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An Independent Audit Based on Integrated Hatchery Operations Team (IHOT) Performance Measures

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Executive Summary

This report presents the findings of the independent audit of the Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program. The hatchery is located on the Pahsimeroi River near Ellis, Idaho. The hatchery is used for adult collection and spawning of summer steelhead and the adult collection, spawning, incubation, rearing, and release of summer chinook.

The audit was conducted in 1996-1997 as part of a 2-year effort that will include 67 hatcheries and satellite facilities located on the Columbia and Snake River system in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The hatchery operating agencies include the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Background

The audit is being conducted as a requirement of the Northwest Power Planning Council (NPPC) "Strategy for Salmon" and the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Under the audit, the hatcheries are evaluated against policies and related performance measures developed by the Integrated Hatchery Operations Team (IHOT). IHOT is a multi-agency group established by the NPPC to direct the development of new basinwide standards for managing and operating fish hatcheries. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) contracted with Montgomery Watson to act as an independent contractor for the audit.

IHOT has established five basic policies that cover: (1) hatchery coordination, (2) hatchery performance standards, (3) fish health, (4) ecological interaction, and (5) genetics. The audit focuses on all these policies, with the exception of hatchery coordination. These policies are set forth in *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries (IHOT 1995)*. That document is the source for the performance measures that are the basis of this audit.

The Audit Process

The audit was based on the facility management's response to a 109-page questionnaire. This audit form was completed through a five-step process in which:

- Information was obtained from headquarters.
- The hatchery manager was asked to fill out and return the audit form.
- A 1-2 day site audit visit was conducted to inspect facilities, review hatchery records, discuss audit form responses, and develop remedial action plans.
- A compliance report was developed to document the compliance status of each performance measure. This report was then shared with the hatchery manager and IHOT representative.
- This hatchery evaluation report was written to document compliance with IHOT performance measures and develop cost estimates for remedial actions when needed.

Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook Results

The Pahsimeroi facility includes three ponds for adult holding, four concrete raceways and incubation facilities. The satellite facility has two earthen rearing ponds. The hatchery is funded by Idaho Power as mitigation for fishery losses caused by construction of hydroelectric dams on the Snake River in Hells Canyon.

The Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program was in general compliance with most of the performance measures. In the area of program objectives, the hatchery was not meeting its adult return goal and needed to better document its adult contribution. The audit found that the hatchery was not in compliance with the temperature criteria, rearing density (full program), water quality monitoring criteria, alarm facilities, predation control criteria, which are all facilities requirements. In the compliance area for fish health policy, the hatchery was not using foot baths in the incubation area. The hatchery did not have a Genetics Monitoring and Evaluation Program in place.

The specific areas in which the Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program requires remedial actions based on the IHOT performance measures are listed below. These remedial actions are listed in alphabetical order without intent of ranking or otherwise assigning priority:

- Conduct fishery contribution studies
- Construct 4 more raceways (needed for full program)
- Construct bird netting and fence for upper pond
- Construct new release pipe that runs directly to the river
- Develop 4 cfs additional groundwater supply for incubation, early rearing, and fry
- Develop annual training schedule
- Develop genetics monitoring and evaluation plan
- Develop smoltification goal and monitoring program
- Develop specific incubation and rearing standards for IHOT Operations Plan
- Document adult contribution
- Fence settling ponds and construct new release pipe
- Follow IHOT alarm protocols when new system is operational
- Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection of exterior and interior of transport vehicles
- Follow IHOT protocols for equipment and rain gear disinfection prior to its use in the hatchery
- Install and use foot baths
- Install flow and security alarm system with logging capability
- Install freezer at hatchery (needed for full program)
- Monitor DO and TGP
- Monitor O₂ concentration during transport
- Perform IHOT QA/QC feed tests
- Reduce temperature in bulk storage facilities
- Review feed protocols with respect to how bags of feed are open
- Review IHOT temperature criteria for transport
- Run analysis for alkalinity and hardness
- Run analysis for contaminants
- Run analysis for missing chemistry parameters
- Run analysis for nitrite
- Run analysis for turbidity

Non-compliance issues resulting from items beyond human control or Performance Measures not relevant to this hatchery (Type 1 in Table 3, Section 4 of this report) were not listed above.

Facility Description

Name:	Pahsimeroi Hatchery
Stock/Species:	Summer Chinook Summer Steelhead
Operating Agency:	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Funding Agency:	Idaho Power Corporation
Location:	Located on the Pahsimeroi River near Ellis, Idaho. The hatchery is divided into two locations with the lower facility 1 mile upstream and the upper facility 7 miles upstream from the river mouth.
Address:	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Pahsimeroi Hatchery Box 85 Ellis, ID 83235
Hatchery Manager:	Mr. Gary Bertellotti
Phone:	(208) 876-4475
Fax:	
Purpose:	The hatchery began operation in 1969. It is funded by Idaho Power as mitigation for fishery losses caused by construction of hydroelectric dams on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. The goal of the hatchery is to relocate steelhead and chinook salmon runs from the Snake river (which was blocked by Hells Canyon, Oxbow, and Brownlee dams) to the Salmon River drainage.
Production Goal:	Summer Chinook Produce 1 million smolts for release into Pahsimeroi River and Salmon River drainage Provide surplus eggs to other hatchery programs in the state. Summer Steelhead Provide green and eyed eggs to Niagara, Magic Valley, and Hagerman hatcheries

Water Supply:

The main hatchery receives its water (17,953 gpm) directly from the Pahsimeroi River by both gravity and pumped supplies. It also receives a small flow (225 gpm) from a series of small nearby springs.

