

Willow Creek Downstream Migrant Trap Site
2010 In-Season Trapping Update –May 6, 2010

Synopsis: The 2010 Downstream Migrant trapping season at the Willow Creek Trap Site (river kilometer 34) is being conducted jointly by the USFWS Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office (AFWO) and the Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program (YTFFP) on the mainstem Trinity River near Willow Creek, California. The season began March 8th, 2010 with the installation of two traps. A third trap was installed March 9th, 2010. See attached catch summary for details of this narrative.

This summary includes data from March 9th, 2010 through April 15th, 2010 and is presented as **raw catch**. No expansions have been calculated at this time. Data entry is not complete for Julian Week (JW) 16, April 16th to April 22nd. Heavy debris load and high flows have occasionally resulted in null sets, causing less than 21 trap days (3 traps x 7 days) in some weeks (particularly weeks 13-15 when spring rains coincided with high dam releases), resulting in variable effort over the season; therefore raw catch numbers should be interpreted with caution.

Raw daily catches of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) have been captured each day sampling has occurred and most have been young-of-the-year (YOY). Weekly mean Fulton's K values of YOY Chinook salmon were greater than 1.0 for all weeks sampled except JW 11. Efficiency calibrations were conducted with freeze-branded hatchery Chinook salmon during all weeks sampled.

Raw daily catches of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) smolts (age 1+) have been relatively steady since the beginning of trapping with hatchery steelhead showing up in JW 12. Weekly mean Fulton's K values of Steelhead smolts were greater than 1.0 for all weeks sampled except JW 11 and JW 14. Steelhead YOY numbers are present in the catch, but have yet to show signs of a peak.

Raw daily catches of coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) are lower than last year at this time but not significantly lower than other years prior. Weekly mean Fulton's K value of natural coho salmon smolts has varied greatly from week to week due to low catches. Hatchery Coho smolts occurred in the catch beginning Julian Week 15.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, don't hesitate to contact Bill Pinnix at (707) 822-7201.

USFWS RST Juvenile Salmonid Catch Summary for TRWC1 and TRWC2 and TRWCY

DayMin: 3/9/2010

DayMax: 4/15/2010

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Preliminary, all data subject to revision.

JW /Year	Week Range	*Flows (cfs)		**Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)		**Water Temp (C)		Trap Days Sampled	CHINOOK (<i>O. tshawytscha</i>)					STEELHEAD (<i>O. mykiss</i>)				COHO (<i>O. kisutch</i>)					
		Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max		YOY			No Clip	Ad-Clip	Total	1+	1+/AD	Total	YOY	1+	2+	Ad-Clip	Total	YOY
10/2010	Mar 05-Mar 11			15.8	15.8	6.94	8	8	151	0	151	0	0	151	2	16	0	0	18	2	0	0	2
11/2010	Mar 12-Mar 18			13.84	17.56	6.66	8.96	17	180	0	180	0	0	180	11	12	0	0	23	0	3	0	3
12/2010	Mar 19-Mar 25			13.45	17.41	8.71	9.72	21	286	0	286	0	0	286	27	30	0	9	66	0	1	0	1
13/2010	Mar 26-Apr 01			13.25	14.5	6.94	9.27	17	308	0	308	0	0	308	11	28	0	62	101	0	1	0	1
14/2010	Apr 02-Apr 08			14.8	20.35	6.5	9.28	17	288	0	288	0	0	288	6	30	0	602	638	3	3	0	6
15/2010	Apr 09-Apr 15			13.22	30.05	8.44	8.96	10	601	0	601	0	0	601	4	13	0	36	53	3	1	16	20
Totals								90	1,814	0	1,814	0	0	1,814	61	129	0	709	899	8	9	16	33

Actual catch reported (not expanded for non-sample days).

*Flows reported by USGS, may be subject to revision **Water temperature recorded with Min-Max thermometer. Dissolved oxygen recorded in river at time of daily trap check
YOY=Young of Year (less than 1 yr); Y+=greater than 1 yr; Ad-Clip=Adipose Fin Clipped; M-Clip= Maxillary Clip

Summarized on: 5/6/2010