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Dear Scott-

The Fish Passage Center has been marking fish from the Lookingglass Fish Hatchery facility over the last several years as part of the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) and the Comparative Survival Study (CSS). For purposes of these studies data are collected on either juvenile life stage, or both the juvenile and adult life stages. The SMP provides information for in-season management of the hydrosystem and post-season analyses to the federal, state, and tribal fishery agencies. The CSS is a multi-year program that estimates survival rates over different life stages for spring and summer Chinook produced in major hatcheries. We would like to share with you some of the information we developed under these studies for the fish used from the Lookingglass Hatchery facilities (Imnaha and Catherine Creek Acclimation Ponds).

Under the Smolt Monitoring Program, information is collected on the timing and migration speed from the hatchery to Lower Granite Dam. In addition, as part of the CSS study, juvenile survival estimates are developed for the hydrosystem between Lower Granite and Bonneville Dams, and for the adulthood of different passage histories.

Imnaha Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook Travel Times

Release Date	Migration Year	Travel Time (Days)			Confidence Limits 95%		Lower Granite	
		Min	Med	Max	Lower	Upper	Flow (kcfs)	Temp (F)
Apr-7	1997	9.1	28.1	79.7	27.9	28.7	144.1	51.9
Apr-6	1998	8.3	26.2	60.8	26	26.3	70.5	51.8
3/16, 4/05	1999	5.1	54.7	175.6	54.4	54.9	98	49.4
22-Mar	2000	15.7	42.8	66.3	42.5	43.1	82.1	50
21-Mar	2001	8.8	42.1	93	41.7	42.2	36.8	47.1
21-Mar	2002	8.2	45.2	66	44.9	45.4	27.9	
1-Apr	2003	7.2	34.6	76.6	34.5	34.7	28	
26-Mar	2004	9.9	38.5	84.4	38.5	38.6	23.6	
3/26, 3/29	2005	9.3	36.1	78.7	35.9	36.3		
3/21, 3/30	2006	6.3	40.6	74.2	40.2	41	44	

Catherine Creek Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook Travel Time

Release Date	Migration Year	Travel Time (Days)			Confidence Limits 95%		Lower Granite Flow (kcfs)	Lower Granite Temp (F)
		Min	Med	Max	Lower	Upper		
4/2	2001	13.6	42.4	98.9	42.3	42.5	41.7	47.7
4/1-4/02	2002	9.3	45.6	82.9	45.4	45.9	27.7	
3/12, 3/23, 3/31	2003	3	41.2	90.9	40.9	41.9	28.8	
3/15, 3/30	2004	10.3	46.3	117.1	45.6	46.6	23.8	
3/14, 4/04	2005	15.9	43.9	85.7	43.7	44.3		
27-Mar	2006	13.6	42.4	98.9	42.3	42.5	41.7	47.7

The above tables describe the median travel time from each release site to Lower Granite Dam along with the minimum and maximum travel time estimates. They also provide the 95% confidence limits around the estimated median travel time.

The tables below contain estimates calculated in the CSS study of juvenile survival in the hydrosystem between Lower Granite and Bonneville Dams and the survival to adult of juvenile salmonids in several categories. Those categories are SAR(T), SAR(C₀), and Weighted SAR_{LGR-10-LGR}, where SAR(T) represents smolts transported from Lower Granite, Little Goose, or Lower Monumental Dam, SAR(C₀) represents smolts migrating in river, and SAR_{LGR-10-LGR} is a weighted estimate that is obtained by taking the proportion of the total population of smolts (tagged and untagged) at Lower Granite Dam in each study category and multiplying by the respective study category's SAR_{LGR-10-LGR}.

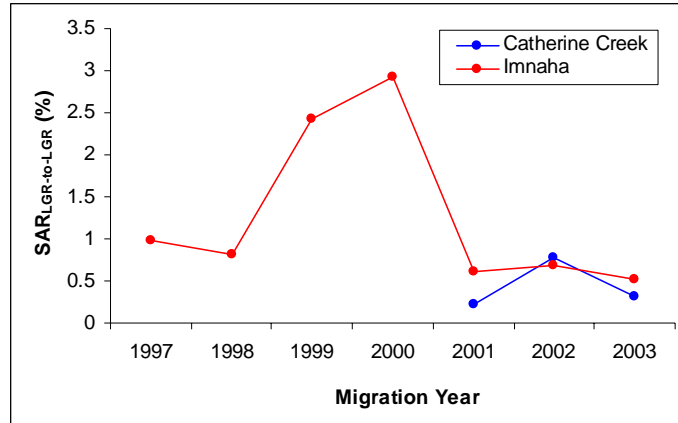
Imnaha Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook Survival