Facilities:

The hatchery is divided into two locations with the lower facility 1 mile upstream and the upper facility 7 miles upstream from the river mouth.

Adult Holding:

1 concrete trap pond - 5,000 cf each at the lower facility

3 concrete adult holding ponds - 5,625 cf each at the lower facility

Incubation:

20 double stack vertical tray incubators (320 trays) at the lower facility

Early Rearing:

4 concrete raceways - 1000 cf each at the lower facility

Rearing Ponds:

2 earthen rearing ponds - 55,000 cf each located at the upper facility

Compliance Status

The hatchery audits are based on compliance with written IHOT performance measures. These performance measures are documented in *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries* (referred to as *IHOT 1995* in this report).¹ The purpose of the performance measures is to implement new basinwide policies that provide regional guidelines for operating anadromous hatcheries in the Columbia Basin.

The audit focuses on performance measures for IHOT policies that cover (1) hatchery performance standards, (2) fish health, (3) ecological interaction, and (4) genetics. These performance measures are intended to guide hatchery operations once production is established. For that reason, the hatchery operations audit included broodstock collection, spawning, incubation of eggs, fish rearing and feeding, fish release, equipment maintenance and operations, and personnel training. Production priorities are beyond the scope of this audit.

Based on *IHOT 1995*, a detailed 109-page audit form was developed. The audit form divided the performance measures into six major sections along major program and technical criteria areas. Two additional sections (sections 1 and 8) include general information and expenditure information needed for this Hatchery Evaluation Report and blank forms for additional comments. The following is the basic structure of the IHOT audit form:

Section 1	Performance Measures for General Information and Expenditure Information (PMs General 1-2)
Section 2	Performance Measures for Program Objectives (PMs 1-4)
Section 3	Performance Measures for Facility Requirements (PMs 5-15)
Section 4	Performance Measures for Hatchery Practices (PMs 16-25)
Section 5	Performance Measures for Fish Health Policy (PMs 26-34)
Section 6	Performance Measures for Ecological Interactions (PMs 35-38)
Section 7	Performance Measures for Genetics Policy (PMs 39-43)
Section 8	Blank Forms for Additional Comments

Several performance measures are repeated in various sections of the audit form. These performance measures overlap in *IHOT 1995* and were retained to allow individuals interested in specific portions of the audit (such as Genetics or Fish Health) to determine the compliance status of all performance measures for a given topic in one location. A repeated performance measure is indicated by shaded text.

The Hatchery Audit Process

The hatchery audit will be conducted over a 2-year period that concludes in 1997. At each hatchery, a five-step process was used to complete the overall hatchery audit. This process consisted of research and onsite visits. The site visit at the Pahsimeroi Hatchery was conducted on September 13, 1996.

¹Integrated Hatchery Operations Team (IHOT) 1995. *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries*, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Oregon.

The following is the five-step audit process:

1. Information was obtained from headquarters.
2. The hatchery manager was asked to fill out and return the **Audit Form**.
3. A 1-2 day site audit visit was conducted at each hatchery. During that visit an audit team inspected facilities, reviewed hatchery records, discussed audit form responses, and developed remedial action plans when appropriate.
4. During the site visit, the compliance status of each performance measure was discussed with the hatchery manager and IHOT representative. A portion of the Hatchery Evaluation Report was sent to the hatchery manager following the audit visit as a **Compliance Report**. That Compliance Report is Table 2 of this report.
5. Information from steps 1-4 was used to prepare a draft **Hatchery Evaluation Report**. This draft report was submitted to the operating agencies for review of the information used to determine compliance. Based on review and comments, a final Hatchery Evaluation Report was developed. The final report documents the compliance of a particular hatchery with the IHOT performance measures and presents cost estimates to correct any deficiencies.

Compliance Status of Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook

The following table includes information on life-stages that are held on this facility for some portion of their rearing cycle (Table 1). For multi-facility programs, summary cost and contribution data is presented at the facility where rearing occurs. For the compliance status relating to performance measures that do not occur at this hatchery, please refer to the Hatchery Evaluation Reports for the hatcheries and stocks listed in Table 1. A check mark (✓) indicates that the specific life-stage is held at this facility.

