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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Estimates of catches and escapements of Pacific salmon returning to the transboundary Stikine, Taku, and Alsek rivers for 1993 are presented and compared with historical patterns. Relevant information pertaining to the management of appropriate U.S. and Canadian fisheries is presented and the use of inseason management models is discussed.

The 1993 Stikine sockeye run is estimated at 280,700 fish, of which an estimated 157,300 fish were harvested in various fisheries, 4,500 were used for brood stock, and 118,900 escaped to spawn. Both the total run and the catch were the highest recorded since 1982 when stock identification techniques were first used for marine catches and the escapement was the second highest estimated for the 1979 to 1992 period. The estimated U.S. marine commercial and test fishery catches of Stikine sockeye salmon were 104,400 and 200 fish, respectively; the Canadian inriver commercial, aboriginal, terminal, and test fishery catches were $40,200,7,000,1,800$, and 3,700 fish, respectively. The preseason forecast of the run was 135,000 sockeye salmon. In 1993 the Stikine Management Model (SMM) correctly predicted a larger than average run for the Tahltan stock and for the entire Stikine sockeye run. Weekly inseason model forecasts ranged from 190,600 to 268,500 sockeye salmon; the final inseason prediction was 237,500 fish. Canada and the U.S. harvested less than the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) allowed under the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The U.S. harvest was $8 \%$ below the mid-range of $50 \%$ of the TAC, while the Canadian harvest was $58 \%$ below the same TAC. The sockeye escapement to Tahltan Lake was 51,600 fish, $81 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average, and above the revised goal of 24,000 fish. A total of 4,500 sockeye salmon were removed from the escapement for brood stock, leaving a natural spawning escapement of 47,100 fish. The estimated escapement of 71,800 non-Tahltan Stikine sockeye salmon was also above the escapement goal range for this stock group of 20,000 to 40,000 fish.

The chinook catch in Canadian commercial and aboriginal fisheries in the Stikine River was 2,100 fish, $92 \%$ of the 1983 to 1992 average, with approximately $49 \%$ harvested in commercial fisheries and $51 \%$ harvested in the aboriginal fishery. An additional 700 chinook salmon were taken in the Canadian inriver test fishery. The U.S. marine catch of chinook salmon in the District 106 and 108 mixed stock gillnet fisheries was 2,600 fish, approximately $48 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average catch. The chinook spawning escapement through the Little Tahltan River weir in 1993 was a record 11,400 large adults, $139 \%$ above the 1985 to 1992 average and $116 \%$ above the joint U.S./Canada escapement goal of 5,300 fish. Escapement surveys of other Stikine tributaries were all above average.

The U.S. marine harvest of Stikine River coho salmon is not known since there is no stock identification program in place; however, total mixed stock coho catches of 231,000 and 14,300 in District 106 and 108, respectively, were more than $94 \%$ and $76 \%$ above the respective 1983 to 1992 averages. Alaskan hatchery fish comprised approximately $32 \%$ ( 79,000 fish) of the combined coho harvest from the two districts. The Canadian inriver coho catch of 2,600 fish was less than the treaty entitlement of 4,000 fish. Coho escapements in the Stikine River appeared to be below average based on test fishery results and aerial
surveys.

The 1993 total Taku sockeye run estimate was 282,400 fish and included an estimated catch of 177,400 fish and an above-border escapement of 105,000 fish. The catch was the highest recorded since 1984 when a comprehensive run reconstruction program was developed. The total run size was $2 \%$ below the 1992 record of 286,500 fish. The escapement was $6 \%$ above the 1984 to 1992 average of 99,200 sockeye salmon and exceeded the upper level of the escapement goal range of 71,000 to 80,000 fish. The marine commercial catch was estimated by scale pattern analysis and incidence of the brain parasite Myxobolus arcticus. An estimated 141,000 Taku sockeye salmon were taken in the District 111 commercial fisheries and 2,900 taken in the U.S. inriver personal use fisheries. Canadian inriver commercial, aboriginal fishery, and test fishery catches were $33,200,140$, and 170 fish, respectively. The Pacific Salmon Treaty defines harvest sharing of Taku River sockeye salmon as $18 \%$ of the TAC to Canada and $82 \%$ to the U.S. Since the escapement goal is expressed as a range, the resulting TAC is also expressed as a range. In 1993, Canada took an estimated $16 \%$ to $17 \%$ and the U.S. took $68 \%$ to $71 \%$ of the TAC.

The catch of large chinook in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River was 1,600 fish, $149 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average; in addition, 170 jack chinook were caught compared to an average of 190 fish. The chinook catch in the District 111 mixed stock gillnet fishery was 6,700 fish, almost three times the 1983 to 1992 average. The majority ( $82 \%$ ) of chinook caught were mature spawners; $43 \%$ of the catch was of Alaska hatchery origin. Above average escapements were observed in all six of the Taku River chinook index tributaries in 1993. The combined aerial survey count of the index tributaries was 13,200 fish, which is $69 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 7,800 fish, and equal to the revised index escapement goal.

The Taku coho run was strong in 1993. The U.S. harvest of 65,500 coho salmon in the District 111 mixed stock fishery was the fourth highest on record but equal to the previous 10 -year average as a result of extremely large coho returns during the previous three years. Alaskan hatcheries contributed an estimated $11 \%$ of the District 111 harvest, or approximately 7,300 fish. The Canadian inriver commercial and food fishery catch was 3,000 coho salmon, equaling the Treaty limit of 3,000 fish. An additional 1,600 coho salmon were taken in the Canadian inriver test fishery. The inriver run size is estimated at 114,100. After upriver Canadian catches are subtracted from the inriver run, the resulting above-border escapement is estimated at 109,500 coho salmon, exceeding the interim escapement goal range of 27,500 to 35,000 fish.

The catch of pink salmon in District 111 was 17,100 fish, $91 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 odd-year average catch. The Canadian commercial inriver harvest of pink salmon was 16 fish. The escapement of pink salmon to the Taku River was extremely poor, as evidenced by the fish wheel catch of 1,600 pink salmon compared to the 1985 to 1991 odd-year average of 31,300 fish.

The catch of chum salmon in the District 111 fishery was 166,500 fish, composed of 156,000 summer run fish (prior to mid-August) and 10,500 fall run fish. The catch of summer chum salmon was composed primarily of Alaskan hatchery stocks and was $6 \%$ above the previous record catch of 1991 . The catch of fall chum salmon was composed of wild Taku River and Port Snettisham stocks and was $70 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average. The Canadian inriver catch of chum ${ }^{*}$ salmon was below average at 15 fish reported.

Escapement appeared to be poor; the fish wheel catch of 350 chum salmon was $56 \%$ below average.
Although the catch of 20,000 Alsek sockeye was above the 1983 to 1992 average of 14,600 fish, the escapement to the Klukshu River weir of 16,700 fish was $9 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average. The early segment of the Alsek sockeye run was very strong as indicated by excellent early season catches in the Dry Bay fishery and above average early run escapement through the Klukshu River weir (count through August 15). The Klukshu weir counts of 5,400 early run and 11,400 late run sockeye were $70 \%$ above and $26 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 averages, respectively.

The chinook run to the Alsek River was above average. The U.S. Dry Bay catch of 300 fish was $42 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average. The combined Canadian sport and aboriginal fishery catch of 300 fish was $36 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average. The 3,300 chinook count through the Klukshu River weir, was the second highest recorded count since the weir was installed in 1976 and was $55 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 2,100 fish. The Klukshu River escapement goal is 4,700 chinook salmon. Aerial survey index counts of other spawning systems were average to above average.

The coho run to the Alsek River was below average. The U.S. Dry Bay catch of 1,200 fish was $28 \%$ of the 1983 to 1992 average while the combined Canadian inriver aboriginal and sport fishery catch of 40 fish was $74 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average. Operation of the Klukshu weir does not provide a complete enumeration of the coho into this system since it is removed before the run is over, however the count of 800 coho salmon was $45 \%$ of the 1983 to 1992 average.

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents estimates of 1993 catch and escapement data for Pacific salmon runs to the transboundary Stikine, Taku, and Alsek Rivers and discusses management actions taken during the season. Catch and effort data are presented by management week (U.S. Statistical Week) for each river for both U.S. and Canadian fisheries. Spawning escapement data for most species are reported from weir counts or other escapement monitoring techniques. Sockeye runs to the three rivers are reconstructed using harvest data and spawning escapement estimates.

## STIKINE RIVER

Stikine River salmon are harvested by U.S. gillnet fisheries in Alaskan Districts 106 and 108, by Canadian commercial gillnet fisheries located in the lower and upper Stikine River, and by a Canadian aboriginal fishery in the upper portion of the river (Figure 1). Additional catches of unknown quantity are taken in U.S. troll and seine fisheries and in sport fisheries near Wrangell and Petersburg. A small sport fishery also exists in the Canadian portion of the Stikine drainage.

## Harvest Regulations and the Joint Management Model

Efforts to re-negotiate harvest shares of Stikine salmon during the Pacific Salmon Commission negotiations in the spring of 1993 were not successful. As a result, the provisions previously agreed to were rolled over for a one year period. The harvest sharing objectives for 1993 were to share the total allowable catch (TAC) of Stikine River sockeye salmon $50 \%$ to Canada and $50 \%$ to the United States, and to allow a Canadian total catch of 4,000 coho salmon and incidental catches of other species.

Prior to the 1993 season, the Transboundary Technical Committee (TTC) met to update the management and enhancement plan and determine new parameters for input into the inseason run forecast model, referred to as the Stikine Management Model (SMM). However, publication of the plan was delayed until after the negotiation of all Pacific Salmon Treaty related fishing regimes which concluded in late June. Details regarding the transboundary river management plan appear in: Salmon Management and


Figure 1. The Stikine River and principal U.S. and Canadian fishing areas.

Enhancement Plan for the Stikine, Taku, and Alsek rivers, 1993, Pacific Salmon Commission Transboundary Technical Committee Report TCTR (93)-2, August 1993. As required by the annex, a preseason forecast of the total Stikine sockeye run was made to guide the initial fishing patterns of U.S. and Canadian fisheries. In 1993, the preseason forecast was used during Statistical Weeks 26 (June 20 to June 26) and 27 (June 27 to July 3). Beginning the first week of July, inseason forecasts of total run size and TAC, produced by the SMM and based on catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) data, were used to assist in determining weekly fishing plans (Table 1). The weekly inputs to the model included: the catch, effort and stock composition (proportion Tahltan) in the Canadian lower river commercial fishery; catches in the aboriginal fishery and upper river commercial fishery; the catch, effort and assumed stock composition in sub-District 106-41; and the catch and assumed stock composition in District 108 and sub-District 106-30. Unlike previous years, inseason scale pattern analyses were not conducted for District 106 and 108 sockeye catches in 1993. Historically, inseason results had proven to be unreliable. For 1993, average stock proportions from the postseason scale pattern analysis (SPA) in previous years were assumed for weekly catches; the averages used each week depended upon whether the run was judged to be below average, average, or above average.

The preseason forecast of 135,000 returning Stikine sockeye salmon was approximately $25 \%$ above the 1983-1992 average run size of 108,408 sockeye (Appendix B.31). Inseason predictions of total run were well above the preseason estimate and ranged from 190,590 to 268,534 sockeye salmon; U.S. and Canadian weekly predictions varied slightly depending on which updated catch figures were input into the model by each country (Table 1). The peak forecast occurred for Statistical Week 28 (week beginning July 4) and was the result of a very strong Tahltan Lake sockeye stock component. The non-Tahltan run strength was similar to the Tahltan which resulted in relatively stable forecasts throughout the latter half of the season. The final inseason SMM prediction was a total run of 237,530 Stikine sockeye salmon with a TAC of 183,530 fish, and a Canadian and U.S. allowable harvest of 91,765 sockeye salmon for each Party (Table 1).

The SMM also predicts the Tahltan portion of the run independently from the total run forecasts. Estimates of the Tahltan run ranged from 144,709 (week 28) to 109,615 (week 34) fish compared to the revised preseason forecast of 62,300 sockeye salmon. The final inseason estimate of Tahltan escapement was 59,807 sockeye (total run minus inriver catch), $12 \%$ above the actual Tahltan Lake weir count of 53,362 fish.

Table 1. Weekly forecasts of run size and total allowable catch for Stikine River sockeye salmon as determined inseason by the Stikine Management Model, 1993

| Week | Start Forecasts |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.S. } \\ & \text { TAC } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Canada } \\ \text { TAC } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | TAC | Cumulative Catch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | U.S. |  |  | Canada |
| Model Runs Generated by the U.S. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 135,000 |  | 81,000 | 40,500 | 40,500 | 2,122 | 0 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 135,000 | 81,000 | 40,500 | 40,500 | 8,875 | 4,019 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 268,534 | 214,534 | 107,267 | 107,267 | 12,835 | 5,650 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 190,590 | 136,590 | 68,295 | 68,295 | 40,390 | 15,999 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 238,729 | 184,729 | 92,365 | 92,365 | 48,465 | 27,303 |
| 31 | 25-Jul | 222,822 | 168,822 | 84,411 | 84,411 | 59,443 | 35,864 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 231,393 | 177,393 | 88,697 | 88,697 | 69,203 | 41,218 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 239,047 | 185,047 | 92,524 | 92,524 | 70,921 | 45,322 |


| Model Runs Generated by Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 135,000 | 81,000 | 40,500 | 40,500 | 2,749 | 0 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 135,000 | 81,000 | 40,500 | 40,500 | 9,305 | 4,273 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 216,000 | 162,000 | 81,000 | 81,000 | 28,220 | 11,245 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 258,845 | 204,845 | 102,423 | 102,423 | 40,390 | 22,184 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 244,201 | 190,201 | 95,101 | 95,101 | 48,465 | 27,281 |
| 31 | 25-Jul | 222,621 | 168,621 | 84,311 | 84,311 | 59,443 | 37,744 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 231,227 | 177,227 | 88,614 | 88,614 | 62,861 | 41,196 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 232,455 | 178,455 | 89,228 | 89,228 | 70,646 | 45,779 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 235,902 | 181,902 | 90,951 | 90,951 | 70,934 | 46,290 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 237,530 | 183,530 | 91,765 | 91,765 | 72,797 | 46,538 |

U.S. Fisheries

The 1993 harvest in the District 106 commercial gillnet fishery included 992 chinook, 205,955 sockeye, 231,038 coho, 537,954 pink, and 134,601 chum salmon (Appendix A.7). In the District 108 fishery, 1,628 chinook, 76,874 sockeye, 14,307 coho, 39,661 pink, and 22,504 chum salmon were harvested (Appendix A.10). District 106 catches of chinook salmon were below the 1983 to 1992 average while sockeye, coho, and chum catches were all the second highest on record (Figure 2). District 108 catches of all salmon species were above average, and the sockeye and chum catches were the highest on record (Figure 2). A test fishery was conducted in District 108 to help managers ascertain the run strength of various salmon species inseason. Annual commercial and test fishery catches from 1964 to 1993 for these fisheries are provided in Appendix Tables B. 1 through B.16. Catches of each species in Districts 106 and 108 consist of


Figure 2. Average catches and fishing efforts compared with 1993 for the Alaskan Districts 106 and 108 and for the Canadian commercial fisheries in the Stikine River.
fish of mixed stock origin; the contribution of Stikine River stocks is estimated only for sockeye salmon. Scales were sampled from the various subdistricts and were used for making postseason catch estimates. The estimate of the contribution of Stikine sockeye salmon to Districts 106 and 108 was 104,411 fish or $37 \%$ of the sockeye catch (Appendix B.6 and B.8, Figure 3). The Sumner Strait fishery (Subdistricts 106-41 \& 42) harvested 39,438 Stikine sockeye salmon (Appendix A.3), $30 \%$ of the total sockeye harvest in that subdistrict; the Clarence Strait fishery (Subdistrict 106-30) took 14,599 (Appendix A.6), 19\% of the catch in that subdistrict; and the District 108 fishery, near the mouth of the Stikine, harvested 50,374 (Appendix A.11), $66 \%$ of the District 108 catch.

The 1993 fishing season in Districts 106 and 108 began on June 20 and continued until October 4. During the first week of the fishery, Statistical Week 26, both Districts 106 and 108 were open for two days. The initial opening in District 106 is normally two days and any decision to extend fishing is based on fishery catch rates estimated by management biologists on site in the fishery. The initial District 108 opening was based on the preseason expectation of a U.S. TAC of 40,500 Stikine River sockeye. During Statistical Weeks 27 and 28 (June 27 to July 10), both districts were open for two days with District 108 receiving two-day mid-week extensions due to the good sockeye catches in Section 6-A (Sumner Strait) and in District 108. During the following two weeks (Statistical Weeks 29 and 30, July 11 to July 25) the SMM indicated a U.S. TAC of 68,295 to 92,365 sockeye salmon so three-day mid-week extensions were given in District 108 each week. During Statistical Weeks 31 and 32 (July 26 to August 7) the SMM continued to indicate a very strong run of Stikine sockeye salmon with a U.S. TAC of 84,411 to 88,897 fish (Table 1). In addition, the inseason CPUE was $35 \%$ to $65 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average which indicated that the runs of local island sockeye stocks were improving. The fishing periods for Statistical Weeks 31 and 32 in both Districts 106 and 108 were increased to three days and were followed by a two-day mid-week extension in District 108 only. This management approach was used to limit the harvest of the small local island sockeye stocks in District 106 while maximizing the harvest of Stikine sockeye in District 108. By Statistical Week 33 (August 8 to August 14) both the sockeye catch and the CPUE in District 108 dropped by approximately $34 \%$ so the open periods in both districts were limited to three days, and no mid-week extensions were given in District 108.

