

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Every year at the close of the irrigation season Klamath Basin Area Office (KBAO) Fisheries Biologists lead an effort to locate and remove endangered Lost River and shortnose suckers from the A-Canal. This is just one example of the many activities the KBAO biologists undertake to protect the ESA-Listed fish that call the waters of the Klamath Project home.



The fish are then moved to the sorting area and placed on a special table. Above, Alex Wilkens a Fisheries Biologists nets fish to place them on the sorting table as Elizabeth Gregory, a Natural Resources Specialist stands by to assist.

First the fish are captured by using an electro-fisher and brought out of the canal in large bins.

Elizabeth Gregory in blue hardhat and Alex Wilkens in yellow look for endangered suckers on the sorting table. Endangered fish are placed in a special holding tank and transported to the Northern end of Upper Klamath Lake away from the canal. The other fish are returned to the lake through the tube attached to the table.

