.5 | 8.6 |
| 2009 | 42 | 38 | 80 | 21 | 3.81 | 2.00 | 50 | 2.1 | 19.3 |
| 2010 | 85 | 49 | 134 | 84 | 1.60 | 1.01 | 99 | 8.4 | 24.9 |

^a Calculated as number of redds counted \div number of females passed x 100. Assumes each female built one redd.

^b Total recaptured divided by total outplanted.

^c Includes natural males that were live-spawned and passed above the weir.

^b Twelve miles of stream were surveyed in 2002, 2003, and 2007 through 2009. Ten miles of stream were surveyed in 2004-06. Redds/mile are based on the lower ten miles, since redds have not been observed between RM 10-12.

^c Indicates the average length of time (in days) each redd was clearly or moderately visible.

^d Includes an estimated seven additional hatchery steelhead (4 females and 3 males) that escaped above the weir prior to weir installation, based on marked and unmarked fallbacks at the weir.

Table 10. Spawning summaries for summer steelhead at LSRCP facilities in 2010. The percent mortality is from green egg to eyed embryo after shocking.

| Spawn date, | | Number of | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| lot number | Parental origin ^a | females spawned ^b | Number of eggs | Eyed embryos ^c | % mortality |
| | | Wallowa Hatche | ry (Wallowa stock) | | |
| 3/17, WA470 | Production | 29 | 156,900 | 140,500 | 10.5 |
| 3/17, 111110 | Fall Broodstock | 7 | 35,000 | 32,300 | 7.7 |
| 3/24, WA471 | Production | 37 | 190,000 | 173,600 | 8.6 |
| 5,21, 1,111,71 | Fall Broodstock | 10 | 53,900 | 50,400 | 6.5 |
| 3/31, WA472 | Production | 44 | 251,050 | 240,000 | 4.4 |
| 3/31, 1/11/1/2 | Fall Broodstock | 11 | 53,325 | 50,450 | 5.4 |
| 4/07, WA473 | Production | 40 | 200,600 | 192,500 | 4.0 |
| , | Fall Broodstock | 10 | 45,000 | 43,500 | 3.3 |
| 4/14, WA474 | Production | 31 | 154,900 | 147,700 | 4.6 |
| , | Fall Broodstock | 8 | 35,400 | 34,600 | 2.3 |
| 4/21, WA475 | Production | 18 | 94,900 | 85,600 | 9.8 |
| , | Fall Broodstock | 4 | 16,600 | 16,200 | 2.4 |
| Subtotal | Production | 199 | 1,048,350 | 979,900 | 6.5 |
| Buototai | Fall Broodstock | 50 | 239,225 | 227,450 | 4.9 |
| Total | | 249 | 1,287,575 | 1,207,350 | 6.2 |
| | | Little Sheen Creek F | acility (Imnaha stock) |) | |
| 3/23, LI570 | Hatchery | - | 18,000 | 32,800 | |
| | Mixed | 6 | 6 18,000 | | 8.9 |
| 3/30, LI571 | Hatchery | | 14,770 | 20.000 | 2.2 |
| , | Mixed | 6 | 14,770 | 28,900 | 2.2 |
| 4/05, LI572 | Hatchery | | 9,367 | 27.000 | 2.0 |
| , | Mixed | 6 | 18,733 | 27,000 | 3.9 |
| 4/13, LI573 | Wild | 0 | 5,400 | 46,000 | 5.2 |
| | Mixed | 9 | 43,200 | 46,000 | 5.3 |
| 4/20, LI574 | Wild | 11 | 5,264 | 53,300 | 7.9 |
| | Mixed | 11 | 52,636 | 33,300 | 7.9 |
| 4/27, LI575 | Hatchery | 12 | 4,475 | 47,800 | 11.0 |
| | Mixed | 12 | 49,225 | 47,000 | 11.0 |
| 5/04, LI576 | Hatchery | 9 | 12,583 | 33,400 | 11.5 |
| | Mixed | 7 | 25,167 | 33,400 | 11.3 |
| 5/10, LI577 | Hatchery | 8 | 11,831 | 28,200 | 10.6 |
| | Mixed | 0 | 19,719 | 20,200 | 10.0 |
| Subtotal | Hatchery | | 71,026 | | |
| | Wild | 67 | 10,664 | 297,400 | 8.0 |
| | Mixed | | 241,450 | | |
| Total | | 67 | 323,140 | 297,400 | 8.0 |

^a In general, family groups were one male x one female for Wallowa stock and were matrix spawned (three males x three females) for Imnaha stock. Mixed eggs include both natural and hatchery parents.

^b Number of females spawned equals the number of males spawned. A total of 250 Wallowa Stock males were spawned, including an additional male spawned on 4/14.

^c Includes 1,200 Wallowa production stock eyed embryos that were transferred to the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). Also includes 17,100 Wallowa production stock eyed embryos that were euthanized because they were excess to program needs.

