

Snake River Sockeye Update – Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Passage through the mainstem

- Snake River Sockeye Salmon return is lower than originally forecasted
 - 827 SR Sockeye estimated to have passed Bonneville Dam (BON) — run forecast revised downward to 1,087 total SR Sockeye @ BON
- Conversion through the mainstem reaches has been relatively good.
 - 22 PIT tags detected at BON and 11 of those tags have already been detected at Lower Granite Dam (LGR)
 - 2 PIT tags were detected at BON (23 Jun & 30 Jun) and not detected again (assumed mortalities)
 - Zero SR Sockeye PIT tags detected at Priest Rapids Dam
 - Conversion of fish remaining in lower Columbia River is expected to decline with warming temperatures this week.

Trap and transport operations:

- Lower Granite Dam trapping operation
 - Began 29 June
 - Collection 5 days / week
 - No change to typical trapping rate associated with long-term monitoring programs
- Bonneville Hatchery trapping operation
 - Hatchery staff (ODFW) opened the trap on 30 June
 - Collected 151 Snake River Sockeye confirmed as brood year 2023 and 2024 smolts released at that location
 - Trapped sockeye transported to Stanley Basin by IDFG for release into Redfish Lake and Pettit Lake on 07 July
 - Trap opened again 07 July
 - 259 sockeye trapped (256 marked, 3 unmarked) to be transported to Eagle, Idaho for genetic confirmation of origin before release into Stanley Basin lakes.