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Dear Mark-

The Fish Passage Center has been marking fish from the Dworshak National 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 the 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 and steelhead produced in major hatcheries. We would like to share with you an update of some of the information we developed under these studies for the fish used from the Dworshak Hatchery facility in 2010 and past years.

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, as well as survival to adulthood of different passage histories.

The tables below describe the median travel times for each year's release to Lower Granite Dam, along with the minimum and maximum travel time estimates for both spring Chinook (Table 1) and steelhead (Table 2). They also provide the 95% confidence limits around the estimated median travel time. Beginning in 2008, Dworshak NFH began releasing additional PIT-tagged steelhead into the Clearwater River at Clear Creek and Clearwater South Fork. For comparison purposes, separate travel times are also provided for each of the steelhead release sites in 2010 (Table 3).

Table 1. Dworshak NFH Spring Chinook Travel Times to Lower Granite Dam

Release Date	Migration Year	Travel Time (Days)			95% Confidence Limits	
		Min	Med	Max	Lower	Upper
7-Apr	1997	3.2	31.9	97.6	31	32.8
3/23-3/26	1998	2.8	28.1	78.2	27.8	28.1
4/7-4/8	1999	4.6	27.7	133.7	27.4	28.2
3/23, 4/5-4/6	2000	3.9	27.3	86.8	27.2	27.3
28-Mar	2001	3.9	30.4	151.1	30.3	30.4
3/27-3/28	2002	3.4	38.1	77.6	38.1	38.2
3/19-3/20	2003	6	49.4	121.4	49	49.7
3/31-4/1	2004	6.2	32.2	74.9	32	32.4
4/4-4/6	2005	5.6	30.2	76	30.2	30.2
3/27-3/29	2006	2.7	35.6	78.7	35.4	35.9
3/28-3/29	2007	4.4	27.8	76.9	27.4	28.4
4/2-4/3	2008	5.6	34.6	88.3	34.5	34.9
3/25-3/26	2009	5.5	43.5	89.2	43.3	43.6
31-Mar	2010	10.1	27.2	66.2	27.2	27.2

Table 2. Dworshak NFH Steelhead Travel Times to Lower Granite Dam

Release Date(s)	Release Site(s)	Migration Year	Travel Time (Days)			95% Confidence Limits	
			Min	Med	Max	Lower	Upper
4/28-5/2	DWOR	1997	1.2	3.3	64.8	2.7	4.0
4/27-4/30	DWOR	1998	2.3	4.7	48.8	4.5	5
4/26-4/30	DWORMS	1999	1.5	6.2	60.1	5.8	6.5
5/3-5/5	DWORMS	2000	1.6	3.5	66.6	3.5	3.5
4/23-4/26	DWORMS	2001	2.5	6.8	110	6.7	7
4/22-4/25	DWORMS	2002	2.4	5.7	47.4	5.5	6.4
4/24	DWORMS	2003	0.6	7.1	54.8	6.6	7.7
4/29-4/22	DWORMS	2004	2.9	8.8	34	8.4	9.3
4/18-4/22	DWORMS	2005	3.4	11.2	60.8	10.4	11.6
4/17-4/21	DWORMS	2006	1.0	10.5	52.7	8.1	12.6
4/16-4/19	DWORMS	2007	1.9	14.6	52.7	13.0	15.8
4/14,4/21-4/24	DWORMS, CLEARC, CLWRSF	2008	0.5	11.5	56.5	11.1	11.9
4/14-4/17	DWORMS, CLEARC, CLWRSF	2009	2.5	7.5	64.2	7.48	7.54
4/15-4/22	DWORMS, CLWRSF	2010	2.4	10.4	66.3	10.3	10.6

Table 3. 2010 Dworshak NFH Steelhead Travel Times from each release site to Lower Granite Dam

Release Date(s)	Release Site	Travel Time (Days)			95% Confidence Limits	
		Min	Med	Max	Lower	Upper
4/19-4/22	DWORS	2.4	10.1	66.3	9.8	10.4
4/15-4/19	CLWRSF	3.4	11.8	55.5	11.5	12.5

As with last year, we are providing you with tables that present the estimated 10%, 50%, and 90% passage dates of yearling spring Chinook (Table 4) and steelhead (Table 5) juveniles at Lower Granite Dam for each of the years of tagging. As with the travel time tables, we are also providing the estimated 10%, 50%, and 90% passage dates for each of the steelhead releases in 2010 (Table 6).

Table 4. Estimated 10%, 50%, and 90% passage dates of Dworshak NFH yearling spring Chinook at Lower Granite Dam.

