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FINISH EXPERIMENTS AT BAKER RIVER POWER DAM

The international Salmon Commission, which is using the Baker River dam in this city for experimental purposes, completed a series of experiments here this week on the salmon run of the Baker River.

The Baker dam is used because of its all-around accessibility.

The principal problem to be solved was the question of whether or not the young fish, coming down the lake behind the dam, would swim deep enough to enter the turbine inlets 80 feet below the surface. This and other questions pertaining to the run kept a crew of four men busy for the past six weeks.

It was found that the fish do enter the intakes and go through the turbines without too great a mortality. A large number of fish were netted above the dam during the tests, marked and released in the Baker River. Fish below the dam were also caught and checked at various times.

It is definitely established that the Baker river runs are dropping each year. Experiments here will be used in determining methods of building up the runs.

Members of the crew were Roy Hamilton, Fred Andrews and Owen Hughes of British Columbia.