Management emphasis changed from sockeye to pink salmon during Statistical Week 34 (August 15 to 21). In 1993, the pink catch prior to week 34 was above the 1983 to 1992 odd-year average in both districts. The total District 106 and 108 pink salmon catches of 537,954 and 39,661 , respectively, are both above the 1983 to 1992 odd-year averages (Appendix B. 5 and B.7). Pink catches in both districts were probably not a true reflection of the pink salmon abundance in the area because the low prices that fishermen received affected fishing patterns. During the two weeks that the fishery was managed for pink salmon, only a small number of boats used pink salmon nets. Most of the fleet continued to fish sockeye gear to target late sockeye and small coho salmon. Both Districts were open for three days per week in Statistical Weeks 34 and 35 (August 15 to August 28) when the fisheries were managed for pink salmon.


Alaskan District 106 Sockeye Catch

Canadian Inriver Sockeye Catch

Stikine River Above Border Escapement

Figure 3. Sockeye çatches for the Alaskan Districts 106 and 108 and the combined Canadian fisheries in the Stikine River and Stikine sockeye escapements, 1979-1993. Effort is for commercial fisheries only.


Figure 4. Catches of chinook, coho, pink, and chum salmon in the combined Canadian fisheries in the Stikine River, 1979-1993.

Coho salmon management in both the District 106 and 108 gillnet fisheries usually commences during late August or early September. During Statistical Week 36 (August 29 to September 4) the management emphasis changed from pink to coho salmon. Early indicators provided mixed predictions of coho abundance this season. The inside fisheries indicated an average run but the outside troll fishery indicated a very large run. Prior to the change to coho management, the sockeye and pink salmon fisheries harvested approximately $40 \%$ of the total District 106 coho catch and about $48 \%$ of the total District 108 coho catch. Coho CPUE in District 106 during the first week of coho management dropped to $40 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average. During Statistical Weeks 37 and 38 (September 5 to September 19) District 106 was restricted to two-day fishing periods and District 108 was closed. During Statistical Week 39 (September 20 to September 26) the District 106 coho catch improved to $75 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average and the CPUE improved to $50 \%$ above the average while the outside troll fishery continued to indicate a strong coho run. Due to the indications of above average coho runs, both Districts 106 and 108 were open for three days during week 39. Coho catches remained good but the fisheries in both districts were restricted to two days during week 40 because the high percentage of hatchery stocks in the catch suggested that wild runs were not as strong as catches indicated. One day of fishing was allowed during Statistical Week 41 since hatchery stocks represented $66 \%$ of the previous week's catch. The fishery closed later than normal on October 4. The District 106 coho catch of 231,038 fish is the second highest catch on record and is almost twice the 1983 to 1992 average of 119,063 coho salmon (Appendix B.5). The District 108 coho catch of 14,307 fish is $76 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 8,137 coho (Appendix B.7). Alaska hatcheries contributed 78,100 fish (34\%) to the District 106 coho harvest and 900 fish (6\%) to the District 108 coho harvest.

During the 1993 season, the gillnet fishery in District 106 was open for a total of 38 days (Appendix A.7), and in District 108 for 48 days (Appendix A.10). These were above the 1983 to 1992 averages of 31 and 25 days, respectively. District 106 fishing effort in numbers of vessels was slightly below average the first three weeks of the season, but was above average throughout the remainder of the season. Fishing effort in District 106 during the last five weeks of the coho season was two to four times higher than normal. The greatest number of boat-days (387) occarred in week 31, at the end of July, while the greatest number of boats fishing, 137, occurred during the peak of the coho fishery during week 38 in mid-September. Because of the extremely strong sockeye and coho runs, the effort of 4,353 boat-days in District 106 was $62 \%$ greater than the 1983 to 1992 average of 2,685 boat-days (Appendix B.5, Figure 2). District 108 effort was higher than average due to the extended fishing time allowed to harvest the large run of Stikine River sockeye salmon. The 1,333 boat-days fished in District 108 was nearly four times higher than the 1983 to 1992 average of 350 boat-days (Appendix B.7). Most of the boats fishing during mid-week openings in District 108 did not fish the entire opening so the effort in boat-days was adjusted to better reflect the time actually fished during these openings. For this reason the boat-days given in Appendix B. 7 is less than that obtained by multiplying the number of permits fishing by the number of days the fishery was open.

## Canadian Fisheries

Catches from the combined Canadian commercial and aboriginal gillnet fisheries in the Stikine River in 1993 included: 1,803 large chinook, 308 jack chinook, 47,197 sockeye, 2,616 coho, 29 pink, 395 chum salmon, and 67 steelhead (Appendix A. 14 to A.17). The sockeye salmon catch was the highest on record and was 2.6 times the 1983 to 1992 average, the chum catch was average, and the catches of all other salmon species were below average. In addition to these catches, 1,752 sockeye salmon were taken terminally at Tahltan Lake.

A test fishery was conducted again in the lower Stikine River, just upstream from the Canada/U.S. border, to determine migratory timing and stock composition of the sockeye run for use in the postseason estimations of the inriver sockeye and coho run sizes. Test fishery catches included: 568 large chinook, 87 jack chinook, 3,749 sockeye, 175 coho, 13 pink, and 84 chum salmon, and 15 steelhead trout (Appendix A. 18 to A.20).

## Lower Stikine Commercial Fishery

Canadian commercial fishers in the lower Stikine harvested 830 large chinook, 164 jack chinook, a record 38,464 sockeye, 2,616 coho, 29 pink, 395 chum salmon, and 63 steelhead in 1993 (Appendix A.14). The sockeye catch was $157 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 14,952 sockeye (Appendix B.17). Catches of all other salmon species were below average. Of biological interest was the catch of two American shad, Alosa sapidissima (Wilson), which were caught incidentally in the lower Stikine River; prior to 1993, this species had not been reported in the Stikine drainage.

The fishery commenced at noon on Monday, June 28 (Statistical Week 27), for a three-day opening. Record high sockeye CPUE and relatively low effort, i.e. six fishers, lead to a twenty-four hour extension. The record high CPUE was reflected in the run forecast developed for week 28 which was based on the first inseason use of the SMM. The TAC doubled from the preseason expectation of 81,000 fish, to 162,000 sockeye (Table 1). As a result of the dramatic increase in the run forecast and above average CPUE, the fishery was extended in week 28 from the initial three-day posting, to five days (July 5 to July 10).

Weekly fishing times throughout most of the remainder of the sockeye season were extended from standard three-day openings to five days because the CPUE remained above average and model predictions of Canadian TAC increased to the range of 84,300 sockeye (week 31 ) to 102,400 sockeye (week 29). The final inseason sockeye forecast indicated a Canadian TAC of 91,765 sockeye salmon (Table 1). After accounting for the combined aboriginal and commercial harvest in the upper river, i.e. 8,733 sockeye salmon, the final inseason estimate translated into a lower river allowable harvest of 83,032 fish, which was
more than double the actual lower river commercial catch of 38,464 sockeye salmon.

The sockeye run timing appeared to be slightly earlier than normal with the peak CPUE occurring in week 28 , the second week of the fishery. Tahltan Lake sockeye dominated the catch through mid-July; thereafter, the mainstem sockeye stock component made up the majority of the sockeye catch.

It was evident by mid-July that a near record escapement was headed towards Tahltan Lake. This prompted the issuance of an "Excess Salmon To Spawning Requirements License" (ESSR) which permitted the terminal harvest of sockeye salmon at Tahltan Lake once the escapement goal had been achieved. A total of 1,752 sockeye salmon were taken under the ESSR. Although there was opportunity to harvest additional sockeye salmon under the ESSR license, the small size of the Tahltan fish in 1993 (average weight of 2.5 kg .) made the venture unprofitable to continue.

Management emphasis usually switches to coho salmon towards the end of August. Fishing times were reduced to three days per week during the last half of August in response to decreasing sockeye abundance and below average coho CPUE. Low levels of effort (less than eight fishers weekly) and increasing coho catches prompted the scheduling of extended fishing periods (five days/week) from September 6 through the end of the season. However, after mid-September, the actual days fished varied from one to three days due to poor fishing conditions. In general, the coho run strength, based on commercial CPUE, appeared to be below average. Aerial surveys conducted later in the season also reflected below average abundance. The run appeared to peak in the lower river during week 37 (September 6 to 11). The season total coho catch was 2,616 fish, $35 \%$ ( 1,384 coho) below the allowance of 4,000 Stikine coho. As in 1992, unfavorable economic factors plus the low run strength were the primary reasons the quota was not taken.

Nineteen licensed fishers participated in the fishery throughout the season with an average of only eight individuals present each week, about $72 \%$ of the usual number of fishers. The total effort in terms of boat-days was $484,67 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 289 boat-days. The increased effort level in 1993 was due to the above average sockeye run which resulted in extended fishing periods throughout most of the season. Each fisher was allowed the use of one gillnet with a maximum length of 135 meters. A delayed opening to June 27 and a maximum mesh size restriction of 146 mm through mid-July were implemented to reduce the incidental catch of chinook salmon. As in past years, both drift and setnetting techniques were utilized.

## Upper Stikine Commercial Fishery

A small commercial fishery has existed near Telegraph Creek on the upper Stikine River since 1975. The catch recorded in 1993 included: 44 large chinook salmon, less then one-half the 1983 to 1992 average of 99 large fish; 2 jack chinook; 1,692 sockeye, the second highest on record and $158 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 656 sockeye; and 2 steelhead (Appendices A:16 and B.19). The fishing effort was above average
with one to four fishers fishing two days per week until mid-July, then up to four days per week for the balance of the season. Additional fishing time was allowed in the latter half of the season due to the large Tahltan Lake sockeye run.

## Aboriginal Fishery

The Stikine aboriginal fishery, centered around Telegraph Creek, harvested 929 large chinook, 142 jack chinook, 7,041 sockeye, and 2 steelhead. The total chinook catch (large and jack combined) was $4 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average of 1,118 fish, whereas the sockeye harvest was $72 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 4,088 fish and was the second highest on record. Weekly catches in 1993 and annual catches since 1972 are listed in Appendices A. 17 and B.20, respectively.

## Escapement

## Sockeye

A total of 53,362 sockeye salmon were counted through the Tahltan Lake weir in 1993 which was $88 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 28,442 fish, and well above the escapement goal of 24,000 (range of 18,000 to 30,000 ) fish (Appendix B.25). In 1993 the TTC reduced the Tahltan Lake sockeye salmon escapement goal from 30,000 to 24,000 fish, based on a Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) stockrecruitment analysis and recommendation of the Pacific Salmon Stock Assessment Review Committee. The new goal is composed of 20,000 natural spawners and 4,000 fish for use as brood stock for the joint U.S./Canada Stikine River enhancement program. The 1993 count was the third highest since 1959 when the weir program began, and the third consecutive year of a weir count greater than 50,000 sockeye. An estimated $1.4 \%$, or 747 of the escapement were four-year-old sockeye originating from the 1989 enhancement program. This number is below expectations and was based on otoliths collected from brood stock which may not have been representative of the entire escapement. Of the total number of fish enumerated through the weir, 2,253 females and 2,253 males were taken for hatchery brood stock. In addition to the brood stock take, 1,752 sockeye were harvested under an ESSR license, leaving a spawning escapement of 47,104 fish.

The total spawning escapement for the non-Tahltan stock group is estimated indirectly by computing the ratio of Tahltan to non-Tahltan fish in the inriver sockeye run from stock identification data collected in the lower river commercial and test fisheries. The ratio is applied to the estimated inriver Tahltan run size to
develop an estimate of the total inriver non-Tahltan run size. The non-Tahltan escapement is estimated by subtracting the estimated catches of non-Tahltan sockeye in the Canadian fisheries. The post season estimate of non-Tahltan sockeye escapement is 71,792 fish based on use of egg diameter, age, and sex composition data to estimate inriver stock composition of catches, and inriver test fishery CPUE data to give run timing. This estimate was $75 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average non-Tahltan escapement of 41,067 fish (Appendix B.31).

Aerial surveys of non-Tahltan sockeye escapement index areas indicated slightly below average numbers of spawners in 1993 (Appendix B.26). The 1993 cumulative index count of 877 sockeye was $90 \%$ of the 1984 to 1992 average of 974 fish. The 1993 survey conditions were poor. These surveys do not include all spawning populations; the index represents the combined counts from up to eight spawning areas.

## Chinook

This was the ninth consecutive year of the operation of an adult chinook enumeration weir on the Little Tahltan River. The 1993 count of 11,449 large chinook was a record count and was 2.4 times the 1985 to 1992 average of 4,790 large fish (Appendix B.28). The 1993 escapement was over twice the Little Tahltan escapement goal of 5,300 chinook. The count of jack chinook was $60,18 \%$ of the 1985 to 1992 average of 330 fish. Daily counts from the 1993 program are presented in Appendix A.23. One fish which was passed through Little Tahltan weir had been captured, marked, and released near Petersburg, Alaska as part of the Petersburg sport fish derby.

Results from aerial surveys conducted on Stikine River tributaries also indicated an above average chinook escapement in 1993. Counts for 1993 were: Little Tahltan River, 3,770 chinook versus the 1983 to 1992 average of 2,086 chinook; Beatty Creek, 757 chinook compared to the average of 263 chinook; Tahltan River, 2,249 chinook versus the average of 1,948 chinook; and Andrew Creek, 1,060 chinook versus the average of 549 chinook (Appendix B.29, Figure 5).

## Coho

The lower Stikine River test fishery ended on Statistical Week 36 (August 29 to September 4) which precluded complete coverage of the coho run. The 1986 to 1990 historical test fishery catch records indicated that approximately $75 \%$ of the coho run migrates through the lower river by the end of week 36 . Judging from the marine catches, however, the 1993 coho run was approximately one week to 10 -days late; if migratory timing was one week late, historical records indicate that approximately $53 \%$ of the run would have migrated through the test fishery grounds by week 36 . The cumulative coho test fishery CPUE was


Figure 5. Chinook salmon weir counts and index escapement estimates for major spawning areas and for the entire Stikine River, 1979-1993.
expanded accordingly (1.18/0.526) and the calculated, cumulative coho CPUE was expressed as a percentage of the total cumulative sockeye CPUE of 18.15 The inriver coho run was estimated to be $12.4 \%$ that of the inriver sockeye run size of 176,100 fish, or 21,836 coho salmon. Subtracting the combined inriver catch of 2,616 coho salmon in the Canadian commercial and aboriginal fisheries, and 175 coho salmon taken in the inriver test fishery, gives an estimated total coho escapement of 19,045 fish, which is below the interim escapement goal range of 30,000 to 50,000 fish.

## Preliminary Stikine Sockeye Run Reconstruction

The Stikine sockeye run is estimated to be 280,729 fish of which 124,104 were of Tahltan Lake origin and 156,627 were non-Tahltan fish (Table 2). These estimates are based on Stikine stock compositions in U.S. District 106, District 108, and test fishery catches based on scale pattern analyses; inriver stock identification data based on analysis of egg diameters, age and sex composition; Canadian commercial, aboriginal, terminal area, and test fishery catches; and escapement data. A Stikine run size of this magnitude is the highest on record and 2.6 times the 1983 to 1992 average run size of 108,408 sockeye salmon (Appendix B.31). The 1983 to 1992 average run sizes of Tahltan and non-Tahltan fish were 48,481 and 59,927 sockeye respectively.

The estimate of the total run is well above the revised preseason expectations for a total run of 135,000, a Tahltan run of 60,000 sockeye and a non-Tahltan run of 75,000 sockeye (Table 1). For the Tahltan run, the sibling forecast ( 84,800 sockeye) was closest to the actual run size although it was $32 \%$ below the preliminary estimate; the smolt-based Tahltan run forecast was 39,800 sockeye. For the non-Tahltan sockeye component, the preseason sibling forecast ( 106,200 sockeye) out-performed the forecast based on stock-recruitment data ( 55,800 fish); the former also being $32 \%$ below the preliminary postseason nonTahltan run estimate.

Reasons for the better than expected Stikine River sockeye runs in 1993 are partially due to high marine survival in recent years. The contribution from Stikine enhancement was not expected to be significant in 1993. Most of the initial brood year of enhanced production is expected to return as 5-year-old fish in 1994. However, the average size of sockeye taken in the lower river commercial fishery was noticeably smaller than average this year, i.e. 2.5 kg versus an average of about 3.4 kg , giving rise to speculation that the run consisted of a higher than average return of 4 -year-olds which could include enhanced fish. Otolith samples taken from Tahltan Lake adult sockeye salmon used for brood stock indicated that $1.4 \%$ of the escapement, or 747 fish were enhanced sockeye. Results of analysis of adult otolith samples taken in the District 108 fishery confirmed the presence of enhanced Tahltan sockeye salmon in 1993; an estimated $0.6 \%$ of the marine catch, approximately 600 fish, were of enhanced origin.