Release Date	Migration Year	Juvenile Survival LGR-BON	Proportion Transported	T/C Ratio	SAR(T)	Adult Survival	
						SAR(C ₀) %	Weighted SAR _{LGR-10-LGR}
Apr-7	1997	0.31	0.516	1.37	1.17	0.86	0.98
Apr-6	1998	0.53	0.848	1.56	0.86	0.55	0.81
3/16, 4/05	1999	0.54	0.777	1.9	2.72	1.43	2.43
22-Mar	2000	0.57	0.686	1.3	3.15	2.41	2.92
21-Mar	2001	0.37	0.976	10.8	0.62	0.06	0.61
21-Mar	2002	0.5	0.662	1.76	0.8	0.45	0.68
1-Apr	2003	0.7	0.55	1.29	0.58	0.45	0.52

Catherine Creek Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook Survival

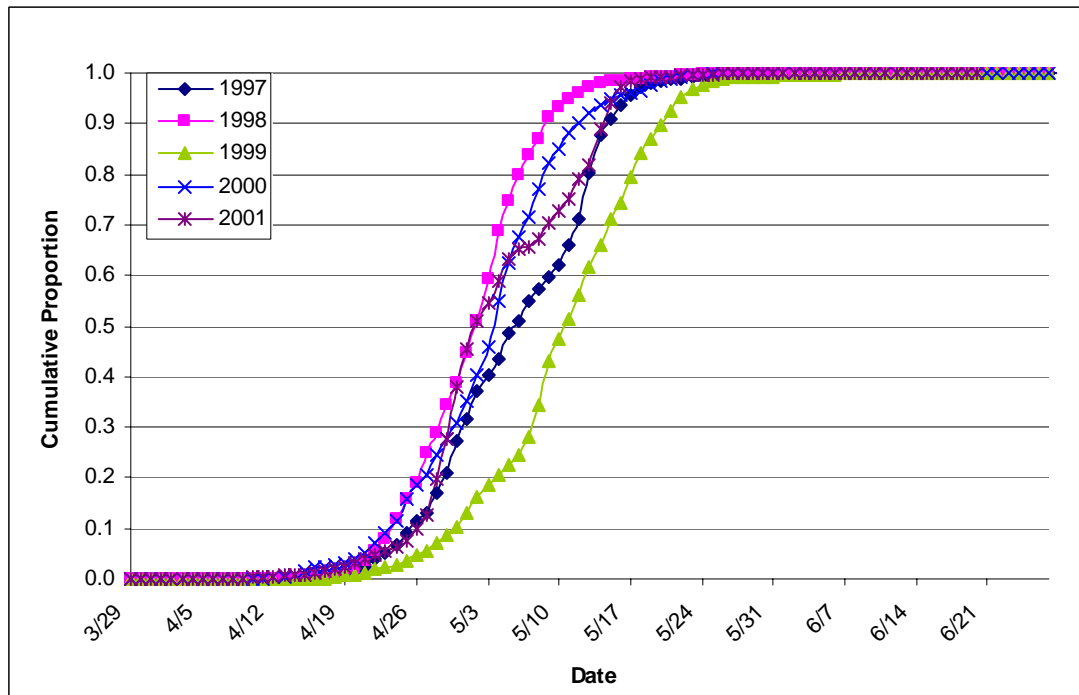
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						SAR(C ₀) %	Weighted SAR _{LGR-10-LGR}
4/2	2001	0.25	0.964	5.32	0.23	0.04	0.22
4/1-4/02	2002	0.65	0.706	1.82	0.89	0.49	0.77
3/12, 3/23, 3/31	2003	0.62	0.552	1.44	0.36	0.25	0.31

The following graph shows a time series of the Weighted SAR_{LGR-10-LGR} between the two acclimation ponds.