Table 11. Summary of anadromous adult recoveries of coded-wire tagged (CWT) Wallowa stock summer steelhead for the 2009-10 run year. All CWT fish were hatchery origin fish released into either Deer Creek (at Big Canyon Facility) or Spring Creek (at Wallowa Fish Hatchery). Data were summarized as available through May 2012.

| Brood year, | | CWT | Recoveries | Other in-basin | Out-of-basin | Total |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| release site | Experimental group ^a | code | at weirs ^b | recoveries ^c | recoveries ^d | recoveries ^e |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| Deer Cr. | Production, April | 074134 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Production, May | 094302 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spring Cr. | Production, April | 074131 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 8 | Production, April | 074132 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Production, April | 074133 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Production, May | 094303 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 074135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 091705 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 092608 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 092644 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 092645 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fallbrood, May | 094301 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2006 | | | | | | |
| Deer Cr. | Production, April | 094407 | 11 | 37 | 25 | 73 |
| | Production, May | 094408 | 9 | 37 | 19 | 65 |
| Spring Cr. | Production, April | 094401 | 32 | 36 | 32 | 100 |
| 1 0 | Production, April | 094402 | 42 | 28 | 53 | 123 |
| | Production, April | 094305 | 42 | 56 | 50 | 148 |
| | Production, May | 094363 | 29 | 39 | 58 | 126 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 094403 | 26 | 0 | 76 | 102 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 094404 | 31 | 35 | 69 | 135 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 094405 | 34 | 59 | 35 | 128 |
| | Fallbrood, May | 094406 | 7 | 8 | 31 | 46 |
| 2007 | | | | | | |
| Deer Cr. | Production, April | 094413 | 155 | 133 | 427 | 715 |
| | Production, May | 094414 | 132 | 139 | 257 | 528 |
| Spring Cr. | Production, April | 094409 | 206 | 96 | 380 | 682 |
| | Production, April | 094410 | 212 | 63 | 359 | 634 |
| | Production, April | 094411 | 169 | 145 | 319 | 633 |
| | Production, May | 094412 | 128 | 30 | 245 | 403 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 094544 | 149 | 205 | 318 | 672 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 094545 | 132 | 98 | 453 | 683 |
| | Fallbrood, April | 094546 | 158 | 161 | 474 | 793 |
| | Fallbrood, May | 094547 | 107 | 172 | 322 | 601 |
| | Total recoveries | | 1,811 | 1,577 | 4,009 | 7,397 |

^a Experimental group includes the release strategy. All releases were targeted for four fish per pound (113 g/fish). All fish were acclimated. April releases were forced (over a 24-hour period) and May releases were volitional (1-3 weeks) unless otherwise noted.

^b Actual number of CWT fish that were released into Spring Creek and recovered at the Wallowa Fish Hatchery weir or released into Deer Creek and recovered at the Big Canyon Facility weir. The protocol was to collect all CWT fish at the weirs for sampling at the hatchery during spawning.

^c Estimated number (from creel surveys and harvest card returns) of CWT fish that were harvested in the Grande Ronde River basin fisheries.

d Estimated number (from PSMFC and ODFW databases) of CWT fish that were recovered in the ocean, mainstem Columbia, Deschutes or Snake river fisheries, or in tributaries outside the Grande Ronde River basin. When CWT expansion factors were 25 or greater (because of a low sampling rate), unexpanded data were used.

^e Estimated total by summing all recoveries.

Table 12. Summary of anadromous adult recoveries of coded-wire tagged (CWT) Imnaha stock summer steelhead for the 2009-10 run year. All CWT fish were hatchery origin fish released into Little Sheep Creek at Little Sheep Creek Facility. Data were summarized as available through May 2012.

| Brood year, release site | Experimental group ^a | CWT code | Recoveries at weirs ^b | Other in-basin recoveries ^c | Out-of-basin recoveries ^d | Total recoveries ^e |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2005 Little Sheep | Production, April | 074130 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2006 Little Sheep | Production, April | 094304 | 25 | 13 | 22 | 60 |
| 2007 Little Sheep | Production, April | 094543 | 202 | 46 | 509 | 757 |
| | Total recoveries | | 227 | 59 | 531 | 817 |

^a Experimental groups include the release strategy. All releases were targeted for five fish per pound (91 g/fish). All Little Sheep fish were acclimated and volitionally released over a three-week period.

^b Estimated number of CWT fish recovered at the Little Sheep Creek Facility weir based on actual number recovered at the weir and estimated number either passed above the weir to Little Sheep Creek or outplanted to Big Sheep Creek to spawn naturally.

^c Estimated number (from creel surveys and harvest card returns) of CWT fish that were harvested in the Imnaha River basin fishery.

d Estimated number (from PSMFC and ODFW databases) of CWT fish that were recovered in the ocean, mainstem Columbia, Deschutes or Snake river fisheries, or in tributaries outside the Imnaha River basin. When CWT expansion factors were 25 or greater (because of a low sampling rate), unexpanded data were used.

^e Estimated total by summing all recoveries.