This section documents the compliance status of the Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program. Each performance measure is presented in a table taken from the audit form (Table 2). The compliance status is identified by the following categories:

- **N/A** (not applicable)
- **Yes** (in compliance)
- **?** (unknown; generally due to unavailability of information to determine compliance)
- **No** (not in compliance).

Remedial actions are suggested for performance measures not in compliance. These remedial actions are grouped into categories and listed in Section 4 of this report, where the cost of the required remedial actions is also presented.

Table 1 Summary Program Information for Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook

Component	Location of Adult Holding, Spawning, Incubation, and Rearing					
	Pahsimeroi Hatchery	Sawtooth Hatchery	Pahsimeroi Rearing Ponds ^(a)			
Adult Collection	✓					
Adult Holding	✓					
Spawning	✓					
Fertilization	✓					
Incubation	✓					
green-to-eyed	✓	✓				
eyed-to-hatch	✓	✓				
Rearing	✓					
fry	✓	✓				
fingerlings	✓	✓				
smolts			✓			
Acclimation/release			✓			

(a) located at the upper Pahsimeroi facility

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
the hatchery programs outlined in a subbasin management plan?		✓			Columbia Basin System Planning Production Plan, IDFG's 5 Year Anadromous Manager Plan, and FERC agreement	
Is the hatchery operating under a current hatchery operational plan?		✓			IHOT Operations Plan	
Is it understood by staff?		✓				
Is it being followed?		✓				
Is a hatchery monitoring and evaluation plan in place?					IDFG's 5 Year Anadromous Manager Plan	
Do you have a written monitoring and evaluation plan?		✓				
Adult contribution to fisheries, spawning grounds, and hatchery				✓	Review of records	Document adult contribution
Adult pre-spawning survival as compared with established goal		✓			Review of records; in compliance 4 out of last 4 years	
Adult take as compared with established hatchery goal				✓	Review of records; in compliance 0 out of last 5 years	Improve adult returns
Embryonated egg to eyed-egg survival as compared with established goal		✓			Review of records; in compliance 5 out of last 5 years	
Embryonated egg to fry survival as compared with established goal				✓	Review of records; in compliance 4 out of last 5 years	
Smolt to smolt survival as compared with established goal				✓	Review of records; In compliance 3 out of last 5 years	
Smolt production as compared with established goal				✓	Review of records; In compliance 0 out of last 5 years	Improve adult returns
Smolt survival (smolt to adult) as compared with established goal				✓	Review of records; In compliance 0 out of last 5 years	Improve adult returns
Number of eggs, fry, fingerlings, smolts, and/or adults meet basinwide needs	✓				Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Temperature						
Does your water temperature meet the criteria for spawning?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Does your water temperature meet the criteria for incubation?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Does your water temperature meet the criteria for rearing?				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Develop 4 cfs additional groundwater supply for incubation, early rearing, and fry
Dissolved gases						
Is the oxygen level near saturation?			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Monitor DO in both water supplies
Is the dissolved nitrogen level less than saturation?			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Monitor TPG in both water supplies
Chemistry						
Ammonia (un-ionized)			✓		No data	Run analysis for chemistry parameters
Carbon Dioxide			✓			
Chlorine			✓			
Hardness			✓			
Copper			✓			
Hydrogen Sulfide			✓			
Iron			✓			
Zinc			✓			
Turbidity						
Does your turbidity meet the criteria?			✓		No data	Run analysis for turbidity

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Alkalinity and hardness						
Does your alkalinity and hardness meet the criteria?			✓		No data	Run analysis for alkalinity and hardness
Nitrite						
Does your nitrite meet the criteria?			✓		No data	Run analysis for nitrite
Contaminants						
Aldrin Dieldrin Dieldrin Heptachlor Chlordane Methoxychlor Dieldrin Malathion Parathion			✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓		No data	Run analysis for contaminants
Diseases						
What portions of the hatchery have disease-free water?						
Adult holding Incubation Early rearing		✓		✓ ✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion Inspection of facilities/Discussion Limited amount of water	Develop 4 cfs additional groundwater supply
Rearing Others				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion Inspection of facilities/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Alarm Systems						
Do the following areas have alarms?						
Intake				✓	Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	Install flow and security alarm systems with logging capability
Large rearing ponds and adult holding ponds				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Raceway headboxes and rearing ponds				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Incubation facilities			✓		Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Quarantine areas and facilities	✓				Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Water treatment systems				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Security				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Are there outside systems and buzzers in on-site residences?		✓			Discussion	
Are water flow alarms checked daily?				✓	Review of records/Discussion	
Are all other alarms checked weekly?	✓				Discussion	Follow IHOT alarm protocols when new system is operational
Is there a log of alarms for emergencies, tests, and maintenance requirements?				✓	Review of records/Discussion	
Are telephone pagers used?				✓	Discussion	
Adult collection and holding facilities						
Do you meet the adult holding criteria?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Incubation facilities Type 1: <u>Vertical Stack Incubators</u> Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?		✓			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Rearing facilities Type 1: <u>Concrete Raceways</u> Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program? Type 2: <u>Earthen Ponds</u> Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?		✓		✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion Inspection of facilities/Discussion	Construct 4 more raceways (needed if at full program)
Feeding facilities Do you meet the approach velocity criteria? Are the fish screens regularly cleaned? Does the screen mesh meet screen opening criteria? Are rearing containers double screened for fish that should not be released to adjacent water?		✓			Inspection of facilities/Discussion Inspection of facilities/Discussion Inspection of facilities/Discussion Not needed	
Predator control facilities Are your predation control facilities effective?				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	Construct bird netting and fence for upper ponds

