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RECORD SALMON RUN ON BAKER RIVER DAM

Over 7,000 silver salmon and 4,900 sockeye salmon have been taken over the Baker River dam so far this season, according to the state department of fisheries. The sockeye run is about normal, but the silver run is almost twice the size of any previous cyclic run since the construction of the dam.

The department reports that fish trapping and handling facilities at the local dam are still far from perfect, but that the power company is cooperating in every way to aid the rehabilitation of salmon runs with existing traps.

Both the company and the department are now studying ways and means of improving the traps and hoisting cars to eliminate injuries and to permit restoration of steelhead trout and chinook salmon runs, now almost completely destroyed. Silver and sockeye salmon have reacted more favorably because they occur at the season of the year when they are more easily trapped.