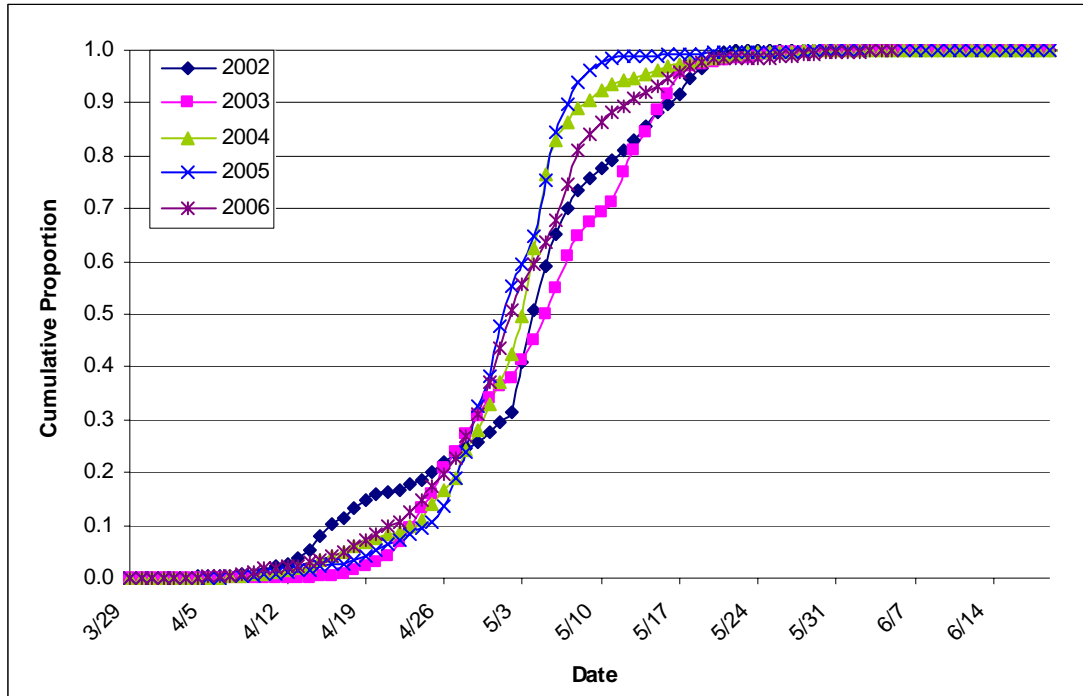


Finally, we are providing the following graphs which show timing of the Imnaha and Catherine Creek releases to Lower Granite Dam for the past 9 years. To better facilitate comparison, we have broken the years into two separate graphs for the Imnaha Hatchery. This was not necessary for the Catherine Creek Hatchery, as there were fewer years. Please note the different scales on the x-axis of these graphs.

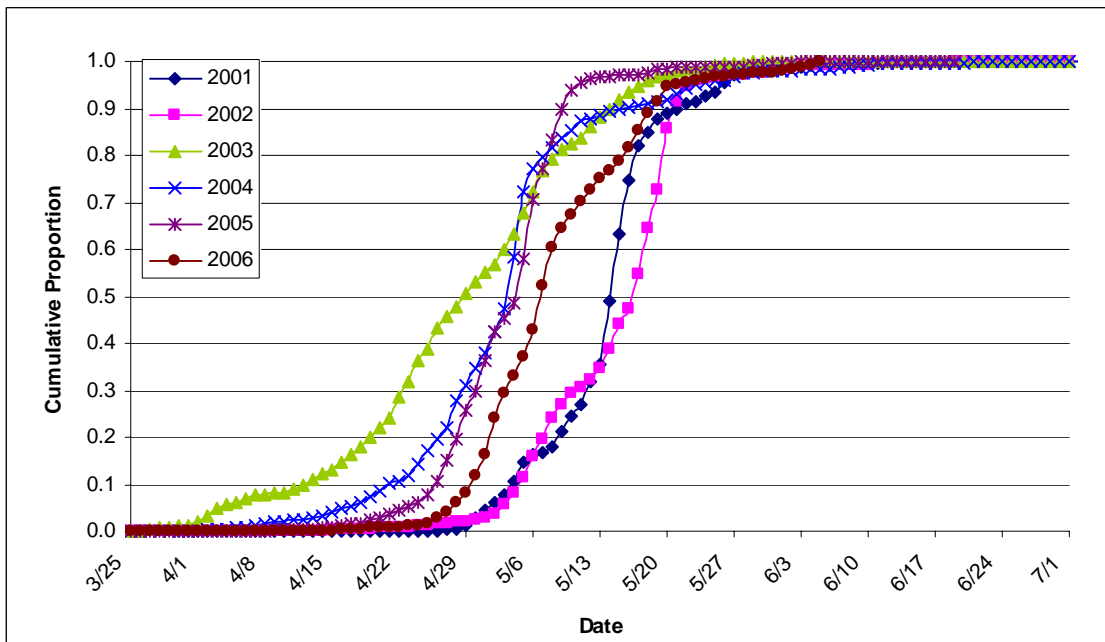
**Imnaha Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook (1997-2001)
Passage Timing to Lower Granite Dam**



**Innaha Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook (2002-2006)
Passage Timing to Lower Granite Dam**

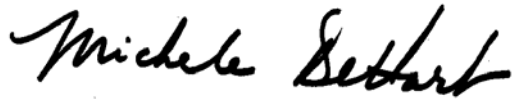


**Catherine Creek Acclimation Pond – Spring Chinook (2001-2006)
Passage Timing to Lower Granite Dam**



We hope that the information we have provided regarding the use and application of information from the groups that have been marked at the hatchery over the last several years is of some use to you. If you would like any additional information regarding these releases please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele DeHart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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