

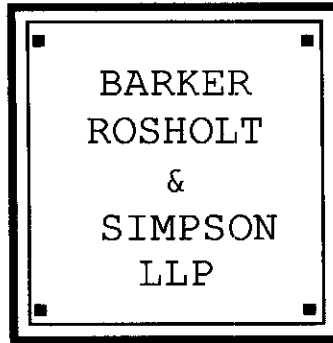
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August 19, 2004

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RE: EVIDENCE OF PRIORITY DATE – CLAIM #73-4041

Dear Roxanne:

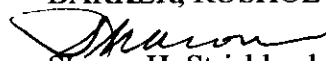
In follow-up to our recent telephone conversation, I am enclosing the following information in support of the claimed priority date of March 28, 1969 on the above-referenced SRBA claim:

Various pages from Idaho Power's Property Accounting records which detail the development of the springs and installation of fish propagation equipment in 1969.

Excerpts from a March 1970 Idaho Fish & Game report which summarize the construction of the Idaho Power hatchery facilities on the Pahsimeroi River and also discuss the trapping and spawning of adult steelhead from March 10 to May 31, 1969. Eggs collected as part of this effort would have been the first group to be incubated on the newly developed spring water supply.

This should satisfy the department's requirement to provide by August 27th, documentation to prove the claimed priority date on this claim. As we discussed, further searches are underway for additional records in support of the claimed amount of water. Thank you for your assistance, and please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
BARKER, ROSHOLT & SIMPSON


Sharon H. Strickland, CLA

cc: Paul Abbott, Idaho Power Co.

IDAHO POWER COMPANY
PRODUCTION PLANT PROPERTY RECORDS
AS OF 12/31/95

LOCATION: 631 PAHSIMERO1 RIVER TRAPPING, HOLDING, INCUBAT.
PLANT ACCOUNT: 331 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS
AREA: 3176 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS
ASSET CATEGORY: 31762000 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS

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ID #	PANEL	TAG OR PARCEL	ENTRY REF. OR ORIG WORK YEAR ORDER INST NUMBER	ITEM NUM	QUANTITY UOM	ASSET DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NUMBER	TRAN T	AMOUNT DATE
			93	23631127	222	1 EA	SPAWNING SHED, 17' X 23'		
*** THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM () IS						24,477.46			24,477.46 06/93 A
0691	49	09	4		1 EA	32' X 28' INCUBATION BUILDING			12,515.41 06/96 A
*** THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM (0691) IS						16,037.95			1,218.71 04/95 A
TOTAL FOR ASSET CATEGORY NUMBER 31762000 , HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS									40,515.41

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AREA: 3176 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS
ASSET CATEGORY: 31763000 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION EQUIPMENT

ID #	ENTRY	REF. OR				SERIAL	TRAN	T	
PANEL	ORIG	WORK				NUMBER	AMOUNT	DATE	
TAG OR	YEAR	ORDER	ITEM	QUANTITY	UOM	ASSET DESCRIPTION			
PARCEL	INST	NUMBER	NUM						
69	JV930714	3C		20	EA	STACKS OF INCUBATION TRAYS		19,256.05	07/93 T
		3CA		16	EA	FISH DIP NETS		219.44	07/93 T
84	JV930714	3CB		1	EA	HANITOMOC ICE MAKER, MOD 0204A W/STORAGE UNIT	840260147	2,090.00	07/93 T
85	23631114	A		21	EA	ALUMINUM SIFT TRAYS			

TOTAL FOR ASSET CATEGORY NUMBER 31763000 , HATCHERY OR INCUBATION EQUIPMENT

24,327.11

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AREA: 3176 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS
ASSET CATEGORY: 31765000 OTHER HATCHERY BUILDINGS

ID #	ENTRY	REF. OR	QUANTITY	UOM	ASSET DESCRIPTION	SERIAL	AMOUNT	TRAN	T
PANEL	ORIG WORK	YEAR ORDER	ITEM			NUMBER		DATE	
TAG OR	INST	NUMBER	NUM						
PARCEL									
	92	23631128	A1	1	EA	CHEMICAL STORAGE BUILDING, 23' X 30'			
	***	THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM () IS					32,945.21	06/93	A
0692	62	02	A	1	EA	12' X 12' BUNGALOW			
0891	01	0001000	A	1	EA	8' X 25' ARMO PUMPHOUSE (NEXT TO INTAKE STR)			
	***	THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM (0891) IS					4,802.67	12/81	A
TOTAL FOR ASSET CATEGORY NUMBER 31765000 , OTHER HATCHERY BUILDINGS							39,802.82		

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AMOUNT	TRAN DATE	T
8,275.83	12/69	A
1,994.26	12/71	A

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PLANT ACCOUNT: 331 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS
AREA: 3176 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS
ASSET CATEGORY: 31767000 HATCHERY BUILDING ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTING

ID #	ENTRY	REF. OR	ITEM	QUANTITY	UOM	ASSET DESCRIPTION	SERIAL	AMOUNT	TRAN	T
PANEL	ORIG	WORK					NUMBER		DATE	
TAG OR	YEAR	ORDER	NUM							
PARCEL	INST	NUMBER								
0691	69	C9	A			ALL INCUBATION BUILDING ELECTRICAL AND WIRING		3,745.02	12/69	A
			B			ALL HEATING SYSTEM FOR INCUBATION BUILDING		1,572.62	12/69	A
***** THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM (0691) IS 5,317.64 *****										
			C			120 LF 7/8 W12 CU GND CONDUCTOR FOR PUMPHOUSE				
						30 LF 1 1/4" EMT CONDUIT FOR PUMPHOUSE				
***** THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM (0891) IS 1,928.95 *****										

