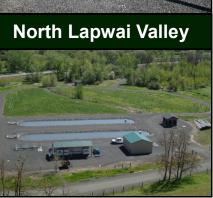
FALL CHINOOK ACCLIMATIONLuke's GulchNPTH







ANNUAL FALL CHINOOK RELEASES PER SITE

Luke's Gulch: Cedar Flats: NPTH: North Lapwai Valley:

350,000 sub-yearlings 350,000 sub-yearlings 500,000 sub-yearlings <u>200,000 sub-yearling</u> 1.4 million Fall Chinook



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(A place to cause fish to grow)

Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery

The Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery will help restore naturally reproducing populations of spring and fall Chinook salmon in the Clearwater River basin. The hatchery will help preserve the genetic integrity of these fish populations and, in the long term, establish harvest opportunities for tribal and non-tribal anglers.

On tribal lands next to the Clearwater River, the hatchery is designed to accommodate the incubation and rearing of 1.4 million fall Chinook and 1,025,000 spring Chinook salmon. Several semi-natural rearing techniques are used to encourage the hatchery reared fish to behave like wild fish. The hatchery will rear and release juvenile salmon at several locations throughout the basin to encourage their return as adults.

At these release sites, the fish will imprint on natural stream water so they will return to that location to spawn. All sites were selected based on habitat that can support spring and fall Chinook and are areas where tribal fishing traditionally occurred.







Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Acclimation Facilities



(NATURES) S-Channels



The goal of this natural rearing enhancement approach (NATURES) is to produce fish with growth, behavior, coloring, and other developmental traits as similar as possible to wild fish. This improves their ability to migrate to the ocean and return to spawn in natural habitats with increased survival rates. Each of these ponds can create a current to simulate a river's current and physically prepare the fish for the rigors of migration once they are released.

INCUBATION AND EARLY REARING



SPRING CHINOOK ACCLIMATION



Sweetwater Springs

Meadow Cr./Selway R.



ANNUAL SPRING CHINOOK RELEASES PER SITE

Newsome Creek: Yoosa/Camp Creek: Meadow Cr./Selway River: NPTH (On-Site): Lolo Creek: 75,000 pre-smolts 150,000 pre-smolts 400,000 fingerlings 200,000 smolts <u>200,000 smolts</u> 1,025,000 Spring Chinook