Table 13. Harvest and escapement distribution of adult summer steelhead by recovery location for the 2009-10 run year using the PSMFC and ODFW mark recovery databases. "C and S" indicates ceremonial and subsistence tribal fisheries. Data were summarized as available through May 2012. "-" indicates not sampled or undefined.

| | W | allowa Stoc | ck | Iı | nnaha Stoc | k |
|---|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | Estimated | | Percent | Estimated | | Percent of |
| | CWT | Total | of total | CWT | Total | total |
| Location | recoveries | return | return | recoveries | return | return |
| | | | | | | |
| Ocean harvest | 4 | 4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Columbia River harvest | | | | | | |
| Treaty net | 314 | 1,037 | 3.5 | 8 | 58 | 0.6 |
| C and S | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Sport | 542 | 1,591 | 5.4 | 74 | 534 | 6.0 |
| Test | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Tributary sport | 338 | 671 | 2.3 | 64 | 461 | 5.2 |
| Deschutes River harvest | | | | | | |
| Sport | 20 | 53 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| C and S | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Strays | | | | | | |
| Outside Snake R. basin | 235 | 494 | 1.7 | 8 | 57 | 0.6 |
| Within Snake R. basin* | 2 | 8 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Snake River sport, tribs. harvest* | 2,554 | 8,492 | 28.7 | 377 | 2,710 | 30.3 |
| Oregon tributary harvest* a | 1,577 | 9,128 | 30.8 | 59 | 736 | 8.2 |
| Other in-basin escapement* ^b | · <u>-</u> | - | _ | _ | 950 | 10.6 |
| Hatchery weir* ^c | 1,811 | 8,149 | 27.5 | 227 | 3,450 | 38.5 |
| Total estimated return | 7,397 | 29,627 | 100 | 817 | 8,956 | 100 |
| Return to compensation area | , | 25,777 | | | 7,846 | |
| Percent of compensation goal | | 280.7 | | | 392.3 | |
| t creent of compensation goal | | 200.7 | . 1.0 | TT7 11 . 1 · | 0.104 1.1 | . 1.1 |

^{*} Indicates areas defining the compensation area. The compensation goal for Wallowa stock is 9,184 adults and the goal for Imnaha stock is 2,000 adults.

^a Harvest in Oregon tributaries are estimates based on angler surveys and harvest card returns.

^b Total returns to other in-basin escapement areas are escapement estimates of off-station direct stream releases based on coded-wire tag returns of direct stream release groups at hatchery weirs.

^c Total returns to the hatchery weir are actual numbers, except with the Imnaha stock where there is an estimated number of CWT fish recovered at the Little Sheep Creek Facility weir. This estimate is based on the actual number of CWT fish recovered at the weir and estimated number either passed above the weir to Little Sheep Creek or outplanted to Big Sheep Creek to spawn naturally.

Table 14. Harvest and escapement distribution of adult summer steelhead by age and recovery location for the 2009-10 run year using the PSMFC and ODFW mark recovery databases. "C and S" indicates ceremonial and subsistence tribal fisheries. Data were summarized as available through May 2012. "-" indicates not sampled or undefined.

| | | | | Total retu | ırns by age | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|----------|------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | - | Wallov | va Stock | | Imnaha Stock | | | | |
| Location | Age 3 | Age 4 | Age 5 | Total | Age 3 | Age 4 | Age 5 | Total | |
| | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ocean harvest | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Columbia River harvest | | | | | | _ | _ | | |
| Treaty net | 745 | 272 | 20 | 1,037 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 58 | |
| C and S | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sport | 1,364 | 227 | 0 | 1,591 | 534 | 0 | 0 | 534 | |
| Test | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tributary sport | 559 | 112 | 0 | 671 | 454 | 7 | 0 | 461 | |
| Deschutes River harvest | | | | | | | | | |
| Sport | 43 | 10 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| C and S | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Strays | | | | | | | | | |
| Outside Snake R. basin | 408 | 86 | 0 | 494 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 57 | |
| Within Snake R. basin* | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Snake River sport, tribs. harvest* | 7,877 | 600 | 15 | 8,492 | 2,567 | 143 | 0 | 2,710 | |
| Oregon tributary harvest* ^a | 7,336 | 1,792 | 0 | 9,128 | 559 | 177 | 0 | 736 | |
| Other in-basin escapement* ^b | _ | _ | - | - | 728 | 222 | 0 | 950 | |
| Hatchery weir* c | 7,007 | 1,142 | 0 | 8,149 | 3,185 | 265 | 0 | 3,450 | |
| Total estimated return | 25,351 | 4,241 | 35 | 29,627 | 8,142 | 814 | 0 | 8,956 | |

^{*} Indicates areas defining the compensation area. The compensation goal for Wallowa stock is 9,184 adults and the goal for Imnaha stock is 2,000 adults.

^a Total returns to Oregon tributaries are harvest estimates based on angler surveys and harvest card returns.

^b Total returns to other in-basin escapement areas are escapement estimates of off-station direct stream releases based on coded-wire tag returns of direct stream release groups at hatchery weirs.

^c Total returns to the hatchery weir are actual numbers, except with the Imnaha stock where there is an estimated number of CWT fish recovered at the Little Sheep Creek Facility weir. This estimate is based on the actual number of CWT fish recovered at the weir and estimated number either passed above the weir to Little Sheep Creek or outplanted to Big Sheep Creek to spawn naturally.

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