

Weekly Summary

West Region SHG

April 10, 2015

Bandon

- No hot topics for this week, routine fish culture and maintenance

Cole Rivers

- A mechanical failure at Applegate trap April 7th resulted in the loss of 382 adult Winter Steelhead. On the second load of the day the hoisting cable snapped dropping the brail back down the tower. Crew members attempted to drain the tower and release the fish back into the collection pond. For an unknown reason the drain was clogged and that process took 90 minutes creating stress and probably was the cause of the delayed mortality. US Army COE has been notified of mechanical issues.

Elk River

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Leaburg

- Summer steelhead releases occurred this week. 29,700 fish from one pond were volitionally released starting on Monday; by Thursday 90% had already left. The remaining three ponds with 74,000 fish were trucked to six release sites on the lower McKenzie River. Thanks to Brian Daggett from McKenzie Hatchery for driving several loads. Fish sizes ranged from 5.15 to 4.64 fpp.
- Kacie hosted an ODFW booth at career day at McKenzie High School.

Marion Forks

- Northside electric and Chris Lindeman (Contractor) were here this week to help work on the apartment. The 2 hour firewall is up and has been primed. We hope to have the project completed by May 1st when the Seasonal position begins.
- Alexis Toney from Big Creek Hatchery toured the facility and worked with us on Wednesday.
- We held interviews for our 6.5 month Seasonal position on Tuesday. We had 4 candidates. We hope to have the candidate selected by this afternoon. We would also like to thank Heather Thomas for assisting us with the interviews.
- Routine fish culture and maintenance projects took up the remainder of the time this week.

McKenzie

- Held our monthly safety meeting where topics of discussion were: safety concerns about traffic on the highway that doesn't slow down when we are entering or leaving the facility, safety awareness when working in or around the fish ladder, we also have a lot of scrap metal

that needs to be taken in for recycling some of the pieces are large and will need to be secured carefully on the flatbed before transport.

- EWEB lowered the canal this week to its lowest level that they take it. They are trying to track down a leak in the area above the town of Leaburg. EWEB does take the canal down annually this time of year for maintenance but usually not so low. Repair of this leak dictated how low they needed to go. We have less than 12” of water on the intake apron entrance and are using Cogswell Creek water to keep the ponds supplied.
- Picked up the last three sheets of UHMV to finish our fish ladder project, brackets are also being welded for the ladder, we sampled fish and completed monthly reports.
- Brian D. was very busy driving this week putting in almost 800 miles on the lib truck traveling from or to Salmon River, Marion Forks, Leaburg, and Alsea hatcheries.

Minto

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Roaring River

- Liberations for the week consisted of: Timber Linn, Waverly, Green Peter and Shorty’s Pd.
- 72T14 Rb fry that have been fed medicated feed for CWD have responded well to treatment and losses are back to normal.
- Craig Banner was here to do routine fish health check and pre lib checks on the StS and StW smolts. No surprise to us Banner found Trich on the steelhead and recommended treating the 24.14 StS before liberating. Will start formalin bath treatment ASAP.
- Length frequencies and mark quality checks were done on the 24.14 StS smolts. They are uniform in size and smolting.
- The DMR was completed and submitted for the 1st quarter.
- Normal and cleaning DEQ samples were taken this week for the 2nd quarter.
- Crew has been busy breaking down and pressure washing ponds to get ready for moving Rb fry outside.

Rock Creek

- The raceway project is ahead of schedule according to the site project manager. They want to be done by 06/01, much depends on the supply and drain line installation as the concrete portion is coming along well.



S. Santiam

- The Foster Trap is being checked several times a week, all unmarked StW adults were hauled upstream to River Bend CG and StS recycled back down the return to river pipe.

Species	Weekly Total	Cum. Total	Recycled*	Rel. Upstream
StW (2415)	15	73	Na	73
StS (2416)	4	10	15	Na
Chinook	0	0	0	0

- *StS recycled numbers are cumulative and include reruns.
- A tour was given to a group from the Wiley Creek Assisted Living Facility.
- The research staff conducting juvenile fish passage studies in Foster Reservoir were here again this week tagging and releasing fish.
- Brett met with USACE engineers to look at the automatic crowders at Foster.

Willamette

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