The SMM appeared to be successful in accurately foreĉasting the total run size this season (Table 1). The

Table 2. Run reconstruction for Stikine sockeye salmon, 1993.

|  | Tahltan | nonTahltan | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Escapement |  |  |  |
| Natural spawners | 47,104 | 71,792 | 118,896 |
| Brood stock | 4,506 |  | 4,506 |
| ESSR Terminal Catch | 1,752 |  | 1,752 |
| Total | 53,362 | 71,792 | 125,154 |
| Canadian Harvest |  |  |  |
| Aboriginal Food | 6,337 | 704 | 7,041 |
| Upper Commercial | 1,523 | 169 | 1,692 |
| Lower Commercial | 20,662 | 17,802 | 38,464 |
| Total | 28,522 | 18,675 | 47,197 |
| \% Harvest | 41.7\% | 22.4\% | 31.1\% |
| Test Fishery Catch | 2,184 | 1,565 | 3,749 |
| Inriver Run | 84,068 | 92,033 | 176,100 |
| U.S. Harvest ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| 106-41\& 106-42 | 17,446 | 21,992 | 39,438 |
| 106-30 | 2,758 | 11,841 | 14,599 |
| 108 | 19,688 | 30,686 | 50,374 |
| Total | 39,892 | 64,519 | 104,411 |
| \% Harvest | 58.3\% | 77.6\% | 68.9\% |
| Test Fishery Catch | 144 | 75 | 218 |
| Total Run | 124,104 | 156,627 | 280,729 |
| Escapement Goal |  |  |  |
| Minimum | 18,000 | 20,000 | 38,000 |
| Maximum | 30,000 | 40,000 | 70,000 |
| Total Allowable Catch |  |  |  |
| Minimum | 94,104 | 116,627 | 210,729 |
| Maximum | 106,104 | 136,627 | 242,729 |
| Canadian Harvest | 28,522 | 18,675 | 47,197 |
| \% of Min. TAC | 30.3\% | 16.0\% | 22.4\% |
| \% of Max. TAC | 26.9\% | 13.7\% | 19.4\% |
| U.S. Harvest | 39,892 | 64,519 | 104,411 |
| \% on Min. TAC | 42.3\% | 55.3\% | 49.5\% |
| \% of Max. TAC | 37.6\% | 47.2\% | 43.0\% |

[^0]final inseason forecast of the total run size derived from the SMM, 237,530 fish was $15 \%$ below the postseason estimate of the total run, 280,729 sockeye salmon (Table 2). The final inseason escapement estimates from the SMM were 59,807 Tahltan fish and 58,310 non-Tahltan sockeye salmon. The SMM will be reviewed and updated to include 1993 data in making predictions during the 1994 season.

The Tahltan Lake smolt count in 1993 totaled a record $3,255,045$ sockeye smolts which originated primarily from the 1991 natural spawning escapement of 46,583 sockeye, i.e., the 1991 Tahltan weir count of 50,135 sockeye minus the 3,552 fish taken for brood stock, and the 1992 fry plant of 1.947 million fish. Otoliths extracted from a random portion of smolts from the 1993 emigration provide an estimate of $12 \%$ (27/220) enhanced fish. An estimated 399,483 hatchery and $2,855,562$ non-hatchery smolts made up the 1993 smolt emigration.

## TAKU RIVER

Taku River salmon are harvested by the U.S. in the gillnet fishery in Alaskan District 111, in northern Southeast Alaska seine and troll fisheries, in the Juneau area sport fishery, and in an inriver personal use fishery (Figure 6). Canadian fisheries for Taku River salmon include a commercial gillnet fishery located in the river near the U.S./Canada border, a sport fishery, and an aboriginal fishery.

## Harvest Regulations

As with Stikine River issues, efforts to re-negotiate harvest shares of Taku River salmon during the Pacific Salmon Commission negotiations in the spring of 1993 were not successful. As a result, the provisions previously agreed to were continued for a one year period. The harvest sharing provisions for 1993 allowed Canada to harvest $18 \%$ of the TAC of Taku River sockeye salmon, 3,000 coho salmon, and incidental catches of other species. Details of the international management objectives for 1993 are outlined in: Salmon Management and Enhancement Plan for the Stikine, Taku, and Alsek Rivers, 1993, Pacific Salmon Commission Transboundary Technical Committee Report TCTR (93)-2, August 1993.


Figure 6. The Taku River and principal U.S. and Canadian fishing areas.

## U.S. Fisheries

The District 111 drift gillnet fishery was opened June 20 and closed on September 29, for a total of 43 fishing days (Appendix C.1). Forty-three days were allowed in the traditional fishing areas of Taku Inlet and Stephens Passage, with an additional 6 fishing days open exclusively in Speel Arm in Port Snettisham to harvest Snettisham Hatchery chinook salmon runs. Fishing time was slightly above the 1983 to 1992 average of 41 days. Fishing effort in Taku Inlet and Stephens Passage totaled 3,827 boat-days and was 37\% above the 1983 to 1992 average of 2,802 boat/days (Appendix D.1).

Catches in the District 111 drift gillnet fishery were very mixed in 1993. Sockeye and summer chum salmon catches were the largest in the history of the fishery while pink and fall chum catches were extremely poor. The chinook catch was the highest since a directed chinook fishery was conducted in 1973. Coho catches were average, but below those in recent years (Figure 7, Appendix D.1). The 1993 harvest included 6,748 chinook, 171,556 sockeye, 65,536 coho, 17,081 pink, and 166,480 chum salmon (Appendix C.1). Catches of sockeye and fall chum salmon were comprised primarily of mixed wild stocks from the Taku River, Port Snettisham, and drainages in lower Stephens Passage. Catches of chinook, pink, summer chum, and coho salmon were comprised of both wild stocks and local hatchery stocks.

In addition to the commercial fishery, a small gillnet test fishery was conducted inside Port Snettisham on July 25. The purpose of this study was to monitor hatchery enhanced sockeye salmon returning to Sweetheart Creek in Gilbert Bay. The test fishery caught only 2 chum, 4 pink, and 19 sockeye salmon (Appendix C.2). Although the total enhanced return was estimated to be in excess of 10,000 sockeye salmon, none of the sockeye caught contained the thermal otolith identification mark unique to this stock, therefore, test fishery catches were probably composed of wild stocks destined for Crescent or Speel lakes.

The chinook salmon harvest of 6,748 fish was almost three times the 1983 to 1992 average and was the largest catch since 1973 when District 111 was open for a targeted chinook salmon fishery. Unlike recent years, the largest component of this catch was comprised of spawners ( $82 \%$ ). An estimated $43 \%$ of the catch was of Alaska hatchery origin (coded wire tag estimate). No night closures were imposed this year due to the small number of feeder chinook in the fishery. Management actions for chinook conservation were implemented only during the first week of the season when Taku Inlet was closed north of the latitude of Jaw Point. The largest weekly chinook catch was in the first week of the season when 1,992 fish were taken.

The sockeye salmon harvest of 171,556 fish was the largest sockeye catch on record, over twice the 1983 to 1992 average, and $27 \%$ above the previous record of 135,411 sockeye salmon set in 1992 (Appendix Table D.1). Sockeye salmon catches were distributed between Taku Inlet (145,155 fish), Stephens Passage ( 26,347 fish), and Port Snettisham ( 54 fish). Although both Taku River and Port Snettisham sockeye stocks are found in Taku Inlet and Stephens Passage, it is assumed that Stephens Passage sockeye catches are comprised of a higher proportion of Port Snettisham sockeye stocks. The sockeye harvest that occurs


Figure 7. Average catches and fishing efforts compared with 1993 values for the Alaskan District 111 commercial fishery and the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River.
in Port Snettisham is considered to be comprised entirely of Port Snettisham sockeye salmon stocks from Crescent, Speel, and Sweetheart Lakes.

An estimate of 141,038 fish ( $82 \%$ ) of the total season's catch of 171,556 sockeye salmon in District 111 were determined to have been of Taku River origin (Appendix C4 and C5). This estimate is based on analysis of scale pattern features and the incidence of the brain parasite Myxobolus arcticus.

The summer chum run was the largest on record. The total summer chum catch of 156,033 (i.e. the District 111 chum harvest through August 15, Statistical Week 33) was over twice the 1983 to 1992 average and was $6 \%$ above the previous record of 147,404 summer chum salmon set in 1991. Hatchery chum salmon returning to the DIPAC Hatchery in Gastineau Channel and the state Snettisham Hatchery remote release site in Limestone Inlet contributed the majority of the catch.

In contrast to the summer chum run, the fall chum run was extremely poor in 1993. The total fall chum harvest, (i.e. chum salmon caught after August 15; Statistical Week 34 through the end of the season) was 10,447 fish. This is $32 \%$ of the 1983 to 1992 average of 33,131 and is the smallest fall chum harvest since 1983. Chum salmon that are taken in the fall in District 111 are almost exclusively wild chum stocks from Taku River and Port Snettisham.

The District 111 pink salmon harvest of 17,081 was the smallest odd-year pink salmon harvest since 1967, and $91 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 odd-year average of 199,141 fish. The catch was comprised of wild stocks returning to Taku Inlet and Stephens Passage streams and runs to the DIPAC Hatchery. The DIPAC hatchery's terminal area return of 27,000 pink salmon from a release of 47.3 million fed fry represents a survival of $0.06 \%$.

The total coho catch of 65,536 fish was the fourth largest harvest in the history of the fishery but equal to the 1983 to 1992 average as a result of the extremely large coho salmon catches during the previous three years. This catch includes a combination of wild coho salmon runs to the Taku River and hatchery fish returning to the DIPAC facility near Juneau, as well as other natural and hatchery stocks. The estimated Alaskan hatchery contribution to the District 111 gillnet coho salmon catch was 7,273 fish, or $11 \%$ of the total coho catch.

Three-day weekly fishing periods were allowed in Taku Inlet during most of the summer sockeye season except for three four-day weekly periods from July 4 through July 22 during the peak of the sockeye run. High fishing success in both U.S. and Canadian fisheries along with inseason estimates of good escapement provided by the joint U.S./Canada Taku River mark-recapture project prompted the additional fishing time. Although excellent sockeye fishing success continued after July 22, additional fishing time beyond the scheduled three-day weekly period was not allowed due to the expected weakness of the Tatsamenie Lake sockeye run and the desire to improve sockeye escapement to that system. Besides the large sockeye escapement estimated in the Taku River by the joint mark-recapture program, an aerial survey of Crescent Lake in Port Snettisham on August 10 indicated an excellent sockeye escapement into that system also.

Speel Arm, in Port Snettisham, was open for three 2-day weekly openings from June 20 to July 8 to harvest chinook salmon returning to the Snettisham Hatchery. A total of 393 chinook was harvested in excess to hatchery brood stock needs. Port Snettisham was again open from July 11 to July 24 for two 3-day openings inside Gilbert Bay to target enhanced sockeye returning to Sweetheart Creek. These sockeye were small, 4 -year-old fish, and were not available to traditional commercial sockeye salmon gear. Consequently, although several vessels attempted to fish this area, there was no reported sockeye catch.

Fall management was initiated on August 15 (Statistical Week 34), when the District 111 gillnet fishery was opened for three days. Poor chum and late coho runs characterized this year's fall fishing. Beginning August 22 (Statistical Week 35) fishing time was reduced to two days as a result of poorer than expected coho and chum catches. Area restrictions were employed during the following week when fishing time was maintained at 2 days, but Taku Inlet was closed above a line from Cooper to Greeley Points. During Statistical Week 37, fishing time was reduced to one day, but the fishing area was expanded to normal lines. During this fishing period, it became apparent that the coho run was late. Two days of fishing were allowed during Statistical Week 38, producing a catch of 14,775 coho salmon. By this time the chum run was nearly finished and three days were given during the following two weeks (Statistical Weeks 39 and 40) to harvest coho salmon. The District 111 drift gillnet fishery was closed for the season on September 29.

Several other fisheries in District 111 harvested transboundary river stocks. The U.S. personal use fishery located in U.S. portions of the Taku River harvested an estimated 21 chinook, 2,854 sockeye, 59 coho, 221 pink, and 7 chum salmon (Appendix D.4) The spring Juneau-area sport fishery harvested an estimated 6,826 chinook salmon, approximately three times the 1983 to 1992 average of 2,250 fish. An estimated $90 \%$ of the harvest was composed of mature spawners, and $13 \%$ of the harvest was of hatchery origin (coded wire tag estimate). A number of stocks are thought to contribute to the fishery, including those from the Taku, Chilkat, King Salmon and Unuk rivers, and local hatchery stocks; however, the major contributor of mature fish is believed to be the Taku River. The purse seine fishery in Chatham Strait was open north of Hanus Reef for 12 hours on July 11, tarvesting 12 chinook, 6,120 sockeye, 660 coho, 80,471 pink, and 30,325 chum salmon.

## Canadian Fisheries

Taku River commercial fishers harvested 33,217 sockeye, 3,033 coho, 1,619 large chinook, 171 jack chinook (fish less than 2.27 kg ), 16 pink, 15 chum and 11 steelhead salmon in 1993 (Appendix C.5). The sockeye catch was a record and was $72 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of approximately 19,303 fish. The catch of large chinook salmon was also a record, roughly two and one half times the 1983 to 1992 average of 651 fish, whereas, the catch of jack chinook was below the 1983 to 1992 average of 186 jack chinook. The catches of all other species were below âverage (Figure 7, Appendix D.5). The fishery was
open for a total of 34 days, seven days more than average. The seasonal fishing effort was 363 boat-days, $39 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 261 boat-days.

In addition to the commercial catches, the aboriginal fishery harvested an estimated 140 sockeye, 8 coho, and 25 large chinook salmon in 1993 (Appendix D.7).

The Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN), in cooperation with DFO, conducted a creel census of the Nakina River sport fishery in 1993. This was the second year that this program has operated. The estimated harvest of chinook salmon was 110 large fish; an additional 1,000 chinook were estimated to have been released. Sixty anglers participated in the chinook sport fishery.

A test fishery operated in the Taku River from late August through early October to determine the run timing of coho salmon and recover tags applied through the mark-recapture program. The test fishery catch included 166 sockeye, 1,593 coho, 50 chum, and 13 steelhead salmon (Appendix Table C.8).

The commercial fishery commenced at noon on Monday, June 21 (Statistical Week 26) for a scheduled opening of two days. Fishing time in this week and in the two following weeks was extended by 24 hours in response to above average commercial sockeye CPUE and above average fishwheel catches at Canyon Island.

The peak sockeye catch and CPUE of the season occurred in week 29 (July 12-15), roughly one week earlier than normal. Although the CPUE of 168 sockeye/boat/day was near record values, and about two times the previous ten-year average for this week, the fishery was closed after three days to keep the catch in line with the guideline harvest. The first inseason projection of the total run was made in week 29 at which time a total run of 305,000 sockeye was forecast, $50 \%$ above the Canadian preseason forecast of 204,000 sockeye. Based on the updated inseason projection and average run timing, the guideline cumulative Canadian catch through week 29 was 16,100 sockeye; the actual catch at the end of the week was approximately 350 sockeye above this target.

The sockeye catch dropped off somewhat in week 30 but remained above average through the first three days of fishing from July 19 to 22 . Above average CPUE and a slight shortfall in the cumulative catch compared to the revised guideline harvest lead to a 24 -hour extension. Additional justification came from the fishwheel catch at Canyon Island which peaked on July 20 with a near record catch of 334 sockeye. However, the commercial sockeye CPUE in the fourth day was well below average and the fishery closed after four days.

Fishing conditions were abysmal in week 31 as a result of a Tulsequah flood. Water levels rose about four meters during the week and fishing areas became inundated with debris causing fishing effort to decrease significantly throughout the opening. Fishing was closed after the scheduled 3 days. As a result of the poor catch in week 31, the cumulative catch lagged considerably, i.e. 6,100 sockeye, behind guideline levels.

The opening day of the fishery in week 32 was advanced to noon Sunday, August 1 to compensate for the
wash-out in the previous week. A 24 -hour extension was given to the scheduled 3-day opening in this week and in week 33 in response to above average CPUE and a growing shortfall in the catch relative to guideline harvest levels. The opening in week 34 was kept to the scheduled 3-day opening as the sockeye CPUE dropped markedly to below average levels. The number of fishers in the final week of fishing, week 35 (August 23 to 27), was less than one-half the number in the previous week. Fishing time was extended to four days over the scheduled 3-day opening because of the relatively low effort and a small surplus remaining in the coho quota. As a result of the coho quota being taken, the fishery was closed for the season at noon, August 27.

Throughout the season, the inseason forecasts of the total sockeye run remained relatively constant ranging from approximately 297,400 sockeye salmon in week 32, to 314,100 fish in week 30 (Table 3). The Canadian catch of 33,357 fish represented $15.8 \%$ to $16.5 \%$ of the TAC given the estimate of a total return of 282,446 sockeye salmon.

The combined commercial and aboriginal fishery catch of coho totaled 3,041 fish which was close to the allowable harvest of 3,000 coho in 1993.

As in recent years, both set and drift gillnetting techniques were utilized with the majority of the catch taken in drift gillnets. Mesh sizes were restricted to less than 146 mm through mid-July to minimize the incidental catch of chinook salmon. In addition to this gear, one fishwheel was used by a commercial fisher.

Table 3. Canadian inseason forecasts of total run size, TAC, and Canadian TAC of Taku sockeye salmon, 1993.

| Statistical <br> Week | Total <br> Run | TAC | Canadian <br> TAC | Guideline <br> Catch to Date | Actual <br> Catch |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| preseason | 204,000 |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 204,000 | 129,000 | 23,200 |  |  |
| 27 | 204,000 | 129,000 | 23,200 | 2,300 | 2,500 |
| 28 | 204,000 | 129,000 | 23,200 | 4,200 | 5,300 |
| 29 | 305,000 | 230,000 | 23,200 | 6,400 | 10,600 |
| 30 | 314,100 | 239,100 | 41,400 | 16,100 | 16,400 |
| 31 | 301,000 | 226,000 | 40,000 | 23,000 | 21,800 |
| 32 | 297,400 | 222,400 | 40,000 | 26,500 | 22,900 |
| 33 | 298,200 | 223,200 | 40,200 | 30,900 | 27,600 |
| 34 | 310,800 | 235,800 | 42,400 | 39,800 | 31,100 |
| 35 | 305,500 | 230,500 | 41,500 | 39,900 | 32,500 |

## Escapement

## Sockeye

The total spawning escapement of sockeye salmon in the Canadian portion of the Taku drainage was estimated from the joint Canada/U.S. mark-recapture program. Counting weirs operated by DFO at Little Trapper and Little Tatsamenie lakes provided information on the distribution and abundance of discrete spawning stocks within the watershed. Additional enumeration programs were conducted at Kuthai Lake and the Nahlin River by the TRTFN. Some additional sockeye escapement information was also provided by counts made at the Nakina chinook carcass weir which was also operated by the TRTFN.

