

## Large numbers of Spring Run Chinook arrive on Butte Creek

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During the last weekend, Scott McReynolds, Department of Water Resources, spent several hours perched on the Parrot-Phelan Dam and fish ladder on Butte Creek. He was watching what he thought was several hundred Spring Run Chinook, a naturally spawned fish, make their way up the ladder and over the dam. McReynolds noted that many fish were skipping the use of the ladder, probably heading toward more attractive flows coming over the dam.

Many were able to pass over the dam Friday evening and Saturday morning, but by Sunday morning the number of fish dropped off.



A Spring Run Chinook salmon jumping over Parrott-Phelan Dam on Butte Creek (photo courtesy of Scott McReynolds, DWR)