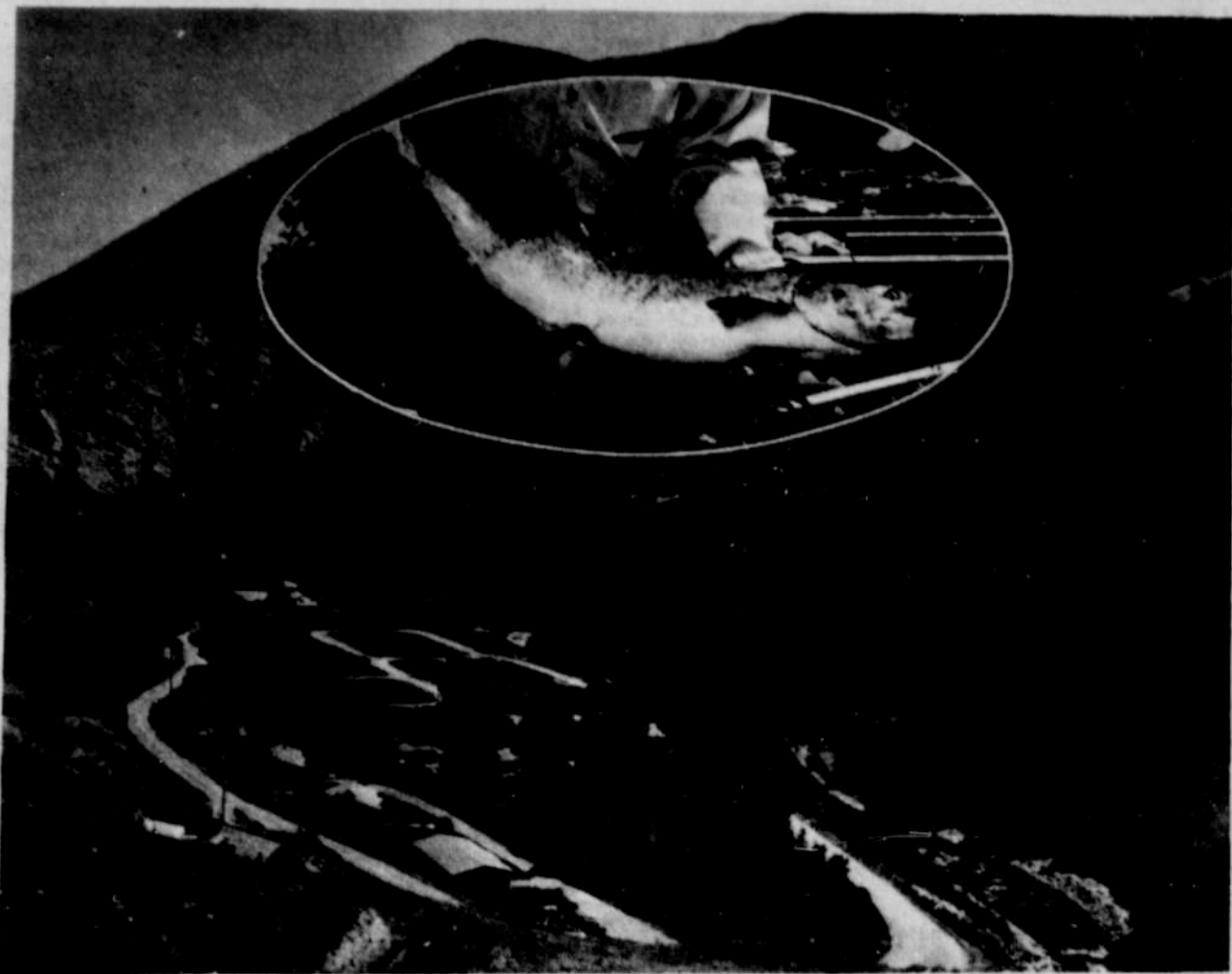




IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S Circle C hatchery, to which nearly 8,100 adult spring Chinook salmon (inset photo) returned this year, consists of tidy complex of holding and rearing ponds and incubation building in scenic Rapid River

canyon near Riggins. Facility built in 1964 also includes tree-shaded park—one of many Idaho Power maintains across its service area for free public recreation.

Returning Salmon Larger

Idaho Power Company said that nearly 8,100 adult spring Chinook salmon "came home" to its Circle C hatchery near here this spring, or more than 40% of the entire Snake River run. Environmental affairs director Wendell Smith, noting that Indians caught another 500-600 adults below the hatchery on Rapid River, called the return "very successful" for three reasons:

1) The number of returning adults was three times the highest recorded upstream run of 1,700 spring Chinook in the Snake's Hells Canyon reach during more than a decade of construction on Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon dams.

2) The return was three times the number Idaho Power must collect for spawning, rearing and re-

lease of fingerlings to comply with Federal Power Commission requirements in carrying out its program of transferring Hells Canyon-run spring Chinook to the Salmon River watershed, which includes Rapid River.