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
d storage facilities and quality control						
Does the storage of dry/semi-moist/moist foods (dry <12%; semi-moist 12-20%; moist >20% moisture) follow food manufacturer's recommendations?		✓			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Does a regional quality control officer oversee production procedures and monitor:						
Verification by feed manufacturer that ingredients meet specifications?				✓	Discussion	Perform IHOT QA/QC feed tests
Ensure feed does not contain unwanted drugs or other additives?				✓	Discussion	Perform IHOT QA/QC feed tests
Analyze ingredients contained in the final food product to ensure that feed specifications have been met?				✓	Discussion	Perform IHOT QA/QC feed tests
Are the foods stored and handled according to the following criteria?						
Moist pellets should not exceed 10 °F at point of delivery.	✓				Discussion	
Moist pellets should be removed from freezer just prior to feeding.	✓				Discussion	
Do not leave buckets of feed or feed containers outside exposed to light or heat.		✓			Discussion	
Open bags of feed should be fed within 1 to 2 days except when feeding small groups of fish.				✓	Discussion	Review feed protocols with respect to how long bags of feed are open
Automatic feeder hoppers and bulk storage facilities should be insulated against excessive temperatures (80 °F and above).				✓	Insulated bulk feeds heat up above 80 °F	Install freezer at lower hatchery facility (needed if at full program) Reduce temperature in bulk storage facilities