The preliminary total Taku River sockeye spawning escapement estimate of 105,031 (border escapement was estimated at 138,554 ; Appendix C.10) was the fourth highest recorded since the mark-recapture program began in 1984. This exceeded the 1984 to 1992 average of 99,195 sockeye by $6 \%$, and was $31 \%$ above the upper limit of the interim escapement goal range of 71,000 to 80,000 sockeye salmon. (Figure 8 and Appendix D.9).

The sockeye escapement through the Little Trapper Lake weir was 17,432, the second highest count on record, and $36 \%$ higher than the 1983 to 1992 average of 12,820 (Appendix C. 12 and D.9).

The sockeye escapement through the Little Tatsamenie Lake weir was estimated to be 5,028 sockeye (Appendix C.11). This count was derived from an observed count of 4,022 with an adjustment for the number of fish which apparently moved through the weir uncounted. Approximately $20 \%$ of the tags recovered at a temporary weir located upstream at Tatsamenie Lake were not recorded as they moved through the Little Tatsamenie Lake weir. The expanded count was $24 \%$ below the 1985 to 1992 average of 6,641 (Appendix D.9). However the 1993 count was a marked improvement over the principle brood year escapements in 1988 and 1989 of 2,063 and 3,039 sockeye, respectively. The earlier cycle year is the principle brood year since this stock is predominantly composed of 5 -year-old fish. After removal of 798 sockeye used for brood stock, a natural spawning escapement of 4,230 fish remained.

The sockeye escapement through the Kuthai Lake weir is estimated to be 6,312 fish (Appendix C.15). This estimate is based on an expansion of the observed count of 6,102 to account for fish which apparently moved through the weir uncounted. The count was the largest recorded for this lake, and is 3.5 times the average of 1,805 for the years in which the weir was operated. Previous weir counts at Kuthai Lake were 1,658 in 1980, 2,299 in 1981, and 1,457 in 1992.


Figure 8. Sockeye catches for the Alaskan District 111, the Icy and Chatham Straits, and the combined'Canadian fisheries in the Taku River and Taku sockeye escapements, 1979-1993.

The sockeye escapement through the Nahlin weir was 2,463 fish (Appendix C.14). Some of the previous sockeye counts at the Nahlin weir, (138 in 1988, and 297 in 1992) did not cover the full sockeye migration period. The previous count which is most comparable to the 1993 count was recorded in 1990 when 2,515 sockeye were counted; the weir was installed on June 29 in 1990 and June 27 in 1993.

## Chinook

Above average chinook escapements were observed in all of the Taku River tributaries in 1993. The total chinook aerial escapement index count was 13,204 fish, $69 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 7,801 fish, and slightly higher than the index escapement goal of 13,200 chinook (Figure 9). The 1993 combined count was the highest since the aerial survey indices were standardized in 1975, and marked the first time the index escapement goal was achieved. The index consists of peak aerial survey counts of the Nahlin, Nakina, Kowatua, Tatsatua and Dudidontu Rivers and Tseta Creek (Appendix D.10).

Total counts of 49 jack and 584 large chinook salmon were recorded at the Little Tatsamenie Lake weir in 1993; size information was unavailable for an additional 6 fish that passed through the weir. The count of large fish was slightly above the 1985 to 1992 average of 576 . The number of jacks counted was $56 \%$ of the 1985 to 1992 average of 87 .

Total counts of 146 jack and 2,687 large chinook salmon were recorded at the Nahlin River weir by the TRTFN (Appendix C.14). The count of large chinook is substantially higher than counts of 1,911 and 970 recorded in 1988 and 1992, respectively.

## Coho

The total above-border coho run is estimated at 114,091 . The escapement of 109,457 far exceeds the escapement goal of 27,500 to 35,000 coho salmon and is $85 \%$ of the record high estimate of 127,484 in 1991.

With the exception of a 10 -day period when water levels were low, fall water levels were sufficiently high in 1993 to turn at least one of the two Canyon Island fish wheels. During this low-water period, one of the fish wheels was motorized in an attempt to continue the mark-recapture program. However mechanical problems were encountered and the attempt was unsuccessful.

The coho enumeration program at Little Tatsamenie weir was terminated early in the season on October 3 and the count of 88 fish (Appendix C.11) is not compárable with previous year's counts (Appendix D.11).

Taku Drainage Index Counts


Figure 9. Taku River chinook index escapement counts, 1975-1993.

In some previous years the weir was operated until late October or early November.
The TRTFN operated a weir on the Nahlin River where a total of 326 coho salmon were counted (Appendix C.14). This count is substantially lower than the counts of 1,322 and 970 made in 1988 and 1992, respectively (Appendix D.12).

## Pink

There was no program in place to directly estimate the escapement of Taku River pink salmon in 1993.

A total of 1,625 pink salmon were captured in the Canyon Island fish wheels compared to the odd-year average for the 1985 to 1991 period of 31,299 . A carcass pitch was not conducted on the Nakina River in 1993 because of the poor run and low number of spaghetti tags applied ( $\mathrm{n}=160$ ). A total of only 350 pink salmon was observed in the principal spawning area on the Nakina River during a survey conducted by the TRTFN. Only one pink salmon was observed moving upstream through the Nakina weir.

Although the escapement of pink salmon in 1993 is unknown, it was certainly far below the spawning escapement goal of 150,000 to 250,000 fish.

## Chum

There is no program in place to estimate the escapement of chum salmon to the Taku River. Low chum catches and CPUE in the District 111 gillnet fishery, the Canyon Island fish wheels and the Canadian inriver test fishery suggest that the spawning escapement for this species was poor. A total of 345 chum salmon were caught in the Canyon Island fish wheels in 1993, $56 \%$ below the 1984 to 1992 average of 782 fish. It is unlikely that the spawning escapement goal of 50,000 to 80,000 chum salmon was achieved.

## Sockeye Run Reconstruction

Based on analysis of scale patterns and brain parasite data, an estimated 141,038 ( $82.2 \%$ ) sockeye salmon harvested in District 111 were of Taku River origin (Table 4). An additional 2,854 sockeye salmon were estimated to have been taken in the U.S. inriver personal use fishery. Therefore, the estimated U.S. harvest of Taku River sockeye salmon is 143,892 fish.

Table 4. Taku sockeye salmon run reconstruction, 1993.

|  | Taku <br> Stocks | Snettisham <br> Stocks |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Escapement | 105,031 | Unknown $^{2}$ |
| Canadian Harvest |  |  |
| Commercial | 33,217 |  |
| Food Fishery | 140 |  |
| Total | 33,357 |  |
| \% Harvest | $18.8 \%$ |  |
| Test Fishery Catch | 166 |  |
|  |  |  |
| Above Border Run | 138,554 |  |
|  |  |  |
| U.S. Harvest |  |  |
| District 111 |  |  |
| Personal Use | 141,038 |  |
| Total | 2,854 |  |
| \% Harvest | 143,892 |  |
| Test Fishery Catch | $81.2 \%$ |  |
| Total Run |  |  |
| Taku Harvest Plan | 282,446 |  |
| Escapement Goal | Minimum |  |
| TAC | 71,000 |  |
| Canadian portion | 211,446 | 0.158 |
| U.S. Portion | 0.681 | 80,000 |

${ }^{a}$ U.S. harvest estimate differs from Joint Interception Committee estimate because no estimates are made for catches other than the listed fisheries.

The estimate of the magnitude of the above-border sockeye run, based on the joint Canada/U.S. markrecapture program, was 138,554 fish. Subtracting the total Canadian inriver catch of 33,357 sockeye salmon in the commercial, aboriginal, and test fisheries from the above-border run estimate, results in an above-border escapement estimate of 105,031 fish.

The total run, determined by summing the estimated U.S. harvest ( 141,038 commercial and 2,854 personal use fish) and the above-border run, was an estimated 282,446 sockeye salmon which was $45 \%$ above the 1984 to 1992 average run size of 194,504 fish (Appendix D.13). Based on the escapement goal range of 71,000 to 80,000 fish, the TAC was 202,446 to 211,446 sockeye salmon of which the U.S. harvested an estimated $68.1 \%$ to $71.1 \%$; and Canada harvested $15.8 \%$ to $16.5 \%$ (Table 4). The overall exploitation rate on Taku River sockeye stocks was estimated to be $63 \%$ in 1993.


#### Abstract

ALSEK RIVER

Alsek River salmon stocks contribute to the U.S. commercial gillnet fisheries located in Dry Bay, at the mouth of the Alsek River (Figure 10). An unknown quantity of Alsek origin fish are also taken in the U.S. commercial gillnet and troll fisheries in the Yakutat area. No commercial fishery exists in the Canadian portions of the Alsek River drainage, although aboriginal and recreational fisheries occur in the Tatshenshini River and some of its headwater tributaries (Figure 10).

\section*{Harvest Regulations}

Although catch sharing of Alsek salmon stocks between Canada and the U.S. has not been specified, Annex IV does call for a cooperative attempt to rebuild depressed chinook and early-run sockeye stocks. Interim escapement goal ranges for Alsek sockeye and coho salmon have been set by the Transboundary Technical Committee at 33,000 to 58,000 sockeye, and 5,400 to 25,000 coho salmon. Instead of a system-wide chinook escapement goal, a revised goal has been established which is now expressed in terms of the Klukshu stock only: 4,700 chinook salmon. This revision, which was made in the fall of 1991, was made to eliminate the uncertainty over expansion factors which had no scientific backing.


## U.S. Fisheries

## Catch and Effort

The U.S. Dry Bay commercial set gillnet fishery harvested 300 chinook, 20,043 sockeye, 1,215 coho, and 49 chum salmon (Appendix E.1). The harvest of sockeye salmon was $37 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 14,603 and was the highest catch since 1986. The catch of chinook salmon was $42 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average, while the coho and chum catches were below average (Figure 11 and Appendix E.4). The inriver harvest of sockeye salmon totaled 19,295 fish, or $96 \%$ of the catch, with the surf area accounting for the remainder of the catch.

Preseason expectations were for a below average overall sockeye run, composed of an above average early run component and a below average late run component. As in recent years, the initial opening of the
fishery was delayed from the traditional opening on the first Monday in June in order to conserve chinook and early run sockeye salmon. The fishery began this year on the second Monday of June (June 14; Statistical Week 25).

The initial fishing period was limited to one day to conserve chinook and early run sockeye stocks. Catches and CPUE were carefully monitored inseason to assess run strength for possible extensions or reductions of fishing time. For the first week, fishing time was not extended beyond the scheduled 24 -hour opening. Fishing time was increased to 48 hours during the second week of the season and 6,267 sockeye salmon were taken, a record number for this period. A three-day opening was allowed during the last week of June (Statistical Week 27) based on the excellent sockeye catches and CPUE during the prior week. CPUE and catch dropped during the third week, indicating that a strong early run of fish had already passed through the fishery. Fishing time was reduced to two days per week for the next two weeks. Fishing time was increased to three days per week beginning in Statistical Week 30 (July 19) because effort levels were reduced as a result of many fishermen having moved to fish other rivers, and forecasts from $\mathrm{ADF} \& \mathrm{G}$ abundance models continued to indicate good run strength. Fishing time was increased to four days during the first week of August (Statistical Week 32). Three-day fishery openings were allowed for the next six weeks. Poor coho catches late in the season caused fishing time to be reduced to two days during Statistical Week 39 (late September). The fishery was then closed because the coho harvest remained below average and initial coho salmon aerial surveys of escapement revealed few fish in U.S. spawning tributaries.

The U.S. Dry Bay fishery typically catches few Alsek chinook salmon. With the delayed opening of the fishery in recent years, most of the chinook run passes through Dry Bay prior to the initial opening. In addition, a 6-inch maximum mesh restriction through early July has been in effect since 1987, effectively eliminating the use of chinook gear.

## Sockeye Management Model

ADF\&G managers use abundance-forecasting models (Harvest Rate and Multiple Regression models) to assist in managing the Alsek sockeye fishery. In most years since 1984, these models have generally worked well at predicting the total season catch, Klukshu escapement, and index run size (catch + Klukshu escapement). In 1993 the models tended to over-predict abundance particularly early in the season (Table 5), although this trend was far less pronounced for the Multiple Regression Model (MRM). The MRM predictions were much more accurate than the Harvest Rate Model (HRM); after Statistical Week 29 the MRM predicted the total index run to within 1,600 fish ( $4 \%$ ), the total season catch to within 2,000 fish $(11 \%)$, and the Klukshu escapement to within 3,700 fish ( $22 \%$ ). The MRM has been more accurate at predicting Alsek sockeye abundance during each of the last two years and will be the only model used for generating 1994 inseason abundance predictions.


Figure 10. The Alsek River and principal U.S. and Canadian fishing areas.


Figure 11. Average catches and fishing efforts compared with 1993 values for the Alaskan Dry Bay commercial fishery and the Canadian combined food and recreational fisheries in the Alsek River.

Table 5. Inseason U.S. forecasts of the total 1993 Alsek River catch, Klukshu River weir count, and total index run size (catch + Klukshu weir count) using two predictive models.

| Stat. <br> Week | Start <br> Date | Harvest Rate Model |  |  | Multiple Regression Model |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total Catch | Klukshu Weir Count | Index <br> Run | Total <br> Catch | Klukshu Weir Count | Index <br> Run |
| 26 | 21-Jun | 42,977 | 45,128 | 88,104 | 24,521 | 31,272 | 55,793 |
| 27 | 28-Jun | 38,717 | 32,130 | 70,847 | 25,316 | 25,434 | 50,749 |
| 28 | 05-Jul | 31,855 | 24,990 | 56,845 | 26,210 | 24,797 | 51,007 |
| 29 | 12-Jul | 26,262 | 27,705 | 53,967 | 18,007 | 20,422 | 38,429 |
| 30 | 19-Jul | 23,439 | 23,261 | 46,700 | 18,869 | 20,308 | 39,177 |
| 31 | 26-Jul | 21,371 | 20,799 | 42,171 | 19,347 | 20,383 | 39,730 |
| Actual |  | 20,043 | 16,740 | 36,783 | 20,043 | 16,740 | 36,783 |

## Canadian Fisheries

The center of aboriginal food fishing activity in the Alsek drainage occurs at the Champagne/Aishihik Indian village of Klukshu, on the Haines Road, about 60 km south of Haines Junction. Salmon are harvested by means of gaff and traditional fish traps as the fish migrate up the Klukshu River into Klukshu Lake. Gaff fisheries also exist on Village Creek, Goat Creek, and the Blanchard River. As in recent years, management actions were taken to conserve chinook and early run sockeye stocks. The initial fishing plan for the period prior to August 15 allowed only elders to fish by means of fish-traps for 1.25 days per week. After August 15 , fishing by traps was to be allowed 3.25 days per week.

The gaff fishery was open six days per week in all areas to September 5; however, gaffing for sockeye salmon in the Klukshu River was prohibited prior to August 15, except by elders who were allowed to fish for sockeye salmon 1.25 days each week during this period. The sockeye closure was initially scheduled to be in effect until August 15 ; however, the strong early sockeye run resulted in the opening of the sockeye gaff fishery to non-elders for six days per week on July 17. Commencing September 5, the gaff fishery was not restricted.

The aboriginal food fishery harvested an estimated 152 chinook and 2,361 sockeye salmon. Although the Klukshu chinook escapement of 3,302 was $55 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average, the catch of 152 chinook did not reflect the same, and was $22 \%$ below the average of 194 fish. The sockeye catch was $18 \%$ above the

1983 to 1992 average of 2,006 sockeye (Appendix E.6). The food fishery catch data was summarized weekly from daily catch statistics gathered inseason. Weekly catches and annual comparisons appear in Appendices E. 2 and E. 6.

The majority of the sport fishing effort on this drainage occurs on the Tatshenshini River, at and just downstream of the mouth of the Klukshu River in the vicinity of the abandoned settlement of Dalton Post. At the onset of the season, retention of sockeye salmon in the recreational fishery was prohibited prior to August 15 to protect early runs; however, due to indications of a very strong run of early stock, the recreation fishery was opened on July 17. The chinook daily catch and possession limits were one and two, respectively; the overall daily catch and possession limits for salmon were increased from two and four to five and ten respectively to allow an increased sockeye salmon harvest, but subject to the chinook limits. Sport fishing in the Dalton Post area was open from 6:00 am Saturday to 12:00 noon Tuesday each week. After September 31, the fishery was open seven days per week and extended to include the Klukshu River. The headwater areas within the drainage, upstream of the British Columbia/Yukon border, were closed for the season to protect spawning chinook salmon.

The recreational fishery harvested an estimated 171 chinook, 329 sockeye, and 37 coho salmon. Compared to 1983 to 1992 average sport catches, the chinook catch was $45 \%$ below average, the sockeye catch was $12 \%$ below average, and the coho catch was $68 \%$ below average. The catch data was derived from a creel census program conducted in the Dalton Post area by the Klukshu weir personnel. Additional catch data was collected in other areas/tributaries by a DFO guardian. Weekly estimates and annual comparisons are listed in Appendices E. 2 and E. 6.

## Escapement

It is currently not possible to accurately assess whether the system-wide escapement goals for Alsek sockeye and coho salmon are being met because total drainage enumeration programs are not established. A large but unknown and presumably variable proportion of the escapement of each species is enumerated at the weir on the Klukshu River. Current escapement monitoring programs including the Klukshu weir, Village Creek electronic counter, and aerial surveys do, however, allow annual comparisons of escapement indices. The most reliable comparative escapement index for Alsek drainage salmon stocks is the Klukshu River weir count.