TOTAL FOR ASSET CATEGORY NUMBER 31767000, HATCHERY BUILDING ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTING

7,246.59

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PLANT ACCOUNT: 331 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS
AREA: 3176 HATCHERY OR INCUBATION BUILDINGS
ASSET CATEGORY: 31768000 HATCHERY BUILDING WATER SYSTEM

ID #	ENTRY	REF. OR	ITEM	QUANTITY	UOM	ASSET DESCRIPTION	SERIAL	AMOUNT	TRAN	T
PANEL	ORIG	WORK	NUM				NUMBER		DATE	
TAG OR	YEAR	ORDER								
PARCEL	INST	NUMBER								
0691	69	C9	A			ALL DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM FOR INCUBATION BUILDING		1,426.41	12/69	A
			B			ALL INCUBATION AND WATER SUPPLY FOR INCUBATION BLD		21,685.08	12/69	A
			C			1 EA 2500 GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK-INCUBATION BLD		154.60	12/69	A
* * * THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS ITEM (0691) IS 23,266.09 * * *										

TOTAL FOR ASSET CATEGORY NUMBER 31768000 , HATCHERY BUILDING WATER SYSTEM

23,266.09

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TOTAL FOR ASSET CATEGORY NUMBER 31727000 , DOMESTIC WELLS AND FRESH WATER PIPELINES

1,646.32

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Evaluation of Transplanting Snake River Head Trout
to the Pahsimeroi River, 1969.

By

Melvin Reingold
Senior Fishery Research Biologist

March, 1970

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Studies initiated in 1968 to determine the relationship between smolt acclimation time and adult return success should be continued in 1970.

OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this project is to evaluate the success of transplanting the Snake River steelhead run blocked by Idaho Power Company dams to the Pahsimeroi River.

INTRODUCTION:

The Pahsimeroi release ponds and the background of the project are described in previous project reports (Reingold, 1967, 1968).

Briefly, Snake River steelhead eggs spawned at Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon and Oxbow Dam facilities and obtained from adult steelhead returning to the Pahsimeroi from prior smolt releases, are hatched and reared to "smolt size" at Niagara Springs Hatchery, then transported to the Pahsimeroi River near Challis, Idaho. This is part of a program to relocate steelhead and salmon stocks from the Snake River to the Salmon River. The project facilities are operated by the Idaho Fish and Game Department and financed by Idaho Power Company.

TECHNIQUES USED:

Enumeration Facilities--Adult

Adult steelhead trapping and spawning facilities are constructed in the winter of 1968-1969, approximately two river miles upstream from the mouth of the Pahsimeroi. Basically, these facilities consist of a weir across the Pahsimeroi, a channel leading to a ladder and combination trap and a three-sectioned concrete holding pen. Water is supplied from a screened diversion

channel from the Pahsimeroi River. Also included at this station is an incubator house and office and 20 Heath egg incubators. A pumphouse and storage tank provides 54 degree F. water from spring sources. Two mobile homes are provided for personnel. *

Enumeration Facilities--Juveniles

The downstream migrant enumeration facilities are the same ones used in 1967 and 1968. The same trap located on an irrigation green bypass pipe at Burstedt Lane, approximately 11 river miles downstream from the ponds was used for smolt enumeration. Another similar trap system installed on the bypass pipe of the adult facility inlet channel in the spring of 1969 did not collect enough steelhead smolts to provide usable data.

Hauling of Smolts

Approximately 1,645,000 steelhead smolts were hauled to the Pahsimeroi River from Niagara Springs Hatchery in 36 truck loads between March 3 and May 27, 1969. Approximately 630,000 smolts were put in the acclimation-release ponds and 1,015,000 were planted directly in the Pahsimeroi River near the ponds.

On March 26, a faulty oxygen line caused the loss of an estimated 5,000 smolts enroute and an additional estimated 10,000 smolts died on one trip in mid-April due to a problem with an oxygen valve.

FINDINGS:

Juvenile Emigration

From March through November 1969, some 4,830 Snake River steelhead migrants from the upstream plants collected at the Burstedt Lane trap were marked with an opercle punch and transported upstream two river miles and released. Every week the location or figure of the punch mark was changed to denote changes in the trap capture rate.

Adult Returns--1966 Year-Class

Between March 10 and May 31, 1969, a total of 850 adult steelhead entered the trap at the Pahsimeroi adult return facilities (Figure 2). Fifty-two of these were identified as wild steelhead and 798 as returning Snake River steelhead from the 1967 release. A pronounced deformation of the dorsal fin, (a product of hatchery operations), was apparent on 99 percent of these. Thirty-one of these fish had right-ventral-adipose fin clips that were applied prior to release as smolts in 1967. *These eggs were incubated on spring water only.*

Of the total 850 fish returned to the hatchery, 67 were females and 383 males. Approximately 1,620,000 eggs were obtained from the female steelhead and those surviving will be released into the Pahsimeroi River as smolts in the spring of 1970.

Angler check stations were operated on the Snake River road near North Fork, Idaho in the fall of 1968 and spring of 1969. A total of 452 steelhead anglers were checked with 182 steelhead of which 37 (20 percent) were identified as adults returning from the 1967 smolt release.

Several other reports of marked fish in the Snake River catch were received from anglers, river guides, and conservation officers in the field.

Length data was collected from 437 female and 100 male hatchery origin steelhead. The average size was 22 inches for the females and 23 inches for the males (Figure 3).

Steelhead returning to the facilities in 1969 had spent only one winter in the ocean. Snake River stock steelhead are by race predominantly one-ocean fish. However, it is expected that a small number of two-ocean steelhead from the 1967 release will return to the Pahsimeroi in 1970.