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Okanagan River

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The Okanagan River was censused by snorkel floats on October 30 and 31, 1984. The main purpose was to count steelhead. The section of river from McIntyre Dam to the highway crossing was done on October 30th by Marcelle Allaire and Brent Pickerill. Two steelhead were sighted immediately below the dam, 6 more by the big rock about 200 metres below the dam and two others scattered through the section. Sockeye numbered 700, resident trout 20 and whitefish 250.

On October 31st Vicki Lewis and Mark Reheis snorkeled the pools below McIntyre Dam where 1(one) steelhead was sighted and the large rock downstream where 1(one) resident trout was sighted. They then snorkeled the section from the highway bridge down to the first concrete bridge crossing. Total numbers of fish sighted here was 0 steelhead, 3,000 sockeye and 200 whitefish.

Concurrent with the floats on October 31st, the dam and big rock areas were angled. One rainbow trout and 4(four) squaw fish were caught. The trout measured 34.8 cm., weighted 450 g. and scale analysis showed it to be age 4+ and, apparently, resident.



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