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Release facilities						
Do the release facilities ensure that fish are not subjected to adverse conditions?				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion Release pipe runs through settling ponds	Construct new release pipe that runs directly to the river
Pollution abatement facilities						
Do the pollution abatement facilities meet all federal and state regulations (or good engineering practice)?				✓	Inspection of facilities/Discussion Release of fish through ponds - disturbs solids	Fence settling ponds and construct new release pipe
Are pollution abatement facilities operated correctly?				✓	Discussion. Not cleaned regularly	
Transportation facilities						
Are the transport systems adequate to meet IHOT performance measures for transportation practices?		✓			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Broodstock selection practices						
Is the donor selection process document attached?	✓				Existing program; does not apply	
Was the donor selection outline followed in selecting the hatchery broodstock?	✓				Existing program; does not apply	
Refer to PM #40 in Genetics Section						
Spawning practices						
Were the appropriate number of spawners, male/female ratios, and fertilization protocols used?				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Improve adult returns
Refer to PM #42 in Genetics Section						
Incubation practices						
Are specific incubation standards listed in the hatchery operations plan?		✓			Hatchery Operations Plan	Develop specific incubation standards for IHOT Operations Plan
Are incubation practices written?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Incubation Type 1: <u>Vertical tray</u> (see PM #8) - do you meet the loading and flow criteria?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
rearing practices						
specific rearing standards listed in the hatchery operations plan?		✓			Hatchery Operations Plan	Develop specific rearing standards for IHOT Operations Plan
rearing practices written?		✓			Hatchery Operations Plan	
rearing Unit Type 1: Raceways (see PM #9)						Construct 4 more raceways for full program
Do you meet the density and DI criteria?				✓	Review of records/Discussion	
Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
rearing Unit Type 2: Earthen Ponds (see PM #9)						
Do you meet the density and DI criteria?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
smolt quality						
Do you produce a high quality smolt?		✓			Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Health management practices						
Are the monthly hatchery monitoring visits being conducted? (PM #26)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Are the annual broodstock inspections being conducted? (PM #27)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Is there pathogen-free water and are the sanitation procedures being followed? (PM #28)				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Install and use foot baths
Are the following water quality parameters within criteria? (PM #5a-5h)						
Water temperature				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Develop additional 4 cfs of groundwater . See PM #4a
Dissolved gases			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Run analysis
Chemistry			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Run analysis
Turbidity			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Run analysis
Alkalinity and hardness			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Run analysis
Nitrite			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Run analysis
Contaminants			✓		Review of records/Discussion	Run analysis
Are rearing standards being followed? (PM #19)				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Construct 4 more raceways for full program
Are egg and fish transfer/release requirements met? (PM #31)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>Do hatchery performance meet requirements defined in the regional hatchery policies and in basin and hatchery plans for the following areas?</p> <p>Percent smoltification</p> <p>Do you measure percent smoltification?</p> <p>Did you meet the smoltification criteria?</p>				✓	Discussion Discussion	Develop smoltification goal and monitoring program
<p>Rearing density (prior to release)</p> <p>Did you meet the rearing density criteria just prior to release?</p>		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
<p>Disease condition (at release)</p> <p>Did you meet all disease regulations just prior to release?</p>		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
<p>Release number (at release)</p> <p>Did you meet the release number goal?</p>				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Improve adult returns
<p>Release size (at release)</p> <p>Did you meet the size goal?</p>		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
<p>Release dates of release</p> <p>Did you meet the release date goal?</p>		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
<p>Release location of release</p> <p>Did you release the fish at the specified location?</p>		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
<p>Subbasin acclimation of fish reared in the subbasin or acclimated in the basin?</p> <p>Were the fish reared in the subbasin?</p> <p>Were the fish acclimated in the subbasin?</p>		✓ ✓			Discussion Discussion	
<p>Is the release strategy appropriate for the program?</p>		✓			Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Transportation facilities						
Do transportation equipment and personnel receive disinfection before and after use?		✓			Discussion	Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection of exterior and interior of transport vehicle
Is the fish tank interior disinfected using a solution of 100 ppm active chlorine for 30 minutes minimum or formaldehyde gas generation method (relative humidity of 60% for 2 hrs)?		✓			Discussion	
Is the exterior of the fish transport vehicle disinfected using high pressure steam (115-130°C), high temperature acid, or with 200 ppm chlorine for 30 minutes?				✓	Discussion	
Is the fish transport vehicle (cab) disinfected using 600 ppm quaternary ammonia compounds (1.5 ml of 50% stock solution/liter water)?				✓	Discussion	
Is other equipment disinfected including fish pumps, nets, egg sorters, waders, boots, rain gear, hoses and other equipment using one of the following solutions? 200 ppm chlorine for 30 minutes 600 ppm quaternary ammonia compound for 30 minutes 200 ppm iodophor solution for 10 minutes		✓			Discussion	
Do personnel wear protective garments when handling fish eggs or cultural water?		✓			Discussion	
Do the fish transport truck/chassis and tank/unit receive an inspection and service prior to the release season?		✓			Discussion	
Is a daily service inspection completed before starting up and leaving for the day?		✓			Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Transportation facilities						
Does the fish transport unit receive an inspection prior to loading?		✓			Discussion	
Does a pre-loading inspection covering tank water level, pumps or aerators, oxygen injection system settings, displacement gauge, and truck loading/hauling density tables checked and reviewed occur prior to loading fish in the transport unit?		✓			Discussion	
Do hauling criteria include checking the fish 45 minutes to 1 hour after loading?	✓				Trip less than 1 hour	
When fish are active and systems are functioning properly, is the oxygen concentration reduced and maintained at approximately 8 ppm?			✓		Do not monitor	Monitor O ₂ concentration during transport
Is water temperature in the transportation unit maintained within the 42-48 °F range?				✓	Discussion	Review IHOT temperature criteria for transport
Do fish releasing procedures include the following criteria?						
Releasing the fish at the correct release site or into the correct water body.		✓			Discussion	
Tempering or the difference between the liberation tank and the target water body should not exceed 10°F.		✓			Discussion	
The liberation hose should be angled so that fish gently hit the water. Using a tripod is a method of ensuring the hose will stay at the proper angle.		✓			Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>Evaluation practices</p> <p>Has the hatchery conducted fishery contribution studies?</p> <p>Determine the requirements for evaluating and improving management programs?</p> <p>Develop guidelines that define the geographical area and identify component stocks (hatchery and/or wild) that comprise the management unit?</p> <p>Develop guidelines that define if the proper stocks of fish are currently being used?</p> <p>Determine which management units contribute to a specific fishery and the time periods of those contributions?</p> <p>Determine the relative contributions of the various management units to a specific fishery over the different time periods?</p>				<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Conduct fishery contribution studies</p>