Migration Year	Release Date(s)	10% Passage Date	50% Passage Date	90% Passage Date
1997	7-Apr	26-Apr	11-May	18-May
1998	3/23-3/26	11-Apr	23-Apr	2-May
1999	4/7-4/8	25-Apr	6-May	21-May
2000	3/23, 4/5-4/6	23-Apr	3-May	12-May
2001	28-Mar	18-Apr	28-Apr	5-May
2002	3/27-3/28	15-Apr	4-May	15-May
2003	3/19-3/20	23-Apr	8-May	26-May
2004	3/31-4/1	17-Apr	3-May	8-May
2005	4/4-4/6	27-Apr	6-May	10-May
2006	3/27-3/29	8-Apr	2-May	11-May
2007	3/28-3/29	11-Apr	22-Apr	8-May
2008	4/2-4/3	21-Apr	8-May	18-May
2009	3/25-3/26	20-Apr	8-May	19-May
2010	31-Mar	22-Apr	27-Apr	7-May

Table 5. Estimated 10%, 50%, and 90% passage dates of Dworshak NFH steelhead at Lower Granite Dam.

Migration Year	Release Date(s)	Release Site(s)	10% Passage Date	50% Passage Date	90% Passage Date
1997	4/28-5/2	DWOR	1-May	3-May	15-May
1998	4/27-4/30	DWOR	2-May	3-May	13-May
1999	4/26-4/30	DWORMS	30-Apr	4-May	25-May
2000	5/3-5/5	DWORMS	6-May	7-May	16-May
2001	4/23-4/26	DWORMS	29-Apr	2-May	17-May
2002	4/22-4/25	DWORMS	26-Apr	30-Apr	21-May
2003	24-Apr	DWORMS	25-Apr	28-Apr	20-May
2004	4/19-4/22	DWORMS	25-Apr	29-Apr	9-May
2005	4/18-4/22	DWORMS	26-Apr	1-May	10-May
2006	4/17-4/22	DWORMS	21-Apr	1-May	18-May
2007	4/16-4/19	DWORMS	22-Apr	1-May	13-May
2008	4/14, 4/21-4/24	DWORMS, CLEARC, CLWRSF	27-Apr	2-May	17-May
2009	4/14-4/17	DWORMS, CLEARC, CLWRSF	20-Apr	23-Apr	8-May
2010	4/15-4/22	DWORMS, CLWRSF	25-Apr	1-May	20-May

Table 6. Estimated 10%, 50%, and 90% passage dates of Dworshak NFH steelhead at Lower Granite Dam. Separate estimates are provided for each of the release sites in 2010.

Release Date	Release Site	10% Passage Date	50% Passage Date	90% Passage Date
4/19-4/22	DWORMS	25-Apr	1-May	20-May
4/15-4/19	CLWRSF	25-Apr	30-Apr	18-May

Figure 1 is provided as an illustration of how the arrival timing of the 2010 release of yearling spring Chinook compares to last year's release, as well as the average of the most recent 10-years (2000-2010).