A total of 16,740 sockeye salmon were counted through the Klukshu weir in 1993 and consisted of an above average early run count of 5,369 (count through August 15), and a below average 11,371 late run sockeye salmon (Figure 12). The early run was $67 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 3,206 fish. The late run, however, was $26 \%$ below average and was the seventh lowest count on record. Of the total number of sockeye migrating upstream through the weir, 1,808 sockeye were taken in the aboriginal fishery, and 11 for brood stock, leaving a spawning escapement of 14,921 fish (Appendix E.3). The estimated Village Creek sockeye escapement was $3,135,42 \%$ below the 1986 to 1992 average of 5,432 fish (Appendix E.8).

Comparative counts for other Alsek index tributaries appear in Appendix E.8. Aerial surveys of tributaries on the U.S. side of the border were limited in 1993. A count of 4,800 sockeye salmon for Basin Creek was extremely good, exceeding the 1985 to 1992 average count of 735 fish by over six times. The peak count for the Tanis River was 900 sockeye salmon, $43 \%$ below the 1985 to 1992 average of 1,573 fish.

## Chinook

The most reliable comparative escapement index for Alsek drainage is the Klukshu weir count. The chinook weir count in 1993 of 3,302 chinook salmon was $55 \%$ above the 1983 to 1992 average of 2,126 fish (Appendix E. 7 and Figure 13). Of the total number of chinook that migrated upstream through the weir, 64 were caught in the aboriginal fishery, and 18 used for brood stock leaving a spawning escapement of 3,220 (Appendix E.3). Although the 1993 count was the second highest count recorded (since 1976), the escapement goal of 4,700 Klukshu chinook was not met.

Aerial surveys were again conducted in 1993 for several other index streams (Appendix E.9). The count of 351 fish in the Takhanne River exceeded the 1984 to 1992 average of 201 by $75 \%$. Aerial counts of 326 at the Blanchard River and 50 at Goat Creek approximately equaled the 1984 to 1992 averages of 337 and 57 fish, respectively.

## Coho

Although it is presumed that the Klukshu weir count of coho salmon is incomplete and does not include fish that migrate after mid-October, the 1993 count of 788 fish was $55 \%$ below the 1983 to 1992 average of 1,732 fish (Figure 14 and Appendix E.7).


Figure 12. Alsek sockeye catches and weir counts, 1979-1993.


Figure 13. Alsek chinook catches and weir counts, 1979-1993.


Figure 14.Alsek coho catches and weir counts, 1979-1993.

Aerial surveys for coho salmon in U.S. tributaries to the Alsek River were again limited in 1993. Combined peak aerial counts totaled 800 coho salmon, approximately $26 \%$ below the 1985 to 1992 average of 1,081 (Appendix E.10).

## Run Reconstruction

Expectations for the sockeye run in 1993 were for a below average overall run composed of an above average early run component and a below average late run component. The sockeye run developed slightly better than expected, with a combined U.S. and Canadian total sockeye harvest slightly above average, an above average early run Klukshu escapement count and a below average late run escapement count (Table $6)$.

Estimates of the Klukshu contribution to the total sockeye run to the Alsek drainage vary from 37\%, as estimated from an ADF\&G mark-recapture study in 1983, to $60 \%$, based on Canadian fishery managers' professional judgment. The Klukshu weir count divided by the estimated percent Klukshu fish minus the recreational and aboriginal fishery catches yields an escapement estimate for the Alsek River. The estimated escapement added to the U.S. commercial and subsistence catches yields an estimate of the entire Alsek run. Using the $37 \%$ to $60 \%$ contribution range, the estimated sockeye escapement in the Alsek River was on the order of 25,000 to 43,000 fish and the estimated total Alsek sockeye run was on the order of 45,000 to 63,000 sockeye salmon. The interim escapement goal for the Alsek River is from 33,000 (U.S.) to 58,000 (Canada) fish.

Table 6. Catch and Klukshu index escapement data for Alsek sockeye, chinook, and coho salmon for 1993. Data is preliminary.

|  |  | Sockeye | Chinook | Coho |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Escapement Index ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
|  | Klukshu Weir Count | 16,740 | 3,302 | 788 |
|  | Klukshu Escapement | 14,921 | 3,220 | NA |
|  | Harvest ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |
|  | U.S. Commercial | 20,043 | 300 | 1,215 |
|  | U.S. Subsistence | 80 | 37 | 30 |
|  | Canadian Sport | 329 | 171 | 37 |
|  | Canadian Abor. | 2,361 | 152 | 0 |
|  | Total | 22,813 | 660 | 1,282 |
| a | Klukshu River salmon stocks represent an assumed large and variable portion of the total Alsek River salmon escapement. |  |  |  |
|  | estimate differs from J other than the listed fish | int Intercept ies. | Commit | timate |

APPENDICES

Appendix A.1. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict $106-41$ and-106-42 (Sumner Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1993.


Appendix A.2. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan Subdistrict $106-41$ and 106-42 (Sumner strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1993. Data based on scale pattern analysis (SPA).


Appendix A.4. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1993.


Appendix A.5. Weekly sock proportions of


Appendix A.6. Weekly stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1993. Data based on SPA.


Appendix A.7. Weekly salmon catch in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1993 . Catches do not include Blind Slough terminal area harvests. Effort may be less than the sum
of effort from $106-41$ \& $106-42$ and $106-30$ since some boats fished in more than one subdistrict.


Appendix A.8. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1993. Data based on SPA.


Appendix A.9. Weekly stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift Weekly stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift
gillnet fisheries, 1993. Catches do not include Blind Slough terminal area harvests. Data based on SPA.


Numbers may not sum due to rounding error.


Appendix A.11. Weekly stock proportions and stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1993. Catches do not include Ohmer creek terminal area harvests. Data based on SPA.


Appendix A.12. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 108 test fishery, 1993.

| Week | Start Date | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Boats | Hours | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Boat } \\ & \text { Days } \end{aligned}$ |
| 25 | 13-Jun | 17 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11.25 | 0.47 |
| 25 | 20-Jun | 8 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11.25 | 0.47 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 2 | 112 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 11.25 | 0.47 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 3 | 154 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 1 | 11.25 | 0.47 |
| Total |  | 30 | 303 | 0 | 18 | 31 | 4 | 45.00 | 1.88 |

Appendix A.13. Stock compositions and stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 108 test fishery, 1993. Stock compositions from weekly commercial fishery catches were applied to weekly test fishery catches. Data based on SPA.

|  |  |  |  | Stikine |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Alaska | Canada | Tahltan | $\begin{aligned} & \text { non- } \\ & \text { Tanitan } \end{aligned}$ | Total |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0.136 | 0.149 | 0.522 | 0.193 | 0.715 |
| 26 | 0.136 | 0.149 | 0.522 | 0.193 | 0.715 |
| 27 | 0.179 | 0.084 | 0.541 | 0.195 | 0.736 |
| 28 | 0.170 | 0.120 | 0.413 | 0.296 | 0.710 |
| Total | 0.169 | 0.110 | 0.474 | 0.246 | 0.720 |
| Catch |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 25 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 26 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| 27 | 20 | 9 | 61 | 22 | 82 |
| 28 | 26 | 18 | 64 | 46 | 109 |
| Total | 51 | 33 | 144 | 75 | 218 |

Appendix A.14. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1993.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | chum | Steelhead | Permits | Days | PermitDays |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 114 | 494 | 4,019 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6.16 | 4.0 | 24.6 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 29 | 179 | 6,912 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 7.46 | 5.0 | 37.3 |
| 29 | 11-Ju1 | 8 | 87 | 9,341 | 0 | 4 | 27 | 0 | 13.80 | 5.0 | 69.0 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 8 | 53 | 6,625 | 2 | 4 | 48 | 5 | 11.20 | 5.0 | 56.0 |
| 31 | 25-Jul | 2 | 11 | 3,795 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 1 | 10.60 | 5.0 | 53.0 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 2 | 4 | 5,020 | 20 | 9 | 33 | 7 | 12.00 | 5.0 | 60.0 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 1 | 1,837 | 107 | 0 | 27 | 4 | 11.80 | 5.0 | 59.0 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 1 | 0 | 511 | 127 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 3.25 | 4.0 | 13.0 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 1 | 122 | 116 | 9 | 20 | 5 | 3.54 | 3.0 | 10.6 |
| 36 | 29-Aug | 0 | 0 | 89 | 239 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 3.00 | 3.0 | 9.0 |
| 37 | 05-Sep | 0 | 0 | 120 | 960 | 0 | 111 | 13 | 6.84 | 5.0 | 34.2 |
| 38 | $12-$ Sep | 0 | 0 | 44 | 859 | 0 | 29 | 18 | 7.00 | 5.0 | 35.0 |
| 39 | 19-Sep | 0 | 0 | 29 | 162 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6.00 | 3.0 | 18.0 |
| 40 | 26-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5.00 | 1.0 | 5.0 |
| Total |  | 164 | 830 | 38,464 | 2,616 | 29 | 395 | 63 |  | 58.0 | 483.8 |

Appendix A.15. Weekly sockeye salmon stock proportions and catch by stock in the Canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1993. Sex specific age compositions were calculated and the stock composition of the females' sampled for egg diameters was expanded to the catch by age.


Appendix A.16. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the canadian commercial fishery in the upper Stikine River, 1993. It is assumed that $90 \%$ of the sockeye catch is of Tahltan Lake origin.


Appendix A.17. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian aboriginal fishery located at Telegraph Creek, on the Stikine River, 1993. $90 \%$ of the sockeye catch is assumed to be of Tah1tan Lake origín.

| Week | Start Date | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Permits | Days | Permit Days |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | 06-Jun | 2 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.67 | 6 | 22.02 |
| 25 | 13-Jun | 15 | 157 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.14 | 7 | 35.98 |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 19 | 191 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.57 | 7 | 38.99 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 42 | 240 | 309 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.86 | 7 | 48.02 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 10 | 74 | 1,174 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10.71 | 7 | 74.97 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 33 | 96 | 2,291 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14.43 | 7 | 101.01 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 21 | 83 | 2,115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.43 | 7 | 80.01 |
| 31 | 25-Jul | 0 | 19 | 887 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.14 | 7 | 56.98 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 0 | 1 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.25 | 4 | 9.00 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 2 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.00 | 5 | 5.00 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 0 | 4 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.50 | 7 | 10.50 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 | 1 | 1.00 |
| Total |  | 142 | 929 | 7,041 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 71.70 | 72 | 483.48 |

Appendix A. 18.
Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian test fishery in the stikine River, 1993.

| Week Date |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steel- \# Drifts/head Set Hours |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drift gillnet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 7 | 63 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 2 | 24 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| 28 | 04-Ju1 | 0 | 3 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 1 | 2 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 1 | 1 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| 31 | 25-Ju1 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 1 | 35 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 24 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 0 | 0 | 19 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 30 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 40 |
| 36 | 29-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 25 |
| Total |  | 11 | 94 | 440 | 37. | 6 | 18 | 7 | 304 |
| Set gillnet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 8 | 64 | 306 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 242.0 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 2 | 10 | 240 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120.0 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 0 | 9 | 138 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72.0 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 1 | 2 | 162 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70.0 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 0 | 0 | 158 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 72.0 |
| 31 | 25-Jul | 0 | 0 | 109 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 72.0 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 0 | 0 | 71 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 72.0 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 0 | 71 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 72.0 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 0 | 0 | 78 | 26 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 120.0 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 0 | 36 | 54 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 156.0 |
| 36 | 29-Aug | 0 | 0 | 15 | 51 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 156.0 |
| Total |  | 11 | 85 | 1.384 | 136 | 6 | 63 | 6 | 1,224 |
| Additional Drifts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 49 | 321 | 286 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 4 | 51 | 270 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 28 | 04-Ju1 | 10 | 9 | 406 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 0 | 5 | 345 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 1 | 2 | 300 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 24 |
| 31 | 25-Jul | 1 | 1 | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 0 | 97 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Total |  | 65 | 389 | 1,925 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 266 |
| Total Test | Catch | 87 | 568 | 3,749 | 175 | 13 | 84 | 15 |  |



[^1]Appendix A.21. Daily counts of adult sockeye salmon passing through Tahltan Lake weir, 1993.


A total of 2,253 females and 2,253 males were taken for broodstock.
Fish were harvested with an Excess to Salmon Spawning Requirements (ESSR) license.

Appendix A.22. Daily counts of sockeye salmon smolt migrating through Tahltan Lake smolt weir, 1993.

| Date | Count | Cumulative | Date | Count | Cumulative |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent |  |  | Count | Percent |
| 07-May | $0 \quad 0$ | 0.0 | 03-Jun | 18,259 | 3,197, 027 | 98.2 |
| 08-May | 00 | 0.0 | 04-Jun | 16,608 | 3,213,635 | 98.7 |
| 09-May | $0 \quad 0$ | 0.0 | 05-Jun | 17,214 | 3,230,849 | 99.3 |
| 10-May | $0 \quad 0$ | 0.0 | 06-Jun | 7,602 | 3,238,451 | 97.0 |
| 11-May | 174 | 0.0 | 07-Jun | 7.617 | 3,246,068 | 99.7 |
| 12-May | 131 | 0.0 | 08-Jun | 2,672 | 3,248,740 | 99.8 |
| 13-May | 59364 | 0.0 | 09-Jun | . 785 | 3,249,525 | 99.8 |
| 14-May | 7,469 7,833 | 0.2 | 10-Jun | 1,872 | 3,251,397 | 99.9 |
| 15-May | 39,037 46,870 | 1.4 | 11-Jun | 737 | 3,252,134 | 99.9 |
| 16-May | 561,281 608,151 | 18.7 | 12-Jun | 810 | 3,252,944 | 99.9 |
| 17-May | 1,999,455 2,607,606 | 80.1 | 13-Jun | 537 | 3,253,481 | 100.0 |
| 18-May | 17,500 2,625,106 | 80.6 | 14-Jun | 203 | 3,253,584 | 100.0 |
| 19-May | 18,795 2,643,901 | 81.2 | 15-Jun | 219 | 3,253,903 | 100.0 |
| 20-May | 8,631 2,652,532 | 81.5 | 16-Jun | 515 | 3,254,418 | 100.0 |
| 21-May | 1,306 2,653,838 | 81.5 | 17-Jun | 306 | 3,254,724 | 100.0 |
| 22-May | 340,431 2,994,269 | 92.0 | 18-Jun | 116 | 3,254,840 | 100.0 |
| 23-May | 9,481 3,003,750 | 92.3 | 19-Jun | 106 | 3,254,946 | 100.0 |
| 24-May | 7,163 3,010,913 | 92.5 | 20-Jun | 38 | 3,254,984 | 100.0 |
| 25-May | 6,507 3,017,420 | 92.7 | 21-Jun | 11 | 3,254,995 | 100.0 |
| 26-May | 12,274 3,029,694 | 93.1 | 22-Jun | 9 | 3,255,004 | 100.0 |
| 27-May | 59,216 3,088,910 | 94.9 | 23-Jun | 20 | 3,255,024 | 100.0 |
| 28-May | 18,152 3,107,062 | 95.5 | 24-Jun | 13 | 3,255,037 | 100.0 |
| 29-May | 34,526 3,141,588 | 96.5 | 25-Jun | 6 | 3,255,043 | 100.0 |
| 30-May | 34,428 3,176,016 | 97.6 | 26-Jun | 2 | 3,255,045 | 100.0 |
| 31-May | 1,653 3,177,669 | 97.6 | 27-Jun | 0 | 3,255,045 | 100.0 |
| 01-Jun | 747 3,178,416 | 97.6 | 28-Jun | 0 | 3,255,045 | 100.0 |
| 02-Jun | 352 3,178,768 | 97.7 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Wild |  | 2,855,562 |  |
|  |  |  | Hatchery |  | 399,483 |  |

Appendix A.23. Daily counts of adult chinook salmon passing through Little Tah1tan weir, 1993.