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Training practices						
Does the hatchery have a training schedule for its staff?				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Develop annual training schedule
Does each staff member have a personal training plan approved by a supervisor and reviewed annually?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Does the hatchery routinely exchange training details between other hatcheries and agencies?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Does the hatchery encourage and reward off-duty training of staff?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Does the hatchery conduct monthly staff meetings?		✓			Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
monthly hatchery monitoring visits being conducted by a qualified fish health specialist as described below?						
Conduct visit at least monthly		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Monitoring conducted by qualified fish health specialist		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Examine a representative sample of healthy and moribund fish from each lot.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Review fish culture practices with hatchery manager.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Report finding and results of necropsies on standard form.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Recommend appropriate drug or chemical treatment.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Summarize fish health status or stock prior to release or transfer to another facility.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
all of the functions of the hatchery yearly monitoring visits being completed as described below?						
Annually examine each broodstock for the presence of reportable viral pathogens.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Annually screen each salmon broodstock for the presence of <i>Renibacterium salmoninarum</i> .		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Conduct inspection by or under the supervision of qualified fish health specialist.		✓			Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Are hatchery sanitation procedures accepted?						
Are there any sources of pathogen-free water, especially for incubation and early rearing?		✓			Discussion	
Are the hatchery sanitation procedures understood and being followed as described below?						
Disinfect/water harden eggs in iodophor?		✓			Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	
Are foot baths containing disinfectant placed at the incubation facility's entrance and exit?				✓	Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	Install and use foot baths
Is equipment and rain gear utilized in broodstock handling or spawning sanitized prior to its use elsewhere in the hatchery?				✓	Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	Follow IHOT protocols for equipment and rain gear disinfection prior to its use in the hatchery
Is equipment used to collect dead fish sanitized prior its use in another pond and/or lot of fish?		✓			Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	
Is equipment, including vehicles used to transfer fish between facilities, disinfected prior to use with any other fish lots or at any other location?		✓			Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	
Are rearing vessels sanitized after fish are removed and prior to introducing a new fish lot or stock?		✓			Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	
Are dead fish properly disposed of?		✓			Inspection of facilities/ Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>water quality parameters being followed?</p> <p>Are the following water quality parameters within criteria? (PM #5a-5h)</p> <p>Water temperature</p> <p>Dissolved gases Chemistry Turbidity Alkalinity and hardness Nitrite Contaminants</p>			✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓	<p>Review of records/Discussion</p> <p>No data</p>	<p>Develop additional 4 cfs groundwater supply</p> <p>Run analysis Run analysis Run analysis Run analysis Run analysis</p>
<p>to PM #21</p> <p>incubation and rearing standards being followed?</p> <p>Are the incubation practices following the IHOT incubation criteria? (PM #18)</p> <p>Are the rearing practices following the IHOT criteria? (PM #19)</p>		✓		✓	<p>Review of records/Discussion</p> <p>Review of records/Discussion</p>	<p>Need 4 more raceways for full program</p>
<p>to rearing practices PM #18-PM #19</p> <p>egg and fish transfer/release requirements met?</p>		✓			Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>Is the hatchery's program outlined in a subbasin management plan?</p> <p>Go to subbasin plan PM #1</p>		✓			Columbia Basin System Planning Production Plan, IDFG's 5 Year Anadromous Manager Plan, and FERC agreement	
<p>Is the hatchery operating under a current hatchery operational plan?</p> <p>Go to operational plan PM #2</p>		✓			IHOT Operations Plan	
<p>Is hatchery monitoring and evaluation plan in place?</p> <p>Go to hatchery monitoring and evaluation plan PM #3</p>		✓			IDFG's 5 Year Anadromous Manager Plan	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Does the hatchery program meet requirements established in the regional hatchery policies and basin planning documents in the following areas: species, stock, broodstock collection location, broodstock numbers, broodstock collection strategy, spawning and egg-take protocols?						
Does the hatchery program meet the requirements for the following?						
Species protocols (PM #4a)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Stock protocols (PM #4a)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Broodstock collection location protocols (PM #41)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Broodstock numbers protocols (PM #42)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Broodstock collection strategy protocols (PM #41)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Spawning protocols (PM #42)				✓	Discussion; low returns impact protocols	See PM #42
Egg-take protocols (PM #42)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Do the hatchery's performance meet requirements defined in the regional hatchery policies and in the basin and hatchery plans for the following areas: percent smoltification, rearing density, disease condition, and the number, size date(s), and location of release?						
Percent smoltification (PM #22a1)				✓	Review of records/Discussion	Develop smoltification goal and monitoring program Need 4 more raceways at full program
Rearing density (PM #22a2)				✓	Review of records/Discussion	
Disease condition (PM #22a3)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	Improve adult returns
Number at release (PM #22a4)				✓	Review of records/Discussion	
Size at release (PM #22a5)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Date of release (PM #22a6)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Location of release (PM #22a7)		✓			Review of records/Discussion	
Are fish reared in the subbasin or acclimated in the basin?		✓			Discussion	
PM #22b						
Is the release strategy appropriate for the program?		✓			Discussion	
PM #22c						

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
new programs, has a broodstock collection plan developed?						
Is the broodstock collection plan written?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Is there a non-captive broodstock program:	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Was an unbiased, representative sample collected?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Was the recommended number of broodstock collected?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
or a captive broodstock program:						
Were captive brood progeny excluded as donors for propagating the next generation of the captive broodstock program?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Were full-sib crosses avoided?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Is the broodstock collection plan understood and being followed by staff?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
a new program, was the donor selection outline followed in selecting the hatchery broodstock?						
Is a donor selection plan written?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Was the donor selection outline followed in selecting the broodstock?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	
Was the target stock recommended in the donor selection process actually used?	✓				Existing Program; does not apply	

