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220,000 SALMON FINGERLINGS TO BE RELEASED IN KLICKITAT RIVER IN WASHINGTON

Approximately 220,000 salmon fingerlings will be planted Thursday, June 21, in the upper Klickitat river on the Yakima Indian reservation in Washington in a joint project of state and federal agencies with the Yakima Indian tribe.

Dr. L. Edward Perry, director of the Columbia Fisheries Program office of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Department of the Interior, said 70,000 spring Chinook fingerlings and 150,000 silver salmon fingerlings will be deposited above Castile Falls fish ladder, some 40 miles southwest of Yakima.

"The purpose of the planting is to utilize the extensive natural spawning and rearing areas made available by construction of fishways at the mouth of the river and at Castile falls, both of which were built under the Columbia Fisheries Development program," said Dr. Perry.

"This planting will be of considerable benefit to the sport and commercial fishery along the Columbia river and in the Pacific ocean as well as to the Indian fishery in the Klickitat river," he added.

After being planted, the young fingerlings will swim downstream to the Columbia river and proceed to the Pacific ocean where they will remain for two or three years until they reach maturity. Then, as adult salmon, they will migrate back to the scene of the planting to spawn.

Cooperating with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and the Yakima Indian tribe in the planting are the Washington Department of Fisheries, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 70,000 spring Chinook fingerlings are from the Carson National Fish hatchery on the Wind river, a tributary of the Columbia river just above Bonneville dam.

The silver salmon fingerlings are supplied by the State of Washington's Klickitat hatchery and by the Willard National Fish hatchery.

The national fish hatcheries are operated by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

All of the fingerlings from Willard and Wind river hatcheries have been transported to Klickitat hatchery at Glenwood, Wash. At 8 a.m. Thursday they will be loaded into tank trucks and delivered to the planting sites above Castile falls.

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