## APPENDIX B

Appendix B.1. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and 106-42 (Sumer Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1993.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Permit | Days |
|  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Days | Open |
| 1964 | 316 | 52,943 | 27,338 | 183,402 | 22,913 | 2,344 | 49.00 |
| 1965 | 679 | 58,736 | 30,570 | 162,271 | 15,763 | 1,658 | 50.75 |
| 1966 | 690 | 65,721 | 30,792 | 96,287 | 24,235 | 2,080 | 74.25 |
| 1967 | 668 | 60,148 | 10,573 | 52,284 | 19,626 | 1,463 | 27.00 |
| 1968 | 1,010 | 50,212 | 46,111 | 82,012 | 39,001 | 2,997 | 52.00 |
| 1969 | 607 | 46,258 | 6,094 | 92,075 | 6,393 | 1,147 | 31.00 |
| 1970 | 420 | 26,812 | 15,153 | 29,102 | 18,092 | 905 | 41.00 |
| 1971 | 671 | 33,991 | 24,727 | 283,739 | 19,329 | 1,619 | 50.00 |
| 1972 | 1,747 | 74,745 | 60,827 | 40,644 | 46,511 | 2,152 | 41.00 |
| 1973 | 1,540 | 55,254 | 24,921 | 160,297 | 62,486 | 2,253 | 26.00 |
| 1974 | 1,342 | 46,760 | 28,889 | 57,296 | 38,045 | 1,579 | 28.00 |
| 1975 | 467 | 19,319 | 4,650 | 29,340 | 7,762 | 515 | 17.00 |
| 1976 | 237 | 9,319 | 10,367 | 20,251 | 2,301 | 366 | 19.00 |
| 1977 | 202 | 47,408 | 1,819 | 51,038 | 4,240 | 447 | 17.00 |
| 1978 | 274 | 1,422 | 26,762 | 9,546 | 3,142 | 389 | 26.50 |
| 1979 | 458 | 34,807 | 12,087 | 176,395 | 16,816 | 952 | 25.00 |
| 1980 | 205 | 48,434 | 10,894 | 17,072 | 15,162 | 596 | 16.00 |
| 1981 | 598 | 132,293 | 13,161 | 220,194 | 25,682 | 1,732 | 25.00 |
| 1982 | 648 | 121,556 | 21,376 | 10,338 | 11,911 | 1,083 | 22.00 |
| 1983 | 268 | 28,153 | 41,208 | 74,347 | 13,001 | 875 | 32.00 |
| 1984 | 136 | 27.372 | 19,124 | 99,807 | 28,461 | 587 | 32.00 |
| 1985 | 548 | 172,088 | 50,577 | 319,379 | 45,566 | 1,726 | 38.00 |
| 1986 | 421 | 85,247 | 104,328 | 105,347 | 48,471 | 1,896 | 32.00 |
| 1987 | 441 | 79,165 | 17,776 | 117,059 | 25,877 | 978 | 20.00 |
| 1988 | 452 | 57,337 | 6,349 | 10,894 | 42,210 | 815 | 18.00 |
| 1989 | 581 | 107,886 | 55,671 | 418,044 | 40,156 | 1,716 | 34.00 |
| 1990 | 759 | 104,922 | 94,502 | 84, 543 | 42,474 | 1,827 | 34.00 |
| 1991 | 857 | 88, 723 | 136,798 | 64,182 | 84,970 | 2,118 | 39.00 |
| 1992 | 743 | 146,558 | 190,800 | 38,465 | 101,263 | 2,630 | 40.00 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $64-92$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 32.98 |
| $83-92$ | $521$ | $89,745$ | $71,713$ | $133,207$ | $47,245$ | $1,517$ | 31.90 |
| 1993 | 458 | 129,859 | 134,902 | 296,980 | 96,995 | 2,728 | 38.00 |

Appendix E.2. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and 106-42 (Sumer Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1985-1993. Data based on SPA.


Appendix B.3. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict $106-30$ (Clarence strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1993.


Appendix B.5. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1964-1993. Catches do not include Blind slough terminal area harvests. Effort may be less than the sum of effort from 106-41/42 and 106-30 since some boats fished in more than one subdistrict.


Appendix B.6. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1982-1993. Catches do not include Blind slough terminal area harvest. Data based on SPA.


Appendix B.7. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1993. Catches do not include Ohmer Creek terminal area harvests. Permit days are adjusted for boats which did not fish the entire opening and may total less than the sum of the permits times days open.


Appendix B. B. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1985-1993. Catches do not include ohmer Creek terminal area harvests. Data based on SPA.


[^2]Appendix B.9. Salmon catch in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 (Sumner Strait) test fishery, 1984-1993.

| Catch |  |  |  |  |  | Boat <br> Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum |  |
| 1984 | 13 | 1,370 | 101 | 975 | 793 | 142.51 |
| 1985 | 16 | 4.345 | 301 | 3,230 | 746 | 156.31 |
| 1986 | 23 | 982 | 177 | 60 | 248 | 99.45 |
| 1987 | 24 | 2,659 | 799 | 4,117 | 741 | 508.10 |
| 1988 | 11 | 1,020 | 89 | 137 | 772 | 121.00 |
| 1989 | 11 | 2,043 | 275 | 6,069 | 856 | 60.20 |
| 1990 | 13 | 2,256 | 432 | 372 | 552 | 7.00 |
| 1991 | There | was no | t fish | in 19 |  |  |
| 1992 | There | was no | st fish | in 19 |  |  |
| 1993 | There | was no | t fish | in 19 |  |  |



Appendix B.11. Salmon catch in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) test fishery, 1986-1993.


Appendix B.13. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 106 test fisheries 1984-1993.

| Catch |  |  |  |  |  | Boat Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum |  |
| 1984 | 13 | 1,370 | 101 | 975 | 793 | 142.51 |
| 1985 | 16 | 4,345 | 301 | 3,230 | 746 | 156.31 |
| 1986 | 47 | 1,345 | 272 | 5 140 | 306 | 122.70 |
| 1987 | 25 | 3,558 | 1,388 | 5,822 | 1,208 | 892.10 240 |
| 1988 1989 | 21 | 1,036 2,080 | 501 739 | 249 6.500 | 1,370 1,185 | 240.70 60.20 |
| 1990 | 13 | 2,256 | 432 | $\begin{array}{r}6,572 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1,185 | 7.00 |
| 1991 | There | were no | test fis | ries in | 1991 |  |
| 1992 1993 | There | were no | test fish | ries in | 1992 |  |
|  | -nere |  | test lis |  | 993 |  |

Appendix B.14. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 106 test fisheries, 1984-1993. Data based on SPA.


Appendix B.15. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 108 test fishery, 1984-1993.


Appendix B. 16. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 108 test fishery,


Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

Appendix B.17. Salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1979-1993.


The lower river commercial catch in 1979 includes the upper river commercial catch.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ There was no commercial fishery in 1984.
Chinook average is for jacks and large fish combined.

Appendix B.18. Sockeye salmon stock proportions and catch by stock in the canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1979-1993. Stock compositions based on: scale circuli counts 1979-1983, SPA in 1985; average of SPA and GPA 1986; SPA in 1987 and 1988; and egg diameter in 1989-1993.

*There was no commercial fishery in 1984.

| Appendix B.19. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Salmon and steelhead tro } \\ & \text { Stikine River, 1975-1993 }\end{aligned}$Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Permit } \\ & \text { Days } \end{aligned}$ | Days |
|  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1975 |  | 178 | 270 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1976 |  | 236 | 733 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1977 |  | 62 | 1,975 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1978 |  | 100 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| $1979^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1980 |  | 156 | 700 | 40 | 20 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1981 |  | 154 | 769 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.0 | 5.0 |
| 1982 |  | 76 | 195 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.0 | 4.0 |
|  |  | 75 | 614 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10.0 | 8.0 |
| $1984{ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985. |  | 62 | 1,084 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14.0 | 6.0 |
| 1986. | 41 | 104 | 815 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19.0 | 7.0 |
| 1987 | 19 | 109 | 498 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 20.0 | 7.0 |
| 1988 | 46 | 175 | 348 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21.5 | 6.5 |
| 1989 | 17 | 54 | 493 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14.0 | 7.0 |
| 1990 | 20 | 48 | 472 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.0 | 7.0 |
| 1991 | 32 | 117 | 761 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13.0 | 6.0 |
| 1992 | 19 | 56 | 822 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28.0 | 13.0 |
| Averages $^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75-92 |  | 115 | 753 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  |
| 83-92 |  | 99 | 656 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17.2 | 7.5 |
| 1993 | 2 | 44 | 1,692 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 48.0 | 22:0 |

Catches in 1979 were included in the lower river commercial catches.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ There was no commercial fishery in 1984.
${ }^{c}$ Chinook averages are for jacks and large fish combined.

Appendix B.20. Salmon and steelhead trout catch in the Canadian aboriginal fishery located at Telegraph Creek, on the Stikine River, 1972-1993.


[^3]Appendix B. 21 . Salmon and steelhead trout catch in the combined Canadian net fisheries in the Stikine River, Salmon and
1972-1993.

a There was no commercial fishery in 1984.
${ }^{b}$ Chinook averages are for jacks and large fish combined.

Appendix B.22. Salmon and steelhead trout catches and effort in Canadian test fisheries in the Stikine River, 1985-1993.


[^4]Appendix B.23. Sockeye salmon stock proportions and catch by stock in the test fishery in the lower stikine River, 1985-1993. Stock composition based on: SPA 1985; average of SPA and GPA 1986-1988; egg River, 1985-1993.


Average proportions are from averages of weekly estimates.

Appendix B.24. Estimated proportion of inriver run comprised of Tahltan Lake and non-Tahltan sockeye stocks, 1979-1993. Stock compositions based on: scale circuli counts 1979-1983; SPA in 1985; average of SPA and GPA 1986-1988; and egg diameter analysis in 1989-1993.


Appendix B.25. Counts of adult sockeye salmon migrating through Tah1tan Lake weir, $1959-1993$.

|  |  |  | of Arriv |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Weir Installed | First | 50\% | 90\% | Tota1 Count | Broodstock | ESSR | Total Spawners | Natural Spawners | Hatchery Spawners |
| 1959 | 30-Jun | 02-Aug | 12-Aug | 16-Aug | 4,311 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1960 | 15-Ju1 | 02-Aug | 24-Aug | 27-Aug | 6.387 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1961 | 20-Jul | 09-Aug | 11-Aug | 15-Aug | 16,619 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1962^{\text {a }}$ | 01-Aug | 02-Aug | 05-Aug | 08-Aug | 14,508 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1963{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 03-Aug |  |  |  | 1.780 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1964 | 23-Ju1 | 26-Jul | 14-Aug | 25-Aug | 18,353 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1965^{\text {c }}$ | 19-Jul | 18-Ju1 | 02-Sep | 07-Sep | 1,471 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1966 | 12-Ju1 | 03-Aug | 13-Aug | 21-Aug | 21,580 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1967 | 11-Ju1 | 14-Ju1 | 21-Jul | 28-Jul | 38,801 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1968 | 11-Jul | 21-Jul | 25-Jul | 08-Aug | 19,726 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1969 | 07-Jul | 11-Jul | 18-Jul | 31-Jul | 11,805 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1970 | 05-Ju1 | 25-Jul | 01-Aug | 11-Aug | 8,419 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 12-Jul | 19-Jul | 28-Jul | 12-Aug | 18,523 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1972 | 13-Jul | 13-Jul | 19-Jul | 31-Aug | 52,545 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1973 | 10-Jul | 24-Jul | 30-Jul | 07-Aug | 2,877 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1974 | 03-Jul | 28-Jul | 03-Aug | 17-Aug | 8,101 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1975 | 10-Jul | 25-Jul | 08 - Aug | 17-Aug | 8,159 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 16-Jul | 29-Jul | 01-Aug | 06-Aug | 24,111 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 06-Jul | 11-Jul | 16-Jul | 10-Aug | 42,960 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 | 10-Jul | 10-Jul | 20-Jul | 29-Jul | 22,788 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979 | 09-Jul | 23-Jul | 01-Aug | 11-Aug | 10,211 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1980 | 04-Jul | 15-Jul | 22-Jul | 12-Aug | 11,018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1981 | 30-Jun | 16-Ju1 | 26-Jul | 03-Aug | 50,790 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1982 | 02-Jul | 10-Ju1 | 19-Jul | 29-Ju1 | 28,257 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 | 27-Jun | 05-Jul | 22-Jul | 05-Aug | 21,256 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1984 | 20-Jun | 19-Jul | 24-Jul | 03-Aug | 32,777 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 28-Jun | 18-Jul | 31 -Jul | 06-Aug | 67,326 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 10-Jul | 26-Ju1 | 04-Aug | 11-Aug | 20,280 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 14-Jul | 21-Jul | 04-Aug | 13-Aug | 6,958 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 16-Ju1 | 16-Jul | 06-Aug | 14-Aug | 2,536 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1989 | 07-Jul | 09-Jul | 01-Aug | 14-Aug | 8,316 | 2,210 |  |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 06-Jul | 15-Jul | 26-Jul | 03-Aug | 14,927 | 3,302 |  | 11,625 |  |  |
| 1991 | 15-Ju1 | 17-Jul | 25-Jul | 07--Aug | 50,135 | 3,552 |  | 46,583 |  |  |
| 1992 | 10-Ju1 | 18-Jul | 25-Jul | 03-Aug | 59,907 | 3,694 |  | 56,213 |  |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $59-92$ | 10-Ju1 | 20-Ju1 | 31-Jul | 11-Aug | 21,427 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 83-92 | 06-Ju1 | 16-Ju1 | 29-Ju1 | 07-Aug | 28,442 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1993. | 10-Jul | 10-Jul | 28-Jul | 10-Aug | 53,362. | 4,506 | 1,752 | 47,104 | 46,074 | 1,030 |

b Question as to date weir installed.
b Daily counts unavailable.
c A slide occurred blocking the entrance for a while.

Appendix B.26. Aerial survey counts of non-Tahltan sockeye stocks in the stikine River drainage, $1984-1993$. The index represents the combined counts from eight spawning areas

| Year | Escapement Index |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1984 | 2,329 |
| 1985 | 1,136 |
| 1986 | 571 |
| $1987$ | 691 |
| 1988 | 376 |
| 1989 | 809 |
| 1990 | 743 |
| $1991$ |  |
|  | $1,723$ |
| Averages 84-92 | 974 |
| 1993 | 877 |

Appendix B.27. Estimates of sockeye salmon smolt migrating through Tahltan Lake smolt weir, $1984-1993$.

|  |  |  | of Ar |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Weir <br> Installed | First | $50 \%$ | 90\% | Total <br> Estimate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Natural } \\ & \text { Smolt } \end{aligned}$ | Hatchery Smolt |
| 1984 | 10-May | 11-May | 23-May | 06-Jun | 218,702 |  |  |
| 1985 | 25-Apr | 23-May | 31-May | 28-May | 613,531 |  |  |
| 1986 | 08-May | 10-May | 31-May | 07-Jun | 244,330 |  |  |
| $1987^{\text {a }}$ | 07-May | 15-May | 23-May | 24-May | 810,432 |  |  |
| 1988 | 01-May | 08-May | 20-May | 06-Jun | 1,170,136 |  |  |
| 1989 | 05-May | 08-May | 22-May | 06-Jun | 580,574 |  |  |
| $1990^{\text {b }}$ | 05-May | 15-May | 29-May | 05-Jun | 610,407 |  |  |
|  | 05-May | $14-\mathrm{May}$ | 21-May | 30-May | 1,487,265 |  |  |
| $1992^{\text {d }}$ | 07-May | 13-May | 21-May | 27-May | 1,555,026 | 1,750,702 | $804,324$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Averages } \\ 84-92 \end{array}$ | 04-May | 13-May | 24-May | 01-Jun | 810,045' |  | - |
| 1993 | 07-May | 11-May | 17-May | 22-May | 3,255,045 | 2,855,562 | 399,483 |

Estimate includes approximately 30,000 mortalities fromovercrowding on 5/22, 1987.
Estimate of 595,147 on June 14 expanded by average of of outmigration by date ( $97.5 \%$ from historical data.
e Estimate of $1,439,673$ on June 13 expanded by average $\%$ of outmigration by date ( $96.8 \%$ ) from historical data.
d Estimate of $1,516,150$ on June 14 expanded by average $\%$ of outmigration by date (96. $8 \%$ from historical data.

Appendix B.28. Weir counts of chinook salmon at Little Tahltan River, 1985-1993.

| Year | Weir <br> Installed | First <br> Arrival | $\begin{aligned} & 508 \\ & \text { Arrival } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \% \\ & \text { Arrival } \end{aligned}$ | Total Count | No. Taken Broodstock and other | Natural Spawners | Total <br> Natural <br> Spawners |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Large Chinook |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 03-Jul | 04-Jul | 30-Jul | 06-Aug | 3,114 |  | 3,114 |  |
| 1986 | 28-Jun | 29-Jun | 21-Jul | 05-Aug | 2,891 |  | 2,891 |  |
| 1987 | 28-Jun | 04-Jul | 24-Jul | 02-Aug | 4,783 |  | 4,783 |  |
| 1988 | 26-Jun | 27-Jun | 18-Jul | 03-Aug | 7,292 |  | 7,292 |  |
| 1989 | 25-Jun | 26-Jun | 23-Jul | 02-Aug | 4,715 |  | 4,715 |  |
| 1990 | 22-Jun | 29-Jun | 23-Jul | 04-Aug | 4,392 |  | 4,392 |  |
| 1991 | 23-Jun | 25-Jun | 20-Jul | 03-Aug | 4,506 |  | 4,506 |  |
| 1992 | 24-Jun | 04-Ju1 | 21-Jul | 30-Jul | 6,627 | 12 | 6,615 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Averages } \\ 85-92 \end{array}$ | 26-Jun | 29-Jun | 22-Jul | 03-Aug | 4,790 |  | 4,789 |  |
| 1993 | 20-Jun | 21-Jun | 16-Jul | 28-Jul | 11,449 | 24 | 11,425 |  |
| Jack Chinook (fish $<600 \mathrm{~mm}$ poh length) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 03-Jul | 04-Jul | 31-Jul | 10-Aug | 316 |  |  | 3,430 |
| 1986 | 28-Jun | 03-Jul | 25-Jul | 06-Aug | 572 |  |  | 3,463 |
| 1987 | 28-Jun | 03-Jul | 26-Jul | 06-Aug | 365 |  |  | 5,148 |
| 1988 | 26-Jun | 27-Jun | 17-Jul | 02-Aug | 327 |  |  | 7,619 |
| 1989 | 25-Jun | 26-Jun | 23-Jul | 02-Aug | 199 |  |  | 4,914 |
| 1990 | 22-Jun | 05-Jul | 22-Jul | 30-Jul | 417 |  |  | 4,809 |
| 1991 | 23-Jun | 03-Ju1 | 24-Jul | 07-Aug | 313 |  |  | 4,819 |
| 1992 | 24-Jun | 12-Jul | 22-Ju1 | 30-Jul | 131 |  |  | 6,746 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Averages } \\ 85-92 \end{array}$ | 26-Jun | 02-Jul | 23-Jul | 03-Aug | 330 |  |  | 5,119 |
| 1993 | 20-Jun | 30-Jun | 14-Jul | 01-Aug | 60 |  |  | 11,485 |

Appendix B.29. Index counts of stikine chinook escapements, 1979-1993. Counts do not include jacks (fish

|  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

[^5]Appendix B.30. Index counts of Stikine coho salmon escapements, 1984-1993.

| Year and Date | Katete South | Katete North | Craig | Jekill | Verret | Bronson slough | Scud slough | Porcupine | Christina | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1984 10/30 | 147 | 313 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 42 |  |  |  | 517 |
| 1985 10/25 | 590 | 1,217 | 735 |  | 39 | 0 | 924 | 365 |  | 3,870 |
| 1988 10/28 | 32 | 227 | a | a | 175 |  | 97 | 53 | 0 | 584 |
| 1989 10/29 | 336 | 896 | 992 | c | 848 | 120 | 707 | 90 | 55 | 4,044 |
| 1990 10/30 | 94 | 548 | 810 |  | 494 |  | 664 | 430 |  | 3,040 |
| 1991 | 302 | 878 | 985 |  | 218 |  | 221 | 352 |  | 2,956 |
| 1992 | 295 | 1346 | 949 |  | 320 |  | 462 | 316 |  | 3,688 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average.... } \\ & 84-92 \end{aligned}$ | 257 | 775 | 745 | 0 | 301 | 54 | 513 | 268 | 28 | 2,671 |
| 1993 | a | - | a | a | a | a | 206 | 324 | ${ }^{\circ}$ |  |

[^6]Appendix B.31. Stikine River sockeye salmon run size, 1979-1993. Catches include test fishery catches.