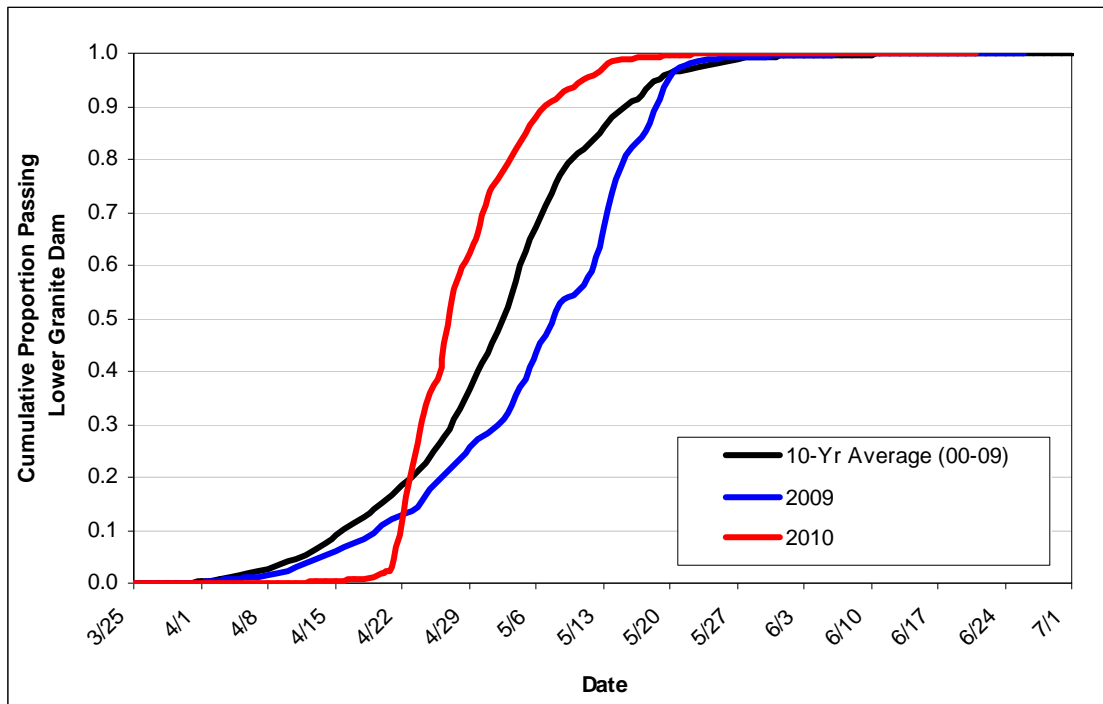


Figure 1. Cumulative passage timing of Dworshak NFH yearling spring Chinook to Lower Granite Dam.

We are providing three figures to illustrate the 2010 passage timing for steelhead released by Dworshak NFH (Figures 2-4). The first of these figures illustrates the collective timing of the 2010 releases, compared to those in 2009 and the 10-year average (2000-2009) (Figure 2).

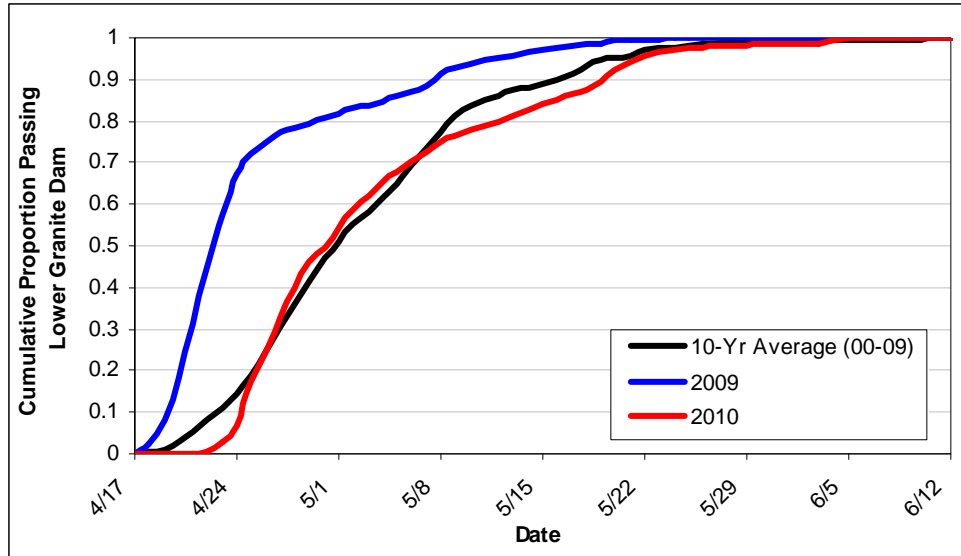


Figure 2. Cumulative passage timing of Dworshak NFH steelhead to Lower Granite Dam. Timing plots are collective timing of the all release sites for each year.

The second (Figure 3) is a comparison of the timing from the DWORMS release site in 2010 versus the two previous years (2009 and 2008).

