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Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 9:53 AM
To: Leaf, Brian <Brian.Leaf@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Benner, Keri <Keri.Benner@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Whitehouse, Timber <Timber.Whitehouse@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Welch, Paul <Paul.Welch@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Prespawn update: Upper Pitt (as of Aug 25)

Hi Dave,

I just returned from the Upper Pitt. No significant numbers of pre-spawn mortalities were observed (the odd predator kill only), but over the first four days of tagging there have been problems with fish stressing and dying in the tagging net. Several of these fish appeared stressed as soon as the net was bagged. They were released immediately, and we attempted to revive them, but a few of them were dead within minutes. Overall, it wasn't a large proportion of fish exhibiting these symptoms, but it was definitely something out of the ordinary.

As for the Chilliwack system, the two aerial counts conducted so far have not detected any significant numbers of pre-spawn mortality. We are going in for our first ground survey this Thursday.

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From: Leaf, Brian
Sent: August 26, 2008 9:36 AM
To: Benner, Keri; Whitehouse, Timber; Welch, Paul; Willis, David (Pacific)
Subject: FW: Prespawn update: Upper Pitt (as of Aug 25)

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From: Patterson, David
Sent: August 26, 2008 9:19 AM
To: Leaf, Brian
Subject: RE: Prespawn update: Upper Pitt (as of Aug 25)

Thanks Brian

I went to Gates yesterday and took some sample from moribund females. All of the females were still tight. There were no obvious signs of disease problems, less than 10% body fungus incidence, no gill necropsy, the water was cool. There was no special about the internal examination either. The fish coming into the channel appeared to be in better shape (more responsive - skittish) than those in the upper part of the channel. I walked the creek for a bit, but it was difficult to assess given the rising water levels.

Let me know what is going in the upper Pitt, it wouldn't be that hard to head up there. Any word from the Chilliwack guys?

David

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From: Leaf, Brian
Sent: August 25, 2008 9:01 AM
To: Patterson, David
Subject: Prespawn update: Upper Pitt (as of Aug 25)

Hello Dave,

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Dave Willis reports no prespawn activity but says that the sockeye are seem to be stressed.

Cheers,

Brian

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