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>existing programs, were the broodstock collection cedures followed?</p> <p>Is the broodstock collection plan written?</p> <p>Does the broodstock collection plan follow the guideline:</p> <p>Was an unbiased, representative sample collected?</p> <p>Was the recommended number of broodstock collected?</p> <p>Were the broodstock collection procedures in hatchery operation plan understood and followed?</p> <p>Were the broodstock collection procedures in hatchery operation plan understood and followed?</p>		<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>		<p></p> <p></p> <p>✓</p> <p></p>	<p>Review broodstock collection plan</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Improve adult returns</p>

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>Are the spawning protocols written?</p> <p>Are daily or weekly spawning logs available?</p> <p>Was the appropriate number of spawners used?</p> <p>Did you attempt to spawn all collected broodstock and randomize mating with respect to age class, and other traits?</p> <p>Was the sex-ratio within the limits given in the performance standards?</p> <p>Were the fertilization protocols followed?</p> <p>If the hatchery needed to reduce the number of eggs retained, was this done by representative sampling of each male/female cross?</p>		<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p></p> <p>✓</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>✓</p>		<p></p> <p></p> <p>✓</p> <p></p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Review</p> <p>Review of records</p> <p>Discussion; low returns</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Improve adult returns</p> <p>Improve adult returns</p> <p>Improve adult returns</p>

Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status				Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for Compliance
	N/A	Yes	?	No		
<p>Is there a genetics monitoring and evaluation program in place?</p> <p>Is there a genetics monitoring and evaluation program available?</p> <p>Does the plan address the following elements listed in HOT:</p> <p>Does the program have elements needed to meet evaluation goals 1-4?</p> <p>Has a qualified geneticist reviewed and endorsed the program (goal 5)?</p> <p>Will the program collect the data and maintain the records needed to evaluate compliance on an ongoing basis (goal 5)?</p> <p>Is the program understood and followed by staff?</p>				<p>✓</p>	<p>None supplied</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Develop genetics monitoring and evaluation plan</p>

Remedial Actions

Based on the compliance status for each performance measure, remedial actions were developed. The required remedial actions are organized into five categories. The types of categories range across a spectrum from those actions that are beyond human control, to those that require a change in agency policy or procedures, to those that involve a significant capital cost to put in place. The following are the five types of remedial actions identified under phase 1 of the audit:

The Five Types of Remedial Actions

Type	Description
1	Non-compliance issues resulting from items beyond human control or Performance Measures not relevant for this hatchery
2	Remedial actions requiring changes in agency policies or procedures
3	Remedial actions requiring changes in monitoring coverage or interval
4	Remedial actions requiring significant capital expenditures
5	Remedial actions that may require significant capital expenditures but are not clearly definable at this time

Remedial Actions at Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook

This section presents the corrective actions required to bring the Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program into compliance with IHOT performance measures. The remedial actions suggested here are just that, suggestions developed by the Montgomery Watson Audit Team. For some non-compliance areas, other remedial actions could be proposed. The required remedial actions are cross-referenced to each IHOT performance measure that was not in compliance. Where appropriate, the costs associated with the remedial actions are also presented (Table 3).

The cost estimates presented in this section are based on professional experience from similar projects. In most cases, only a lump-sum figure is presented, and detailed take-off lists have not been prepared. The cost estimates are essentially order of magnitude estimates ($\pm 40\%$).

More importantly, the suggested remedial activities may also present several levels of action. Optional actions have been listed for several problems. These optional actions are desirable for either operational or safety considerations.

Remedial Action Required	Cost	PMs¹
Type 3 - Remedial actions requiring changes in monitoring coverage or interval		
Monitor DO and TGP	----	5b
Run analysis for missing chemistry parameters	----	5c
Run analysis for turbidity	----	5d
Run analysis for alkalinity and hardness	----	5e
Run analysis for nitrite	----	5f
Run analysis for contaminants		5g
Type 4 - Remedial actions requiring significant capital expenditures		
Install flow and security alarm system with logging capability	\$10,000-\$15,000	6
Construct 4 more raceways (needed for full program)	\$180,000	9, 19
Construct bird netting and fence for upper pond	\$121,000	11
Install freezer at hatchery (needed for full program)	\$40,000-\$60,000	12
Construct new release pipe that runs directly to the river	\$22,000	13
Fence settling ponds and construct new release pipe	\$52,000	14
Type 5 - Remedial actions that may require significant capital expenditures but are not clearly definable at this time		
Develop 4 cfs additional groundwater supply for incubation, early rearing, and fry	----	5a, 5h
Reduce temperature in bulk storage facilities	----	12

¹ PMs are performance measures that were extracted from the IHOT 1995 report. The IHOT performance measures are listed in Table 2 (Section 3 of this report) in numerical order.

Hatchery Contribution to Fisheries, Spawning Grounds, and Hatcheries

This section presents the audit findings for the Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program contribution of adult fish to fisheries, local fisheries, spawning grounds, and hatcheries. Data is reported by broodyear. A broodyear refers to the adult contribution from the eggs produced from a single group of spawning adults. For some species, this may include fish caught as 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-year old fish. Because of the return distribution and data processing delays, the complete adult contribution for a given broodyear may not be available until 4 to 5 years after the fish have been released from the hatchery.