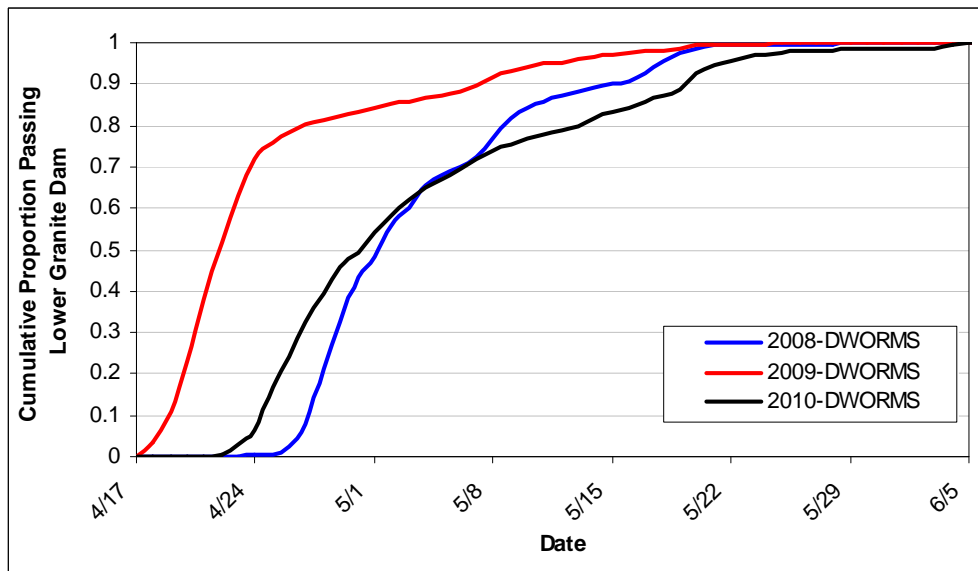


Figure 3. Cumulative passage timing of Dworshak NFH steelhead released at DWORMS release site to Lower Granite Dam.

The third (Figure 4) is a comparison of the timing from the CLWRSF release site in 2010 versus the two previous years (2009 and 2008).

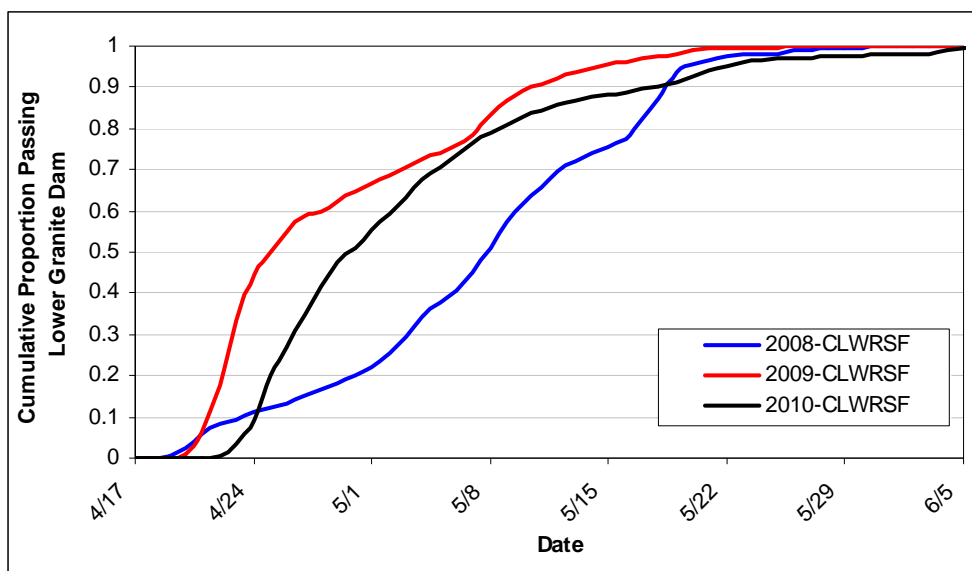


Figure 4. Cumulative passage timing of Dworshak NFH steelhead released at CLWRSF release site to Lower Granite Dam.

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 adulthood of spring Chinook (Table 7) and steelhead (Table 8) 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 (undetected at Snake River transportation collector sites), 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}. In effect, the weighted SAR_{LGR-10-LGR} is the estimated SAR for the overall hatchery release (without jacks). The data presented in Tables 7 and 8 were taken from the Draft 2010 CSS Annual Report, which can be downloaded from the FPC webpage (<http://www.fpc.org/documents/CSS.html>).

Figure 4 below shows a time series of the Weighted SAR_{LGR-10-LGR} over the years of available data for Dworshak NFH spring Chinook and steelhead.

Table 7. Dworshak NFH Spring Chinook Survivals from CSS, as presented in Draft 2010 Annual Report

Release Date(s)	Migration Year	Juvenile			Adult Survival		
		Survival (LGR-BON)	Proportion Transported	T/C Ratio	SAR(T) %	SAR(C ₀) %	Weighted SAR _{LGR-to-LGR}
7-Apr	1997	0.49	0.48	1.75	0.83	0.47	0.62
3/23-3/26	1998	0.51	0.71	0.72	0.90	1.25	1.00
4/7-4/8	1999	0.54	0.74	0.99	1.18	1.19	1.18
3/23, 4/5-4/6	2000	0.48	0.66	0.99	1.00	1.01	1.00
28-Mar	2001	0.24	0.98	8.76	0.36	0.04 ^B	0.36
3/27-3/28	2002	0.62	0.57	1.24	0.62	0.5	0.57
3/19-3/20	2003	0.68	0.54	1.21	0.26	0.21	0.24
3/31-4/1	2004	0.50	0.84	0.89	0.28	0.32	0.29
4/4-4/6	2005	0.51	0.84	1.43	0.20	0.14 ^C	0.19
3/27-3/29	2006 ^D	0.52	0.52	0.95	0.35	0.38	0.35
3/28-3/29	2007 ^D	0.67	0.08	1.84	0.59	0.32	0.36
4/2-4/3	2008 ^{A D}	0.40	0.34	1.58	0.75	0.47	0.53