3) The returning adults will yield some 3 million fingerlings that will be released after rearing to migrate to the Pacific Ocean.

"All other things being equal," Smith said, "this year's return to our Circle C hatchery would have been much larger if more of the salmon could have survived passage through the downriver dams both on their way to and from the Pacific."

He pointed out that up to 17,300 adults—or over six times the number counted during the Hells Canyon development's construction—returned to the hatchery in

the years before additional dams were built downstream from Lewiston.

Since Idaho Power started its present fish transfer program in 1961, five new dams have been built on the Columbia and lower Snake.

"The Circle C hatchery's spring Chinook production has never failed to exceed the required number even during the recent low fish-count years," Smith said, "and in the last five years the hatchery alone has accounted for between 23-40% of all spring Chinook salmon entering the Snake River annually."

He explained that Indians are permitted to catch returning adults near the hatchery's collection facility under federal court decisions.

Sports fishermen have been prohibited from taking salmon in Idaho streams—including Rapid River—for

My Neighbors



"Mind going over them again... there were a couple that sounded good."

the past two years because of the small number of migrants that have successfully passed the downstream dams. The Columbia River also has been closed to commercial and sports fishing.

Newell Heights Items

By Dale Witt

NEWELL HEIGHTS - Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pratt announce the birth of a new grandson "Bryan Pratt," born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Pratt, Sunday afternoon. He weighed five pounds and nine ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wenke and Andrea went to the Argus Observer picnic Sunday at Farewell Bend.

Mrs. Bill Webb and Melanie Webb went to Payette Lakes at McCall Friday and visited her mother Mrs. Margaret Payne, returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill left Thursday for McCall. They spent the night at Shore Lodge, and picked up their daughter Terri at her Bible camp. They returned home through Burgdorf and down French Creek Grade to the Salmon River and Riggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward of Caldwell were weekend guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sprague went to Boise Friday to attend the birthday party of their daughter-in-law's father Ray Stuart, who was 80 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warren of Parma were Wednesday evening visitors of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff.

Henry Jacobson was a Saturday luncheon guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Marie Moore. He has been working in the Vale area this summer and left for his home in Chester, California Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dave Savage and girls called on her mother, Mrs. Carl Fenn Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rollo Fenn went to Vale Friday and had lunch with Mrs. Dean Hager. Jean Trunnell of Boise and Carolyn Pratt of Ontario were Sunday dinner guests in the Eugene Pratt home.

David Pratt was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rose.

Eugene David Wilkie of California visited his sister Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hirsch, Wednesday, and was an overnight guest in their home.

Mrs. Leonard Schutte returned Tuesday evening from visiting relatives and friends at Eden and Twin Falls, Idaho. She took her nieces Ruth and Susan Bruns home

to Eden. Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Gladwin Mills and sons of Boise and cousin Ross Mills called on Mrs. Dale Witt and sister, Mrs. Rhea Percival and picked some apricots.

Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and son Kent called on Mrs. Dale Witt, Friday afternoon and was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Rhea Percival.

Mrs. Edna Cowling of Adrian was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Dale Witt.

Mrs. Lynn Sprague and son Joe of Salt Lake City, Utah spent three days last week visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sprague.

CONSERVING ENERGY

Every kilowatt counts... and you can help save a few right in your own laundry room by washing wisely. Since the most expensive operating cost in washing a laundry load is heating the water, here are some ways you can cut down on the hot water and still achieve the clean results you want for your family's clothes.

- Use warm or cold water for washing lightly soiled clothes (save the hot water for white or heavily soiled loads).

- Use cold water rinse for most loads. Wash full loads but do not overload. Too large a load may reduce cleaning action, causing some items to need a second wash.

- Use wash time, water temperature and cycle suitable for the load (amount of soil, color, type of fabric).

Favorite Recipes

Margaret Nedry

Zucchini is plentiful this time of the year and many people have it in their gardens. This recipe is easy to make and can be made ahead and frozen. Try it, you'll like it.

Zucchini Cake

Peel and remove seeds from enough zucchini to make 3 cups raw grated zucchini.

Beat together—
3 eggs
1 cup oil
2 cups sugar
3 teaspoons vanilla
3 cups grated zucchini
Sift together—
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Add to zucchini mixture. Add 1 cup walnuts. Bake in two loaf pans or one tube cake pan at 375 degrees for one hour.

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I took this casserole to a potluck dinner lately and it really made a hit. So many people asked for the recipe. I'm running it in the paper again. Make this up the day ahead or it freezes beautifully. It will make eight to ten generous servings.

Hamburger Corn Casserole

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
12 oz. can whole kernel corn
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup chopped pimento
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon monosodium glutamate
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Brown ground beef slightly, add other ingredients, mix well. Stir in 3 cups cooked noodles. Pour into greased casserole. Sprinkle crushed potato chips over top. Bake 350 degrees for thirty minutes.

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