

Water Resources NPS Newsletter

Columbia River Basin Restoration Program

CRB Phase III Project, 2023-2025



Final Field Work Completed!

The Water Quality team sampled Dworshak Reservoir for total and methyl mercury, as well as sample sites on the Clearwater River for emerging contaminants in June (2025) to complete the final sample for the CRB Phase III project.

Highlights:

Boat Ride with Mark from NPT Fisheries

Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Department assisted the team with the sampling site at the old train bridge near the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater River, below the Clearwater Paper Mill in Lewiston, ID.

Brooke is holding the YSI multiparameter sonde in the water, which instantaneously records water temperature, pH, specific conductivity, and dissolved oxygen saturation.



One of the most scenic and remote of the sample sites, the site on the Middlefork Clearwater River at Three Devils Pullout is located in the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest. There is a small hiking trail that leads from the parking lot down to the river.

Due to high flow conditions, the team was not able to wade as far out into the river as previous samples have been taken. Brooke is securing the bottle containing a water sample.



Boat Ride with IDFG on Dworshak Reservoir

The Water Quality team coordinated with regional Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) office for a joint sampling trip on Dworshak Reservoir. IDFG completes routine nutrient sampling on the reservoir.

This image shows the sampling site near Dent Bridge, where Mary and Brooke conducted total and methyl mercury samples, which includes the clean hands—dirty hands method.

