

Weekly Summary
West Region SHG
November 20, 2015

Bandon

- With David Welch getting on board with the hatchery and programs, Sam Woods is going to retire at the end of this month. Sam will be missed along with his energy, knowledge, and experience. Sam has been a great asset to this agency and I wish him the best in retirement.
- David Welch visited the Morgan Creek STEP facility on Tuesday and helped out with collecting and sorting the fall Chinook which were then spawned with the eggs shipped to Bandon Hatchery for incubation. This was the final week of spawning at this facility and all the eggs needs are now complete.
- The 2014-2015 water usage report is being finalized and submitted this week.

Cole Rivers

- Working on egg picking station in the hatch house
- Got the portable lib truck back form the coast
- No injuries or near misses this week

Elk River

- No Hot Topics to report, just routine fish culture, liberations, and maintenance.

Leaburg

- No Hot Topics to report, just routine fish culture, liberations, and maintenance.

Marion Forks

- No Hot Topics to report, just routine fish culture, liberations, and maintenance.

McKenzie

- Power prices went up and the flow in the river went over 2200 cfs last week, this was enough to allow EWEB to turn flow back into the canal. For two weeks we were operating the hatchery on water that leaks around the gates at Leaburg Dam. Although this was adequate it sure is nice to have flow that helps sweep the leaves and debris past the intake. The river flow went up to over 8400 cfs yesterday and is currently over 6300 cfs. Hopefully this winter the snow pack will be normal so we don't have to operate this way anytime soon.
- We placed the last of our carcasses for stream enrichment into the Upper McKenzie. This year we were able to distribute over 1500 carcasses.
- USACE came by to pick up 45 juveniles for flow studies at Cougar Dam.
- Two tours were given to Eugene area high schoolers this week.
- Kurt attended the HMT meeting on Wednesday via phone.
- Sarah Bjork was here Friday for our monthly fish health check. At this time fish are doing very well with no real concerns.

Minto

- No Hot Topics to report, just routine fish culture, liberations, and maintenance.

Roaring River

- Sorted brood on Monday and spawned on Wednesday. We spawned 366 three year old brood for an estimated egg take of 2.3 million. All eggs were triploid. 105,000 future brood eggs were also taken. Thanks to Alsea and Mckenzie for sending help with the large egg take. Estimated egg take to date = 7,051,000.
- MHCC students came out for a few hours and assisted with spawning and observing triploid process.
- Started formalin bath treatment at 1:6000 for fungus on spawned out brood.
- Completed making new egg basket frames just in time for our first group of eggs to come off this weekend.
- Had our first intake alarm of the season early a.m. Wednesday morning.
- Tested and ran all incubation on well water during high and muddy water on Thursday. As long as the ground is supersaturated the well and can keep up with the demand. This will be a great alternative when we get muddy high water events.
- Held seasonal interviews on Friday and hired two egg pickers.

Rock Creek

- No Hot Topics to report, just routine fish culture, liberations, and maintenance.

S. Santiam

- Nick helped haul ChS from Willamette to South Santiam on Monday and Wednesday.
- We started winterizing outside faucets, pipes and equipment.
- Grounds work and routine fish culture duties rounded out the week.

Willamette

- Finished transferring CHS to South Santiam hatchery on Monday and Wednesday. Thanks to all the drivers that helped make this happen, and thanks to Daggett for letting us use his truck.
- Entire crew completed First Aid/ CPR class.
- Dan called into the HMT meeting on Wednesday.
- The storm this week brought high, muddy water and alarms on Thursday. Spent some hours cleaning intake screens.
- Rest of the time was spent on normal FCA.