## APPENDIX C


© Does not include 2-day openings in Speel Arm during weeks 26-28.

Appendix C.2. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 111 test fishery, 1993 . The fishery occured entirely within port Snettisham.

Catch

| Week | Start <br> Date | Catch |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum |
| 30-31 | 18-Jul | 0 | 19 | 0 | 4 | 2 |

Appendix C.3. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan District 111 comercial drift gillnet fishery, 1993. Estimated with scale pattern analysis.


Appendix C.5. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1993.

|  |  |  |  |  | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Start | Chi | ook |  |  |  |  | Stee1- | Average | Days | Permit |
| Week | Date | Jacks | Large | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | head | Permits | Open | Days |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 93 | 777 | 2,266 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11.00 | 3.0 | 33.0 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 54 | 424 | 3,001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.00 | 3.0 | 33.0 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 12 | 214 | 5,290 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12.00 | 3.0 | 36.0 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 8 | 127 | 5,880 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.67 | 3.0 | 35.0 |
| 30 | 18-Ju1 | 3 | 46 | 5,337 | 50 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12.25 | 4.0 | 49.0 |
| 31 | 25-Ju1 | 0 | 6 | 1,165 | 32 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9.00 | 3.0 | 27.0 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 1 | 22 | 4,628 | 582 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 13.00 | 4.0 | 52.0 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 2 | 3,498 | 720 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12.00 | 4.0 | 48.0 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 0 | 0 | 1,418 | 587 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10.33 | 3.0 | 31.0 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 1 | 734 | 1,048 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4.75 | 4.0 | 19.0 |
| Total |  | 171 | 1,619 | 33,217 | 3,033 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 34.0 |  | 363.0 |

Appendix C.6. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1993.


Appendix C.7. Weekly stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1993.

| Week | Kuthai | Little Trapper | Mainstem | Little Tatsamenie |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 1,558 | 708 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 1,483 | 1,415 | 0 | 103 |
| 28 | 1.896 | 2,906 | 1,488 | 0 |
| 29 | 184 | 3,084 | 2,251 | 361 |
| 30 | 71 | 2,904 | 2,231 | 131 |
| 31 | 0 | 339 | 783 | 43 |
| 32 | 0 | 950 | 3,554 | 124 |
| 33 | 0 | 534 | 2,427 | 536 |
| 34 | 0 | 180 | 985 | 253 |
| 35 | 0 | 16 | 628 | 90 |
| Total | 4,192 | 13,036 | 14,347 | 1,641 |

Appendix C.8. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch in the Canadian test fishery in the Taku River, 1993.

| Week | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Start } \\ & \text { Date } \end{aligned}$ | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 18 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | 29-Aug | 0 | 38 | 128 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 37 | 05-Sep | 0 | 49 | 599 | 0 | 21 | 3 |
| 38 | 12-Sep | 0 | 59 | 534 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| 39 | 19-Sep | 0 | 1 | 207 | 0 | 20 | 4 |
| 40 | 26-Sep | 0 | 1 | 60 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 41 | 03-0ct | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  |  | 0 | 166 | 1,593 | 0 | 50 | 13 |

${ }^{6}$ An additional 9 steelhead were landed, but not recorded in drift notebook.

Appendix C.9. Weekly stock specific-catch of sockeye salmon in the Canadian tèst fishery in the Taku River, 1993.


Appendix C.10. Mark-recapture estimate of above border run of sockeye and coho salmon in the Taku River, 1993.


Food fishery catch by week not available.
Combining weeks results in tighter confidence intervals but loss of timing information.
Expansion made by dividing estimate by the fraction of the District 111 CPUE for wild coho occuring through week 37 (.54409).

Appendix C.11. Daily counts of salmon passing through Little Tatsamenie weir, 1993.


[^7]Appendix C.12. Daily counts of salmon passing through Little Trapper Lake weir, 1993.


[^8]| Appendix C.13. |  | Daily counts of salmon passing through Nakina River weir, 1993. These counts represent only a portion of the run above the Nakina River weir because the weir was installed after an unknown portion of the escapement has already passed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Jack Chinook Count | Large Chinook ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  | Sockeye |  |  | Pink |  |  |  |
|  |  | Count | Cum. |  | Percent | Count | Cum. | Percent | count | cum. | Percent |  |
| 30-Jul |  | ---Weir Ins | lled |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31-Jul |  | 29 | 29 |  | 13.4 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 01-Aug |  | 19 | 48 |  | 22.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 02-Aug |  | 13 | 61 |  | 28.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 03-Aug |  | 0 | 61 |  | 28.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 04-Aug |  | 0 | 61 |  | 28.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 05-Aug |  | 52 | 113 |  | 52.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 06-Aug |  | 29 | 142 |  | 65.4 | 3 | 3 | 20.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |  |
| 07-Aug |  | 43 | 185 |  | 85.3 | 4 | 7 | 46.7 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 08-Aug |  | 9 | 194 |  | 89.4 | 1 | 8 | 53.3 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 09-Aug |  | 0 | 194 |  | 89.4 | 0 | 8 | 53.3 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 10-Aug |  | 7 | 201 |  | 92.6 | 1 | 9 | 60.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 11-Aug |  | 16 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 3 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 12-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 13-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 14-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 15-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 16-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 17-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 18-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 19-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 12 | 80.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 20-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 2 | 14 | 93.3 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 21-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 14 | 93.3 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 22-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 14 | 93.3 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 23-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 1 | 15 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 24-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 15 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 25-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 15 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| 26-Aug |  | 0 | 217 |  | 100.0 | 0 | 15 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |  |
| Totals | - | 217 |  |  |  | 15 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |

a Large chinook are defined as fish of $>600 \mathrm{POH}$ length.

Appendix C.14. Daily counts of salmon passing through the Nahlin River weir, 1993. These counts represent an unknown portion Daily counts of salmon passing through the Nanlin River weir, 1993 ,
of the run above the weir because the weir was not operated throughout the run.


Appendix C.15. Daily counts of salmon passing through the Kuthai Lake weir, 1993.

"Weir was not fish-tight therefore the count is an underestimate of the Kuthai Lake escapement

APPENDIX D

Appendix D.1. Salmon catches and effort in the Alaskan District 111 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1993. Days open are for the entire district and include openings to harvest spawmer chinook salmon 1964-1975. Boat-days prior to 1969 are not comparable to boat-days from 1969-1993.


Appendix D.2. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaska District 111 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1983-1993. Data based on analysis of scale patterns and incidence of brain parasites.

| Year | Kuthai | Little Trapper | Mainstem | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Little } \\ & \text { Tatsamenie } \end{aligned}$ | Total Taku | Crescent | Speel | Total Snettisham |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 |  |  |  |  | 0.755 |  |  | 0.245 |
| 1984 |  |  |  |  | 0.758 |  |  | 0.242 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  | 0.838 |  |  | 0.162 |
| 1986 | 0.061 | 0.266 | 0.303 | 0.204 | 0.834 | 0.090 | 0.076 | 0.166 |
| 1987 | 0.078 | 0.234 | 0.376 | 0.031 | 0.720 | 0.157 | 0.123 | 0.280 |
| 1988 | 0.118 | 0.158 | 0.305 | 0.082 | 0.663 | 0.266 | 0.071 | 0.337 |
| $1989^{\text {a }}$ | 0.077 | 0.616 |  | 0.156 | 0.848 | 0.051 | 0.100 | 0.152 |
| 1990 | 0.036 | 0.197 | 0.336 | 0.286 | 0.855 | 0.112 | 0.033 | 0.145 |
| 1991 | 0.039 | 0.297 | 0.373 | 0.232 | 0.941 | 0.059 | 0.000 | 0.059 |
| 1992 | $0.048$ | 0.220 | 0.445 | 0.191 | 0.904 | 0.036 | 0.060 | 0.096 |
| Averages ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 0.064 | 0.229 | 0.356 | 0.171 | 0.812 | 0.120 | 0.060 | 0.188 |
| 1993 | 0.062 | 0.328 | 0.308 | 0.123 | 0.822 | 0.069 | 0.109 | 0.178 |
| Catches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1983$ |  |  |  |  | 24,025 |  |  | 7,796 |
| $1984$ |  |  |  |  | 58,543 |  |  | 18,690 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  | 73,809 |  |  | 14,268 |
| 1986 | 4.489 | 19,441 | 22,104 | 14,900 | 60,934 | 6,610 | 5,516 | 12,127 |
| 1987 | 5,893 | 17. 594 | 28,286 | 2,352 | 54.124 | 11,814 | 9,274 | 21,088 |
| 1988 | 4.598 | 6,153 | 11,865 | 3,194 | 25,811 | 10,365 | 2,748 | 13,112 |
| $1989^{\text {a }}$ | 5,696 | 45,573 |  | 11,536 | 62,805 | 3,789 | 7,425 | 11,214 |
| 1990 | 4,539 | 24,952 | 42,676 | 36,332 | 108,499 | 14,242 | 4,143 | 18,385 |
| 1991 | 4,295 | 32,685 | 40,957 | 25,475 | 103,412 | 6,465 | - 0 | 6,465 |
| 1992 | 6,543 | 29,818 | 60,224 | 25,853 | 122,438 | 4,912 | 8,060 | 12,972 |
| Averages ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 5,060 | 21,774 | 34,352 | 18,018 | 69,440 | 9,068 | 4,957 | 13,612 |
| 1993 | 10,673 | 56,350 | 52,876 | 21,139 | 141,038 | 11,877 | 18,641 | 30,518 |

The Trapper and Mainstem groups were combined in the 1989 analysis.
$b$ Averages for individual stocks do not include 1989 .

Appendix D.3. Proportion of Taku River sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 111 commercial drift gillnet catch, 1983-1993. Data based on scale patterns and incidence of brain parasites.

| Year | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1983 |  | 0.995 | 0.842 | 0.819 | 0.663 | 0.527 | 0.836 | 0.534 | 0.719 | 0.759 | 0.755 |
| 1984 | 0.970 | 0.956 | 0.843 | 0.670 | 0.588 | 0.712 | 0.728 | 0.809 | 0.726 |  | 0.758 |
| 1985 | 0.999 | 0.986 | 0.928 | 0.974 | 0.868 | 0.706 | 0.737 | 0.826 | 0.801 |  | 0.838 |
| 1986 | 0.938 | 0.953 | 0.873 | 0.880 | 0.852 | 0.777 | 0.851 | 0.757 | 0.893 | 0.739 | 0.834 |
| 1987 |  | 0.982 | 0.901 | 0.884 | 0.948 | 0.414 | 0.619 | 0.689 | 0.841 | 0.731 | 0.720 |
| 1988 |  | 0.964 | 0.886 | 0.889 | 0.510 | 0.643 | 0.677 | 0.528 | 0.478 | 0.346 | 0.663 |
| 1989 | 0.943 | 0.989 | 0.979 | 0.852 | 0.835 | 0.641 | 0.681 | 0.919 | 0.676 |  | 0.848 |
| 1990 | 0.874 | 0.935 | 0.904 | 0.773 | 0.782 | 0.863 | 0.943 | 0.939 | 0.878 | 0.862 | 0.855 |
| 1991 | 0.988 | 0.979 | 0.953 | 0.979 | 0.951 | 0.933 | 0.936 | 0.890 | 0.885 | 0.875 | 0.941 |
| 1992 |  | 0.978 | 0.985 | 0.956 | 0.916 | 0.943 | 0.893 | 0.858 | 0.766 | 0.766 | 0.904 |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Average } \\ 83-92 \end{gathered}$ | 0.952 | 0.972 | 0.909 | 0.868 | 0.791 | 0.716 | 0.790 | 0.775 | 0:766 | 0.725 | 0.812 |
| 1993 |  | 0.961 | 0.901 | 0.837 | 0.856 | 0.781 | 0.790 | 0.829 | 0.738 | 0.705 | 0.822 |

Appendix D.4. Salmon catch in the U.S. subsistence and personal use fisheries in the Taku River, $1967-1993$. Salmon catch in the U.S. subsistence and personal use fisheries in the Taku River, $1967-1993$.
The subsistence fishery was open 1967 to 1976 and 1985 and the personal use fishery was open 1989-1993.


Appendix D.5. Salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1979-1993.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Boat Days | Days Open |  |
|  | Jack | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979 |  | 97 | 13,578 | 6,006 | 13,661 | 15,474 | 254 | 599.0 | 50.00 |  |
| 1980 |  | 225 | 22,602 | 6,405 | 26,821 | 18,516 | 457 | 476.0 | 39.00 |  |
| 1981 |  | 159 | 10,922 | 3,607 | 10,771 | 5,591 | 108 | 242.8 | 31.25 |  |
| 1982 |  | 54 | 3,144 | . 51 | 202 | 1 3 | 1 | 38.0 | 13.00 |  |
| 1983 | 400 | 156 | 17,056 | 8,390 | 1,874 | 1,760 | 213 | 390.0 | 64.00 |  |
| 1984 | 221 | 294 | 27,242 | 5,357 | 6,964 | 2,492 | 367 | 288.0 | 30.00 |  |
| 1985 | 24 | 326 | 14,244 | 1,770 | 3,373 | 136 | 32 | 178.0 | 16.00 |  |
| 1986 | 77 | 275 | 14,739 | 1,783 | - 58 | 110 | 48 | 148.0 | 17.00 |  |
| 1987 | 106 | 127 | 13,554 | 5,599 | 6,250 | 2,270 | 223 | 280.0 | 26.00 |  |
| 1988 | 186 | 555 | 12,014 | 3,123 | 1,030 | 733 | 86 | 185.4 | 14.70 |  |
| 1989 | 139 | 895 | 18,545 | 2,876 | 695 | 42 | 24 | 270.6 | 25.30 |  |
| 1990 | 128 | 1,258 | 21,100 | 3,207 | 378 | 12 | 22 | 295.2 | 28.30 |  |
| 1991 | 432 | 1,177 | 25,067 | 3,415 | 296 | 2 | 5 | 284.0 | 25.00 |  |
| 1992 | 147 | 1,445 | 29,472 | 4,077 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 291.0 | 27.00 | - |
| Averages ${ }_{\text {79-92 }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 636 | 17,377 | 3,976 | 5,170 | 3,368 | 133 | 283.3 | 29.04 |  |
| 83-92 | 186 | 651 | 19,303 | 3,960 | 2,092 | - 756 | 104 | 261.0 | 27.33 |  |
| 1993 | 171 | 1,619 | 33,217 | 3,033 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 363.0 | 34.00 |  |

© Chinook averages are for large fish and jacks combined.