^A Migration year 2008 is incomplete with Age 2-salt adult returns through 7/26/2010

^B Assumed SAR(C₀) same as SAR(C₁) for 2001

^C In-river SAR is combination of groups C₁ and C₀

^D Smolt migration year 2006 through 2008 use combined TWS and BWS data

Table 8. Dworshak NFH Steelhead Survivals from CSS, as presented in Draft 2010 Annual Report

Release Date(s)	Migration Year	Juvenile			Adult Survival		
		Survival (LGR-BON)	Proportion Transported	T/C Ratio	SAR(T) %	SAR(C ₀) %	Weighted SAR _{LGR-to-LGR}
4/28-5/2	1997	0.40	0.61	2.21	0.52	0.24	0.39
4/27-4/30	1998	0.64	0.87	0.58	0.51	0.89	0.56
4/26-4/30	1999	0.45	0.85	0.87	0.90	1.04	0.92
5/3-5/5	2000	0.22	0.82	2.2	2.10	0.95	1.89
4/23-4/26	2001	0.04	0.98	59.7	0.94	0.02 ^B	0.92
4/22-4/25	2002	0.37	0.70	1.51	1.06	0.70	0.95
4/24	2003	0.51	0.69	2.65	1.81	0.68	1.46
4/29-4/22	2004	0.17	0.97	10.3	2.13	0.21 ^C	2.08
4/18-4/22	2005 ^D	0.36	0.89	8.44	2.03	0.24 ^C	1.83
4/17-4/22	2006 ^D	0.60	0.79	1.49	2.14	1.42	1.96
4/16-4/19	2007 ^{A D}	0.49	N/A	N/A	1.94	1.17	1.64

^A Migration year 2007 is incomplete until 3-salt returns (if any) occur after 7/26/2010 at LGR

^B Assumed SAR(C₀) same as SAR(C₁) for 2001

^C In-river SAR is combination of groups C₁ and C₀

^D Smolt migration year 2005 through 2007 use combined TWS and BWS data

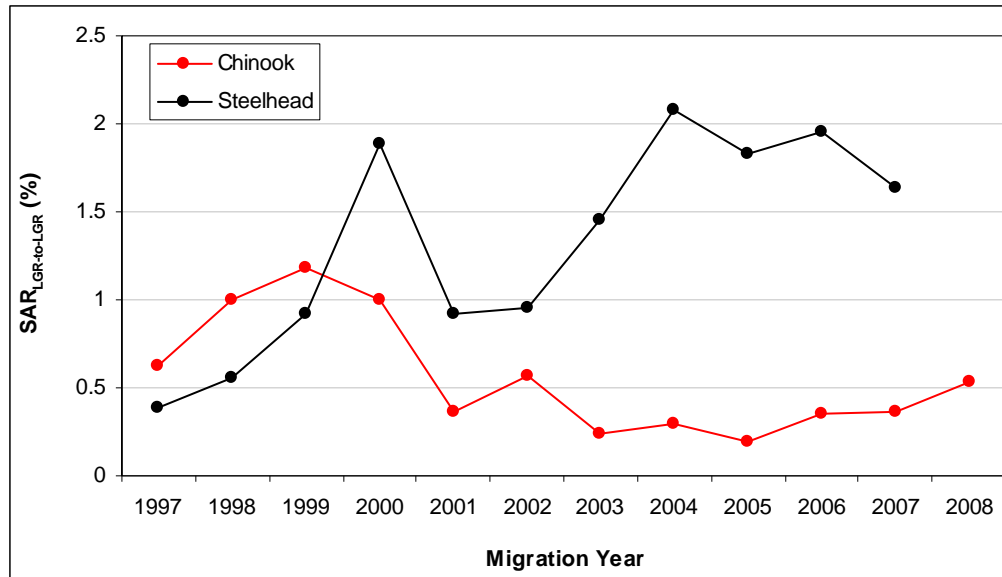


Figure 4. Weighted SAR_{LGR-10-LGR} for Dworshak NFH spring Chinook (1997-2008) and steelhead (1997-2007). Migration year 2008 is incomplete for yearling Chinook, with Age 2-salt adult returns through 7/26/2010. Migration year 2007 is incomplete for Steelhead until 3-salt returns (if any) occur after 7/26/2010 at LGR

We hope that the information we have provided regarding the use and application of information from the marked groups 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.

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