**Table 4. Adult Contribution to Fisheries, Spawning Grounds, and Hatcheries:
Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook¹**

Year	Fisheries ² (Broodyear)	Spawning Grounds ² (Broodyear)	Hatchery ² (Broodyear)	Total Combined Contribution ³ (Broodyear)	Smolt to Adult Survival (percent)
1981					
1982					
1983		0	109		0.83
1984		0	37		0.64
1985		0	110		0.56
1986		100	245		0.75
1987		228	245		0.12
1988		260	578		0.10
1989		82	265		0.020
1990		149	321		0.022
1991		76	162		
1992		43	88		

¹ Contribution within Idaho; no information from ocean catch or from Oregon and Washington.

² Data obtained from Missing Production Groups Annual Report or from the Regional Mark Information System database.

³ Total combined adult contribution; presented when it is not possible to subdivide the contribution into fisheries, spawning grounds, and hatchery contributions.

Annual Operating Expenditures

The level and detail of annual operating expenditures varies widely depending on hatchery, operating agency, and funding source. When provided, expenditures were presented in terms of personnel costs, operating costs (power, feed, supplies), capital costs, indirect costs charged to the federal government, third-party costs, and other costs. These cost components were summed to determine a total hatchery annual cost. Based on discussion with the hatchery manager, the percent of total hatchery costs allocated to a given program was estimated. The total hatchery costs and the percent of hatchery costs allocated to a given program were used to compute the cost of a given program. Table 5 shows the annual operating expenses for the Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook program. For programs that occur at more than one facility (as shown on Table 1 in Section 3 of this report), the cost breakdown for the component(s) at each facility is presented in a separate table (Tables 5a).

Table 5. Annual Operating Expenses: Pahsimeroi Hatchery - Summer Chinook

Hatchery	1993	1994	1995
1. Summer Chinook	\$135,425	\$101,881	\$207,730
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
Total Program Costs	\$135,425	\$101,881	\$207,730

The total expenditures for the Pahsimeroi Hatchery are presented in Table 6 by program. The detailed breakdown of program expenditures at this hatchery is presented in separate tables (Tables 6a and 6b).

Table 6. Annual Operating Expenses - Pahsimeroi Hatchery

Program	1993	1994	1995
1. Summer Chinook	\$135,425	\$101,881	\$207,730
2. Summer Steelhead	\$90,283	\$237,722	\$89,027
3.			
4.			
5.			
Total Hatchery Costs	\$225,708	\$339,603	\$296,757

**Table 5a. Annual Operating Expenses: Pahsimeroi Hatchery: Summer Chinook
Expenditure Occurring at Pahsimeroi Hatchery**

Component	1993	1994	1995
Personnel Costs	\$94,512	\$91,290	\$101,300
Operational Costs	\$114,523	\$138,640	\$80,521
Capital Costs	0	0	0
Indirect Costs			
Lumped Hatchery Costs ¹			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$16,673	\$109,673	\$114,936
Total Hatchery Costs	\$225,708	\$339,603	\$296,757
Source of Funds			
Idaho Power Corporation	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)			
Total Production (lb)			
Program as Percent of Total	60%	30%	70%
Program Costs	\$135,425	\$101,881	\$207,730

¹ When it was not possible to obtain a detailed cost breakdown from an agency or third party, the undivided costs were entered here.

Table 6a. Detailed Expenditures at Pahsimeroi Hatchery by Program

Summer Chinook

Component	1993	1994	1995
Personnel Costs	\$94,512	\$91,290	\$101,300
Operational Costs	\$114,523	\$138,640	\$80,521
Capital Costs	0	0	0
Indirect Costs			
Lumped Hatchery Costs ¹			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$16,673	\$109,673	\$114,936
Total Hatchery Costs	\$225,708	\$339,603	\$296,757
Source of Funds			
Idaho Power Corporation	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)			
Total Production (lb)			
Program as Percent of Total	60%	30%	70%
Program Costs	\$135,425	\$101,881	\$207,730

¹ When it was not possible to obtain a detailed cost breakdown from an agency or third party, the undivided costs were entered here.

Table 6b. Detailed Expenditures at Pahsimeroi Hatchery by Program

Summer Steelhead

Component	1993	1994	1995
Personnel Costs	\$94,512	\$91,290	\$101,300
Operational Costs	\$114,523	\$138,640	\$80,521
Capital Costs	0	0	0
Indirect Costs			
Lumped Hatchery Costs ¹			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$16,673	\$109,673	\$114,936
Total Hatchery Costs	\$225,708	\$339,603	\$296,757
Source of Funds			
Idaho Power Corporation	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)			
Total Production (lb)			
Program as Percent of Total	30%	70%	30%
Program Costs	\$90,283	\$237,722	\$89,027

¹ When it was not possible to obtain a detailed cost breakdown from an agency or third party, the undivided costs were entered here.