

LOWER SNAKE RIVER COMPENSATION PLAN ARTIFICIAL PRODUCTION PROGRAM

Administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Facilities

132k

Annual Return
Goal

410k

Fish Harvested
Annually

817k

Days of Recreational
Fishing Supported



SPECIES AND RUNS

Spring Chinook

Fall Chinook

Summer Steelhead

When Congress authorized the construction of four dams on the lower Snake River in 1945, only adult fish ladders and minor dam modifications were funded to mitigate for anticipated adverse impacts to salmon and steelhead. Through assessments associated with the construction and operation of the dams, the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan was authorized by Congress in 1976 providing for the construction of fish hatcheries to compensate for some of the realized losses of salmon and steelhead. Today, LSRCP facilities produce and release salmon, steelhead, and resident rainbow trout as part of the program's mitigation responsibility. In addition, fish health programs and monitoring and evaluation studies are also implemented through the program.