Appendix D.6. Sockeye salmon stock proportions and catch by stock in the Canadian commercial fishery on the Taku River, 1986-1993. Data based on SPA.

| Year | Kuthai | Little Trapper | Mainstem | Little Tatsamenie |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 0.111 | 0.397 | 0.350 | 0.143 |
| 1987 | 0.062 | 0.201 | 0.649 | 0.088 |
| 1988 | 0.143 | 0.417 | 0.343 | 0.098 |
| $1989^{\circ}$ | 0.053 | 0.744 |  | 0.203 |
| 1990 | 0.112 | 0.388 | 0.338 | 0.163 |
| 1991 | 0.064 | 0.308 | 0.452 | 0.176 |
| 1992 | 0.092 | 0.240 | 0.569 | 0.099 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Averages }{ }^{\text {b }} \\ 86-92 \end{array}$ | 0.097 | 0.325 | 0.450 | 0.128 |
| 1993 | 0.126 | 0.392 | 0.432 | 0.049 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $1986$ | 1,629 | 5,855 | 5,152 | 2,103 |
| 1987 | 834 | 2,728 | 8,793 | 1,199 |
| 1988 | 1,715 | 5,005 | 4,122 | 1,172 |
| $1989^{\text {a }}$ | . 990 | 13,792 |  | 3,763 |
| 1990 | 2,355 | 8,183 | 7,131 | 3,431 |
| 1991 | 1,601 | 7,721 | 11,327 | 4,418 |
| 1992 | 2,699 | 7,085 | 16,764 | 2,924 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Averages } \\ 86-92 \end{array}$ | 1,627 | 5,898 | 7,305 | 2,465 |
| 1993 | 4,192 | 13,036 | 14,347 | 1,641 |

[^9]Appendix D.7. Salmon catches in the Canadian aboriginal fishery on the Taku River, 1980-1993.

ancomplete harvest data.
Appendix D. 8. Salmon and steelhead trout catch in the Canadian test fishery in the Taku River, $1987-1993$.

|  | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead |
|  | 1987 |  | 237 | 807 |  |  |  |
|  | 1988 | 72 | 708 | 422 | 52 | 222 | 14 |
|  | 1989 | 31 | 207 | 1,011 | 0 | 13 | 26 |
| - | 1990 | 48 | 285 | 472 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
|  | 1991 | 0 | 163 | 2,004 | 3 | 295 | 41 |
|  | 1992 | 0 | 38 | 1,277 | 0 | 76 | 88 |
| $\cdots$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Averages } \\ 87-92 \end{gathered}$ | 30 | 273 | 999 | 11 | 121 | 38 |
|  | 1993 | 0 | 166 | 1,593 | 0 | 50 | 22 |

Appendix.D.9. Sockeye salmon escapement estimates of Taku River and Port Snettisham stocks, 1979-1993. Spawners equals

|  | Taku Above Border ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | Little Trapper |  | Little Tatsamenie |  | Hackett Weir | Kuthai <br> Lake <br> Weir | Nah1in River Weir | Crescent |  | Spee1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Run | Escapement | Escape. S | Spawners | Escape. | Spawners |  |  |  | Escape. S | Spawners | Escape. | Spawners |
| 1980 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,658 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1981 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,299 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1982 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 |  |  | 7,402 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 7,402 |  |  |  |  |  | 19,422 | 19,422 | 10,484 | 10,484 |
| 1984 | 133.414 | 106,122 | 13,084 | 13,084 |  |  |  |  |  | 6,707 | 6,707 | 9,764 | 9,764 |
| 1985 | 118.160 | 103,749 | 14, $888{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 14,889 | 13,093 | 13,093 | 2.309 |  |  | 7.249 | 7,249 | 7.073 | 7,006 |
| 1986 | 105,109 | 90,170 | 13.820 | 13,820 | 11,446 | 11,446 | 1.004 |  |  | 3,414 | 3,414 | 5,857 | 5,457 |
| 1987 | 87,130 | 73,243 | 12,007 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 12,007 | 2,794 | 2,794 | . 910 |  |  | 7,839 | 7,839 | 9,319 | 9,319 |
| 1988 | 87.028 | 74,061 | 10,637 | 10,637 | 2,063 | 2,063 | 516 |  | $138^{\text {c }}$ | 1,199 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 1,199 | 969 | 710 |
| 1989 | 114,068 | 95,263 | 9,606 | 9,606 | 3,039 | 3,039 |  |  |  | 1,109 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | - 775 | 12,229 | 10,114 |
| 1990 | 114,254 | 92,780 | 9,443 | 7,777 | 5,736 | 4,929 |  |  | 2,515 | 1, $262{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 757 | 18, $064{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 16,867 |
| 1991 | 150,507 | 125,127 | 22,942 | 21,001 | 8,381 | 7,585 |  |  | 2,515 | 9,208 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 8,666 | - 299 | -6, 299 |
| 1992 | 162,003 | 132,243 | 14,372 | 12,732 | 6,576 | 5,681 |  | $1,457^{\circ}$ | $297{ }^{\circ}$ | 22,674 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 21,849 | 9,439 | 8,136 |
| Averages 83-92 | 119,075 | 99,195 | 12,820 | 12,296 | 6,641 | 6,329 | 1,185 | 1,805 | 983 | 8,008 | 7,788 | 8,350 | 7,816 |
| 1993 | 138,554 | 105,031 | 17,432 | 16,685 | 5,028 | 4,230 |  | $6.312{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 2,463 |  |  |  |  |

[^10]- Weir counts are inconplete.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Counts may be low due to uncounted fish passage past weir.

Appendix D.10. Aerial survey index escapement counts of large (3-ocean and older) Taku River chinook salmon
and estimated escapements of large chinook salmon to the entire Taku drainage, $1975-1993$.

b Partial survey.
b Extrapolated results.

Appendix D.11. Taku River (above border) coho salmon run size, 1987-1993.

a Mark-recapture estimate through $9 / 20$ was 43,570 . Run through $10 / 05$ estimated using inriver test fish CPUE. ${ }^{b}$ Mark-recapture estimate through $9 / 18$.
c Mark-recapture estimate through 10/0i.
d A second method of estimating the above border run by expanding test fishery cPuE yielded an estimate of 85,053 coho salmon.
e Mark-recapture estimate of inriver run size through 9/05 was 50,249. District 111 CPUE was used to extrapolate total season above-border run size and escapement. These are presented as ranges depending on the lag time assumed between District 111 and the tagging site.
f Escapement and run averages do not include 1992.
Inriver estimate through week 37 expanded by dividing by proportion of 111 CPUE of wild coho (. 54409 ) through week 37.

Appendix D.12. Escapement counts of Taku River coho salmon, 1984-1993 age-. 1 fish and do not include jacks.

| Year | Yehring Creek Weir | Yehring Creek Aerial | Sockeye Creek Aerial | Johnson Creek Ar/Foot | Fish Creek Aerial | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Flannigan } \\ & \text { Slough } \end{aligned}$ Aerial | Tatsamenie River Weir | Hackett River Weir | Dudidontu River Aerial | Upper ${ }^{\text {Aerial }}$ | $\frac{\text { hlin } \mathrm{R}}{\text { Weir }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1984 |  | 2,900 | 275 | 235 | 700 | 1,480 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 |  | 560 | 740 | 150 | 1,000 | 2,320 | $201{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 1,031 |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 2,116 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1,200 | 183 | 70 | 65 | 1,095 | $344{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 2,723 | 108 | 318 |  |
| 1987 | 1,627 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 590 | 1,040 | 150 | 250 | 2,100 | $173^{\text {b }}$ | 1,715 | 276 | 165 |  |
| 1988 | 1,423 | 685 | 660 | 500 | 1,280 | 1,241 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $663{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1,260 | 367 | 694 | 1,322 |
| 1989 | 1,570 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 600 | 400 | 400 | 760 | 1,464 | $712^{\text {a }}$ |  | 115 | 322 |  |
| 1990 | 2,522 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 220 | 230 | 0 | 250 | $414^{\text {c }}$ | 669 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 25 | 256 |  |
| 1991 |  | 500 | 360 | 120 | 460 | 1,370 | 1,101 |  | 458 | $176{ }^{\text {e }}$ |  |
| 1992 |  | 1,200 | $550{ }^{\text {f }}$ | 52 | 478 | 1,288 | 730 |  |  |  | $970^{\text {ab }}$ |
| Averages $84-92$ | 1,852 | 939 | 493 | 186 | 583 | 1,419 | 574 | 1,682 | 225 | 322 | 1,146 |
| 1993 |  | 250 | 130 | 90 | 380 |  | 88 |  |  |  | 326 |

Weir count combined with spawning ground count.
b Weir count combined Incomplete weir count.
c Count is an average of surveys by different observers.
d Count is an average of surveys by

- Includes mark-recapture

Foor survey


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## APPENDIX E

Appendix E.1. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the U.S. commercial fishery in the Alsek River, 1993.


Effort is not listed by week, but is included in the season total.
Appendix E.2. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Canadian aboriginal and sport fisheries in the Alsek River, 1993 . Total catches do not include released fish.

| Week | Date | Chinook |  |  |  | Sockeye |  |  |  | Coho |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sport | Release | Aborigínal ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Total | Sport | Release A | Aboriginal ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Total | sport | Release Aboriginal ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Total |
| 25 | 13-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 0 |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 59 | 17 | 5 | 64 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 28 | 04-Jul | 56 | 34 | 11 | 67 | 0 | 9 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 00 | 0 |
| 29 | 11-Jul | 22 | 11 | 28 | 50 | 1 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 30 | 18-Ju1 | 17 | 17 | 57 | 74 | 5 | 3 | 81 | 86 | 0 | 00 | 0 |
| 31 | 25-Ju1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 32 | 01-Aug | 1 | 0 | 24 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 55 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 33 | 08-Aug | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 83 | 86 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 34 | 15-Aug | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 45 | 59 | 0 | 0 . 0 | 0 |
| 35 | 22-Aug | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 52 | 5 | 172 | 224 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 36 | 29-Aug | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 11 | 581 | 622 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 37 | 05-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 7 | 601 | 678 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 38 | 12-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 6 | 590 | 636 | 0 | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 |
| 39 | 19-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 15 | 76 | 119 | 1 | $0 \quad 0$ | 1 |
| 40 | 26-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 14 | $0 \quad 0$ | 14 |
| 41 | 03-Oct | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 7 | 0 | 26 | 22 | 40 | 22 |
| 42 | 10-Oct | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 0 |
| Totals |  | 171 | 80 | 152 | 323 | 329 | 100 | 2,361 2 | 2,690 | 37 | 40 | 37 |

Appendix E. 3.
Daily counts of salmon passing through Klukshu River weir, 1993.

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[^12]Appendix E.4. Salmon catch and effort in the U.S. commercial fishery in the Alsek River, 1964-1993.


Appendix E.5. Salmon catch in the U.S. subsistence and personal use fisheries in the Alsek River, 1976-1993. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

| Catch |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho |
| 1976 | 13 | 51 |  |
| 1977 | 18 | 113 | 0 |
| 1978 1979 | 80 | 35 | 70 |
| 1980 | 57 | 41 | 62 |
| 1981 | 32 | 50 | 74 |
| 1982 | 87 | 75 | 50 |
| 1983 | 31 | 25 | 50 |
| 1984 |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 16 | 95 241 | 0 |
| 1987 | 27 |  | 35 |
| 1988 | 13 | 148 | 9 |
| 1989 | 20 | 131 | 34 |
| 1990 | 85 | 144 | 12 |
| 1991 | 38 | 104 | 0 |
| 1992 | 15 | 37 | 44 |
| Averages $76-92$ | 37 | 98 |  |
| 83-92 | 30 | 122 | 25 |
| 1993 | 37 | 80 | 30 |

[^13]Appendix E.6. Salmon catches in the Canadian aboriginal and sport fisheries in the Alsek River, 1976 -1993.


Appendix E.7. Klukshu River weir counts of chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon, 1976-1993. The escapement count equals the weir count minus the aboriginal fishery catch and brook stock taken.

|  | Chinook ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | Sockeye |  |  |  | Coho ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Count | Escape. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Early ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Late | Total | Escape. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Count | Escape. |
| 1976 | 1,278 | 1,153 | 181 | 11,510 | 11,691 | 7,941 | 1,572 |  |
| 1977 | 3,144 | 2,894 | 8,931 | 17,860 | 26,791 | 15,441 | 2,758 |  |
| 1978 | 2,976 | 2,676 | 2,508 | 24,359 | 26,867 | 19,017 | 30 |  |
| 1979 | 4,404 | 2,454 | 977 | 11,334 | 12,311 | 7,051 | 175 |  |
| 1980 | 2,637 | 2,487 | 1,008 | 10,742 | 11,750 | 10,850 | 704 |  |
| 1981 | 2,113 | 1,963 | 997 | 19,351 | 20,348 | 18,448 | 1,170 |  |
| 1982 | 2,369 | 1,969 | 7,758 | 25,941. | 33,699 | 28,899 | 189 |  |
| 1983 | 2,537 | 2,237 | 6,047 | 14,445 | 20,492 | 18,017 | 303 |  |
| 1984 | 1,672 | 1,572 | 2,769 | 9,958 | 12,727 | 10.227 | 1,402 |  |
| 1985 | 1,458 | 1,283 | 539 | 18,081 | 18,620 | 17.259 | 350 |  |
| 1986 | 2,709 | 2,607 | 416 | 24,434 | 24,850 | 22,936 | 71 |  |
| 1987 | 2,616 | 2,491 | 3.269 | 7,235 | 10,504 | 9,346 | 202 |  |
| 1988 | 2,037 | 1,994 | 585 | 8,756 | 9,341 | 7,737 | 2,774 |  |
| 1989 | 2,456 | 2,289 | 3,400 | 20,142 | 23,542 | 21,636 | 2,219 |  |
| 1990 | 1,915 | 1,742 | 1,316 | 24.679 | 25,995 | 24,607 | 315 |  |
| 1991 | 2,489 | 2,248 | 1,924 | 17.053 | 18,977 | 17,645 | 8,540 | 8,478 |
| 1992 | 1,367 | 1,242 | 11,339 | 8,420 | 19,767 | 18,269 | 1,145 | 1,145 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $76-92$ | $2,363$ | 2,077 | 3,174 | 16,135 | 19,310 | 16,196 | 1,407 |  |
| 83-92 | 2,126 | 1,971 | 3.160 | 15,320 | 18,482 | 16,768 | 1,732 |  |
| 1993 | 3,302 | 3,220 | 5.369 | 11,371 | 16,740 | 14,921 | 788 | 788 |

Counts include jack chinook salmon.

- Includes sockeye counts up to and including August 15.
- Includes sockeye counts up to and including augus
a Weir was removed prior to the end of the coho run.
are calculated from the weir count minus fish below the weir, at Village Creek, and Blanchard and Takhanne Rivers.

Appendix E. 8. Alsek River sockeye counts from U.S. and Canadian aerial surveys and from the electronic counter at Village Creek, 1985-1993.,

| Year | U.S. Aerial Surveys ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  | $\frac{\text { Canadian Aerial Surveys }{ }^{\text {b }}}{\substack{\text { Tatshenshini Neskataheen } \\ \text { River } \\ \text { Lake }}}$ |  | Village Creek Counter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Basin Creek | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cabin } \\ & \text { Creek } \end{aligned}$ | Muddy Creek | Tanis River |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 2,600 |  |  | 2,200 |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 100 |  | 300 | 2,700 | 536 | 750 | 1,490 |
| 1987 | 350 | 220 |  | 1,600 |  |  | 1,875 |
| 1988 | 500 |  |  | 750 | 433 | 456 | 433 ${ }^{\text {c }}$. |
| 1989 | 320 |  |  | 680 | 1,689 | 1,700 | 9,569 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |
| 1990 | 275 | 300 |  | 3,500 |  |  | $7,500^{\text {d }}$ |
| 1991 |  |  |  | 800 |  |  | $5.670^{\circ}$ |
| 1992 | 1,000 | 10 |  | 350 |  |  | 11,485 ${ }^{\text {t }}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Averages } \\ 85-92 \end{array}$ | 735 | 177 | 300 | 1,573 | 886 | 969 | 5,432 |
| 1993 | 4,800 |  |  | 900 |  |  | 3,135 ${ }^{\text {g }}$ |

Surveys not made every year at each tributary.
Includes several streams from Lo-Fog to Goat Creek.

- Incomplete count due to machine malfunction.

Estimated count based on absolute electronic records $(5,313)$ and the total number of non-operational days.
Estimated count based on absolute electronic records (3,981) and the total number of non-operational days.
Counts were estimated during the non-operational days by averaging the counts recorded three days before and before and three days after the malfunction.

- Estimated count based on absolute electronic records $(2,101)$ and the total number of non-operational days

Appendix E.9. Aerial survey index counts of Alsek chinook salmon escapements, 1984-1993.

| Year | Blanchard River | Takhanne River | Goat Creek |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1984 | 304 | 158 | 28 |
| 1985 | 232 | 184 |  |
| 1986 | 556 | 358 | 142 |
| 1987 | 624 | 295 | 85 |
| 1988 | 437 | 169 | 54 |
| 1989 | a | 158 | 34 |
| $1990$ | a |  | 32 |
| $1991$ | $121$ | 86 | 63 |
| 1992 | 86 | 77 | 16 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Averages } \\ 84-92 \end{array}$ | 337 | 201 | 57 |
| 1993 | 326 | 351 | 50 |

${ }^{a}$ Not surveyed due to poor visibility.

Appendix E.10. Aerial survey counts of coho salmon from U.S. lower Alsek River tributaries, $1984-1993$.

| Year | Combined U.S. <br> Tributary Counts |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1985 | 450 |  |
| 1986 | 1,100 |  |
| 1987 | 100 |  |
| 1988 | 1,900 |  |
| 1989 | 1,990 |  |
| 1990 | 500 |  |
| 1991 | $1,010^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  |
| 1992 | 1,081 |  |
| Averages | $85-92$ | $800^{\mathrm{a}}$ |

[^14]
[^0]:    a U.S. harvest estimate differs from Joint Interception Committee estimate because no estimates are made for catches other than the listed fisheries.

[^1]:    a Catch was apportioned based on samples from standard drift catch.

[^2]:    There was no data available to determine the ratio of Tahltan to non-Tahltan Stikine stocks; a 1 : ratio was assumed.

[^3]:    " Chinook averages are for jacks and large fish combined.

[^4]:    a 1987 jack chinook catch is for both set and drift nets.

[^5]:    Numbers are weir counts.
    b Count includes fish later removed for broodstock.
    Helicopter survey
    Not surveyed due to poor visibility
    Fixed wing survey.

[^6]:    a poor observation conditions.

[^7]:    b operation of weir did not cover entire run.
    Estimated number of fish which passed through the weir uncounted.
    Broodstock included 331 females and 312 males spawned and 65 female and 90 male mortalities

[^8]:    Broodstock included 350 males and 356 females spawned and 18 male and 23 female mortalities.

[^9]:    The Trapper and Mainstem groups were combined in the 1989 analysis.
    b Averages do not include 1989.

[^10]:    Mark-recapture estimates.
    Weir count plus spawning ground survey.

[^11]:    ancludes subsistence, personel use, and test fishery catches.

[^12]:    ${ }^{6}$ Jack chinook included in the counts.

[^13]:    Reported catches on returned fishing permits.

[^14]:    Few systems surveyed.

